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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
May 11, 1976

ACTION
Last Day: May 15

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON

SUBJECT:

H.R. 11876 - Amendments to the
Water Resources Planning Act
as Amended

Attached for your consideration is H.R. 11876, sponsored by Representative Johnson and four others.

The enrolled bill increases from \$1.5 to \$2 million the permanent annual authorization for the Water Resources Council in administering the Water Resources Planning Act. It would also make the Territory of Guam eligible to receive water resource planning grants.

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. 11876 at Tab B.





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

MAY 10 1976

MORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 11876 - Amendments to the
Water Resources Planning Act as amended
Sponsor - Rep. Johnson (D) California and 4 others

Last Day for Action

May 15, 1976 - Saturday

Purpose

To increase the appropriations authorization for administration and coordination expenses of the Water Resources Council from \$1.5 million to \$2 million.

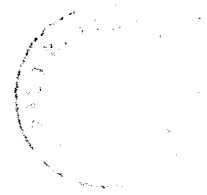
Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Water Resources Council	Approval
Department of the Interior	Approval
Department of Agriculture	No objection
Department of the Army	No objection

Discussion

The Water Resources Planning Act, enacted by the Congress in 1965, created the Water Resources Council, established the procedures for creating River Basin Commissions for the purpose of developing river basin plans for water and related land and resource development programs, and authorized grants to the States to assist in the development of State water resources plans. The Act also authorized appropriations to carry out its purposes.

The enrolled bill is based on a draft bill transmitted to the Congress by the Water Resources Council with Administration support. As enacted, it increases from \$1.5 million



to \$2 million the permanent annual authorization for the Water Resources Council in administering the Water Resources Planning Act.

The Council's draft bill would have removed the limitation on appropriation authorizations and authorized such sums as necessary for the Water Resources Council to administer the Act. However, the \$2 million ceiling fixed by Congress is consistent with the \$1.8 million appropriation for this purpose proposed in your 1977 budget.

H.R. 11876 also makes the Territory of Guam eligible to receive water resource planning grants in the same manner as other territories and the States.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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Department of Agriculture
Department of the Army

Approval
Approval
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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: May 11

Time: 900am

FOR ACTION: George Humphreys *cc* (for information): Jack Marsh
Max Friederick *cc* Jim Cavanaugh
Ken Lazarus *cc* Ed Schmultz
Steve McConahey *cc*

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: May 11

Time: 500pm

SUBJECT:

H.R. 11876 - Amendments to the Water Resources Planning
Act as amended

ACTION REQUESTED:

☐ For Necessary Action☐ For Your Recommendations☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief☐ Draft Reply☒ For Your Comments☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President



UNITED STATES WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

SUITE 800 • 2120 L STREET, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20037

MAY 5 1976

Dear Mr. Lynn:

This is in response to the request for views on the enrolled bill: "To amend the Water Resources Planning Act (79 Stat. 244) as amended," (H. R. 11876, as amended).

I recommend the President approve the bill.

Two amendments have been made in the proposed bill that was transmitted to the Congress by the Administration.

The first amendment limits the authorization for increased appropriations to \$2,000,000, rather than authorizing appropriations of "such sums as are necessary" as had been recommended by the Administration.

The second amendment is a new provision which provides that Guam be included among the jurisdictions eligible for planning grants under Title III of the Act, along with the 50 States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia, presently included under the Act.

The addition of Guam to the list of eligible jurisdictions does not increase any authorization of appropriations for this purpose.

Sincerely,



Jack O. Horton
Alternate to the Chairman

Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

MEMBERS: SECRETARIES OF INTERIOR, AGRICULTURE, ARMY, COMMERCE, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION; ADMINISTRATOR, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY; CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION - OBSERVERS: ATTORNEY GENERAL; DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET; CHAIRMEN, COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY, RIVER BASIN COMMISSIONS, BASIN INTERAGENCY COMMITTEES.





United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

MAY 7 - 1976

Dear Mr. Lynn:

This responds to your request for the views of this Department with respect to an enrolled bill, H.R. 11876, "To amend the Water Resources Planning Act (79 Stat. 244) as amended."

We recommend that the bill be signed.

The bill would amend section 401 (b) of the Water Resources Planning Act of 1965, as amended, to increase the annual authorization ceiling for the expenses of the Water Resources Council in administering the Water Resources Planning Act. The ceiling would be increased from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000.

The bill would also amend section 306 of the Act to include the island territory of Guam within the definition of "State" so that it will be eligible to receive water resources planning grants in the same manner as the States and other territories.

