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[Status of Budget Authority Proposed, but Rejected, for Rescission]. OGC-78-2; B-115398. October 26, 1977. 2 pp.

Report to the Congress; by Paul G. Deshling, General Counsel.

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Budget Function: Miscellaneous: Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (1005).

Organization Concerned: Department of Defense; General Services Administration; National Transportation Safety Board.

Congressional Relevance: Congress.

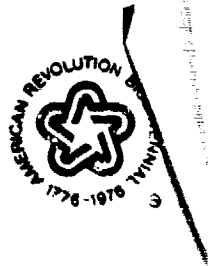
Authority: Impoundment Control Act, sec. 1012(b).

The President proposed budget authority for six items for rescission, but Congress did not complete action on the rescission bills within the 45-day period stipulated. The Impoundment Control Act requires that those funds proposed but not approved for rescission be made available for obligation. Findings/Conclusions: The President proposed the rescission of \$850,000 of annual budget authority for salaries and expenses of the National Transportation Safety Board in his 13th special message for fiscal year 1977. This amount was made available for obligation on September 26, 1977, but the agency was unable to obligate any of this budget authority before October 1, 1977, and the total amount lapsed on the last day of fiscal year 1977. The total amount of annual budget authority proposed for rescission for international security assistance, foreign military sales, in the President's 14th special message to Congress lapsed before the end of the 45-day period. Budget authority proposed, but rejected, for rescission for the E-1 bomber, the SRAM-B missile, and the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile has been apportioned to the agencies involved and has been made available for obligation. (SC)

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IN REPLY
REFER TO:

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To the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The purpose of this letter is to report on the status of budget authority that was proposed, but rejected, for rescission.

- In his 13th special message for Fiscal Year 1977, dated July 7, 1977, the President proposed the rescission of \$850,000 of annual budget authority for salaries and expenses of the National Transportation Safety Board (R77-15).
- In his 14th special message for Fiscal Year 1977, dated July 19, 1977, the President proposed the rescission of \$21,090,000 of budget authority for International Security Assistance, Foreign Military Credit Sales (R77-16) and the rescission of \$75,000,000 of budget authority for the Federal Buildings Fund, General Services Administration (R77-17).
- In his 15th special message for Fiscal Year 1977, dated July 19, 1977, the President proposed the rescission of \$462 million of budget authority for the B-1 bomber (R77-18) and \$1.4 million for the SRAM-B missile (R77-19), both Department of Defense--Air Force aircraft and missile procurement funds.
- In his 17th special message for Fiscal Year 1977, dated July 26, 1977, the President proposed the rescission of \$105 million of budget authority for the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, Department of Defense, Air Force missile procurement funds (R77-20).

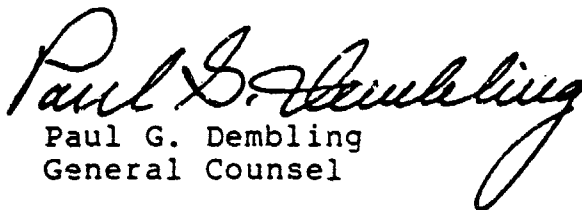
Section 1012(b) of the Impoundment Control Act requires that funds proposed for rescission be made available for obligation unless the Congress completes action on a rescission bill within the 45-day period of continuous congressional session following the day such a proposal is received by the Congress. For the proposals listed above, the 45-day period expired on the following dates:

R77-15	September 25, 1977
R77-16	October 4, 1977
R77-17	October 4, 1977
R77-18	October 4, 1977
R77-19	October 4, 1977
R77-20	October 15, 1977

The \$850,000 of annual budget authority proposed, but rejected, for rescission for salaries and expenses of the National Transportation Safety Board (R77-15) was apportioned by the Office of Management and Budget and made available for obligation on September 26, 1977. However, the agency was unable to obligate any of this budget authority before October 1, 1977, and the total amount lapsed on September 30, 1977, the last day of fiscal year 1977.

The \$21,090,000 of annual budget authority proposed for rescission for International Security Assistance, foreign military sales (R77-16) in the President's 14th special message lapsed on September 30, 1977, before the end of the 45-day period.

We have confirmed that the budget authority proposed, but rejected, for rescission in proposals R77-16, R77-18, R77-19, and R77-20 has been apportioned to the agencies involved and that it has been made available for obligation.


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