

under a restriction from the Secretary of Commerce to establish a pause in the approval of any grant or loan applications.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Well, based on \$175 million appropriated and project approvals totaling \$15.7 million, less than 10 percent of your appropriated money has been committed to projects right now?

Mr. O'MALLEY. Quite correct.

Mr. EDMONDSON. How about on technical assistance and business loans?

Mr. O'MALLEY. On business loans we have appropriated \$55 million, and we have obligated approximately \$7 million.

Mr. EDMONDSON. How about technical assistance?

Mr. O'MALLEY. Technical assistance, we have appropriated \$10,-265,000, and we have obligated \$1,642,000.

Based upon our experience and the indications of projects that we will have in our pipeline, and that will be submitted for approval, we have no doubt that we will be able to obligate or invest these funds in a manner responsive to the dictates of the law.

Mr. EDMONDSON. What is the restrainer or restriction the Secretary of Commerce has placed on you in connection with projects and loans?

Mr. O'MALLEY. As you know, there are studies being made at the moment by the Bureau of the Budget, by the President, by the various departments, to resolve some of the problems that have been created in our fiscal situation, but the restraint that is imposed at the present time is the request to us from the Secretary, effective until further notice, that we place a freeze on new commitments for grants, loans, and contracts.

Mr. EDMONDSON. That freeze is in effect now?

Mr. O'MALLEY. It is and has been for the past week.

Mr. EDMONDSON. And what was the date of it?

Mr. O'MALLEY. November 7.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Chairman, coming back to this question of criteria for approved projects, do you have a public document that spells this out so that it can be made available to some of the political subdivisions or people concerned?

I heard you when you gave a response off the cuff; but do you have a public document that is available for the public to determine whether or not their particular application will be approvable, as you describe it?

Mr. O'MALLEY. Yes, we have those. And they are published and have been very widely distributed, Congressman.

Mr. CLAUSEN. I would like to ask that that be made a part of the record at this point, that document. Could you provide that for the record?

Mr. O'MALLEY. Yes, we have several documents.

Mr. CLAUSEN. In response to my question, I ask unanimous consent that that be made a part of the record at this point.

Mr. EDMONDSON. I think that we have a complete book on the subject. I do not know whether the gentleman wants to put the entire book on project criteria into the record.

Mr. CLAUSEN. What I had in mind, obviously not a full book, but just a brief résumé available to the public to determine whether or not their application is approvable.

Mr. O'MALLEY. Mr. Chairman, I would be very much surprised if the committee does not have our published booklets now. We will be glad to submit a brief statement, if that is what you want.