

now, but it is a little difficult to predict what the funding requirements are going to be and what the needs are going to be on the part of the Council. I would like to suggest, as the legislation does, that no ceiling be imposed but that the Appropriations Committee continue to review these items as carefully as they have in the past.

Senator ANDERSON. Will the Senator yield?

Senator MOSS. Certainly.

Senator ANDERSON. Will you try to submit these actual figures? If the personnel cost is just changed by \$11,000, why do you not ask for that much ceiling on top of what you now have?

Mr. HOLUM. Principally because, Senator Anderson, and I think the Director, Mr. Caulfield, has done an excellent job of explaining it, and my own experience as the Department's representative on the Council has clearly indicated, that we not only need additional authority for funds to take care of the pay increase but the Council does need modest increases in its staff to do its work adequately.

Senator ANDERSON. Suggest exact language. I think it would be much better if you would.

Senator MOSS. I noticed in both the Secretary's testimony which you presented, and that of Mr. Caulfield, there was a disclaimer of any desire to have a sizable staff, that is, a large staff, but nevertheless, we are confronted with going from a situation where we now have a ceiling to one of no ceiling at all, and I think you can see the political problem that that might present in persuading the Congress that this is a necessary thing to do. It would be so much simpler and more logical if you just increased the limitation amount. That is the only reason I raise this point.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HOLUM. I understand.

Senator ANDERSON. Senator Burdick.

Senator BURDICK. Mr. Chairman, I arrived late and I will defer my cross-examination and read the testimony very carefully.

Senator ANDERSON. I do hope you will try to answer the points that Senator Jordan made.

Mr. HOLUM. I certainly shall.

Senator ANDERSON. The Secretary ought to answer himself.

Thank you very much.

Will you answer four or five questions now?

Mr. VERKLER. The ones that are on the paper.

Senator ANDERSON. The staff of the committee has prepared some questions and I wish you would read the question and supply the answer to it. Read the question, please, and then supply the answer.

Mr. HOLUM. "The Director of the Water Resources Council has testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee that future editions of the national assessment might require greater staff input. Is it possible to predict the magnitude of the necessary expansion of the Council's staff at this time?"

Mr. CAULFIELD. As I indicated in my statement with regard to the "national assessment," the way I conceive of the staffing problem is that we need a very few people—my present judgment is three professional staff people who are all the time in the employ of the Council—working on national assessments during the period of preparation, intensive preparation, as well as developing the methods and developing