

Commission by June 30, 1969, at the latest and limits to \$4 million the appropriations that may be made for all of the Commission's work.

NEED

The committee is convinced that, if the Commission is to complete the comprehensive review envisioned when it was established, additional time will be required, beyond December 31, 1968, for submission of the Commission's report and recommendations and that completion of the studies that should be made under its direction will require the expenditure of funds in excess of the existing \$4 million ceiling on appropriations.

The bulk of the Commission's study program is being accomplished under contract pursuant to specific authority granted to the Commission by the act of September 19, 1964.

As a result of the completion of five contracts, the receipt of proposals on two additional studies, and extensive discussions with potential contractors, the Commission has been able to project estimates of both time and money for the completion of all of its studies. The committee believes that the Commission's estimates of (1) a requirement to have until June 30, 1970, to submit its report, and (2) \$7,390,000 for all expenses are reasonable.

The Commission estimates that the cost of its entire study program and related work will approximate \$3,388,119 of which \$957,000 has been or is available to it. This leaves \$2,431,119 unfunded but required to complete the study program and related work.

The committee was advised that of the existing appropriation authorization of \$4 million, there have been appropriated to the Commission \$2,867,000. This leaves unappropriated within the current authorization ceiling, \$1,133,000, an amount that is obviously not sufficient to fund all of the remaining contract studies and related work at the level planned by the Commission.

Accordingly, the authorization for increased appropriations is essential if the Commission's study program is to continue as planned. The committee believes that the study program should proceed as planned and therefore urges enactment of H.R. 12121. In this connection, the committee was advised that the limiting date for the report of June 30, 1970, is based on the assumption that additional funds for contracting will be available to the Commission approximately October 1, 1967. If funds are not available at that time, a reexamination will be required as to the time necessary for completion of the Commission's work and submission of its report.

Also included in H.R. 12121 is a provision to permit the Commission, at its hearings, to take testimony or receive evidence under oath. This authority, the committee believes, is desirable in the circumstances.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee adopted an amendment to correct the date given in the title of the bill.

COST

As indicated above, enactment of H.R. 12121 will necessitate an increase in the budgetary requirements by a total of \$3,390,000. Of the additional funds to be authorized, \$1,790,000 will be for contract