

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 19, 1974

The President pro tempore
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1975, involving transfers of \$7,400,000 from other appropriations, for the Department of Labor. These requests will not increase the 1975 budget.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,

GERALD R. FORD

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The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1975 for the Department of Labor, involving authority to transfer \$7,400,000 from other appropriations, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Expenses

To provide an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses," not to exceed \$6,800,000 may be transferred from other appropriations to the Department of Labor, of which not to exceed \$1,800,000 may be transferred from appropriations available for salaries and expenses and not to exceed \$5,000,000 may be transferred from appropriations available for research.

The transfers requested would meet initial requirements for the increased enforcement activity and studies required by the recent amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act; the added responsibilities of administering the requirement in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that Federal contractors take affirmative action to employ the handicapped; the unexpected increase in workload under the 1973 amendments to the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act; and the increased administrative costs and studies required by the recent amendments to the Federal Employees Compensation Act. The salaries and expense transfers would be made from savings in the Department of Labor resulting primarily from the recently announced Government-wide employment reduction, and the research transfers from programs of lesser priority than these Congressionally required studies.

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

Salaries and Expenses

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses," \$600,000, which shall be in addition to the amount made available in the appropriation under this Head in the Departments of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare Appropriation Act, 1975, for expenses of revising the Consumer Price Index, and which shall be transferred from other appropriations to the Department of Labor available for research.

The request covers the additional cost to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of designing two revised Consumer Price Indexes, thus permitting continuation of the current index for urban wage earners and clerical workers as well as publication of an index for all urban households when the revision is completed in 1977.

These requests will not increase the 1975 budget totals.

I have carefully reviewed the proposal for appropriations contained in this document and am satisfied that this request is necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that this proposal be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Roy L. Ash
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Director