

# Carter requests budget increase

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — President Carter proposed a \$19.4 billion increase in the 1978 Ford budget, with less emphasis on defense and more on energy, housing and health — including price controls on hospitals.

Carter sent a message to Congress today, requesting a \$459.4 bil-

lion budget for the fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. It would replace the \$440 billion package submitted by his predecessor a month ago.

In one of his most controversial decisions, Carter proposed halting 19 water resource projects including one in his home state of Georgia. Carter said the projects were too expensive and environmentally unsound.

Although Carter discussed a limit of about 9 per cent a year for increased hospital fees, HEW Secretary Joseph Califano said the size of the ceiling is "negotiable."

The nation's health bill more than tripled in the past decade and now

averages \$638 a year for every man, woman and child.

"Much of the increase has resulted from health cost inflation," Carter said. "Without cost restraints, federal spending for Medicare and Medicaid alone would climb 75 per cent between 1978 and 1982 from \$38 billion to \$66 billion."

Carter said controls would cut hospital bills by \$2.4 billion in 1978, whether paid by federal, state or private insurance or by individuals who have no insurance.

Calling for slowdowns in development of the controversial B1 Bomber and strategic missiles, Carter labeled his budget proposals

"important first steps toward a federal government that is more effective and responsive to our people's needs."

In other important changes, Carter proposed:

- holding Medicare premiums at their current level of \$7.20 instead of allowing them to climb to \$7.70 in July and \$8.10 next year as required by law.
- adding 600 employees at the

Environmental Protection Administration for supervision of pesticides and solid wastes.

- continuing for another year provisions for unemployment benefits up to 26 weeks.

- a \$458 million increase to the Middle East with terminated amount going to phasing out of the huge program.

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United Press International  
WASHINGTON — If you live in an apartment, and nearly four out of every 10 Americans do, about one-quarter of your monthly rent pays for local property taxes.

Unlike homeowners, you get no tax break from those payments in figuring your own federal income tax.

Some members of Congress think 1977 may be the year for a change. Rep. Herb Harris, D-Va., has introduced a bill, HR84, along with 63 co-sponsoring House members, to give apartment dwellers a tax credit

for 25 per cent of local property taxes.

Harris says that figure is equivalent to what homeowners get by deducting their full property tax payments.

For a tenant paying \$250 per month rent, the proposal would save \$150 in federal income taxes.

He said it might even make the difference for many taxpayers between using the short form or itemizing deductions.

A similar proposal last year flopped in the House because it failed to win consideration by the Ways and Means Committee. It lost in the Senate by 12 votes.

Harris's staff is optimistic this year because the measure has gained support from the National Tenants Association and the National Apartment Association that represents 70 landlords, mostly big apartment complex owners.

They will join in lobbying for a hearing on the House side. No similar measure has yet been introduced in the Senate. Backers also believe public awareness of the issue is higher than ever.

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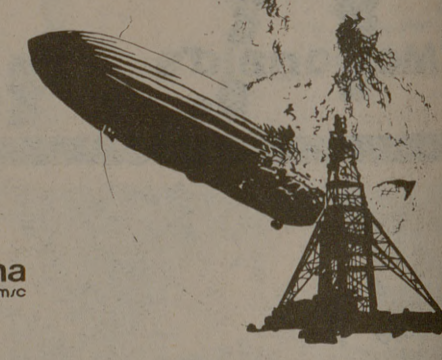


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