

commissions for management of water and related land resources within river basins. He mentioned in this regard the proposed compacts for the Susquehanna, Potomac, and Hudson River basins.

Presumably, the establishment of concerted basic policy views within the executive branch on this subject will not require substantial concern by the Deputy Director indefinitely. Nevertheless, our intensive experience with problems in connection with river basin compact negotiation and consent legislation, as well as Federal representation in connection with existing compacts, has raised questions about the adequacy of present Federal attention and the need for greater Federal continuous focus.

I would like to summarize the effect of what I have said in financial terms.

To summarize, the total WRC professional staff now available to perform all of the work outlined to you this morning under title I of the act is eight men. This number includes the Executive Director, the Deputy Director, and the legal adviser who, along with the administrative officer and Council secretary, must also involve themselves as required with the financial grant program of title III.

For fiscal year 1968 the Congress appropriated \$290,000 in support of the Council's six functions under title I. The budget proposal for fiscal year 1969, now before the Congress for consideration, totals \$311,000. The increase over fiscal year 1968 is due solely to the initial impact of the Federal Salary Act of 1967 and increased operating costs. If the present ceiling of \$300,000 is not lifted, a cut in present staff work will be unavoidable.

The President's budget for fiscal year 1969 indicated that additional authorizing legislation would be proposed. By letter of February 24, 1968, the Chairman of the Water Resources Council transmitted to the President of the Senate, draft authorizing legislation, indicating that the Bureau of the Budget had advised the Council that enactment of the draft legislation would be consistent with the administration's objectives. S. 3058 embodies the provisions of the draft, as submitted.

In closing, I would just like to reiterate a statement in Chairman Udall's statement to you "that the Council has no ambition to have a large staff, nor otherwise have very large sums to administer." To have such, in my personal opinion, would tend to defeat the purpose of the Congress in establishing the Council. Nevertheless, I also believe that the financial resources now available to implement title I are clearly inadequate for proper performance of its appointed role and that the kind of flexibility in funding provided by S. 3058 would be highly desirable.

The Water Resources Council, as indicated by the testimony that you have heard this morning, has made substantial progress toward achievement of those things that you, Mr. Chairman, the committee and the Congress would appear to have had in mind with the enactment of the Water Resources Planning Act. With your continued support I am certain that the Water Resources Council can accomplish much more that is both useful and important, and within its appointed role, for the benefit of the American people.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator ANDERSON. Thank you. You are asking for a raise in the limitation of \$300,000.