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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION

WASHINGTON

Last Day: December 13

December 8, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: JIM CANNON  
SUBJECT: H.R. 6692 - General Appropriations  
Authorization for July 1 - September 30, 1976

Attached for your consideration is H.R. 6692, sponsored by Representative Brooks, which provides a general "such sums" authorization for appropriations for programs and activities of the Federal Government during the transition period July 1, 1976 through September 30, 1976.

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

OMB, Max Friedersdorf, Counsel's Office (Lazarus) and I recommend approval of the enrolled bill.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign H.R. 6692 at Tab B.





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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

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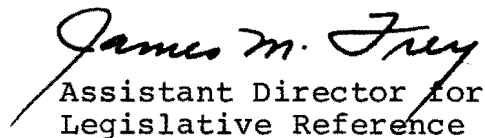
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The enrolled bill is intended, in the words of the report of the House Government Operations Committee, to provide "a safety net" and to be "a backup" for the regular authorizing committees, to assure that none of the numerous statutes authorizing appropriations is inadvertently overlooked in adjusting the Government's funding to the new fiscal year.

  
Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

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J. Carmona  
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Date: December 5

Time: 1100am

FOR ACTION: Max Friedersdorf  
Ken Lazarus *pl*

cc (for information): Jack Marsh=  
Jim Cavanaugh

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Monday, December 88

Time: 500pm

SUBJECT:

H.R. 6692 - General Appropriations authorization  
for July 1-~~September~~ 30, 1976

ACTION REQUESTED:

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K. R. COLE, JR.  
For the President

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No objection. -- Ken Lazarus 12/5/75

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CAVANAUGH  
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.*  
SUBJECT: H. R. 6692 - General Appropriations authorization  
for July 1-Sept. 30, 1976

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs with the agencies  
that the subject bill be signed.

Attachments



**AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL  
YEAR TRANSITION**

**JUNE 11, 1975.**—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of  
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. BROOKS, from the Committee on Government Operations,  
submitted the following

**REPORT**

[To accompany H.R. 6692]

The Committee on Government Operations, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 6692) to authorize appropriations for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 1, line 6, strike out "for fiscal year 1976." and insert "on June 30, 1976; *Provided*, That this Act shall not affect any other law authorizing appropriations for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976."

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of H.R. 6692 as amended is to provide a general authorization for appropriations for programs and activities of the Federal Government during the transition period occasioned by the coming change in the fiscal year in 1976. This unusual procedure is required by the peculiar circumstances of the transition, which provides a 3-month period from July 1 through September 30, 1976, which is not a part of any fiscal year but during which funds must be available for obligation and expenditure.

Many authorizations, for example, are provided by fiscal year or for particular fiscal years even though they may not need to be renewed each year. Such authorizations may not be technically sufficient for appropriations for the transition period. This legislation seeks to make certain that none of the numerous statutes on the books which authorize appropriations in one way or another fail for technical insufficiency or is inadvertently overlooked. Failure to authorize would prohibit necessary and expected appropriations from being made, and

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would possibly create legal complications for appropriations for that period that will have been made.

H.R. 6692 does not supersede the authority of the regular authorizing committees of the House, all of whom are actively engaged in authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 1976 and the transition period. Before reporting this measure we solicited the views of the chairman of the standing committees on the bill and its effect on their jurisdiction. The consensus of their replies was that the bill (as amended) was necessary and appropriate for the transition period and would have no adverse effect.

The bill is intended to provide only a safety net to assure a smooth transition from the old to the new fiscal year, and to be a backup for the regular authorizing committees. H.R. 6692 affects only the appropriations process and not the terms under which any appropriated funds are to be obligated or expended.

#### BACKGROUND

The Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-344) changed the dates of the fiscal year of the Treasury of the United States from the present July 1 to June 30 to the new October 1 to September 30. The change will take place in 1976 and will create a transition period from July 1 through September 30 of that year which will neither be part of the old or the new fiscal year. Appropriations must be available for that period as expenditures must be made.

