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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
April 25, 1975

ACTION

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JIM CANNON *Jane*
SUBJECT: Enrolled Resolution H.J. Res. 375
Veterans Administration
Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1975

Attached for your consideration is H.J. Res. 375, sponsored by Representative Mahon, which appropriates:

- \$638,038,000 for readjustment benefits programs of the Veterans Administration.
- \$500,000 for the recently-established Federal Elections Commission to begin operations.

Both appropriations are for the amounts requested.

Additional information is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB recommends you sign this resolution before Midnight, April 24 since currently available funds for readjustment benefits will run out at that time. Max Friedersdorf, Phil Buchen (Lazarus) and I concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign H.J. Res. 375 at Tab B.

Pres Office (Thynn Smith) met pres 4/25/75 (14 AM)



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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

APR 24 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Resolution, H.J. Res. 375 - Veterans
Administration Supplemental Appropriation
Act, 1975
Sponsor - Representative Mahon (D), Texas

Last Day for Action

May 3, 1975

~~April 24, 1975~~ - Signature recommended not later than mid-
night Thursday, April 24, 1975, so that the Veterans
Administration can continue to make readjustment benefit
payments as required by law.

<u>Funds Provided</u> (in millions)	<u>Budget</u> <u>Request</u>	<u>Enrolled</u> <u>Resolution</u>	<u>Congressional</u> <u>Change</u>
Budget authority.....	\$638.5	\$638.5	---

Outlay Effect - No change from budget estimate of \$638.5
million.

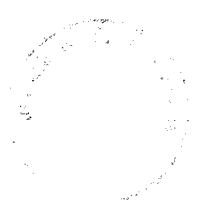
Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Veterans Administration	Approval (informally)

Highlights

The enrolled resolution contains appropriations for two
items lifted from the large number of requests pending
consideration in the Second Supplemental Appropriations
Bill, 1975. Both are appropriated in the exact amounts
requested:

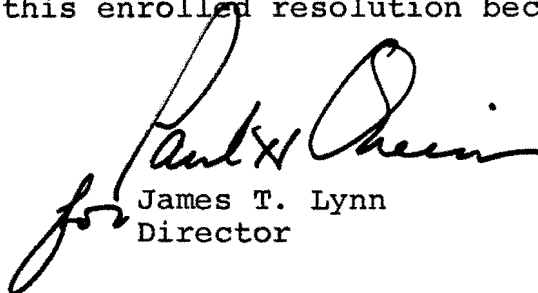
- \$638,038,000 for readjustment benefits programs of
the Veterans Administration. These funds are
needed to meet new and increased benefits enacted
during the second session of the Ninety-third Congress.



- \$500,000 in initial appropriations for the recently-established Federal Elections Commission. The funds will enable the Commission to begin operations.

Recommendation

That you sign the bill before midnight Thursday, April 24, 1975. Currently available funds for readjustment benefits will run out at that time, and the Veterans Administration will be unable to make the payments which are required by law unless the funds in this enrolled resolution become available.


for Paul H. Quinn

James T. Lynn
Director



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

To -
Hansen Handwritten
4-24-75
12:30 P.M.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: April 24, 1975

Time: 1245pm

FOR ACTION: Roger Semerad
Ted Marrs
Ken Lazarus
Max Friedersdorf

cc (for information): Warren Hendriks
Jim Cavanaugh
Jack Marsh

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: April 24

Time: 500pm

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Resolution H.J. Res. 375-VA Supplemental
Appropriation Act, 1975

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

OMB recommends the President sign not later than
midnight today.



PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a
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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

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No objection. -- Ken Lazarus

Please return to Judy Johnston



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Warren K. Hendriks
for the

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 25, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN HENDRIKS
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *MF*
SUBJECT: Action Memorandum - Log No.
Enrolled Resolution H.J. Res. 375-VA
Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1975

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs with the Agencies
that the subject resolution be signed.

Attachments

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*Concur in OMB recommendation
Please return to Judy Johnston - Marrs
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I concur with OMB
Robert J. [Signature]

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Warren K. Hendriks
for the President

attach to analysis

[FULL COMMITTEE PRINT]

94TH CONGRESS } HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES { REPORT
1st Session } { No. 94

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

APRIL 10, 1975.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

To accompany H.J. Res. 375]

The Committee on Appropriations to whom was referred House Joint Resolution 375, making an additional urgent supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, for the Veterans Administration, and for other purposes, report the same to the House without amendment and with the recommendation that the joint resolution be passed.

This item is lifted from a large number of pending supplemental budget requests being considered in connection with the second supplemental appropriations bill, 1975. Final congressional action on that bill will not be timely enough to make payments required by law and meet the pressing needs represented by this joint resolution.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

The committee recommends the supplemental appropriation of \$638,038,000 for readjustment benefits in the current fiscal year, as included in House Document 94-22. However, the amount provided may not meet full fiscal year 1975 requirements, and an additional supplemental request is anticipated when better cost data are available.

This supplemental appropriation is required to cover the additional cost resulting from enactment of Public Law 93-337 which extends GI bill eligibility for 2 years; Public Law 93-602 which substitutes a 22.7-percent rate increase for the 18.2-percent increase previously provided; Public Law 93-538 which increases the maximum specially

equipped automobile grant for disabled veterans from \$2,800 to \$3,300 and extends and liberalizes the eligibility for training and adaptive equipment; and Public Law 93-569 which increases the maximum housing grant for certain disabled veterans from \$17,500 to \$25,000.

