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An Act

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To authorize appropriations for the National Space Council, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "National Space Council Authorization Act of 1990".

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 2. There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the activities of the National Space Council established by section 501 of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act, fiscal year 1989 (42 U.S.C. 2471), $1,200,000 for fiscal year 1990. The National Space Council shall reimburse other agencies for not less than one-half of the personnel compensation costs of individuals detailed to it.

STAFFING

Sec. 3. (a) Not more than six individuals may be employed by the National Space Council without regard to any provision of law regulating the employment or compensation of persons in the Government service, at rates not to exceed the rate of pay for level VI of the Senior Executive Schedule as provided pursuant to section 5382 of title 5, United States Code.

(b) Section 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Executive Secretary, National Space Council."

EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS

Sec. 4. The National Space Council may, for purposes of carrying out its functions, employ experts and consultants in accordance with section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, and may compensate individuals so employed for each day they are involved in a business of the National Space Council (including traveltime) at rates not in excess of the daily equivalent of the maximum rate of pay for grade GS-18 as provided pursuant to section 5382 of title 5, United States Code.

REVIEW OF LAUNCH INDUSTRY

Sec. 5. (a) The National Space Council is requested to initiate a review of United States launch policy, including the Nation's expendable launch vehicle and satellite industries, their current and projected markets, the existing and projected level of foreign competition in these industries, the extent and level of support from foreign governments in these markets and industries, the con-
sequences of the entry of nonmarket providers of launch services and satellites into the world market, restrictions on the use of foreign launch services and the export of United States satellites, and the importance of the United States launch vehicle and satellite industry to the national and economic security.

(b) The findings of this review and any policy recommendations are to be submitted to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives by August 1, 1990.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Sec. 6. The provisions of this Act are effective as of October 1, 1989.

Approved July 8, 1990.