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I should like to point out to my colleagues that the freeze of funds for the National Guard by the Administration -- and I say "the Administration" because the Budget Bureau is a part of it -- is only the continuation of a pattern which has tended to weaken the Constitutional power of the Congress "to raise and support armies" and "to make Rules for the Government and Regulations of the land and naval Forces". (See Article 1, Section 8.)

I should like to recall to the Senate that under President Truman, the Congress voted funds for a 70-group Air Force, but the Administration at that time impounded all funds so appropriated above the 48-group Air Force which the Administration considered sufficient; that under President Eisenhower, the Congress three years ago voted an additional \$40 million above the budget request to maintain the Marine Corps at its statutory legislative level of 3 combat-sized divisions and 3 air wings; and that these actions under both Democratic and Republican Administrations, coupled with the present freeze on National Guard funds present us with a Constitutional problem which we will have to meet some day if we do not want to see our power steadily eroded and our Constitutional position as a co-equal branch of the Government reduced still further. The pattern is clear; the need for action is evident; and the responsibility to correct this situation lies with the Congress of the United States.

Mr. President, I am today introducing a companion bill to the measure introduced by Congressman Hebert in the House to prohibit the withholding or impounding of appropriations and sending it to the desk for proper referral.