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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION

WASHINGTON

Last Day: May 31

May 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON

SUBJECT:

H.R. 11619 - Authorize Appropriations
for the Council on Environmental
Quality

Attached for your consideration is H.R. 11619, sponsored
by Representative Sullivan and four others.

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Quality are authorized under two separate statutes. One of
the statutes provides authorization for appropriations of
\$2 million annually with \$500,000 for the transition
period and expires September 30, 1976. The enrolled bill
extends this Act with a 2-year authorization of \$3 million
per year, through September 30, 1978.

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. 11619 at Tab B.





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

MAY 25 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 11619 - Authorize appropriations for the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
Sponsors - Rep. Sullivan (D) Missouri and 4 others

Last Day for Action

May 31, 1976 - Monday

Purpose

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Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Council on Environmental Quality	Approval

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The enrolled bill, H.R. 11619, extends this latter Act with a 2-year authorization of \$3 million per year, through September 30, 1978.

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James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

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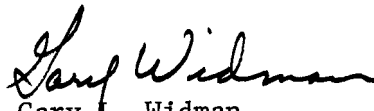
May 18, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES M. FREY
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

ATTENTION: MS. RAMSEY

SUBJECT: H.R. 11619 - Enrolled -- To authorize further
appropriations for the Council on Environmental
Quality

The Council on Environmental Quality strongly recommends
that the President sign the subject Act into law.


Gary L. Widman
General Counsel



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LOG NO.:

Date: May 28

Time: 900am

FOR ACTION: George Humphreys
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus

cc (for information):

Jack Marsh
Jim Cavanaugh
Ed Schmults

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date:

May 28

Time:

500pm

SUBJECT:

H.R. 11619 - Authorize appropriations for
Council on Environmental Quality

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

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No objection -- Ken Lazarus 5/28/76

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For the President

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MARCH 11, 1976.—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

together with

DISSENTING VIEWS

[To accompany H.R. 11619]

The Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 11619) to authorize further appropriations for the Office of Environmental Quality, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That section 205 of the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4374) is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 205. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the operations of the Office of Environmental Quality and the Council on Environmental Quality not to exceed the following sums for the following fiscal years which sums are in addition to those contained in Public Law 91-190:

- "(a) \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976.
- "(b) \$500,000 for the transition period (July 1, 1976, to September 30, 1976).
- "(c) \$3,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1977.
- "(d) \$3,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978."

Amend the title so as to read:

A BILL To authorize further appropriations for the Council on Environmental Quality

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

The purpose of the legislation is to increase the authorizations available to the Council on Environmental Quality by amending the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970 to authorize the ap-

appropriation of \$3 million, for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 1977 and September 30, 1978.

LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) was created by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). That Act provided funding for the Council at a constant level of \$1 million for the fiscal years 1972 and thereafter. That authorization is still in effect. Shortly after NEPA was enacted, the Congress also adopted the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-224). That Act created an Office of Environmental Quality, also under the general direction of the Chairman of CEQ. The budget authorization for that office has been utilized by the Council for the carrying out of its programs, but that authorization expires on September 30, 1976.

Accordingly, on January 28, 1976, the President proposed legislation to extend the authorization of funds available to the Council on Environmental Quality, pursuant to the Environmental Quality Improvement Act. The proposed legislation was open-ended, authorizing \$2 million for fiscal year ending September 30, 1977, and for each fiscal year thereafter. On January 29, the Administration communication was referred to this Committee and introduced by Mrs. Sullivan in the form of H.R. 11619.

Hearings were held on this bill on February 5, 1976.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR THIS LEGISLATION

The Council on Environmental Quality acts as the principal advisor to the President in matters relating to the quality of the American environment, and on Federal agency programs as they may affect, adversely or otherwise, that environment. A small professional staff assists the Council in its performance of the duties assigned to it by the two Acts from what it draws its authority.

For the coming fiscal year, the President has requested the sum of \$2,915,000 for the Council. Of this sum, \$1 million would be authorized by the National Environmental Policy Act, and the balance of almost \$1.915 million, by the Environmental Quality Improvement Act.

