Public Law 92-366

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To extend the authority of agency heads to draw checks in favor of financial organizations to other classes of recurring payments, and for other purposes.

Federal agencies.

Payments to financial organizations, extension. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3620 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U.S.C. 492), is amended by adding below subsection (c) thereof the following new subsection:

"(d) Extension of Authorization for Drawing Checks in Favor of Financial Organizations to Other Classes of Recurring Payments.—Procedures authorized in subsection (b) of this section, for the making of a payment in the form of a check drawn in favor of a financial organization, may be extended to any class of recurring payments, upon the written request of the person to whom payment is to be made and in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury under authority of such subsection."

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August 8, 1972 [H. R. 15951]

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To authorize the Secretary of the Army to undertake a national program of inspection of dams.

National dam inspection program. ''Dam.'' Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the term "dam" as used in this Act means any artificial barrier, including appurtenant works, which impounds or diverts water, and which (1) is twenty-five feet or more in height from the natural bed of the stream or watercourse measured at the downstream toe of the barrier, or from the lowest elevation of the outside limit of the barrier, if it is not across a stream channel or watercourse, to the maximum water storage elevation or (2) has an impounding capacity at maximum water storage elevation of fifty acre-feet or more. This Act does not apply to any such barrier which is not in excess of six feet in height, regardless of storage capacity or which has a storage capacity at maximum water storage elevation not in excess of fifteen acre-feet, regardless of height.

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Exceptions.

41 Stat. 1063; 49 Stat. 863. 16 USC 791a.

Sec. 2. As soon as practicable, the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, shall carry out a national program of inspection of dams for the purpose of protecting human life and property. All dams in the United States shall be inspected by the Secretary except (1) dams under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation, the Tennessee Valley Authority, or the International Boundary and Water Commission, (2) dams which have been constructed pursuant to licenses issued under the authority of the Federal Power Act, (3) dams which have been inspected within the twelve-month period immediately prior to the enactment of this Act by a State agency and which the Governor of such State requests be excluded from inspection, and (4) dams which the Secretary of the Army determines do not pose any threat to human life or property. The Secretary may inspect dams which have been licensed under the Federal Power Act upon request of the Federal Power Commission and dams under the jurisdiction of the International Boundary and Water Commission upon request of such Commission.