The increase in the authorization ceiling is consistent with, if not identical to, the Administration proposal forwarded to the Congress on February 5, 1976. In a letter from Thomas S. Kleppe, acting in his capacity as Chairman of the Water Resources Council, it was proposed that the statutory language limiting annual appropriations to \$1.5 million be amended to read "such sums as are necessary". Although the Congress voted simply to increase the authorization ceiling, the bill is sufficiently favorable to warrant support and the additional funds are needed by the Council.

We also support the addition of Guam as a territory entitled to receive grants. This would place Guam in an equal status with other territories in this regard and would provide needed funds for water resource planning.

Because the bill is consistent with the Administration proposal and would serve desirable objectives, and because the resulting cost to the taxpayer would be modest, we recommend that the bill be signed.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Horton

Assistant Secretary of the Interior

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



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

May 7 1976

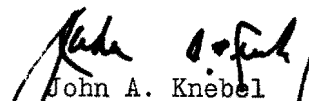
Honorable James T. Lynn
Director, Office of Management
and Budget
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lynn:

In reply to the request of your office, the following report is submitted on the enrolled enactment, H. R. 11876, "to amend the Water Resources Planning Act (79 Stat. 224) as amended." The bill amends Section 401(b) to change the funding limitation from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 and Section 306 to add Guam as an eligible entity.

The Department has no objection to the President's approving this bill.

Sincerely,


John A. Knebel
Under Secretary





DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

7 MAY 1976

Honorable James T. Lynn

Director, Office of Management and Budget

Dear Mr. Lynn:

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. 11876, 94th Congress, "To amend the Water Resources Planning Act (79 Stat. 244) as amended."

The Department of the Army, on behalf of the Department of Defense, has no objection to the approval of the enrolled enactment.

The Water Resources Planning Act enacted by the Congress in 1965 created the Water Resources Council; established the procedures for creating River Basin Commissions for the purpose of developing river basin plans for water and related land and resource development programs and authorized grants to the States to assist in the development of State water resources plans. The Act also authorized appropriations to carry out its purposes.

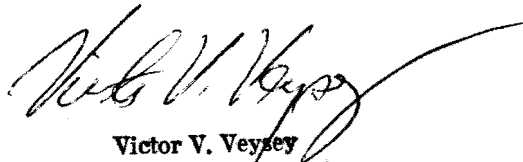
The purposes of the enrolled enactment are to further amend the Act to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the expenses of the Water Resources Council in administering the Act and to include the Territory of Guam for eligibility to receive water resources planning grants in the same manner as the other territories and the States. Section 1 of the bill would amend section 401(b) of the Act to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the annual expenses of the Water Resources Council from "not to exceed \$1,500,000" to "not to exceed \$2,000,000." Section 2 of the bill would amend section 306 of the Act by deleting the words "or the Virgin Islands" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the Virgin Islands or Guam."



If approved, the enrolled enactment would enable the Water Resources Council to continue to meet its responsibilities unencumbered by inflation in salaries and other expenses and would place Guam in the same position as the States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia for the eligibility of planning grants.

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 dark ink, appearing to read "Victor V. Veysey", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Victor V. Veysey
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: May 11

Time: 900am

FOR ACTION: George Humphreys
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus
Steve McConahey

cc (for information): Jack Marsh
Jim Cavanaugh
Ed Schmults

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: May 11

Time: 500pm

SUBJECT:

H.R. 11876 - Amendments to the Water Resources Planning
Act as amended



ACTION REQUESTED:

___ For Necessary Action

___ For Your Recommendations

___ Prepare Agenda and Brief

___ Draft Reply

X For Your Comments

___ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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No objection -- Ken Lazarus 5/11/76

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delay in submitting the required material, please
telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

James M. Cannon
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CAVANAUGH
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.*
SUBJECT: H.R. 11876 - Amendments to the Water Resources
Planning Act as amended

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

Attachments



THE WHITE HOUSE

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Recommended approval -

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James M. Cannon
 For the President



AMENDING THE WATER RESOURCES PLANNING ACT (79
STAT. 244) AS AMENDED

MARCH 30, 1976.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HALEY, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 11876]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 11876) to amend the Water Resources Planning Act (79 Stat. 244) as amended, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Page 1, lines 6 and 7, strike out “such sums as are necessary.” and insert in lieu thereof “not to exceed \$2 million.”

Page 1, following line 7, insert a new section as follows:

SEC. 2. Section 306 of the Water Resources Planning Act (79 Stat. 244, 253; 42 U.S.C. 1962c-5) is amended by deleting “or the Virgin Islands,” and inserting in lieu thereof “the Virgin Islands or Guam.”

H.R. 11876 was introduced as the result of an Executive communication from the Chairman of the Water Resources Council by Mr. Johnson of California for himself, Mr. Lujan, Mrs. Pettis, Mr. Don Clausen of California, and Mr. Weaver.

PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of this bill is to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for expenses of the Water Resources Council in administering the Water Resources Planning Act, Public Law 89-80.