The Council has many duties: these include the preparation of an annual report to the President and to the public detailing its activities during the past year, conducting environmental research, developing environmental monitoring indices, reviewing existing Federal environmental programs, and recommending environmental initiatives to the President. The Council is also responsible for the publication of guidelines, as a means of instructing other agencies as to the methods and procedures that should be followed in the preparation of environmental impact statements pursuant to Sec. 102(2)(C) of NEPA. On the whole, the Council has performed its duties in a creditable and useful fashion, and has provided information on the consequences of many planned Federal programs and projects; that information has in turn often resulted in beneficial changes in the ways those projects are to be executed.

If this legislation is not enacted, the Council's funding authorities would be reduced to \$1 million—a sum which would severely hamper the Council's work. Over the past 5 years, the Council's small staff has been reduced by almost 30 percent while their workload has doubled. It was for this reason primarily that the Committee overwhelmingly supported an increase in the authorization for the Office of Environmental Quality from \$2 million to \$3 million for each of the next 2 fiscal years.

THE AMENDMENTS

The amendment to the bill will replace the open-ended authorization contained in the Administration proposal with a 2-year authorization of \$3 million per year. Further, the title to the bill was amended to make it more consistent with its purpose.

COST OF THE LEGISLATION

In the event that this legislation is enacted into law, the Committee estimates the maximum cost to the Federal Government to be \$3 million for each of the two fiscal years ending September 30, 1977 and September 30, 1978. After reviewing this estimate of costs with respect to this legislation, the Committee has concluded that these costs are reasonable and that the costs incurred in carrying out this legislation will be consistent with those estimates.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XI

(1) With respect to the requirements of clause 2(1)(3)(A) of rule XI, of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment, held 4 days of oversight hearings in September, 1975, on the administration of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The Congressional Research Service, at the request of the Committee, has prepared a summary report of those hearings. However, the Committee has not made any formal findings or recommendations at this time.

(2) With respect to the requirements of clauses 2(1)(3)(B) and (C), of Rule XI of the Rules, the bill does not provide new budget authority or increased tax expenditures, and it has received no estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office. Consequently, no such information is supplied to meet these requirements.

(3) With respect to the requirements of clause 2(1)(3)(D), of Rule XI of the Rules, the Committee has received no report from the Committee on Government Operations on this subject.

(4) The Committee reports that enactment of H.R. 6054 as amended would have no inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the national economy.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

H.R. 11619 was the subject of Executive Communication No. 2405 from the Council on Environmental Quality dated January 26, 1976. A copy of the communication follows herewith:

[Exec. Comm. No. 2405]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY,
Washington, D.C., January 26, 1976.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: There is transmitted herewith a proposed bill, "To authorize further appropriations for the Office of Environmental Quality, and for other purposes."

One of the purposes of the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-224) is "to authorize an Office of Environmental Quality, which, notwithstanding any other provision of law, shall provide the professional and administrative staff for the Council on Environmental Quality established by Public Law 91-190." Section 203 of the Act authorized appropriations on a sliding scale ending with fiscal year 1973. This was amended by Public Law 93-36 and Public Law 94-52 authorizing appropriations through fiscal year 1976. A new authorization beginning with fiscal year 1977, to supplement the standing authorization in Public Law 91-190, is necessary to enable the Council to continue performance of the functions and responsibilities contained in Public Law 91-224 and Public Law 91-190.

The proposed bill would authorize "\$2,000,000 for fiscal year 1977, and for each fiscal year thereafter."

The Council has been advised by the Office of Management and Budget that enactment of the proposed legislation would be consistent with the Administration's objections.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BUSTERUD,
Acting Chairman.

A BILL To authorize further appropriations for the Office of Environmental Quality, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 205 of the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4374) is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 205. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the operations of the Office of Environmental Quality and the Council on Environmental Quality \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1977, and for each fiscal year thereafter. This authorization is in addition to those contained in Public Law 91-190."

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with clause 3 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, as amended, 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):

SECTION 205 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1970, AS AMENDED (42 U.S.C. 4374; 84 STAT. 114)

[SEC. 205. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the operations of the Office of Environmental Quality and the Council on Environmental Quality \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, and not to exceed \$500,000 for the transition period (July 1, 1976 to September 30, 1976). This authorization is in addition to those contained in Public Law 91-190.]

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There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the operations of the Office of Environmental Quality and the Council on Environmental Quality not to exceed the following sums for the following fiscal years which runs in addition to those contained in Public Law 91-190:

- (a) \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978.
- (b) \$200,000 for the transition period (July 1, 1978 to September 30, 1979).
- (c) \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979.
- (d) \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980.

