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The American Newspaper Publishers Association submitted to Congress yesterday proposed legislation to protect newsmen against compulsory disclosure of news sources and of unpublished notes and other materials.

subpoena and would apply to unqualified privilege from subpoena and would apply to any state or any federal investigation or proceeding.

"Only legislation which grants an unqualified privilege from subpoena will achieve fundamental purpose of assuring a free flow of information to the public," association president Stanford Smith said in letters to the Senate and House judiciary subcommittee chairman expected to handle the measure.

Davis Taylor, publisher of the Boston Globe and chairman of the ANPA board, said in an accompanying statement that "under our concept of a free press, newspaper publishers bear the ultimate responsibility to the public to preserve a free flow of information."

"This means publishers must protect the rights of their reporters and editors under all circumstances to gather, edit and disseminate information," he said.