

WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL,
Washington, D.C., February 24, 1968.

HON. HUBERT H. HUMPHREY,
President of the Senate,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: Enclosed is draft of a proposed bill to amend the Water Resources Planning Act (Public Law 89-80; 79 Stat. 244; approved July 22, 1965).

We recommend that this bill be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration, and we recommended that it be enacted.

This proposed legislation would revise the authorization of appropriations for administrative expenses in carrying out the provisions of the Water Resources Planning Act that is contained in section 401 of the Act. Aside from changing the sequence of the provisions of section 401, the draft bill would make only one change in the substance of the section. It would remove the limitation of \$300,000 annually from the authorization for appropriations for administering the provisions of Title I of the Act, and substitute an authorization for appropriations in such amounts as may be necessary. The other limitations now contained in section 401 would remain unmodified.

The passage of the Federal Salary Act of 1967 has necessitated either the removal of the limitation for administering the provisions of Title I or the curtailment of essential functions. Furthermore, experience under this Act since its enactment in July 1965, has pointed to the desirability of removing the appropriation limitation so that consideration may be given in future years to increase in appropriations to better carry out the functions and responsibilities of the Water Resources Council.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that enactment of this draft bill would be consistent with the Administration's objectives.

Sincerely yours,

STEWART L. UDALL, *Chairman.*

(The draft bill enclosed is identical to S. 3053.)

Senator ANDERSON. Secretary Holum, I understand you have a statement. We will put your statement in the record and recognize you at this time.

STATEMENT OF HON. STEWART L. UDALL, CHAIRMAN, WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL, AS PRESENTED BY KENNETH HOLUM, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR WATER AND POWER

Mr. HOLUM. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am a little surprised to find myself before you this morning, but at the last minute Secretary Udall, who had intended to appear personally, found that his time had been preempted and asked me to appear in his stead. I am, of course, happy to be here to discuss the work of the Water Resources Council and the legislation pending before the Congress.

I am accompanied, as the Secretary would have been, by Henry Caulfield, executive director of the Water Resources Council. I hope that we will be able to supply the information that you and the members of the committee require. If not, I am sure that the Chairman of the Council, Secretary Udall, will be happy to supply the information in case there are problems that we cannot deal with.

This is only the second appearance of spokesmen for the Water Resources Council before the committee since the Council was created by act of Congress in 1965 and found itself immediately involved in the critical drought problems of the East at that time. With that in mind, Secretary Udall had planned to discuss in considerable detail the activities of the Council since that time.