

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1972

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submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 9417]

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year 1972. The bill provides regular annual appropriations for the Department of the Interior (except Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Reclamation, Southeastern Power Administration, Southwestern Power Administration, and Alaska Power Administration) and for other related agencies including the U.S. Forest Service.

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MATCHING GRANTS

Appropriation, 1971.....	\$5,000,000
Estimate, 1972.....	7,000,000
Recommended, 1972.....	7,000,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 1971.....	+2,000,000
Estimate, 1972.....	

Funds provided under this appropriation account are available for matching in an amount equal to the total amount of gifts, bequests, and devises of money, and other property received by each Endowment during the current and preceding fiscal years, for which equal amounts have not previously been appropriated.

Of the total amount provided \$3,500,000 is for the National Endowment for the Arts, and not to exceed \$3,500,000 is for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, 1971.....	\$36,895,000
Estimate, 1972.....	46,259,000
Recommended, 1972.....	45,259,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 1971.....	+8,364,000
Estimate, 1972.....	-1,000,000

The amount recommended by the Committee compared with the 1971 appropriation and the 1972 budget estimate by activity is as follows:

Activity	Committee bill, 1972	Bill compared with—	
		1971 Appropriation	Estimate, 1972
Science.....	\$15,684,000	+\$3,155,000	-\$413,000
History and art.....	5,565,000	+694,000	-481,000
United States National Museum.....	3,303,000	+135,000	
Public service.....	919,000	+99,000	-6,000
Special programs.....	3,264,000	+1,711,000	-211,000
Administrative and central support.....	4,993,000	+450,000	-87,000
Buildings management department.....	10,366,000	+955,000	+288,000
Increased pay costs.....	1,165,000	+1,165,000	-90,000
Total, salaries and expenses.....	45,259,000	+8,364,000	-1,000,000

For the past few years, evening visitations at the various facilities of the Smithsonian Institution during the Summer months have declined. There are probably several reasons for this reduction in evening visitors, but the Committee is of the opinion that some of the circumstances which may have been responsible for the minimal visitations have improved to the extent that with adequate funding and publicity of the availability of the facilities, the Smithsonian Institution can once again become a focal point of visitation during the summer evening hours for school children and other visitors from various parts of the Nation.

Accordingly, the Committee has provided an additional \$300,000 for this purpose. With the \$160,000 provided in the budget base, a total of \$460,000 will be available for this purpose. These funds are especially for evening visitor hours and the Committee does not expect them to be dissipated by their allocation to other activities to offset various cost increases.

MUSEUM PROGRAMS AND RELATED RESEARCH

(SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM)

Appropriation, 1971	\$2,500,000
Estimate, 1972	5,500,000
Recommended, 1972	3,500,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 1971	+1,000,000
Estimate, 1972	-2,000,000

This appropriation item is to provide for the Special Foreign Currency Program of awarding grants to American universities, museums, or other institutions of higher learning, interested in conducting research in foreign countries. The reduction of \$2,000,000 below the budget estimate includes decreases of \$450,000 for archaeology and related disciplines; \$1,500,000 for systematic and environmental biology; and \$50,000 for astrophysics.

SCIENCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Appropriation, 1971	
Estimate, 1972	\$1,400,000
Recommended, 1972	1,300,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 1971	+1,300,000
Estimate, 1972	-100,000

The Science Information Exchange receives, organizes, and disseminates information about research in progress in the life, physical, and social sciences. Its mission is to assist the planning and management of research activities supported by Government and non-Government agencies and institutions by promoting the exchange of information that concerns subject matter, distribution, level of effort, and other data pertaining to current research in the pre-publication stage.

This organization was previously funded by the National Science Foundation, but effective July 1, 1971, funding responsibility for this activity will be assigned to the Smithsonian Institution.

CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS, NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK

Appropriation, 1971	\$200,000
Estimate, 1972	200,000
Recommended, 1972	200,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 1971	
Estimate, 1972	

The amount recommended under this appropriation item is for the capital improvement program at the National Zoological Park. The amount provided is for minor repair and renovation of various facilities at the National Zoological Park.

