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S. 3421

To authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRAIG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2006 MAJOR**
4 **MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECTS.**

5 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the
6 following major medical facility projects in fiscal year
7 2006, with each project to be carried out in the amount
8 specified for that project:

1 (1) Restoration, new construction or replace-
2 ment of the medical center facility for the Depart-
3 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, New Orle-
4 ans, Louisiana, due to damage from Hurricane
5 Katrina in an amount not to exceed \$675,000,000.

6 (2) Restoration of the Department of Veterans
7 Affairs Medical Center, Biloxi, Mississippi, and con-
8 solidation of services performed at the Department
9 of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Gulfport, Mis-
10 sissippi, in an amount not to exceed \$310,000,000.

11 (3) Replacement of the Department of Veterans
12 Affairs Medical Center, Denver, Colorado, in an
13 amount not to exceed \$52,000,000.

14 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR MAJOR MED-**
15 **ICAL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**
16 **AUTHORIZED UNDER CAPITAL ASSET RE-**
17 **ALIGNMENT INITIATIVE.**

18 Notwithstanding subsection (d) of section 221 of the
19 Veterans Health Care, Capital Asset, and Business Im-
20 provement Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–170; 117 Stat.
21 2050), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may enter into
22 contracts before September 30, 2009, to carry out each
23 major medical facility project, as originally authorized by
24 such section 221, as follows with each project to be carried
25 out in the amount specified for that project:

1 (1) Construction of an outpatient clinic and re-
2 gional office at the Department of Veterans Affairs
3 Medical Center, Anchorage, Alaska, in an amount
4 not to exceed \$75,270,000.

5 (2) Consolidation of clinical and administrative
6 functions of the Department of Veterans Affairs
7 Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio, and the Depart-
8 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in
9 Brecksville, Ohio, in an amount not to exceed
10 \$102,300,000.

11 (3) Construction of the Extended Care Building
12 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Cen-
13 ter in Des Moines, Iowa, in an amount not to exceed
14 \$25,000,000.

15 (4) Renovation of patient wards at the Depart-
16 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Durham,
17 North Carolina, in an amount not to exceed
18 \$9,100,000.

19 (5) Correction of patient privacy deficiencies at
20 the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center,
21 Gainesville, Florida, in an amount not to exceed
22 \$85,200,000.

23 (6) 7th and 8th Floor Wards Modernization ad-
24 dition at the Department of Veterans Affairs Med-

1 ical Center, Indianapolis, Indiana, in an amount not
2 to exceed \$27,400,000.

3 (7) Construction of a new Medical Center Facil-
4 ity at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical
5 Center, Las Vegas, Nevada, in an amount not to ex-
6 ceed \$406,000,000.

7 (8) Construction of an Ambulatory Surgery/
8 Outpatient Diagnostic Support Center in the Gulf
9 South Submarket of Veterans Integrated Service
10 Network (VISN) 8 and completion of Phase I land
11 purchase, Lee County, Florida, in an amount not to
12 exceed \$65,100,000.

13 (9) Seismic Corrections-Buildings 7 & 126 at
14 the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center,
15 Long Beach, California, in an amount not to exceed
16 \$107,845,000.

17 (10) Seismic Corrections-Buildings 500 & 501
18 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Cen-
19 ter, Los Angeles, California, in an amount not to ex-
20 ceed \$79,900,000.

21 (11) Construction of a New Medical Center fa-
22 cility in the Orlando, Florida, area in an amount not
23 to exceed \$377,700,000.

24 (12) Consolidation of Campuses at the Univer-
25 sity Drive and H. John Heinz III divisions, Pitts-

1 burgh, Pennsylvania, in an amount not to exceed
2 \$189,205,000.

3 (13) Ward Upgrades and Expansion at the De-
4 partment of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San
5 Antonio, Texas, in an amount not to exceed
6 \$19,100,000.

