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ACTION

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Last Day: October 29

October 24, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: KEN COLE 
SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 15540
Authorization for Appropriations to Regulate
Ocean Dumping

Attached for your consideration is House bill, H.R. 15540, sponsored by Representative Sullivan, which authorizes appropriations of \$5.5 million for fiscal year 1975 to carry out functions under Title I of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972.

Roy Ash recommends approval and provides you with additional background information in his enrolled bill report (Tab A).

The Counsel's office (Chapman), Bill Timmons and the Domestic Council all recommend approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign House bill, H.R. 15540 (Tab B)



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

APPROVED
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 15540 - Authorization for appropriations to regulate ocean dumping
Sponsor - Rep. Sullivan (D) Missouri and 24 others

*Posted 10/28
To Archives 10/29*

Last Day for Action

October 29, 1974 - Tuesday

Purpose

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Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Environmental Protection Agency	Approval
Department of Transportation	Approval
Council on Environmental Quality	No objection
Department of Commerce	Approval
Department of the Army	Approval (Informally)
Department of State	No objection (Informally)

Discussion

The Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 contains three titles generally dealing with protection of the marine environment. The enrolled bill would affect only Title I, the Federal Government's basic authority to regulate the dumping of waste materials into ocean waters, by amending that title to continue the fiscal year 1974 authorization of \$5.5 million through fiscal year 1975.



Title I authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency to operate a permit program to control the dumping of garbage, chemicals, unneeded munitions, biological warfare agents and other such materials into the oceans. It also authorizes the Army Corps of Engineers to regulate dredged material in a similar manner and directs the Coast Guard to carry out monitoring and enforcement activities. More than 90 permits have been issued in the thirteen months that the system has been in effect.

Wilfred H. Rommel

Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OCT 18 1974

OFFICE OF THE
ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Mr. Ash:

This is in response to your October 16, 1974 request for the Environmental Protection Agency's views and comments on H.R. 15540, an enrolled bill "To extend for one year the authorization for appropriations to implement title I of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972."

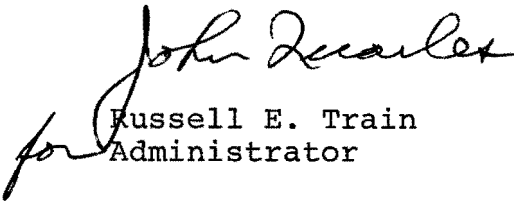
Title I of the Act, for which H.R. 15540 would extend authorization, is designed to regulate the dumping and transportation for dumping of waste material within the territorial jurisdiction and beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the United States. It bans the dumping of all chemical, biological or radiological warfare agents, and high level radioactive wastes. The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency is authorized to issue permits for the transportation for material except dredged material, which is handled by the Corps of Engineers consistent with EPA criteria.

Since the enactment of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, the previously uncontrolled practice of transporting and dumping wastes into ocean waters is now being regulated. Our permit program has now been underway for a year. In that year we have developed criteria for the evaluation of permit applications, prepared procedural regulations, identified, on an interim basis, some 110 ocean disposal sites and issued over 50 permits.

Our goal has been the regulation of all ocean dumping in such a manner as to prevent any permanent damage to the marine environment at any dump site and to allow only temporary minor perturbations during actual dumping operations. The extension of authority as provided for in H.R. 15540 will enable EPA to continue its ocean dumping permit programs.

Although the Administration proposal sent to the Congress recommended the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act be extended for two years, we strongly support the need for this legislation and recommend it to the President for signature.

Sincerely yours,


for Russell E. Train
Administrator

Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

OCT 17 1974

Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Ash:

Reference is made to your request for the views of the Department of Transportation concerning H.R. 15540, an enrolled bill

"To extend for one year the authorization for appropriations to implement title I of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972."

The bill would amend section 111 of Title I of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-532), to authorize the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$5,500,000 for fiscal years 1974 and 1975. Existing law authorizes that sum to be appropriated for fiscal year 1974 only. Title I of the Act contains provisions relating to the control of the dumping of certain materials into ocean waters.

The Department of Transportation supports this legislation to extend the authorization of appropriations for one additional year and recommends that the President sign the enrolled bill, H.R. 15540.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rodney E. Eyster", is written over the typed name.

