Congress slashes $297.9 million from funds for higher education aid

The US House of Representatives, acting at the request of the House Appropriations Committee, last week slashed aid to higher education by $297.9 million.

but not appropriated for undergraduate building ($20 million) may be added to the 1965 or 1966 Appropriations. This has not yet been done. The $5 million authorized but not appropriated for graduate facilities grants may not be added to future appropriations.

According to the Collegiate Press Service, committee members said they denied the full appropriations because they lacked evidence that colleges and universities would be able to use the funds for educational purposes.

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