

# THE URBAN COALITION ACTION COUNCIL

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## WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Current as of July 5, 1968)

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### THE STATUS OF SUBSTANTIVE LEGISLATION

#### The Emergency Employment and Training Act of 1968

Senate hearings have been completed.

Review and action by the full Committee is expected to take place during the week of July 8th.

It is expected that the extension of the Manpower Development and Training Act (MDTA) as reported by the Subcommittee will also be considered by the full Committee during the week of July 8th.

#### STATUS OF HOUSE LEGISLATION

The Select Subcommittee on Labor has completed hearings.

The Committee is expected to mark-up the bill in executive session probably not before the week of July 15th.

The MDTA extension has been reported by the full Committee and the measure will be before the Rules Committee on the 8th or 9th of July. House floor action should take place shortly thereafter.

#### The Revenue and Expenditure Control Act of 1968 (formerly the Tax Adjustment Act of 1968)

The ten percent tax surcharge and the \$6 billion in budget cuts is now Public Law 90-364. The President signed the measure on June 28th.

Prevailing sentiment in Congress is for making every possible effort to accomplish as much of the \$6 billion cut as possible. Many members view the cuts as basically a Congressional responsibility.

#### Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968

##### SENATE

The Senate passed its version of the Act (S-3497) on May 28th.

##### HOUSE

The Banking and Currency Committee's version of the bill (HR-17989) was given a rule on June 27th and is scheduled for floor debate on Monday, July 8th. Final vote is expected on Tuesday, July 9th.

#### THE STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS MEASURES

The proposed schedule of action on Appropriation bills concerning legislation of interest to the Action Council is:

1. The Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 1969 passed the House on May 8th.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Independent Offices has completed its mark-up of the bill and the full Committee is expected to complete its review of the bill on Tuesday, July 9th. The Committee is expected to request a waiver of the three day rule and ask for Senate floor debate on Wednesday or Thursday.

2. The Labor-HEW (including OEO) Appropriations bill passed the House on June 26th. The Whitten Amendment, passed by a Teller (unrecorded) vote, prohibits the use of funds appropriated by the bill to force busing of school children, to abolish any school or to force secondary school students to attend a particular school against the choice of parents.



The House also approved serious cuts in Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (aid to schools in impoverished areas), the Teacher Corps and the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor-HEW (including OEO) held hearings on the budget request in May and is not expected to hold any further hearings. It is, however, expected to complete mark-up action by the end of the week of July 8th.

Restoration of House cuts of OEO and HEW requests, including Teacher Corps, and defeat of the Whitten Amendment should be accomplished within Committee. It is crucial that every effort be made in the Senate to restore the amounts cut by the House.

3. The Second (regular) Supplemental Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 1968 went into conference where House conferees reduced the \$75 million requested for summer jobs to \$13 million and reduced the \$25 million requested for Headstart to \$5 million. The bill as amended by the conferees was subsequently passed by both the House and Senate and is now waiting the President's signature.