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Appropriations Committee Pushes BIA for effective program for educating handicapped: Approving \$7 million for special education programs for the BIA, the Senate Appropriations Committee said they would "expect to see a swift and positive response to the GAO recommendations" (in a 1979 report on the Bureau's implementation of the Education of All Handicapped Children Act). The Committee directed the Bureau to develop and submit within six months a program plan which would include: Major program goals and specific milestones; Provisions for adequate identification and evaluation needing special education; Roles for the Indian community; and a cost-effective comparison of management and program alternatives.