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95th Congress

Joint Resolution

Dec. 9, 1977
[H.J. Res. 662]

Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1978, and for other purposes.

Continuing appropriations, 1978.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units of the Government for the fiscal year 1978, namely:

District of Columbia.

SEC. 101. Such amounts as may be necessary for continuing projects or activities which were conducted in the fiscal year 1977, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority would be available in the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 1978 (H.R. 9005) as passed the House of Representatives or the Senate, but at a rate of operations not in excess of the current rate: *Provided*, That the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions shall be continued at an annual rate of not to exceed $500,000: *Provided further*, That the rate of operations for the Disaster Loan Fund of the Small Business Administration contained in said Act shall be the rate as passed the Senate.

Departments of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare.

Abortions.

Such amounts as may be necessary for projects or activities provided for in the Departments of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1978 (H.R. 7555), at a rate of operations, and to the extent and in the manner, provided for in such Act, notwithstanding the provisions of Sec. 106 of this joint resolution: *Provided*, That none of the funds provided for in this paragraph shall be used to perform abortions except where the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term; or except for such medical procedures necessary for the victims of rape or incest, when such rape or incest has been reported promptly to a law enforcement agency or public health service; or except in those instances where severe and long-lasting physical health damage to the mother would result if the pregnancy were carried to term when so determined by two physicians.

Nor are payments prohibited for drugs or devices to prevent implantation of the fertilized ovum, or for medical procedures necessary for the termination of an ectopic pregnancy.

Regulations.

The Secretary shall promptly issue regulations and establish procedures to ensure that the provisions of this section are rigorously enforced.

Funds, availability.

SEC. 102. Appropriations and funds made available and authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution shall be available from December 1, 1977, and shall remain available until (a) enactment into law of an appropriation for any project or activity provided for in this joint resolution, or (b) September 30, 1978, whichever first occurs.

SEC. 103. Appropriations and funds made available or authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution may be used without regard to the time limitations for submission and approval of apportionments set forth in 31 U.S.C. 665(d)(2), but nothing herein shall be construed to waive any other provision of law governing the apportionment of funds.

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SEC. 104. Appropriations made and authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution shall cover all obligations or expenditures incurred for any project or activity during the period for which funds or authority for such project or activity are available under this joint resolution.

SEC. 105. Expenditures made pursuant to this joint resolution shall be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization whenever a bill in which such applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization is contained is enacted into law.

SEC. 106. No appropriation or fund made available or authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution shall be used to initiate or resume any project or activity for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were not available during the fiscal year 1977.

SEC. 107. All obligations incurred in anticipation of the appropriations and authority provided in this joint resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed if otherwise in accordance with the provisions of this joint resolution.

Approved December 9, 1977.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 95-824 (Comm. on Appropriations).
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 123 (1977):
Dec. 6, considered and passed House; considered and passed Senate, amended.
Dec. 7, House concurred in Senate amendment No. 1, concurred in Senate amendment No. 2 with an amendment. Senate concurred in House amendment.
WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 13, No. 50:
Dec. 9, Presidential statement.