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MD#12. The resolution on Senate Document

2372 and on the House of Representatives Document 6455.
Sarah Pritchard will please place your
motion on the floor. It has been seconded by Diane Davenport.
Microphone No. 9.
MS. SARAH M. PRITCHARD: I would like to
read the whereas clauses in addition in order to

clarify.

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I would like to read the entire motion. It

is very brief and it makes the resolved clauses more clear.
WHEREAS, the American Library Association
is deeply concerned with the increasing encroachment on First Amendment freedoms, and
WHEREAS, an overarching principle of our
profession is the concept of intellectual freedom, and WHEREAS, there are now two bills before the
Congress, S.2372 sponsored by Senator Hatfield and H.R. 6455, sponsored by Representative Masoli which seek to deny Federal funds to agencies which perform, reimburse, or refer for abortions, and

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WHEREAS, this would hinder the access to any
abortion information such as might be provided to patrons of libraries and information centers, and WHEREAS, legislation that restricts access
to legal, public information is a threat to constitu-tional guarantees of individual rights,
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