Rodney E. Eyster
General Counsel

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
722 JACKSON PLACE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

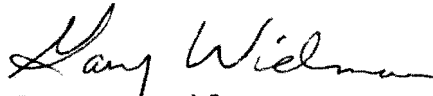
October 17, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR W. H. ROMMEL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
FOR LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

ATTENTION: MRS. GARZIGLIA

RE: H.R. 15540 -- To extend for one year
the authorization for appropriations
to implement title I of the Marine
Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries
Act of 1972

The Council on Environmental Quality has no objection to
the above enrolled bill.


Gary L. Widman
General Counsel



**GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
Washington, D.C. 20230

OCT 18 1974

Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director, Office of Management
and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Attention: Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Dear Mr. Ash:

This is in reply to your request for the views of this Department concerning H. R. 15540, an enrolled enactment

"To extend for one year the authorization for appropriations to implement title I of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972."

H. R. 15540 would extend title I of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act through fiscal year 1975. Title I provides the mechanism to regulate the dumping of waste, which is important to the protection of marine resources.

The Department of Commerce recommends approval by the President of H. R. 15540.

Enactment of this legislation will involve some additional expenditure of funds by this Department to provide monitoring of ocean dumping, the amount of which cannot now be determined.

Sincerely,

Karl E. Bakke

General Counsel



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

OCT 18 1974

Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director, Office of
Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Ash:

This is in response to Mr. Rommel's communication of October 16, 1974, requesting the State Department's views on H.R. 15540, an enrolled bill, "to extend for one year the authorization for appropriations to implement title I of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972."

The Department of State has no objection to approval of this legislation by the President.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linwood Holton".

Linwood Holton
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

Enclosure:
Enrolled Bill.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

18 OCT 1974

Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget

Dear Mr. Ash:

The Secretary of Defense has delegated responsibility to the Department of the Army for reporting the views of the Department of Defense on enrolled enactment H. R. 15540, 93d Congress, "To extend for one year the authorization for appropriations to implement title I of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972."

The Department of the Army, on behalf of the Department of Defense, recommends approval of the enrolled enactment.

Title I of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (Public Law 92-532) provides for the Federal regulation of the transportation of material from the United States for dumping into ocean waters, and the dumping of material transported from outside the United States if the dumping occurs in ocean waters over which the United States has jurisdiction or exercises control in order to protect its territory or territorial sea. Section 111 authorizes appropriations for fiscal years 1973 and 1974 for the purposes of administering the ocean dumping programs established under this title.

The enrolled enactment would extend this authority for an additional year at the funding level authorized in Section 111 for fiscal year 1974. This extension would enable the Environmental Protection Agency to continue the ocean dumping programs established pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

This report has been coordinated within the Department of Defense in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Herman R. Staudt".

Herman R. Staudt
Acting Secretary of the Army

Last Day - October 29

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RECOMMENDATION

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 23, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. WARREN HENDRIKS

FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *WET*

SUBJECT: Action Memorandum - Log No. 682
Enrolled Bill H. R. 15540 - Authorization for
Appropriations to regulate ocean dumping

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs in the attached proposal and has no additional recommendations.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: 682

Date: October 22, 1974

Time: 10:00 a.m.

FOR ACTION: MICHAEL DUVAL
PHIL BUCHEN
✓ BILL TIMMONS

cc (for information): WARREN K. HENDRIKS
JERRY JONES
PAUL THEIS
NORM ROSS

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Thursday, October 24, 1974 Time: 2:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 15540 - Authorization for appro-
priations to regulate ocean dumping

ACTION REQUESTED:

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REMARKS:

Please return to Kathy Tindle - West Wing

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

Warren K. Hendriks
For the President

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*No objection
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REMARKS:

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Mike Duval *10/22*
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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503



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OCT 21 1974

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Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Environmental Protection Agency	Approval
Department of Transportation	Approval
Council on Environmental Quality	No objection
Department of Commerce	Approval
Department of the Army	Approval (Informally)
Department of State	No objection (Informally)

Discussion

The Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 contains three titles generally dealing with protection of the marine environment. The enrolled bill would affect only Title I, the Federal Government's basic authority to regulate the dumping of waste materials into ocean waters, by amending that title to continue the fiscal year 1974 authorization of \$5.5 million through fiscal year 1975.