Under existing law, funds may not be appropriated by the Congress unless they have previously been authorized. The authorizing process is, thus, generally separate from the appropriating process. Whereas all appropriations are reported by a single committee of the House or Senate, authorizations may be reported by any or all of the other standing committees which have been given such jurisdiction. Appropriations are generally for a limited period whereas authorizations may be either limited in time or indefinite and continuous. It is more difficult, therefore, to keep close track of all authorizations as some may have been made as long ago as the early years of the Government. Congress recognized the inherent difficulties here noted by directing the President, in section 502(a)(2) of the above-cited law, to submit budget estimates to Congress for the 3-month transition period and "proposed legislation he considers appropriate with respect to changes in law necessary to provide authorizations of appropriations for that period."

The budget which the President submitted to Congress on February 3, 1975, contained separate requests for funds for fiscal year 1976 and the transition period. In an Executive communication to Congress, dated February 20, 1975, the President submitted his recommendations for authorizing legislation during the transition period. (See appendix.)

The President proposed that Congress pass a bill authorizing appropriations to conduct programs and activities (not otherwise provided for in any other act) for the 3-month transition period "for which funds have been requested for this period in the President's 1976

budget, as amended through June 30, 1976." In other words, the President wanted authorization for only those programs he designated in the current budget document and no other programs, and for all programs included in his budget whether enacted by Congress or not.

This was not acceptable and H.R. 6692 was introduced to authorize appropriations for all programs and activities for which funding was authorized in fiscal year 1976. This language made certain that no congressionally approved program is arbitrarily excluded.

As noted above, Chairman Brooks wrote to each of the chairmen of the standing committees of the House who have responsibility for authorizing appropriations, and to the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, asking each of them to review this legislation and to provide him with their comments on how it would affect matters within their jurisdiction. Responses were received from the chairmen and they generally agreed that the language in H.R. 6692 was a preferable way to resolve the problem, but made suggestions for improvements. The bill, as amended, reflects those suggestions.

Congress has begun enacting authorizations and appropriations for the transition period making increasingly urgent the enactment of this legislation.

#### HEARING

The Subcommittee on Legislation and National Security held a hearing<sup>1</sup> on H.R. 6692 on May 13, 1975, at which time the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of the House and representatives of the Office of Management and Budget and the General Accounting Office testified.

Chairman Mahon supported the legislation and approved the approach it followed. The Deputy Director of OMB and the General Counsel of GAO likewise supported the bill, but both suggested that language be incorporated that would make certain that the bill would not supersede the more specific authorizations which may be made by Congress. No opposition to the bill was registered.

#### EXPLANATION OF BILL AND AMENDMENT

H.R. 6692, as amended, provides a general authorization for appropriations of such sums as may be necessary to conduct programs and activities of the Federal Government during the transition period if funding for the program or activity was authorized on June 30, 1976, the last day of fiscal year 1976. No definite sum or ceiling is specified for any particular program or activity nor does the bill set forth a total overall amount that may be appropriated. This should be left to the Appropriations and Budget Committees who, we are sure, will be guided by past experience in setting the needed amounts.

The last day of the fiscal year was designated because the authorization for some programs expire by law on a date certain during the course of the fiscal year. Had the original language of "during the fiscal year" been used to identify the programs, it is possible that au-

<sup>1</sup> "Authorizing Appropriations for Fiscal Year Transition," hearings before a subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives, 94th Cong., 1st sess., May 13, 1975.

thorizations that Congress clearly intended to expire might have been continued.

There may be programs that terminate by law on June 30, 1976 or during the transition period. This legislation will not continue those programs. Any extension of programs beyond their termination date must be provided for by the usual legislative procedure. This bill will, however, continue for 3 months authorizations that may expire on June 30, 1976. Extending an authorization is quite different from extending a terminated program. We were advised by the chairman of the Appropriations Committee that for such authorizing problems he would be in touch with the committee of jurisdiction and would see that the intention of Congress was carried out. We are confident that any problems of this nature can be readily handled by the two committees.

The proviso language is included to make certain that the general authorizing language in the bill does not supersede the actions of the committees of jurisdiction for appropriations during the transition period. Thus, if a committee reports an authorization for a program or activity for the transition period, that authorization will supersede this bill.

