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Mr. CANNON, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.J. Res. 508]

The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Joint Resolution 508, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1964, and for other purposes, reports the same to the House without amendment and with the recommendation that the joint resolution be passed.

The joint resolution makes provision for continuing in operation those functions of Government for which the annual appropriation bills will not have been signed into law prior to July 1. This is the customary type of resolution making interim provision from July 1 for the various services of Government and would operate for the outside time period of 2 months—to August 31, 1963. The resolution ceases to apply to an agency or activity concurrent with approval by the President of the annual supply bill in which provision for it has been disposed. Thus the scope of the resolution constricts as each regular bill is finally enacted and the resolution would be *wholly* inoperative after the last approval. In accord with previous practice, the emphasis is on the *continuation* of existing projects and activities at the lower of one of three rates, namely, (1) the current—1963—fiscal year; (2) the budget request, where no action has been taken by either House; or (3) the more restrictive amount adopted by either of the two Houses.

The Committee was importuned—as in past years—to deviate from the stereotyped pattern so as to permit acceleration of certain programs above the current level in advance of final action by the Congress on the items in the regular annual bills. But it has not done so.

The Treasury-Post Office Appropriation Bill is the only regular 1964 bill enacted into law. In the last two sessions, no regular bill was enacted before the start of the new fiscal year. This year



7 bills for fiscal 1964 and 2 for 1963 entailing budget requests for about \$73,630,000,000 have been reported to the House. Five additional regular bills for 1964 and the usual closing supplemental, prospectively involving roughly \$26,000,000,000 in budget requests, are yet to be reported to the House. They are:

1. The Independent Offices Bill, \$14,620,000,000, on which hearings have been completed for some weeks except for the space agency; authorization legislation is delaying completion of this bill.

2. The Public Works bill, \$4,560,000,000, on which hearings are completed. Authorization legislation for the Atomic Energy program could also delay this bill.

3. The Military Construction Bill, \$1,978,000,000, on which hearings are in progress, but for which the authorization bill is not yet finalized.

4. The Foreign Aid Bill, \$4,840,000,000, on which hearings are approaching completion but for which the authorization bill has not yet been reported to the House.

5. The District of Columbia Bill, \$34,000,000 in Federal requests, on which hearings are completed.

6. And, finally, the closing supplemental bill, amounts not yet submitted by the President.

The foregoing amounts exclude approximately \$11,800,000,000 in permanent authorizations (mostly interest on the public debt) for 1964 on which annual Congressional action is not required.

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