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Federal Assistance for the 1980
Winter Olympic Games

The President announced today that he is requesting legislation to provide for special financial assistance for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games, to be held in Lake Placid, New York.

The proposed legislation will:

- Give the Secretary of Commerce the responsibility for coordinating the Federal assistance for the construction of the permanent sports facilities required for the Games (estimated cost of \$28 million). The Secretary would use existing program authorities and budgets to the maximum extent possible, and could request additional appropriations, if needed, to finance the construction;
- Stipulate that the Federal Government not assume any special responsibility for financing other facilities or services which may be needed for these Games. These costs would be the responsibility of the State and local governments.

The sports facilities expected to be built with Federal financial support include:

- A new field house with two ice sheets and a seating capacity of 9,000;
- A 90-meter ski jump which would be the only one of its kind in the country;
- A 400-meter outdoor speed skating oval; and
- A luge run.

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