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#### 1983 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

#### Administration Position

o A letter has been sent indicating that the <u>Senate Committee</u> version of this bill is unacceptable to the Administration—unless significant effort is made to reduce unrequested amounts for domestic discretionary programs.

#### Unrequested Domestic Increases

- o The Senate Committee bill contains a total of \$1.1 billion in funding for programs where no supplemental request was made and for which funds are not needed.
- o Attached is a list of major unrequested increases.

# UNREQUESTED PROGRAM INCREASES IN SENATE COMMITTEE VERSION OF 1983 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

	\$ in millions
1)	Elderly Food Donations +\$16
	o \$100 million is already appropriated for FY1983. Add-on breaks the budget and gives quasi-entitlement status to this annually-appropriated program.
2)	Farm Ownership Loans+\$100
	o \$740 million already available it is counterproductive to expand cheap farmland purchase credit in the context of a depressed farm economy and the highest CCC price support outlays in history (\$21 billion).
3)	Rural Water and Sewer Grants and Loans +\$300
,	o \$800 million available already (57% increase over FY 1982). The current resource level is already more than can be productively obligated in FY 1983.
4)	Corps of Engineers+\$35
	o \$389 million add-on already enacted in Jobs Bill. The claimed deficiency in the emergency fund is not valid because surpluses in other accounts can be reprogrammed to cover any shortfalls.
5)	<pre>Interior/Park Service Land Acquisition +\$64</pre>
	o Provides \$34 million expansion of Redwoods National Park, and funds payments for Cranberry Wilderness Area.

In signing legislation authorizing the latter (1/83), the President said he would "object strongly to any appropriation."

6)	Abandoned Mine Reclamation +\$55
	o The current appropriation of \$133 million is 1248 increase over 1982. Supplemental would result in 2008 increase. Since the program is in the start-up stage, only 31% of the existing appropriation has been obligated through May. Added funds would be wasteful.
7)	Indian Health Service +\$24
	o \$39 million in funds for construction is already provided in the Jobs Bill, but designated for lower-priority sewer construction. It would be better to reprogram these funds than add more.
8)	Strategic Petroleum Reserve Construction (Big Hill) +\$370
	o Sufficient funds are already available to complete design and site work on present schedule. There is no need to accelerate construction given the present fill rate.
9)	Education of Handicapped +\$48
	o With \$970 million already appropriated, this is a gratuitous add-on. Would increase handicapped resources available at the local level by less than 0.5%.
10)	Other Increases
	o The bill contains unrequested and unnecessary funding for 22 other items, in amounts ranging from \$100,000 t \$20 million, for such diverse programs as highway interchange construction, the \$5 billion biomedical
11)	research institutes, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Senate Conference Committees.  TOTAL UNREQUESTED INCREASES\$1,110
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