SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BILLS BEFORE THE UNITED STATES SENATE

In the October 12 issue of Science, the hearings on the science Bills currently before the Senate were briefly described, but scientists who have not had access to the Senate’s Subcommittee Print entitled “Legislative Proposals for the Promotion of Science” and to the Vannevar Bush report entitled “Science, the Endless Frontier,” may not have full comprehension of the scope of the proposed legislation or of all the issues involved. For this reason, and in response to specific requests, the American Association for the Advancement of Science presents, with some editorial changes, a memorandum which was prepared for the biologists and agriculturists.

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MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BILLS NOW BEFORE THE UNITED STATES SENATE

A discussion of the provisions of the five Bills now before the Senate concerning federal support of science is of immediate interest and value partly because the situation is complicated by the varied provisions of the different Bills, and partly because the whole situation is being carefully studied by the large staff of the Senate Subcommittee on War Mobilization and comprehensive amendments are likely.

It is evident that the Senators interested are anxious to promote the fullest discussion of the measures and would welcome any comments which scientists may care to make. All letters should be sent to both Senator Magnuson and Senator Kilgore at the Senate...