#### CONCLUSION

In view of the decision made by Congress in the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to change the fiscal year from July 1 through June 30 to October 1 through September 30, thereby creating a 3-month transition period in 1976 which will not be part of any fiscal year, it is necessary and prudent that legislation be enacted to assure that authorization for appropriations be available to properly fund programs and activities that Congress wishes to be carried out during the transition period. H.R. 6692, as amended, will provide an appropriate statutory vehicle to effect this purpose.

#### COMMITTEE VOTE

At a meeting of the full Committee on Government Operations on June 5, 1975, a quorum being present, H.R. 6692, as amended, was approved by voice vote.

#### COST ESTIMATE

As stated above, it is the committee's view that this bill creates no additional costs over those already authorized by the Congress and is being enacted primarily to assure a smooth transition from the old to the new fiscal year and to assure that congressional intention already in the statutes is carried out.

#### REVIEW OF EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subdivision (A) of clause 2(1)(3) of House Rule XI, the Subcommittee on Legislation and National Security of this committee reviewed the application and administration of the laws relating to authorization and appropriation of funds and determined that legislation should be enacted in the manner set forth in the bill.

#### ESTIMATES OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

With respect to subdivision (C) of clause 2(1)(3) of House Rule XI, the committee advises that it has received no estimate or comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office relative to any provision of H.R. 6692.

#### INFLATIONARY IMPACT

In compliance with clause 2(1)(4) of House Rule XI, it is the opinion of this committee that the provisions of this bill will have no inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the national economy.



# APPENDIX

94th Congress, 1st Session House Document No. 94-56

## PROPOSED LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS JULY 1, 1976 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1976

### COMMUNICATION

FROM

## THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A DRAFT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1976 THROUGH  
SEPTEMBER 30, 1976



FEBRUARY 20, 1975.—Referred to the Committee on Government  
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H.R. 282

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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, D.C., February 20, 1975.

The Honorable the SPEAKER,  
U.S. House of Representatives,  
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I am transmitting herewith draft legislation to authorize appropriations on a Government-wide basis for the period July 1, 1976 through September 30, 1976.

This bill is designed to aid the transition to the new Federal fiscal year period of October 1-September 30 which is scheduled to begin with fiscal year 1977 under Public Law 93-344, the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974. It would carry out in large measure the requirement of Section 502(a) (2) of Public Law 93-344 that the President prepare and submit to the Congress "proposed legislation he considers appropriate with respect to changes in law necessary to provide authorizations of appropriations" for the three-month period of transition to the new fiscal year.

I believe the attached draft bill provides the most expeditious approach for easing the Government's transition to funding on the new fiscal year basis and enabling timely provision of funding for the transition quarter. I request that it be referred to the appropriate committee and urge its prompt enactment.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD.

Enclosure.

### EXPLANATION OF BILL

The attached draft bill would, for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, authorize appropriations of such sums as may be necessary to conduct projects and activities (not otherwise provided for in any other Act) for which funds have been requested for this period in the 1976 budget, as amended through June 30, 1976. This authorization is intended to cover previously authorized programs funded through the appropriations process, although special circumstances may warrant their inclusion in other authorization legislation in a few instances.

The specific appropriation amounts requested for the transition quarter are contained in the proposed language for each appropriation account in the 1976 budget. In general, they anticipate continuing the 1976 program levels unchanged for the additional 3 months. Summary budget data for the quarter are provided in Part 7 of the budget.

Any authorizations for new budget authority outside of appropriation acts which may be necessary for the transition quarter will be requested through other legislative proposals in a form consistent with the intent of section 401 of Public Law 93-344.

