

# THE URBAN COALITION ACTION COUNCIL

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## WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Current as of July 26, 1968)

FROM: THE STAFF

### THE STATUS OF SUBSTANTIVE LEGISLATION

#### The Emergency Employment and Training Act of 1968 (Public Service Employment)

The measure has not been reported by the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee.

The extension of the Manpower Development and Training Act has been ordered reported by the Committee, and action on the measure has been delayed. Majority Leader Mansfield has indicated he will call it up in September. When the bill is considered by the full Senate, a bipartisan coalition comprised of Senators Clark, Javits and Prouty will attempt to amend it by adding the Emergency Employment Act to it.

The House Select Subcommittee still has no plans to mark up the JOBS bill.

The MDTA extension has received a rule by the House Rules Committee clearing it for floor action, but it is unlikely to be acted on until Congress returns after the political conventions.

The House bill contains an amendment by Congressman Goodell which would disallow the reallocation of MDTA funds by the Department of Labor until the end of every fiscal year. The Department presently can reallocate at the end of six months. This could severely handicap those states which have substantial manpower programs.

Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968

Senate-House conferees filed their report on the HUD Act of 1968 on July 23 and it was accepted by the Senate July 25. It is expected to be accepted by the House today. Signing could take place next week.

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 8 and the Senate on July 12. It will now go to the Conference Committee, but no date has been set for a meeting. The conferees may wait until the HUD Act of 1968 clears both Houses since some of the items in the appropriations bill require authorizations included in the Act.
2. As reported last week, the Labor-HEW (including OEO) Appropriations bill passed the House on June 26. 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 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) has marked up the bill. The Subcommittee did not restore much of the education funding. The following list indicates how the Subcommittee acted on the requests made by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to restore funds cut by the House.

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Title I, ESEA	\$126 mil	\$50 mil
Drop out Prevention	30 mil	10 mil

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Bilingual Education	\$ 5 mil	\$ 5 mil
Teacher Corps	9.6 mil	3.2 mil

In addition, the Subcommittee kept the OEO appropriation at the low level approved by the House and the Whitten Amendment. The full Committee meets to mark up the bill at 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 26. It may be taken up in the Senate during the week of July 29.

It is very important that every effort be made in the Senate to restore the House cuts in the HEW and OEO requests, and to defeat the Whitten Amendment.

If you wish more information on the specific cuts in the HEW and OEO appropriations, please contact The Urban Coalition Action Council office.