EXTENSION OF THE MARINE PROTECTION, RESEARCH,
AND SANCTUARIES ACT OF 1972

AUGUST 8, 1974.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mrs. SULLIVAN, from the Committee on Merchant Marine and
Fisheries, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 15540]

The Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 15540) to extend for two years the authorization for appropriations to implement title 1 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

That section 111 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-532; 86 Stat. 1052) is amended by striking "fiscal year 1974," and inserting in lieu thereof "fiscal year 1974 and 1975,".

Amend the title so as to read:

To extend for one year the authorization for appropriations to implement Title 1 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972.

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

The purpose of H.R. 15540 is to amend the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, in order to authorize for fiscal year 1975, the necessary funding under title I of the act. The authorization would be at the same level as the authorization for fiscal year 1974.

LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

In April 1970, the Council on Environmental Quality was directed by the President to make a study of ocean disposal of waste materials. In October 1970, the Council published its report to the President, entitled "Ocean Dumping—A National Policy". That report formed the basis for an Administration legislative proposal which resulted

in the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-532), which, as H.R. 9727, was reported by the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries in the first session of the 92d Congress. Public Law 92-532 in essence established as national policy the fundamental recommendations of the Council on Environmental Quality report.

During the period that Public Law 92-532 was being developed in the Congress, the Executive Department was taking action to achieve an international agreement covering the same subject matter. That initiative ultimately reached fruition in the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter. That Convention has been ratified by the United States and its provisions were incorporated into the basic Act by Public Law 93-254, enacted March 22, 1974. Certain provisions of the amendatory legislation became effective immediately upon enactment. Other provisions will come into effect when the Convention enters into force.

The act, as amended, provides for a regulatory scheme to control all materials transported from the United States for the purpose of dumping the material into ocean waters. In addition, the act controls the dumping of materials originating outside the United States, if that dumping takes place in ocean waters subject to the jurisdiction or control of the United States or if the transportation is undertaken by Federal Departments and agencies or on U.S.-flag vessels.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 was enacted into law on October 23, 1972, and became effective six months thereafter on April 23, 1973. In the passage of this legislation, the Congress made a national commitment for the protection of a part of the environment which had not previously been the subject of any protective regulatory activities. Rather than a reactive measure, the Act anticipated national needs to protect ocean waters, which are so vital to the continued existence of mankind. Prior to the passage of the basic act, some 200 dumping sites were in use for disposal of waste materials at sea and only about 10 of those sites had ever been studied as to the potential impact of disposal on the ocean environment. There was, therefore, a great dearth of the knowledge which needed to be acquired if the permit program for ocean waste disposal was to be managed rationally. The act, therefore, imposed specific research responsibilities on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in addition to the general permit responsibilities of the Environmental Protection Agency and of the Army Corps of Engineers.

After completion of the first year of operation under the act, oversight hearings on its administration were initiated by the Subcommittees on Oceanography and Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment on May 22, 1974. The hearings were continued on May 31, 1974, and during those two days, testimony was received from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Wildlife Federation. Because of other committee priorities, and the need to pursue the oversight hearings in more detail, the overall review of the act will not be completed until later in the present session

of the Congress. However, it is clear that the Congress has made a national commitment in this area, and that the United States has extended that commitment internationally by ratifying the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter. The present authorization for funding under the act, however, expired on June 30, 1974. Although the program may continue to operate through September 30, 1974, under the terms of the joint resolution, passage of H.R. 15540 is essential to permit it to continue thereafter. The request for a two year extension of title I of the act was included in an Executive Communication from the Environmental Protection Agency, dated June 10, 1974. The two subcommittees, meeting jointly, decided that an extension beyond the present fiscal year could be withheld pending completion of the oversight hearings. However, they further determined that the passage of the bill, as amended to provide for a one year extension, is essential in order to permit the program to continue. The two subcommittees, in mark-up session, therefore, adopted an amendment to accomplish the one year extension and, by unanimous voice vote, recommended favorable action by the full committee on the bill, as amended. The Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries thereafter adopted the amendments recommended by the two subcommittees and on August 6, 1974, ordered the bill, as amended, to be reported to the House with a recommendation that the bill be passed. The committee action was taken by unanimous voice vote.

COST OF THE LEGISLATION

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the committee estimates that the enactment of the legislation will result in a one year cost of not more than \$5.5 million. The actual cost will depend upon agency requests and funds appropriated for the Environmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the United States Coast Guard, all of which have responsibilities under title I. No agency estimate of costs was submitted to the Committee.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Executive Communication No. 2445 and the Departmental Reports on H.R. 15540 are as follows:

[Exec. Comm. No. 2445]

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY,
Washington, D.C., June 10, 1974.

