

REQUESTS TO USE PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED
CONTINGENT EMERGENCY FUNDS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

REQUESTS TO MAKE AVAILABLE PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED
CONTINGENT EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF
AGRICULTURE AND THE INTERIOR



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, August 30, 2001.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of P.L. 106–291, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, I hereby request and make available \$100 million in emergency appropriations provided under Title I for the Department of the Interior and \$150 million in emergency appropriations provided under Title II for the Department of Agriculture. These emergency funds were provided for wildland and firefighting suppression and rehabilitation activities and will be used to combat wildfires in the western United States.

In addition, Estimate Number 26 for the 106th Congress, 2nd Session, transmitted on December 4, 2000, is amended as follows:

Department of Agriculture

Farm Service Agency, Commodity Credit Corporation Fund:

Dairy income assistance: such sums as may be necessary, estimated at	\$675,000,000
Honey nonrecourse loans such sums as may be necessary, estimated at	60,000,000
Amortization of recapture payments: such as may be necessary, estimated at	3,000,000
Loan deficiency payments: such sums as may be necessary estimated at	35,000,000
Rice loan deficiency payments eligibility: such sums as may be necessary estimated at	5,500,000
Tobacco quota holder assistance; such sums as may be necessary estimated at	10,000,000

The details of these actions are set forth in the attached letter from the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

[Estimate No. 11, 107th Cong., 1st Sess.]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, August 30, 2001.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration are requests to make available previously appropriated contingent emergency funds for the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior. The funding provided was made contingent upon your submission of a budget request to the Congress that includes designation of the amount requested as an emergency requirement. Your approval of these requests would make available a total of \$250 million for firefighting activities to combat wildfires in the Western States. These funds will be used for fire suppression activities, including firefighter mobilization and aerial and ground operations, as well as for rehabilitation of environmentally sensitive burned areas.

Title I of P.L. 106-291, the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations act, 2001, provided for \$200 million in contingent emergency funding for the Department of the Interior to address wildland firefighting needs, of which \$100 million was designated as an emergency and released on January 19, 2001. This request would make available the remaining \$100 million for emergency firefighting needs in the Western States.

In addition, Title II of P.L. 106-291 provided \$426 million in contingent emergency funding to the Department of Agriculture to address wildland firefighting needs, of which \$276 million was designated as an emergency and released on January 19, 2001. This request would make available the remaining \$150 million for emergency firefighting needs in the Western States.

The transmittal also contains technical corrections to the Department of Agriculture materials transmitted on December 4, 2000. The details of the corrections are listed in the enclosure to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. I join the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior in recommending that you sign the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Cordially,

SEAN O'KEEFE,
Deputy Director.

Enclosure.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED
MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT

Department of Agriculture

	<i>In millions</i>
Forest Service: Wildland Fire Management (appropriated in Title II of P.L. 106–291).	\$150

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Department of the Interior

	<i>In millions</i>
Bureau of Land Management: Wildland Fire Management (appropriated in Title I of P.L. 106–291)	\$100

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