

of the Budget in bringing about more efficient and economical conduct of Government service has been an outstanding one.

As already demonstrated in actual, hard dollar savings, H.R. 5171 anticipates that the GSA also can be a valuable working tool of the Bureau of the Budget in effectively coordinating overall Government policies in regard to the procurement and utilization of exceptionally expensive automatic data processing equipment. The Bureau of the Budget, of course, will continue to exercise ultimate control for the President of the procurement and use of this equipment through its unquestioned authority in assisting the President in the preparation of the executive budget and control over the administration of the budget.

It can also be anticipated that under the coordinated management program proposed in H.R. 5171, legislative review and control of Government automatic data processing operations can be greatly improved. Comprehensive information—from one source—will be available to the substantive committees of Congress as a valuable aid to plans and programs. The Appropriations Committees will have all the facts concerning all ADP equipment readily available in determining proper funding for these important but costly installations. And, of course, effective centralization of the management of this equipment will materially assist the Government Operations Committee and the Comptroller General in our periodic review of these activities.

H.R. 5171 offers the opportunity for a comprehensive, coordinated Government-wide ADP program which can be reflected into improved governmental services to the American public. It is vitally important that the authority outlined in this proposal, which will have such a beneficial impact upon the internal management of governmental affairs, be approved without delay. Equally important, the American taxpayers can justifiably view with great impatience any delays postponing the day when savings amounting to more than \$100 million a year can begin to accrue to their benefit.

(H.R. 5171 follows:)

[H.R. 5171, 88th Cong., 1st sess.]

A BILL To authorize the Administrator of the General Services Administration to coordinate and otherwise provide for the economic and efficient purchase, lease, maintenance, operation, and utilization of electronic data processing equipment by Federal departments and agencies

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title I of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 377), as amended, is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"Sec. 111. The Administrator is authorized and directed to coordinate and control the purchase, lease, maintenance, and use of electronic data processing equipment by Federal agencies, and to operate or provide for the operation by delegation of authority or otherwise, of such equipment. Electronic data processing equipment suitable for efficient and effective use by Federal agencies shall be provided by the Administrator through purchase, lease, transfer of equipment from other Federal agencies, or otherwise and the Administrator is authorized and directed to provide by contract or otherwise for the maintenance and repair of such equipment. In carrying out his responsibilities under this section the Administrator is authorized to transfer electronic data processing equipment between Federal agencies, to require joint utilization of such equipment by two or more Federal agencies, and to establish equipment pools and data processing centers for such joint use when necessary for its