It is the sense of the House that the authorization in Public Law 91-190 should be continued in order to ensure the continued performance of the functions and responsibilities contained in Public Law 91-190 and Public Law 91-191.

The proposed bill would authorize "\$2,000,000 for each year and for each fiscal year thereafter."

The Council has been advised by the Office of Management and Budget that enactment of the proposed legislation would be consistent with the Administration's objectives.

Sincerely,
JOHN A. RUTENFRANZ,
Acting Chairman.

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DISSENTING VIEWS ON H.R. 11619

The rapid and excessive growth of the national debt has caused such severe problems for this Nation that a new realism has developed. The essence of this new realism is that the Federal Government can no longer incur the large deficits which have characterized the recent past. Clearly the Congress and the Nation must accept the responsibility for restraining government spending.

Recognizing that there is a limit on available resources which will result in the setting of priorities and while it is clear that environmental protection has a very high priority, it is also clear that the Nation cannot afford to fund these priorities at the maximum level at this point in time.

For these reasons, we cannot support H.R. 11619 as reported by the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. This bill exceeds the President's budget request by over \$1 million in Fiscal Year 1977. It is also likely the Fiscal Year 1978 authorization approved by the Committee will far exceed what the President has determined is necessary and appropriate for the Council of Environmental Quality to discharge its responsibilities.

GENE SNYDER.
BOB BAUMAN.

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AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MAY 11, 1976.—Ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 11619]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to which was referred the Act H.R. 11619, to authorize further appropriations for the Council on Environmental Quality, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the Act do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the legislation is to continue the authorizations of appropriations for the operations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) by amending the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970 to authorize the appropriation of \$3 million for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 1977 and September 30, 1978.

BACKGROUND AND NEED

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Although the President had requested an extension of the EQIA authorizations for an indefinite period at \$2 million annually, the

House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee amended H.R. 11619 to provide for a limited, two-year authorization of \$3 million per year.

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The Council has many duties: these include the preparation of an annual report to the President and to the public detailing the state of the environment, conducting environmental research, developing environmental monitoring indices, reviewing existing environmental programs, and recommending environmental initiatives to the President.

The Council is also responsible for instructing other agencies as to the methods and procedures that should be followed in the preparation of environmental impact statements pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. In addition the Council was directed under the Federal Non-Nuclear Research and Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-577) to carry out a continuing evaluation of the adequacy of the attention paid by Federal energy research and development programs to energy conservation and to the environmental consequences of energy technologies.

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If this legislation is not enacted, the Council's funding authorities would be reduced to \$1 million—a sum which would severely hamper the Council's work.

For the coming fiscal year, the President has requested the sum of \$2,915,000 for the Council. Of this sum, \$1 million would be authorized by the National Environmental Policy Act, and the balance of almost \$1.915 million, by the Environmental Quality Improvement Act. The latter figure cannot be appropriated without the passage of H.R. 11619.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

During the first session of the 94th Congress, the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs unanimously recommended the enactment of H.R. 6054, a related measure to H.R. 11619, on June 17, 1975. As enacted, H.R. 6054 (Public Law 94-52) extended the authorizations available to the Council on Environmental Quality by amending the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970 to authorize the appropriation of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 1976 and \$500,000 for the transition period (July 1, 1976, to September 30, 1976).

H.R. 11619 was passed by the House of Representatives on March 15, 1976. It would provide a \$3 million authorization for fiscal years 1977 and 1978. Hearings on H.R. 11619 were held by the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries on February 5, 1976.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND TABULATION OF VOTES

The Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, in open business session on April 28, 1976, by majority voice vote of a quorum present recommended that the Senate pass H.R. 11619 without amendment. Senator Fannin asked to be recorded an opposition to the measure.

COST

In accordance with subsection (a) of section 252 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, the Committee estimates the additional cost to the Federal Government as the result of this legislation will be \$3 million for each of the 2 fiscal years ending September 30, 1977 and September 30, 1978.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION

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Acting Chairman.

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,
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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

May 19, 1976

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on May 19th:

S. 1494 ✓
H.R. 2279 ✓
H.R. 8089 ✓
H.R. 11619 ✓

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.