A BILL To authorize appropriations for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there are authorized to be appropriated for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, such sums as may be necessary to conduct projects and activities (not otherwise provided for in any other Act) for which funds have been requested for this period in the President's 1976 budget, as amended through June 30, 1976.*

H.R. 282

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
FISCAL YEAR TRANSITION

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REPORT  
OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES SENATE

TO ACCOMPANY

H.R. 6692

TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1,  
1976, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1976



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AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL  
YEAR TRANSITION

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Mr. PERCY, from the Committee on Government Operations,  
submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 6692]

The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 6692) to authorize appropriations for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

## PURPOSE

Section 501 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-344) changed the fiscal year of the Government from a July 1-June 30 cycle to an October 1-September 30 cycle, to take effect as of October 1, 1976. The effect of this change was to create a three-month transition period from July 1 through September 30, 1976 which is part of neither fiscal year 1976 (old cycle) nor fiscal year 1977 (new cycle).

The purpose of H.R. 6692 is to provide a general authorization for appropriations from July 1, 1976 through September 30, 1976 for all Federal programs and activities for which funding was authorized on June 30, 1976. It does not affect existing law authorizing appropriations for that period or authorize any new programs.

## BACKGROUND

Existing law prohibits the appropriation by the Congress of funds unless they have been previously authorized. Whereas appropriations are usually provided for a specific period of time by a single committee in each House, authorizations are processed and reported by the various standing committees and are limited in time, indefinite or

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continuous. Accordingly, it is often difficult to keep track of all existing authorizations.

In recognition of the fact that it would be very difficult to identify each and every authorization, and to insure that none would be omitted, the Congress, in section 502(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act, directed the President to submit to the Congress, as soon as practicable, proposed legislation which he considered appropriate with respect to changes in law necessary to provide authorizations of appropriations for the transition period.

#### HEARING

The Committee held a hearing on S. 1874, an identical companion bill to H.R. 6692, on November 12, 1975. Testimony in support of the measure was presented by Mr. William M. Nichols, Acting General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, accompanied by Mrs. Jane Finn, Assistant General Counsel. Mr. Nichols reviewed the bill briefly, emphasizing that it provided authorizations only for appropriations which are not authorized by any other law.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION AND CONCLUSION

The Committee requested comments on the bill from the Chairmen of all of the Senate standing committees. Those who responded stated that they had no objection to its enactment.

The Congressional Budget and Impoundment Act provided, in effect, that the transition period between July 1 and September 30, 1976 to be treated as a separate transition quarter subject to separate appropriations. Although some of the standing committees have made provision for the period, with respect to programs under their jurisdiction, and some appropriations are authorized by law on a continuing basis, other appropriations for ongoing programs and activities have not been so authorized. Accordingly, the Committee concluded that enactment of this legislation is necessary to insure that such programs and activities, for which appropriations have not otherwise been authorized for the transition period will be funded during that period.

#### COST ESTIMATE

The Committee has been advised by the Office of Management and Budget that enactment of this legislation will not involve any costs other than the costs involved in the staff work required to carry out the transition.



# 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*

## An Act

To authorize appropriations for the period July 1, 1976, through  
September 30, 1976.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
United States of America in Congress assembled, That there are  
authorized to be appropriated for the period July 1, 1976, through Sep-  
tember 30, 1976, such sums as may be necessary to conduct programs  
and activities for which funding was authorized on June 30, 1976:  
Provided, That this Act shall not affect any other law authorizing  
appropriations for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30,  
1976.*

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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



DECEMBER 10, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 6692--General appropriation authorization for July 1-September 30, 1976. This bill provides a general "such sums" authorization for appropriations for Federal programs and activities for the fiscal year transition quarter, July 1-September 30, 1976.

The purpose of H. R. 6692 is to help expedite the shift of the Federal fiscal year from July 1-June 30 to October 1-September 30, which is scheduled to take effect as of October 1, 1976, under the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (P. L. 93-344).

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H. R. 6692 will further provide that its general authorization shall not affect any other law authorizing appropriations for the transition quarter. Thus, it would not supersede specific transition quarter authorizations provided for particular programs and activities in other laws. Where such specific authorizations have not been provided, however, it will enable the Appropriations Committees to move forward with appropriations for the quarter in a timely way.

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December 2, 1975

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on December 2nd:

- S. 267 ✓
- S. 1245 ✓
- H.R. 6692 ✓
- H.R. 10027 ✓

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.

