

**DOCUMENT RESUME**

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[ President's Special Message pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 ]. OGC-78-11; B-115398. June 22, 1978. 2 pp.

Report to the Congress; by Robert F. Keller, Acting Comptroller General.

Contact: Office of the General Counsel.

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

Organization Concerned: Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Department of the Interior; Department of the Treasury; Department of Agriculture; Forest Service.

Authority: Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

The President's ninth special message for fiscal year 1978 pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 proposed a rescission of \$48 million in budget authority for the military assistance program, three new deferrals totaling \$8.1 million, and revisions to three previously proposed deferrals. The period during which funds may be withheld pending congressional consideration of a rescission bill will end July 29, 1978. The reserve for rescission of military assistance funds was established April 28, 1978, 37 days before it was reported to the Congress. Reserves established pursuant to the act should be timely reported. Proposed deferrals under the Department of Commerce were as follows: Regional Action Planning Commissions--Regional Development Programs; and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration--Operations, Research, and Facilities and Fishermen's Guaranty Fund. Other proposed deferrals were: Department of the Interior, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service--Land and Water Conservator Fund; Department of the Treasury, Office of the Secretary--Antirecession Financial Assistance Fund; and Department of Agriculture, Forest Service--Licensee Programs. (HTW)

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COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

IN REPLY  
REFER TO: B-115398

June 22, 1978

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

On June 6, 1978, we received copies of the President's ninth special message for fiscal year 1978 that was transmitted to the Congress pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

The special message proposed a rescission of \$48 million in budget authority for the military assistance program, three new deferrals totalling \$8.1 million, and revisions to three previously proposed deferrals as follows.

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

R78-6 International Security Assistance  
Military Assistance  
117/81080 and 1181080

Based on the current legislative calendar, the 45-day period of continuous session during which the funds may be withheld pending congressional consideration of a rescission bill will end July 29, 1978.

The budget documents show the reserve for this rescission was established April 28, 1978--37 days before it was reported to Congress. In this light, we must once again point out the need for timely reporting of reserves established pursuant to the Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

D78-64 Regional Action Planning Commissions  
Regional Development Programs  
13X2100

Please note the appropriation symbol change from  
12X2100.

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D78-65 National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration  
Operations, Research, and Facilities  
13X1450

D78-10A National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration  
Fishermen's Guaranty Fund  
13X4318

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

D78-16A Heritage Conservation and  
Recreation Service  
Land and Water Conservation Fund  
14X5005

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

D78-66 Office of the Secretary  
Antirecession Financial Assistance  
Fund  
208/90108

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

D78-4A Forest Service  
Licensee Programs, Forest Service  
12X5214

Except as noted above, we conclude the information provided in the above rescission and deferral proposals is correct and that the actions being proposed have been clearly and accurately stated.

  
Acting Comptroller General  
of the United States