7 (14) Seismic Corrections-Building 1, Phase 1
8 Design at the Department of Veterans Affairs Med-
9 ical Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico, in an amount
10 not to exceed \$15,000,000.

11 (15) Construction of a Spinal Cord Injury Cen-
12 ter at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical
13 Center, Syracuse, New York, in an amount not to
14 exceed \$53,900,000.

15 (16) Upgrade Essential Electrical Distribution
16 Systems at the Department of Veterans Affairs
17 Medical Center, Tampa, Florida, in an amount not
18 to exceed \$49,000,000.

19 (17) Expansion of the Spinal Cord Injury Cen-
20 ter addition at the Department of Veterans Affairs
21 Medical Center, Tampa, Florida, in an amount not
22 to exceed \$7,100,000.

23 (18) Blind Rehabilitation and Psychiatric Bed
24 renovation and new construction project at the De-

1 department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Tem-
2 ple, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$56,000,000.

3 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2006 MAJOR MED-**
4 **ICAL FACILITY LEASES.**

5 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the
6 following major medical facility leases in fiscal year 2006
7 at the locations specified, and in an amount for each lease
8 not to exceed the amount shown for such location:

9 (1) For an outpatient clinic, Baltimore, Mary-
10 land, \$10,908,000.

11 (2) For an outpatient clinic, Evansville, Illinois,
12 \$8,989,000.

13 (3) For an outpatient clinic, Smith County,
14 Texas, \$5,093,000.

15 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2007 MAJOR MED-**
16 **ICAL FACILITY LEASES.**

17 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the
18 following major medical facility leases in fiscal year 2007
19 at the locations specified, and in an amount for each lease
20 not to exceed the amount shown for such location:

21 (1) For an outpatient and specialty care clinic,
22 Austin, Texas, \$6,163,000.

23 (2) For an outpatient clinic, Lowell, Massachu-
24 setts, \$2,520,000.

1 (3) For an outpatient clinic, Grand Rapids,
2 Michigan, \$4,409,000.

3 (4) For up to four outpatient clinics, Las
4 Vegas, Nevada, \$8,518,000.

5 (5) For an outpatient clinic, Parma, Ohio,
6 \$5,032,000.

7 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FIS-
9 CAL YEAR 2006 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECTS.—
10 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
11 of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2006 for the Construc-
12 tion, Major Projects, account, \$1,606,000,000 for the
13 projects authorized in section 1.

14 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR
15 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECTS UNDER CAPITAL
16 ASSET REALIGNMENT INITIATIVE.—

17 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

18 There is authorized to be appropriated for the Sec-
19 retary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2007 for
20 the Construction, Major Projects, account,
21 \$1,750,120,000 for the projects whose authorization
22 is extended by section 2.

23 (2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated pur-
24 suant to the authorization of appropriations in para-

1 graph (1) shall remain available until September 30,
2 2009.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR
4 MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY LEASES.—

5 (1) FISCAL YEAR 2006 LEASES.—There is au-
6 thorized to be appropriated for the Secretary of Vet-
7 erans Affairs for fiscal year 2006 for the Medical
8 Care account, \$24,990,000 for the leases authorized
9 in section 4.

10 (2) FISCAL YEAR 2007 LEASES.—There is au-
11 thorized to be appropriated for the Secretary of Vet-
12 erans Affairs for fiscal year 2007 for the Medical
13 Care account, \$26,642,000 for the leases authorized
14 in section 5.

15 (d) LIMITATION.—The projects authorized in sections
16 1 and 2 may only be carried out using—

17 (1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 2006 or
18 2007 pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
19 tions in subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section;

20 (2) funds available for Construction, Major
21 Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 2006
22 that remain available for obligation;

23 (3) funds available for Construction, Major
24 Projects, for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2006 or
25 2007 that are available for obligation; and

- 1 (4) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
- 2 Projects, for fiscal year 2006 or 2007 for a category
- 3 of activity not specific to a project.

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