

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, 1985

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Mr. WHITTEN, from the Committee on Appropriations,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.J. Res. 648]

The accompanying joint resolution provides interim financing for the new fiscal year beginning October 1 for programs under nine of the thirteen regular appropriation bills. The provisions of the continuing resolution automatically disengage as the regular annual appropriation bills are enacted into law. The following four bills have already become law:

Energy and Water Development (Public Law 98-360), HUD-Independent Agencies (Public Law 98-371), Legislative Branch (Public Law 98-367), and Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary (Public Law 98-411).

STATUS OF APPROPRIATION BILLS

Since passage of the Congressional Budget Act, last year marked the first time the Congress proceeded to enact appropriation bills before a conference agreement on a first budget resolution had been adopted. The Committee on Appropriations marked up bills based on the House passed version of the budget resolution. This action saved many weeks—time which otherwise would have been lost for action on appropriation bills.

This year, a similar procedure was employed. Since a budget resolution conference agreement still has not been achieved, this action has been critical in enabling the Congress to act on appropriation measures. The Committee emphasizes that again this year, the reported bills are all within the guidelines set forth in the

No Discussion of IHS in this report.