The Congress has previously provided the full \$3,487,700,000 requested for benefits payments in fiscal 1975, \$2,676,000,000 in the regular act and \$811,700,000 in an urgent supplemental act.

This resolution is necessary to provide for timely payments on entitlements provided by law that are not subject to administrative reduction. The Veterans Administration estimates that it lacks sufficient funds in this account to make the readjustment benefit payments due in April without the supplemental funds recommended herein.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

The committee believes that the funds provided in this urgent appropriation, and any additional funds that are required for readjustment benefits in 1975, will have some inflationary impact. It is not possible to ascertain precisely what the inflationary impact is, but clearly a 22.7-percent increase in benefits must have some push-pull effect on the inflationary spiral.

The committee notes, however, that these funds are provided pursuant to legislation that was enacted to meet the ongoing problem of an accelerated increase in the cost of living.



ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION; 1975

APRIL 17, 1975.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. PROXMIRE, for the Committee on Appropriations,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.J. Res. 375]

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Joint Resolution 375, making an additional appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, for the Veterans' Administration, and for other purposes, reports the same to the Senate without amendment and with the recommendation that the joint resolution be passed and submits the following explanation of its recommendation.

This item is only part of a package of supplemental budget requests that were considered for inclusion in the second supplemental appropriations bill for fiscal year 1975. However the funds provided by this legislation are needed in April, well before final action on the second supplemental appropriations bill can be expected to take place, in order to fulfill binding legal commitments.

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

Appropriations to date.....	\$3, 487, 700, 000
Supplemental estimate (H. Doc. 94-22).....	638, 038, 000
House allowance.....	638, 038, 000
Committee recommendation.....	638, 038, 000

The Committee concurs with the House in providing a supplemental appropriation of \$638,038,000, the full amount requested in House Document 94-22, for readjustment benefits in the current fiscal year. The Committee anticipates that an additional request for \$425 million for fiscal year 1975 may be forthcoming as a result of an increase in trainees due to current economic conditions. Should such an additional supplemental request be received before this resolution is taken up on the Senate floor the Committee recommends that the joint resolution be amended to include the requested amount.

The \$638,038,000 will be spent to provide benefits authorized by four distinct pieces of legislation enacted within the past 12 months. The Federal government has a legal and moral obligation to provide this money to cover the following additional costs:

Public Law 93-337 increased to 10 years the former 8-year delimiting period for post-Korean veterans. This preserved the eligibility of 4.1 million veterans. An estimated 500,000 will train in fiscal 1975.-----	\$618, 000, 000
Public Law 93-358 increased the maximum grant for specially equipped automobiles for disabled veterans from \$2,800 to \$3,300 and extended and liberalized the eligibility for training and adaptive equipment.-----	10, 900, 000
Public Law 93-569 increased the housing grant for certain disabled veterans from \$17,500 to \$25,000.-----	2, 438, 000
Public Law 93-602 substituted a 22.7 percent rate increase for a previously provided 18.2 percent increase for 37,700 vocational rehabilitation trainees and 227,000 veterans training in on-the-job programs. It also provided increases in basic rates for certain trainees.-----	6, 700, 000
Total-----	638, 038, 000

Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five*

Joint Resolution

Making an additional appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, for the Veterans Administration, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sum is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, namely:

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

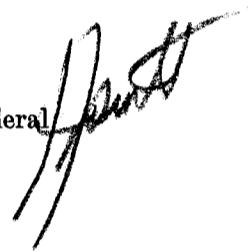
READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

For an additional amount for "Readjustment benefits", \$638,038,000, to remain available until expended.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments of 1974, \$500,000.



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*Vice President of the United States and
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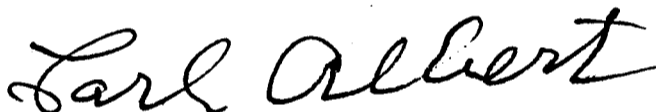
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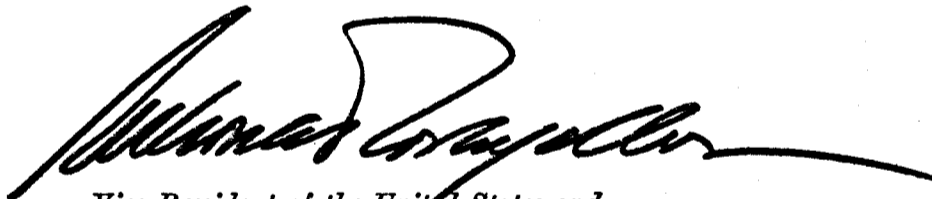
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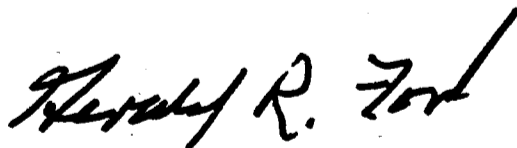
Speaker of the House of Representatives.



*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

APPROVED

APR 24 1975



April 22, 1975

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on April 22nd:

H.J. Res. 375
S. 1310

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of these bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.