Technology: can Congress take control?

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WASHINGTON, December 12, 1972. The Congress has long been in need of an independent body to analyze technical issues and to assess their impact on legislative matters. This need was acutely felt during the years of the Cold War, when the Soviet Union and its Western allies were involved in a proxy war in Southeast Asia. The need for such an analysis was particularly acute during the early years of the nuclear age, when the development of new technologies, such as the hydrogen bomb and the intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), posed a serious threat to national security.

This need led to the establishment of the Technology Assessment Office (TAO) in 1961. The TAO was established by the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) of the Library of Congress, which was created in 1965. The TAO was charged with the responsibility of analyzing the technical aspects of national security issues, and to provide Congress with independent, objective analysis of these issues.

However, the TAO has not been successful in meeting these challenges. The OTA has been criticized for its lack of independence, its failure to provide timely and accurate analysis, and its failure to influence policy decisions. The OTA has also been criticized for its dependence on contractors, which has led to a lack of transparency and accountability.

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To address these concerns, the OTA will be replaced by a new agency, the Technology Assessment Board (TAB), which will be established by the OTA. The TAB will be responsible for overseeing the work of the OTA, and for ensuring that the OTA is providing accurate and timely analysis.

The TAB will be comprised of three majority and three minority members, who will be appointed by the OTA Director, who will be selected by the TAB. The TAB will be an ex-officio Board member. The TAB will have the power to approve all major policy decisions of the OTA and will make all major policy decisions.

In organizing the fledgling agency, the most crucial decision facing the TAB members will be that of choosing the first OTA Director. This position will be critical to the success of the TAB. The TAB will have its regular meeting. At the last meeting, the TAB members and not cave in to political analyses were a dime a dozen on both occasions - most were provided by the OTA. It is entirely possible that the operational component of the OTA, led by the President, will perform without the TAB members.

First, the outside parties will be dependent upon other sponsors for their continued corporate existence and will thus be unable to provide truly independent advice. Second, there will be a reluctance on the part of some of the more prominent persons to perform contract work for the Congress when their names are involved with the OTA. Finally, the TAB, in particular the Defense Department, the amount of money authorized for the OTA between now and the end of fiscal year 1974 (June 30, 1974) is $5 million. It is likely that the TAB will be able to attract qualified staff members to the OTA, since the outside groups would have to pay for significantly more analytical capability.

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