HON. CARL ALBERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed is a draft of our proposed bill "To extend the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act for two years."

The draft bill would extend our authorities under the Act for two years at the funding levels authorized for the last fiscal year. It would amend section 111 of the Act.

This extension is suggested in order to enable us to continue our ocean dumping permit programs. We recommend that this bill be referred to the appropriate Committee for consideration, and we recommend that it be enacted.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that this legislative proposal is consistent with the program of the President.

Sincerely yours,

RUSSELL E. TRAIN,
Administrator.

Enclosure.

A BILL To extend the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act for two years

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Section 111 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act is amended by striking "fiscal year 1974," and inserting in lieu thereof "fiscal years 1974, 1975, and 1976,".

GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
Washington, D.C., July 29, 1974.

HON. LEONOR K. SULLIVAN,
Chairman, Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MADAM CHAIRMAN: This is in reply to your request for the views of this Department concerning H.R. 15540, a bill "To extend for two years the authorization for appropriations to implement title 1 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972."

This bill would amend Title I, Section 111, of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (The Act) by striking "fiscal year 1974" and inserting "fiscal years 1974, 1975, and 1976."

The Department of Commerce endorses this bill without amendment. Title I of the Act must be extended because it provides a mechanism to regulate the dumping of waste which is important to the protection of the marine resources.

Although the authorization extends the funds for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), it is possible that some of the funds will be used to carry out cooperative studies between EPA and NOAA. The dollar value to NOAA is impossible to determine at this time.

We have been advised by the Office of Management and Budget that there would be no objection to the submission of our letter to the Congress from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

BERNARD V. PARRETTE,
Deputy General Counsel.

THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION,
Washington, D.C., August 2, 1974.

HON. LEONOR K. SULLIVAN,
Chairman, Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Reference is made to your request for the views of the Department of Transportation concerning H.R. 15540, a bill "To extend for two years the authorization for appropriations to implement title 1 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972."

The bill would amend section 111 of Title I of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-532), to authorize the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$5,500,000 for fiscal years 1974, 1975, and 1976. Existing law authorizes that sum to be appropriated for fiscal year 1974 only. Title I of the Act contains provisions relating to the control of the dumping of certain materials into ocean waters.

The Department of Transportation supports this legislation to extend the authorization of appropriations for two additional years and recommends its enactment.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, there is no objection to the submission of this report to the Committee.

Sincerely,

RODNEY E. EYSTER,
General Counsel.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3 of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman) :

SECTION 111 OF THE MARINE PROTECTION, RESEARCH, AND SANCTUARIES
ACT OF 1972

(P.L. 92-532; 86 Stat. 1052)

SEC. 111. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$3,600,000 for fiscal year 1973, and not to exceed \$5,500,000 for [fiscal year 1974,] *fiscal years 1974 and 1975*, for the purposes and administration of this title, and for succeeding fiscal years only such sums as the Congress may authorize by law.

○

H. R. 15540

Ninety-third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-first day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four*

An Act

To extend for one year the authorization for appropriations to implement title I of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

HHH
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HHH
III

October 17, 1974

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on October 17th:

S.J. Res. 236 ✓	S. 2840 ✓	H.R. 7768	H.R. 14225
S.J. Res. 250 ✓	S. 3007 ✓	H.R. 7780	H.R. 14597
S.J. Res. 251 ✓	S. 3234 ✓	H.R. 11221	H.R. 15148 ✓
S. 355 ✓	S. 3473 ✓	H.R. 11251 ✓	H.R. 15427
S. 605 ✓	S. 3698 ✓	H.R. 11452 ✓	H.R. 15540 ✓
S. 628 ✓	S. 3792	H.R. 11830 ✓	H.R. 15643 ✓
S. 1411 ✓	S. 3838 ✓	H.R. 12035 ✓	H.R. 16857 ✓
S. 1412 ✓	S. 3979 ✓	H.R. 12281	H.R. 17027 ✓
S. 1769 ✓	H.R. 6624	H.R. 13561 ✓	
S. 2348 ✓	H.R. 6642 ✓	H.R. 13631 ✓	

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

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
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