BACKGROUND

The Water Resources Planning Act as enacted by the Congress in 1965 established the U.S. Water Resources Council; set forth the machinery for creating river basin commissions for the purpose of developing comprehensive river basin plans for water and related land and resource development programs; and authorized a program of

grants to the States to assist in the development of State water plans and general enhancement of local planning capabilities.

Section 401 of the Water Resources Planning Act as subsequently amended established limitations on the amount authorized to be appropriated for the various activities of the Council as follows:

- (1) The Federal share of funding river basin commissions—\$6 million annually;
- (2) expenses of the Water Resources Council in administering the act—\$1.5 million annually; and
- (3) a total of \$10 million for fiscal years 1976 and 1977 for preparation of assessments and coordinating preparation of river basin plans.

PRESENT LEGISLATION

H.R. 11876, as introduced, would have removed the limitation on funds authorized to be appropriated for expenses of the Council in administering the Water Resources Planning Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended H.R. 11876 to place an annual limitation of \$2 million on the amount to be appropriated for the expense of administering the Council. This sum compares with the amount included in the President's budget for fiscal year 1977 of \$1,748,000.

The committee further amended the bill by adopting language that would amend the Water Resources Planning Act to include the Territory of Guam for eligibility to receive water resources planning grants in the same manner as the other territories and the States.

COST, BUDGET ACT COMPLIANCE, AND INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

The additional public cost arising from the enactment of H.R. 11876 would not exceed \$500,000 annually and would be limited to \$248,000 during fiscal year 1977. This is the committee's estimate as required in rule XIII of the Rules of the House. Since the additional authorization is limited, there will be no significant effect on the budget and the inflationary impact will be minimal.¹

¹ Footnote is as follows:

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE—COST ESTIMATE

MARCH 30, 1976.

1. Bill number: H.R. 11876.
2. Bill title: Amendments to the Water Resources Planning Act as amended.
3. Purpose of bill: This bill increases from \$1.5 million to \$2 million the permanent authorization for annual expenses of the Water Resources Council in administering the Water Resources Planning Act. The provisions of this act are also extended to the Territory of Guam. This is an authorization bill that requires subsequent appropriation action.
4. Cost estimate: This bill increases by \$500,000 the annual amount that can be authorized for administration of the Water Resources Planning Act. The 5-year costs of this bill will be:

Fiscal year:	Authorization levels	Expenditures
1977 -----	500,000	500,000
1978 -----	500,000	500,000
1979 -----	500,000	500,000
1980 -----	500,000	500,000
1981 -----	500,000	500,000
Total -----	2,500,000	2,500,000

5. Basis for estimate: This bill involves a straightforward increase of \$500,000 in the amount that can be authorized. Since this additional amount is for administration, expenditures are assumed to be the same as authorization levels.

6. Estimate comparison: None.

7. Previous CBO estimate: None.

8. Estimate prepared by: Leo J. Corbett (225-5275).

9. Estimate approved by:

JAMES L. BLUM,
Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

H.R. 983

OVERSIGHT STATEMENT

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs continues to exercise oversight responsibilities in connection with the Water Resources Planning Act. Public hearings were held on this proposed legislation prior to its being recommended to the House. No recommendations on this subject have been submitted to the committee from the Committee on Government Operations to be included in this report under rule XI, clause 2(1)(3)(D).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, on the basis of a voice vote, recommends that H.R. 11876, as amended, be enacted.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION

An executive communication from the Chairman of the Water Resources Council, which transmitted draft legislation, is set forth in full below:

U.S. WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL,
Washington, D.C., February 5, 1976.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed is a bill to amend the Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-80) to provide for authorization of appropriations without limitation for expenses in administering the act. This amendment is necessary to support the President's fiscal year 1977 appropriations request which exceeds the current authorization limitation.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that this bill is consistent with the administration's objectives.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS S. KLEPPE, *Chairman.*

Enclosure.

A BILL To Amend the Water Resources Planning Act (79 Stat. 244)
as amended

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 (79 Stat. 214, as amended) is hereby further amended by deleting in section 401(b) the words "not to exceed \$1,500,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "such sums as are necessary".