RESTORATION AND RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS

Appropriation, 1971	\$1,725,000
Estimate, 1972	1,050,000
Recommended, 1972	550,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 1971	
Estimate, 1972	-1,175,000
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MUSEUM PROGRAMS AND RELATED MATTERS

(GENERAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAMS)

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The appropriation of \$550,000 recommended by the Committee includes \$400,000 for the Renwick Gallery; \$125,000 for sewer system improvement—South Buildings; and \$25,000 for space modification at the Lamont Street Library.

CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation, 1971	\$5,200,000
Estimate, 1972	5,597,000
Recommended, 1972	5,597,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 1971	+397,000
Estimate, 1972	

Of the total amount provided, \$1,900,000 is for planning and redesign of the National Air and Space Museum; and \$3,697,000 is for liquidation of contract authority for construction of the Joseph H. Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden.

During the past several months, there has been extensive discussion regarding the location of the sculpture garden that is to be constructed in conjunction with the Hirshhorn Museum. It was originally planned that the sculpture garden would bisect the Mall on a north-south axis. This proposal has now been revised whereby the sculpture garden will be on an east-west axis off the greensward of the Mall. The change in plans for the sculpture garden is opportune since the Committee is of the opinion and so directs, that none of the funds provided in this bill shall be used for construction of a sculpture garden on a north-south axis across the Mall.

The Committee further understands that final approval for the revised plans of the sculpture garden has not yet been granted by the National Capital Planning Commission. Until such approval is granted, the Committee directs that none of the funds provided in this bill for the Hirshhorn Museum shall be available for expenditure.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, 1971	\$4,136,000
Estimate, 1972	4,713,000
Recommended, 1972	4,713,000
Comparison:	
Appropriation, 1971	+577,000
Estimate, 1972	

The bill provides \$4,713,000, the budget estimate, for salaries and expenses of the National Gallery of Art.

The National Gallery of Art continues to expand its services to the people of this nation as is indicated by the following tabulation:

Fiscal year	Visitations to gallery	Persons (estimated) served by extension service	Total persons reached by gallery
1966	1,577,108	1,170,434	2,747,542
1967	1,510,967	1,780,361	3,291,328
1968	1,267,028	2,182,000	3,449,028
1969	1,283,398	2,757,000	4,040,398
1970	1,935,533	3,161,000	5,096,533

The expenditure of \$100,000 recommended by the Committee for the fiscal year 1957 is \$100,000 less than the amount available for the same purpose in the fiscal year 1956.

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WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, 1971	-----	\$750,000
Estimate, 1972	-----	695,000
Recommended, 1972	-----	565,000
Comparison:		
Appropriation, 1971	-----	-185,000
Estimate, 1972	-----	-130,000

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars was authorized by Public Law 90-637, approved October 24, 1968, as the Nation's official living memorial to the 28th President. It sponsors a continuous advanced scholar, international fellowship program on various social and scientific subjects of special interest in the world of today.

The bill provides \$565,000, a reduction of \$130,000 in the Fellowship program below the budget estimate. This \$130,000 reduction will be offset as of July 1, 1971 when an identical amount now held in reserve will be released for expenditure, according to information received by the Committee.

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL COMMISSION

Appropriation, 1971	-----	\$37,000
Estimate, 1972	-----	37,000
Recommended, 1972	-----	37,000
Comparison:		
Appropriation, 1971	-----	+37,000
Estimate, 1972	-----	

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$37,000, the budget estimate, for the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission as authorized by Public Law 91-398, approved September 8, 1970. This appropriation will provide funds for the execution of preliminary plans to develop the approved site of the Memorial.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON INDIAN OPPORTUNITY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriation, 1971	-----	\$287,500
Estimate, 1972	-----	300,000
Recommended, 1972	-----	275,000
Comparison:		
Appropriation, 1971	-----	-12,500
Estimate, 1972	-----	-25,000

The bill provides \$275,000, a reduction of \$25,000 below the budget estimate, for the National Council on Indian Opportunity.

The function of the Council is to encourage full use of programs to benefit the Indian population.

The Committee directs the Council to utilize the expertise of the staff of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the fullest possible extent.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION LIBRARIES



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