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Fund Request of F.B.I. Backed by House Panel

WASHINGTON, June 21 (UPI)—The House Appropriations Committee, refusing to be swayed by rising criticism of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, issued today its annual recommendation that the bureau be granted all the money it requested.

The \$334.4-million earmarked for the F.B.I. was contained in a \$4-billion measure to provide operating funds during the 12 months starting July 1 for the State, Justice and Commerce Departments, the judiciary and an assortment of related agencies.

\$168-Million in Cuts

Equaling the F.B.I. was the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, for which the committee recommended the full \$698.9-million requested. The money goes to help states improve their law enforcement and correctional abilities.

Faring almost as well was the Government's program of subsidizing the maritime industry. The panel voted \$524.5-million, only \$1.25-million below what had been asked.

Not everyone else was as fortunate. Total reductions from the requests amounted to \$168-million.

Among those hardest hit was the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the agency charged with enforcing Federal laws barring job discrimina-

tion based on race, national origin or sex. The commission was granted \$22-million by the committee, \$5.8-million more than it received last year but \$5.6-million — or 20 per cent — below what was sought.

Knocked out of the bill was \$8.7-million requested as the United States contribution to the International Labor Organization, \$22,000 needed to cover a rent rise at the Waldorf Astoria, residence of the United States Ambassador to the United Nations and \$11,000 asked by the Supreme Court to rent automobiles for the Associate Justices and to provide an entertainment allowance for the Chief Justice.

When it came to the F.B.I., the committee recommended the full budget request of \$334,486,000, including about \$30,000 to buy the director, J. Edgar Hoover, a new armored limousine.

The total was \$39.9-million higher than last year's figure. The panel said in an accompanying report that the extra money would pay for the hiring of 2,251 more employees, stepped-up fingerprint activity, a computerized criminal history system and the start on staffing the bureau's new academy at Quantico, Va.