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The Honorable Jim Sasser  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Civil  
Service and General Services  
Committee on Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your letter of March 7, 1978, asked for our views on S. 245, a bill to permit military service performed by an individual after 1956 to be credited under the civil service retirement program, even though such individual is eligible for social security benefits, but requiring the civil service annuity to be offset by the amount of his social security benefit that is attributable to his military service; and S. 408, a bill to extend certain benefits to former employees of county committees established pursuant to section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

As indicated in our letter of March 2, 1977, to the Chairman, Committee on Governmental Affairs, (copy enclosed) we recommend disapproval of S. 245. The reasons for our opposition are explained in that letter, and we believe our concerns are still valid. In our opinion, the current provisions regarding military service retirement credits are preferable to the provisions proposed by S. 245.

We have no information to provide comments on S. 408. It does appear to us, however, that the changes proposed by S. 408 are reasonable.

Sincerely yours,

*R. F. Kitter*

DEPUTY Comptroller General  
of the United States

Enclosure