

AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT

SEC. 11. In addition to powers and authority otherwise conferred upon him by this Act or other law, the President may take such action, prescribe such procedures, and promulgate such rules as may be necessary or appropriate to assure that this Act is applied by all Federal agencies in a consistent manner and in accordance with its purposes. He may, for this purpose, require that Federal agencies adopt or prescribe procedures that will assure that applicants for assistance to projects under this Act make appropriate efforts (1) to secure the views and recommendations of non-Federal agencies that may be significantly affected by such projects, including units of general government, and (2) to resolve questions of common interest to those agencies prior to submission of any application. The President shall also, from time to time, make reports to the Congress on actions taken under this Act and make such recommendations for additional legislative action as he may deem appropriate, including recommendations for the consolidation, simplification, and coordination of Federal assistance programs.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 12. As used in this Act—

(1) "Federal assistance programs" are programs that provide assistance through grant or contractual arrangements, and include technical assistance programs or programs providing assistance in the form of loans, loan guarantees or insurance.

(2) "Applicant" includes one or more State or local governments or other public or private agencies or organizations acting separately or together in seeking assistance with respect to a single project.

(3) "Project" includes any undertaking, however characterized and whether of a temporary or continuing nature, which includes components proposed or approved for assistance under more than one Federal program, or one or more Federal and one or more State programs, if each of those components contributes materially to the accomplishment of a single purpose or closely related purposes.

(4) "Federal agency" includes any agency in the executive branch of the Government.

(5) "State" means any of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND EXPIRATION

SEC. 13. This Act shall become effective one hundred and twenty days following the date of enactment and shall expire three years after it becomes effective, but its expiration shall not affect the administration of projects previously approved.

S. 2981—INTRODUCTION OF BILL TO EXPEDITE PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (FEBRUARY 16, 1968)

Mr. McCLELLAN. Mr. President, I introduce, by request, a bill to provide temporary authority for expediting procedures for consideration and approval of projects drawing upon more than one Federal assistance program, to simplify requirements for the operation of those projects, and for other purposes.

This bill was drafted by the Bureau of the Budget and submitted to the President of the Senate for introduction, in order that the objectives enumerated in the President's message of March 17, 1967, on the quality of American Government may be fulfilled. The President of the United States recommended that legislation be enacted to permit "Federal agencies to combine related grants into a single financial package, thus simplifying the financial and administrative procedures—without disturbing, however, the separate authorization, appropriations, and substantive requirements for each grant-in-aid program."

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to remove or simplify certain administrative and technical impediments which hamper or prevent the consideration, processing, approval and administration of projects which draw upon resources available from more than one Federal agency, program or appropriation. This bill would enable the State and local governments and other public or private agencies to use Federal financial assistance under two or more programs in support of multiple-purpose projects. Under this bill—