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NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A DRAFT OF A PROPOSED BILL ENTITLED "NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947"

FEBRUARY 26, 1947.—Referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 26, 1947.

HON. JOSEPH W. MARTIN, JR.,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MY DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On January 17, 1947, I informed you that representatives of my office and of the armed services were engaged in drafting a bill to be submitted to the Congress for its consideration concerning a plan of unification. This draft, entitled "National Security Act of 1947," has now been completed and I am enclosing herewith a copy of it.

This proposed bill has the approval of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

It is my belief that this suggested legislation accomplishes the desired unification of the services, and I heartily recommend its enactment by the Congress.

Very sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 308. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions and purposes of this Act.

DEFINITION

SEC. 309. As used in this Act, the term "function" includes functions, powers, and duties.

SEPARABILITY

SEC. 310. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

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