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No. 1742

URGENT DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION BILL, 1956

FEBRUARY 3, 1956.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9063]

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations to supply certain urgent deficiency appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and for other purposes.

The estimates upon which the bill is based are contained in House Documents Nos. 291 and 327. The bill is divided into chapters corresponding to the subcommittees considering the estimates. The recommendations contained in the bill are a result of deliberations of the several subcommittees as approved by the full committee.

SUMMARY OF BILL

Budget estimates considered by the committee total \$64,505,201. Appropriations recommended total \$61,504,201, a reduction of \$3,001,000. These amounts are distributed by chapters of the bill as indicated in the following table:

URGENT DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS, 1956

Chapter	Department or activity	Budget estimates	Recommended in the bill	Bill compared with estimates
I	Independent offices-----	\$25, 750, 000	\$25, 750, 000	-----
II	Public Works-----	34, 646, 000	31, 600, 000	-\$3, 046, 000
III	District of Columbia-----	43, 500	43, 500	-----
IV	Legislative Branch-----	-----	45, 000	+45, 000
V	Claims and judgments-----	4, 109, 201	4, 109, 201	-----
	Total-----	64, 505, 201	61, 504, 201	-\$3, 001, 000

CHAPTER I

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INDEPENDENT OFFICES

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

Disaster relief.—The committee recommends the budget estimate of \$25,000,000 for this item, which is in addition to funds previously available for emergency relief to States and localities during major disasters. The fund is administered by the Federal Civil Defense Administration under a delegation of authority from the President.

Because of the unusually severe disasters in recent months the unobligated balance in the disaster relief fund has been reduced to \$3,116,259 on January 19, 1956. The additional amount in the bill will increase the amount available for obligation to \$28,116,259. At the present time there are pending requests from States for allocations totaling \$14,700,000, and in the event all such requests are approved the fund will have remaining approximately \$13,400,000 for use in future emergencies.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance Fund.—The committee recommends an appropriation of \$750,000 to this fund, the same amount as the budget estimate.

The National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended, provides for nonparticipating insurance for veterans with service-connected disabilities who are otherwise ineligible for commercial insurance. The premiums received for such insurance are placed in a separate fund and the Government assumes responsibility for any deficiency in fund requirements because of the additional risk on such medically substandard lives.

The balance in the fund on December 31 was approximately \$125,000 and it is apparent that an additional amount is necessary to provide capital that will be required for the remainder of the year to meet anticipated death benefit claims.

Comparative statement of budget estimates and amounts recommended in the bill

H. Doc. No.	Department or agency	Budget estimates	Recommended in the bill	Bill compared with estimates
	FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT			
291	Disaster relief-----	\$25, 000, 000	\$25, 000, 000	-----
	INDEPENDENT OFFICES			
291	Veterans Administration: Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance Fund-----	750, 000	750, 000	-----
	Total-----	25, 750, 000	25, 750, 000	-----

CHAPTER II

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PUBLIC WORKS

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL FUNCTIONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

General investigations.—The budget request of \$330,000 has been disallowed. It was proposed that these funds be used for a review of existing flood-control plans in the Northeastern States. In view of the fact that a massive and expensive study has just been completed by the New England-New York Interagency Committee on most of the area involved, it does not appear that an additional study could be of such urgency as to require treatment in a supplemental appropriation bill.

Construction, general.—An appropriation of \$31,600,000 is recommended, a reduction of \$2,686,000 in the budget estimate of \$34,286,000.

The budget proposed funds for planning on a number of projects in Vermont which were completely outside the area of the most recent storms. Funds for these projects have been disallowed. In addition, advance planning funds were proposed for two projects in Pennsylvania, one at Allentown and one at Bethlehem. These funds have also been disallowed for the reason that their effectiveness is dependent upon completion of a third project, Bear Creek, which is not yet in the construction stage. The Committee allowed the full amount of the request for the Bear Creek Reservoir project but the Corps of Engineers estimated that, even with the speeded up program permitted by this supplemental, it will be sometime in 1961 before the project can be completed.