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

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 italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

ACT OF JULY 22, 1965 (79 STAT. 244)

* * * * *

H.R. 983

SEC. 306. For the purpose of this title the term "State" means a State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, [or the Virgin Islands] *the Virgin Islands, or Guam.*

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SEC. 401. There are authorized to be appropriated to the Water Resources Council:

(a) Not to exceed \$6,000,000 annually for the Federal share of the expenses of administration and operation of river basin commissions, including salaries and expenses of the chairmen, but not including funds authorized by subsection (c) below: *Provided*, That not more than \$750,000 annually shall be available under this subsection for any single river basin commission;

(b) [Not to exceed \$1,500,000] *Not to exceed \$2,000,000* annually for the expenses of the Water Resources Council in administering this Act, not including funds authorized by subsection (c) below;

(c) Not to exceed \$3,500,000 annually for fiscal years 1974 and 1975 for preparation of assessments, and for directing and coordinating the preparation of such regional or river basin plans as the Council determines are necessary and desirable in carrying out the policy of this Act: *Provided*, That not more than \$2,500,000 shall be available under this subsection for the preparation of assessments: *Provided further*, That the Council may transfer funds authorized by this subsection to river basin commissions and to Federal and State agencies upon such terms and conditions as it determines are necessary and desirable to carry out the above functions in an economical, efficient, and timely manner, and that such commissions and agencies are hereby authorized to receive and expend such funds pursuant to this subsection.

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AMENDING THE WATER RESOURCES PLANNING ACT (79 STAT. 244) AS AMENDED

APRIL 29, 1976.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. METCALF, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 11876]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to which was referred the act (H.R. 11876), to amend the Water Resources Planning Act (79 Stat. 244) as amended, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the act do pass.

PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of this act is to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for expenses of the Water Resources Council in administering the Water Resources Planning Act and to add the Territory of Guam for eligibility to receive water planning grants under title III of the act.

BACKGROUND AND NEED

The Water Resources Planning Act (79 Stat. 244) established that it is the policy of the Congress to encourage the conservation, development and utilization of water and related land resources of the United States on a comprehensive and coordinated basis by all levels of government and the private sector. Title I of the act established the Water Resources Council; title II authorized the establishment and set forth the purposes of River Basin Commission; title III authorized a program of financial assistance to the States for water related planning.

Section 401 of the Water Resources Planning Act, as amended, established limitations on the amount authorized to be appropriated for the various activities of the Water Resources Council as follows:

- (1) The Federal share of funding river basin commissions—\$6 million annually;

(2) expenses of the Council in administering the act—\$1,500,000 annually; and

(3) a total of \$10 million for fiscal years 1976 and 1977 for preparation of assessments and coordinating preparation of river basin plans.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

H.R. 11876 was introduced, by request, by Congressman Harold Johnson and others. The bill passed the House of Representatives on April 5, 1976, and was forwarded to the Senate on April 6, 1976.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, in open business session on April 28, 1976, by unanimous vote of a quorum present recommends that the Senate pass H.R. 11876.

COSTS AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The additional public cost arising from the enactment of H.R. 11876 would not exceed \$500,000 annually and would be limited to \$248,000 during fiscal year 1977. As required by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, as amended, the Committee's estimate of the cost of carrying out the proposed measure (H.R. 11876) for the 5 fiscal years beginning with the fiscal year 1977 is as follows:

	Authorization levels	Expenditures
Fiscal year:		
1977.....	\$248,000	\$248,000
1978.....	500,000	500,000
1979.....	500,000	500,000
1980.....	500,000	500,000
1981.....	500,000	500,000
Total.....	2,248,000	2,248,000

This estimate is based upon an increase of \$500,000 in authorizations and since this additional amount is for administration, expenditures can be assumed to be the same as authorization levels.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

An executive communication from the Chairman of the Water Resources Council, which transmitted draft legislation, is set forth below:

U.S. WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL,
Washington, D.C., February 5, 1976.

HON. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER,
President of the Senate,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: Enclosed is a bill to amend the Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-80) to provide for authorization of appropriations without limitation for expenses in administering the act. This amendment is necessary to support the

President's fiscal year 1977 appropriations request which exceeds the current authorization limitation.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that this bill is consistent with the administration's objectives.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS S. KLEPPE,
Chairman.

[Enclosure.]

A Bill To Amend the Water Resources Planning Act
(79 Stat. 244) as amended

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 (79 Stat. 244, as amended) is hereby further amended by deleting in section 401(b) the words "not to exceed \$1,500,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "such sums as are necessary".

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In accordance with subsection (4) of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law recommended by the bill accompanying this report are shown as follows (deleted matter is shown in black brackets and new matter is printed in italic; and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

WATER RESOURCES PLANNING ACT OF 1965

(75 Stat. 244, as Amended)

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Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

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

An Act

To amend the Water Resources Planning Act (79 Stat. 244) as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 (79 Stat. 244, as amended) is hereby further amended by deleting, in section 401(b), the words "not to exceed \$1,500,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "not to exceed \$2,000,000".

SEC. 2. Section 306 of the Water Resources Planning Act (79 Stat. 244, 253; 42 U.S.C. 1962c-5) is amended by deleting "or the Virgin Islands." and inserting in lieu thereof "the Virgin Islands or Guam."

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

May 4, 1976

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on May 4th:

S. 2115 ✓
H.R. 2782 ✓
H.R. 11876 ✓

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.

