

acquisition of their property by the Government. They should be able to expect equitable treatment.

Mr. President, I realize that the bill I am introducing is long and, at first glance, complicated. But as I have said, most of its provisions have already been accepted—unanimously—by this body. Only titles VI and IX are new, and I hope they will be thoroughly studied by all Members.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be reprinted in the RECORD at this point.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be received and appropriately referred; and, without objection, the bill will be printed in the RECORD, and held at the desk, as requested by the Senator from Maine.

The bill (S. 698) to achieve the fullest cooperation and coordination of activities among the levels of government in order to improve the operation of our federal system in an increasingly complex society, to improve the administration of grants-in-aid to the States, to provide for periodic Congressional review of Federal grants-in-aid, to permit provision of reimbursable technical services to State and local government, to establish coordinated intergovernmental policy and administration of grants and loans for urban development, to authorize the administration of grants and loans for urban development, to authorize the consolidation of certain grant-in-aid programs, to provide for the acquisition, use, and disposition of land within urban areas by Federal agencies in conformity with local government programs, to establish a uniform relocation assistance policy, to establish a uniform land acquisition policy for Federal and federally aided programs, and for other purposes, introduced by Mr. MUSKIE (for himself, Mr. Boggs, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. MUNDT, and Mr. Moss), was received, read twice by its title, referred to the Committee on Government Operations, and ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[S. 698, 90th Cong., second sess.]

AMENDMENTS Intended to be proposed by Mr. [redacted] to S. 698, a bill to achieve the fullest cooperation and coordination of activities among the levels of government in order to improve the operation of our federal system in an increasingly complex society, to improve the administration of grants-in-aid to the States, to provide for periodic Congressional review of Federal grants-in-aid, to permit provision of reimbursable technical services to State and local government, to establish coordinated intergovernmental policy and administration of grants and loans for urban development, to authorize the consolidation of certain grant-in-aid programs, to provide for the acquisition, use, and disposition of land within urban areas by Federal agencies in conformity with local government programs, to establish a uniform relocation assistance policy, to establish a uniform land acquisition policy for Federal and federally aided programs, and for other purposes

On page 2, line 4, strike out "1967" and insert in lieu thereof "1968".

On page 2, line 19, strike out "title VIII and title IX" and insert in lieu thereof "titles VIII, IX, and X."

On page 59, after line 4, insert the following new title:

"TITLE X—ACCOUNTING, AUDITING, AND REPORTING OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS

"STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

"SEC. 1001. It is the purpose of this title to encourage simplification and improved coordination of accounting, auditing, and financial reporting requirements of Federal assistance programs, to survey the adequacy and effectiveness of the accounting and auditing systems of recipient jurisdictions, and to authorize the Comptroller General of the United States to prescribe rules and regulations for using State and political subdivision accounting and auditing in meeting financial management requirements of such programs.

"MORE UNIFORM FINANCIAL REPORTING

"SEC. 1002. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President shall have authority to promulgate rules and regulations simplifying and, to the extent feasible, unifying financial reporting requirements of Federal assistance programs.

"ACCEPTANCE OF ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING OF STATES AND THEIR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

"SEC. 1003. (a) The Comptroller General of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall conduct a