The budget estimate for projects has been allowed as follows:

Project	Estimated total Federal cost	Appropriation in accompanying bill
Advance engineering and design:		
Thomaston Reservoir, Conn.....	\$16,000,000	\$140,000
East Brimfield Reservoir, Mass.....	5,700,000	140,000
Hodges Village Reservoir, Mass.....	4,350,000	140,000
Worcester, Mass.....	5,030,000	60,000
Endicott, Johnson City, and Vestal, N. Y.....	4,840,000	80,000
Dyberry Reservoir, Pa.....	7,630,000	125,000
Stillwater Reservoir, Pa.....	9,200,000	120,000
Prompton Reservoir, Pa.....	5,860,000	100,000
Construction:		
Barre Falls Reservoir, Mass.....	2,680,000	300,000
Buffumville Reservoir, Mass.....	2,820,000	100,000
Otter Brook Reservoir, N. H.....	4,800,000	100,000
Bear Creek Reservoir, Pa.....	17,900,000	300,000
Ball Mountain Reservoir, Vt.....	16,600,000	300,000
Woonsocket, R. I.....	4,200,000	150,000
Total.....	107,610,000	2,155,000

In view of the fact that the Corps of Engineers is accumulating large unobligated balances during this fiscal year, the Committee directs that the foregoing construction program be financed out of previously appropriated and now unobligated funds.

A total of \$31,600,000 was requested to replace previously appropriated funds used by the Corps for emergency Federal assistance in northeastern states, and rehabilitation and repair of public property and facilities which were damaged in the 1955 storms. This entire amount has been allowed.

General expenses.—The budget estimate of \$30,000 for additional personnel in the Office of the Chief of Engineers has been disallowed. The Committee is convinced that an item of this type is not of such an emergency nature that it requires consideration in a supplemental bill.

Comparative statement of budget estimates and amounts recommended in the bill

H. Doc. No.	Department or activity	Budget estimates	Recommended in the bill	Bill compared with estimates
	<p style="text-align: center;">DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL FUNCTIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RIVERS AND HARBORS AND FLOOD CONTROL</p>			
291	General investigations-----	\$330, 000	-----	--\$330, 000
291	Construction, general-----	\$34, 286, 000	\$31, 600, 000	--2, 686, 000
291	General expenses-----	30, 000	-----	--30, 000
	Total-----	34, 646, 000	31, 600, 000	--3, 046, 000

CHAPTER III

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OPERATING EXPENSES

Executive Office.—The Committee has approved the supplemental budget estimate in the amount of \$43,500.

The amount approved will provide funds for the establishment of a permanent register of District of Columbia residents qualified to vote and also provide for the conduct of the first election to be held on May 1, 1956, for the purpose of electing delegates to the national conventions which nominate each party's candidates for President and Vice President of the United States.

Comparative statement of budget estimates and amounts recommended in the bill

H. Doc. No.	Department or activity	Budget estimates	Recommended in the bill	Bill compared with estimates
291	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OPERATING EXPENSES Executive office-----	\$43,500	\$43,500	-----

CHAPTER IV

SUBCOMMITTEE

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

This chapter carries funds for the usual gratuity payments to the beneficiaries of two deceased members of the House of Representatives.

It also includes a paragraph restoring language under the heading "Extension of the Capitol" which was agreed to by the conferees on the Legislative Appropriation Act, 1956, but which was inadvertently omitted in the final enrolling of the bill.

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Comparative statement of budget estimates and amounts recommended in the bill

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-----	<p style="text-align: center;">HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</p> <p>Gratuity payments to beneficiaries of deceased members-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL</p> <p>Extension of the Capitol-----</p>	-----	<p style="text-align: center;">\$45, 000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(1)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">+\$45, 000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(1)</p>

¹ Language only.

CHAPTER V

CLAIMS, AUDITED CLAIMS, AND JUDGMENTS

The Committee recommends the full amount of \$4,109,201, contained in House Document No. 327, to cover claims for damages, audited claims, and judgments rendered against the United States. Of this amount, \$3,755,201 represents judgments of the Court of Claims and United States District Courts. The amount provided for claims is \$354,000.

