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[Proposed Rescission of Budget Authority Provided to the Department of Labor]. OGC-79-2; B-115398. October 17, 1978. 1 pp.

Report to the Congress; by Elmer B. Staats, Comptroller General.

Contact: Office of the General Counsel.

Budget Function: Miscellaneous: Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (1005).

Organization Concerned: Department of Labor; Employment and Training Administration.

Congressional Relevance: Congress.

Authority: Second Supplemental Appropriation Act [of] 1978 (P.L. 95-355). Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

The President's 11th special message for fiscal year 1978 pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 proposed the rescission of \$10.8 million in annual budget authority that had been provided to the Department of Labor. The funds were appropriated for the Employment and Training Administration's implementation of the Community Service Employment Program for Older Americans. The total amount lapsed on September 30, 1978, because none of these funds had been obligated as of that date. The funds lapsed prior to the expiration of the 45-day period for congressional consideration of the rescission proposal because the appropriation act was not passed until very late in the fiscal year. (HTW)



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IN REPLY
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To the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives

On September 28, 1978, we received copies of the President's 11th special message for fiscal year 1978 that was transmitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

The special message proposed the rescission of \$10.8 million in annual budget authority that had been provided to the Department of Labor (R78-8). The funds were appropriated specifically for the Employment and Training Administration's implementation of the Community Service Employment Program for Older Americans. The funds were provided by the Second Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-355, approved September 8, 1978.

We have confirmed that the information contained in the special message is correct. However, we point out that all of the \$10.8 million involved in the subject rescission lapsed on September 30, 1978, because none of these annual funds had been obligated as of that date. We also note that the funds lapsed prior to the expiration of the prescribed 45-day period for congressional consideration of the rescission proposal. We attribute this to the fact that the appropriation act was not passed until very late in the fiscal year. Thus, because only 22 days remained in fiscal year 1978 when the appropriation act was enacted, the executive branch had insufficient time in which to process the rescission proposal so that the full 45-day period would be available.


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