

U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION BUDGET  
AUTHORIZATION

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Mr. LONG, from the Committee on Finance,  
submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany S. 3420]

The Committee on Finance reports favorably S. 3420, an original bill to authorize appropriations to the U.S. International Trade Commission for fiscal years 1977 and 1978, and recommends that the bill do pass.

## I. BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

The Committee on Finance reported out an original bill to authorize the appropriation to the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) of specific amounts necessary to carry out its duties and functions during fiscal year 1977 and fiscal year 1978. Section 330(e) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 665), as amended by section 175(b) of the Trade Act of 1974, requires Congress to enact an authorization of appropriations to the ITC for each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 1977. The committee believes that an orderly budgeting and planning process by the ITC will be facilitated if this bill, the first budget authorization to be considered by Congress pursuant to section 330(e), as amended, authorizes appropriations for both fiscal year 1977, beginning October 1, 1976, and fiscal year 1978, beginning October 1, 1977. The result of this approach will be that the Congress will enact a 1 year authorization every calendar year, beginning in 1977, but the authorization will be for the fiscal year which begins approximately 1 calendar year after the authorizing legislation is enacted. This schedule, the committee believes, will enable the ITC to establish long range financial planning. It will also enable the ITC to plan long term projects based upon specific information about future appropriations.

## II. GENERAL EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

Subsection (a) of the committee bill authorizes the appropriation of \$11,789,000 to the ITC for fiscal year 1977. This represents the full amount included in the President's budget message to the Congress, \$11,539,000, plus an additional \$250,000 requested by the ITC for rental of new office space if, as seems likely, it is forced to vacate its deteriorating building.

The basic ITC authorization for fiscal year 1977, \$11,539,000, represents a dollar increase of \$1,139,000 over the estimated fiscal year 1976 appropriation of \$10,400,000. Of this increase in the ITC budget request, \$1,089,000 results from cost-of-living increases in compensation required by law, increased postal rates, and other unavoidable cost increases.

The basic ITC authorization request for fiscal year 1977 contemplates a staff of 426 full-time permanent employees. This is four fewer staff members than the 430 member staff budgeted for fiscal year 1976. It should be noted, however, that the ITC is presently operating with approximately 60 staff vacancies.

The Committee believes the increase in the ITC budget request is justified by the increased workload imposed on the Commission under the Trade Act of 1974. This increased workload is demonstrated in the following table:

ACTUAL AND ESTIMATED MAN-YEAR REQUIREMENTS, FISCAL YEAR 1974 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 1977

Activities	Actual man-years		Estimated man-years	
	1974	1975	1976	1977
<b>ACTIVITY 1</b>				
<b>A. Public investigations:</b>				
1. Import injury (TEA of 1962 and secs. 201 and 406 of TA of 1974).....	27	22	42	55
2. Under sec. 332 of the Tariff Act of 1930:				
(a) Pursuant to Presidential request.....	71	28	18	25
(b) Pursuant to congressional resolution.....	13	2	30	35
(c) Initiated on the Commission's own motion, and special studies.....	2	5	9	16
3. Interference with agricultural programs (AAA).....	9	-----	1	1
4. Antidumping (Antidumping Act, 1921).....	21	9	15	15
5. Unfair practices:				
(a) Sec. 337 of TA of 1930, as amended.....	18	25	37	40
(b) Sec. 303 of TA of 1930, as amended (countervailing duty).....	-----	-----	1	1
(c) Sec. 301(c) of TA of 1974 (export subsidy).....	-----	-----	1	1
(d) Sec. 301(e) of TA of 1974 (foreign import restrictions).....	-----	-----	1	1
6. Probable economic effect of concessions (TA of 1974).....	17	113	20	10
7. East-West trade reports (sec. 410 of TA of 1974).....	-----	2	2	3
<b>Total public investigations.....</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>203</b>
<b>B. Furnishing technical information and assistance to:</b>				
1. Congress.....	10	8	10	10
2. Federal agencies.....	2	2	2	2
3. Public.....	7	8	10	10
<b>Total furnishing technical information and assistance.....</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>C. Other reports and activities:</b>				
1. Relating to trade agreements.....	12	15	25	30
2. Synthetic organic chemicals reports.....	16	14	14	-----
3. Summaries of trade and tariff information.....	1	-----	15	25
4. Statistical enumeration, code structure and publication.....	7	12	38	30
<b>Total other reports and activities.....</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>D. Assembling and analyzing economic and technical information.</b>				
.....	44	46	50	55
<b>Activity 1, total.....</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>365</b>

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Activities	Actual man-years		Estimated man-years	
	1974	1975	1976	1977
<b>ACTIVITY 2</b>				
Executive direction and administration:				
A. Commissioners' offices.....	21	23	28	33
B. Administration.....	30	39	42	43
Activity 2, total.....	51	62	70	76
Grand total.....	328	373	411	441
Less: Overtime equivalent and excess day.....	-3	-5	-5	-4
Net reportable man-years (per OMB Circular A-11).....	325	368	406	437

Subsection (b) authorizes appropriations of \$12,036,000 for fiscal year 1978, beginning October 1, 1977. This is the amount requested by the Commission. It reflects an increase of 2 percent over the authorization for fiscal year 1977. This increase is based on an estimate of the cost of providing continuing services adjusted by known cost increases. The committee believes the rate of increase in workload from fiscal year 1976 to fiscal year 1977 caused by the enactment of the Trade Act of 1974 will not be continued after fiscal year 1977.

Subsection (c) authorizes additional appropriations for fiscal years 1977 and 1978 which are necessary to pay legally required cost-of-living increases in compensation and other employee benefits.

### III. COST OF CARRYING OUT THE BILL

In compliance with section 252(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, the following statement is made relative to the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. If the full amounts authorized were appropriated, \$11,539,000 would be appropriated for fiscal year 1977 and \$12,036,000 for fiscal year 1978 (plus amounts needed for legally required pay and employee benefit increases.)

### IV. VOTE OF COMMITTEE IN REPORTING THE BILL

In compliance with section 133 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the following statement is made relative to the vote of the Committee on reporting the bill. This bill was ordered favorably reported by the committee by voice vote.