COMPLIANCE WITH RULE XIII—CLAUSE 3

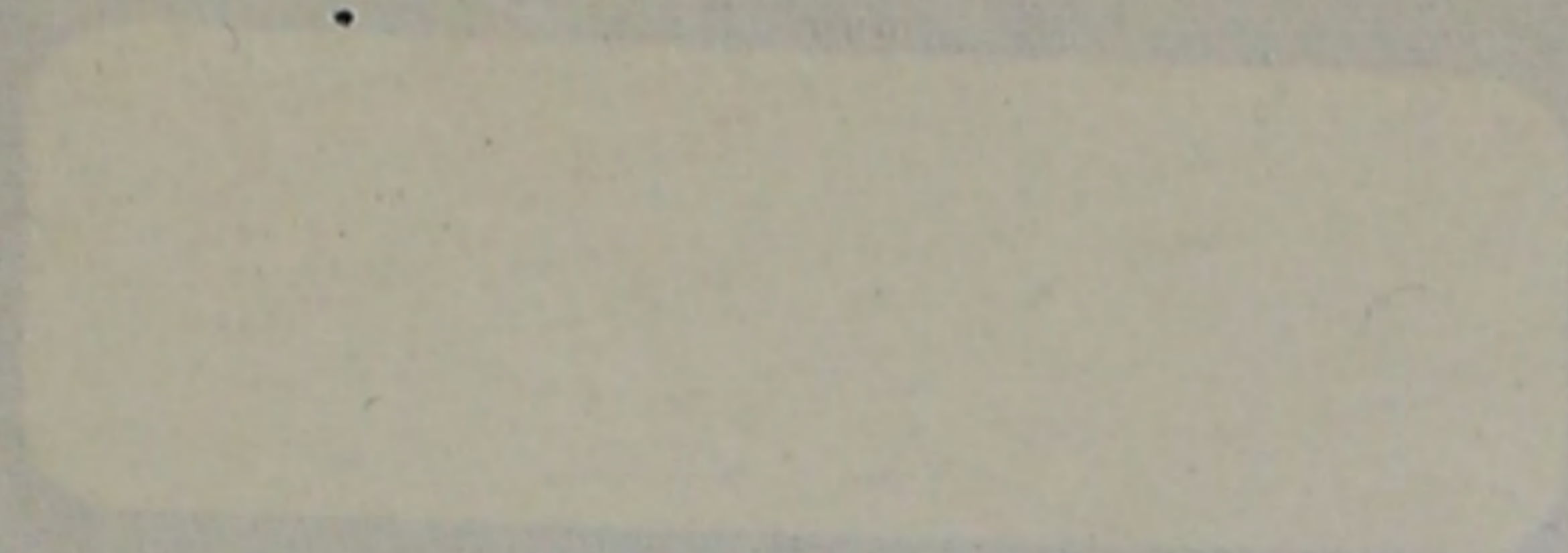
The following is submitted in compliance with clause 3, of rule XIII:
Existing law (Public Law 242, 84th Congress, Legislative Appropriation Act, 1956) is shown below in roman type and new language proposed on page 4, line 4 of pending bill is shown in italicized type:

Extension of the Capitol: The Architect of the Capitol is hereby authorized, under the direction of a Commission for Extension of the United States Capitol, to be composed of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, and the Architect of the Capitol, to provide for the extension, reconstruction, and replacement of the central portion of the United States Capitol in substantial accordance with scheme B of the architectural plan submitted by a joint commission of Congress and reported to Congress on March 3, 1905 (House Document numbered 385, Fifty-eighth Congress), but with such modifications and additions, including provisions for restaurant facilities, and such other facilities in the Capitol Grounds, together with utilities, equipment, approaches, and other appurtenant or necessary items, as may be approved by said Commission, and for such purposes there is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended, *and there are hereby authorized to be appropriated such additional sums as may be determined by said Commission to be required for the purposes hereof: Provided, That the Architect of the Capitol under the direction of said Commission and without regard to the provisions of section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is authorized to enter into contracts and to make such other expenditures, including expenditures for personal and other services, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act and to obligate the additional sums herein authorized prior to the actual appropriation thereof.*



COMPLIANCE WITH RULE XVII - CLAUSE 3

The following is submitted in compliance with clause 3 of rule XVII:
Existing law (Public Law 242, 84th Congress, Legislative Appropriation Act, 1956) is shown below in roman type and new language proposed on page 4 hereof of pending bill is shown in italicized type:
The Architect of the Capitol, the Architect of the Capitol is hereby authorized under the direction of a Commission for the renovation of the United States Capitol building composed of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, and the Architect of the Capitol, to provide for the renovation, reconstruction, and replacement of the central portion of the United States Capitol building in substantial accordance with scheme B of the architectural plan submitted by a joint commission of Congress and reported to Congress on March 8, 1955 (House Document numbered 385, 84th Congress), but with such modifications and additions, including provisions for retaining facilities, and such other facilities in the Capitol grounds, together with utilities, equipment, apparatus, and other apparatus or necessary items, as may be approved by said Commission, and for such purposes there is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended, and there are hereby authorized to be appropriated such additional sums as may be determined by said Commission to be required for the purposes herein provided. That the Architect of the Capitol under the direction of said Commission and without regard to the provisions of section 5709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is authorized to enter into contracts and to make such other expenditures, including expenditures for personal and other services, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act and to obligate the additional sums herein authorized prior to the actual appropriation thereof.



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