

(Attach. 1)

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRITORIAL & INSULAR AFFAIRS HEARING
March 24, 1975 - 10:00 a.m.
Room 2257 Rayburn

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BILLS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

A. Trust Territory Budget Authorizations

1. H. R. 5192 - Introduced by Mr. Burton. A bill to establish budget authorization ceilings as follows:

H.R. 5343 adds.
Sec. 2. to this

- a. FY 1975 - July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975 - \$60,000,000 to \$75,000,000 - supplemental. Wilson request
- b. FY 1976 - July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976 - \$80,000,000.
- c. July 1, 1976 - Sept. 30, 1976 - \$15,100,000 - transition period from old to new fiscal year dates.
- d. FY 1977 - Oct. 1, 1976 - Sept. 30, 1977 - \$80,000,000, and to authorize the adjustment of the appropriations upward or downward in order to offset estimated changes in prices and costs as determined by a formula prescribed in the bill. The bill also continues authorization of up to \$10,000,000 per fiscal year to offset reductions in, or the termination of, Federal grant-in-aid programs. (Hearings held Oct. 1, 1974).

2. H. R. 5216 - Introduced by Mr. Sam Steiger. A bill which is comparable to H. R. 5192 except that \$79,000,000 is authorized for fiscal year 1977 instead of \$80,000,000, and a Sec. 2 is included which authorizes \$1,500,000 to aid in the transition of the Mariana Islands District to Commonwealth status. The funds are made available when the bill becomes public law. Also, the replacement of terminated or reduced Federal grant-in-aid funds is not continued.

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Is "becoming public law" coincident with "congressional approval"?

✓ 3. S. 326 - A bill passed by the Senate and reported to the Subcommittee which authorized an increase in the fiscal year 1975 ceiling from \$60,000,000 to \$65,650,000, and which contains a Sec. 2 as described in H. R. 5216, except that the funds are not available to the Mariana Islands District until the United States approves the Commonwealth Covenant.

*Amended
S. 326?*

✓ 4. H.R. 5343 - In addition to the above bills, H.R. 5343, introduced by Mr. Burton, to establish budget authorization ceilings, will be considered. The bill is identical to Mr. Burton's bill, H.R. 5192, described above, except that it adds Sec. 2., authorizing \$1,500,000 to aid the Mariana Islands District in its transition to Commonwealth status. The language of S. 326, as amended, makes the funds available as of the time Congress approves the Commonwealth Covenant instead of at the time of the signing of the Covenant (February 15, 1975).

B. **Bikini** payment, ex gratia

- 1. H. R. 5158 - Introduced by Mr. Burton. A bill to authorize, in recognition of the hardship suffered by the people of Bikini since 1946, the sum of \$3,000,000, ex gratia, with payment to be made in accordance with procedures prescribed in the bill.
- ✓ 2. H. R. 5215 - Introduced by Mr. Sam Steiger. A bill identical to H. R. 5158, above, except the \$2,270,000 is authorized for the purposes of the bill.