

Water.

Regional and local land use planning.

Outdoor recreation.

Use and occupancy of public lands.

Intensive agriculture.

Outer Continental Shelf.

It is probable that the 14 subjects not identified for contract study will be studied or analyzed through a combination of in-house staff and contractor or consultant effort.

As we gained experience in negotiating the initial contracts and as the staff members talked to various contractors and potential contractors, we were able to begin projecting our cost and time estimates for the completion of all work. These projections—which must remain flexible in order to be viable—indicated that we would need an additional 18 months from December 31, 1968, within which to submit our report and a total of \$7.39 million to perform all tasks.

Our recommendations were, accordingly, embodied in a legislative proposal which we submitted first to the Bureau of the Budget in accordance with procedures established for coordination and clearance of agency recommendations within the executive branch of Government, although it is not at all clear that these procedures are mandatory as to the Public Land Law Review Commission. By letter dated August 4, 1967, the Bureau of the Budget advised that it had no objection to the presentation of the draft bill or the enactment of that bill, which is the one before you today, would be consistent with administrative objectives.

It is fortunate that in submitting the legislation we added a 1-month contingency to our time estimates. This is because we had assumed, in making our original estimates, that additional funding to carry on the contract program would be available by approximately October 1, 1967.

"Approximately," minus the 30-day contingency, means that our estimates for completion of our work can remain sound provided that we are in a position to move forward with the program in the early part of next month. This we could do if additional funding appears at that time to be a reality for the near future, even though the money is not actually in hand.

The chart before you on the easel indicates our current estimate of when each of the studies to be performed exclusively or partially under contract will be commenced and when they will be completed. Built into the staff's preparation of this study time schedule are the assumptions that requests for proposals can be circulated to potential contractors not later than the middle of November, and that all manuscripts from contractors will be in our hands by April 1, 1969.

To these assumptions, we have added a few more which are set forth below as underlying the basis for our recommendations contained in S. 2255 and H.R. 12121:

1. Staff work and Commission consideration will be able to proceed on individual studies before the later manuscripts have been delivered. Included in this phase of the operation there might be some hearings by the Commission in addition to other consideration of individual subject reports.

2. We concluded that all staff work on manuscripts and individual subjects can be completed by approximately November 1, 1969,