

and LAAP—for fiscal year 1999. I look forward to working with the Congress to ensure this funding is made available.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,  
October 7, 1998.

NOTE: H.R. 6, approved October 7, was assigned Public Law No. 105–244.

## Statement on Signing the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1999

*October 7, 1998*

Today I have signed into law H.R. 4060, the “Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1999,” which provides \$20.8 billion in discretionary budget authority for the programs of the Department of Energy (DOE), the Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Reclamation, the Army Corps of Engineers, and several smaller agencies.

The Act provides necessary funding to maintain my Administration’s commitment to ensuring the safety and reliability of our Nation’s nuclear weapons stockpile without nuclear testing. It also supports DOE’s basic science programs, including funding for the Spallation Neutron Source Program. The Act also provides funding to develop and protect the Nation’s water resources.

I am pleased that the Act includes authority to transfer funds to support the operation of the D.C. Courts.

However, I am disappointed that the Congress did not include my funding request for valuable research and development investments in renewable energy sources, and I will work with the Congress to explore options for funding these important investments. I am also dis-

appointed that the Congress provided no funding for the Next Generation Internet and for discretionary programs of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and inadequate funding for the Clean Water Initiative, including the Initiative’s Everglades restoration activities and Columbia River salmon recovery efforts. I look forward to working with the Congress on options for financing and increasing support for these initiatives in the future.

Only 4 of the 13 FY 1999 appropriations bills have been sent to the White House. These 13 bills must be passed to fund the operation of the Government for the fiscal year that began on October 1. Time is growing short, and I urge the Congress not to delay, but to complete its work on the remaining bills by the end of this week, and to send them to me in an acceptable form.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

The White House,  
October 7, 1998.

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## Remarks at the League of Conservation Voters Dinner

*October 7, 1998*

Thank you very much for that wonderful welcome. Let me say, first of all, I want to thank Deb Callahan for her opening remarks and her leadership. I thank your chairman, Mike Hayden. I’d like to thank my EPA Administrator, Carol Browner, for being here and for the good job she does. I’d like to say a special word

of appreciation to the three Members of Congress who are here tonight, without whom I could have accomplished very little over these last 6 years. Thank you, George Miller, Norm Dicks, Maurice Hinchey. Thank you for what you have done for our country.