Public Law 97-286
97th Congress

An Act

Oct. 6, 1982
[S. 2271]

To authorize appropriations to the Secretary of Commerce for the programs of the National Bureau of Standards for fiscal year 1983, and for other purposes.

National Bureau of Standards Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1983.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "National Bureau of Standards Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1983".

AUTHORIZATION FOR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

SEC. 2. (a) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce, hereinafter referred to as the Secretary, to carry out activities performed by the National Bureau of Standards, the sums set forth in the following line items:

(1) Measurement Research and Standards, for fiscal year 1983, $50,389,000.

(2) Engineering Measurements and Standards, for fiscal year 1983, $20,807,000.

(3) Computer Science and Technology, for fiscal year 1983, $10,000,000.

(4) Core Research Program for Innovation and Productivity, for fiscal year 1983, $11,188,000.

(5) Technical Competence Fund, for fiscal year 1983, $6,986,000.

(6) Fire Research Center, for fiscal year 1983, $4,991,000.

(7) Central Technical Support, for fiscal year 1983, $13,500,000.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this or any other Act, for fiscal year 1983:

(1) of the total amount authorized under subsection (a)(4) not less than $3,000,000 shall be available for "Metals Processing";

(2) of the total amounts authorized under subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2), not less than $1,000,000 shall be available for "Measurement Standards for the Handicapped";

(3) of the total amount authorized under subsection (a)(3), not less than $10,000,000 shall be available for "Computer Science and Technology"; and

(4) of the total amount authorized under subsection (a)(4), $3,200,000 for "Robotics Research and Development".

EXCESS FOREIGN CURRENCY

SEC. 3. In addition to the sums authorized in section 2, not more than $500,000 is authorized for fiscal year 1983 for expenses of the National Bureau of Standards incurred outside the United States, to be paid for in foreign currencies that the Secretary of the Treasury determines to be excess to the normal requirements of the United States.

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SEC. 4. In addition to the sums authorized in section 2, the sum of $1,980,000 is authorized to be appropriated to the Assistant Secretary to carry out activities performed by the National Technical Information Service.

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SEC. 5. In addition to the sums authorized in section 2, the sum of $1,898,000 is authorized to be appropriated to the Assistant Secretary for fiscal year 1983 for the purpose of research, development, and related activities in the field of innovation and productivity.

SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

SEC. 6. In addition to the sums authorized to be appropriated by this Act, such additional sums as may be necessary to make any adjustments in salary, pay, retirement, and other employee benefits which may be provided for by law are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1983 and, if the full amount necessary to make such adjustments is not appropriated, the adjustments shall be made proportionately from sections 4 and 5 and in the line items in section 2(a) in a manner reflecting the extent to which the amount of each such line item in section 2(a) is attributable to employee benefits of the type involved.

AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 7. Appropriations made under the authority provided in this Act shall remain available for obligation, for expenditure, or for obligation and expenditure for periods specified in the Acts making such appropriations.

ACTIVITIES PERFORMED FOR OTHER AGENCIES

SEC. 8. The Secretary of Commerce shall charge for any service performed by the Bureau, at the request of another Government agency, in compliance with any statute, enacted before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act, which names the Secretary or the Bureau as a consultant to another Government agency, or calls upon the Secretary or the Bureau to support or perform any activity for or on behalf of another Government agency, or to cooperate with any Government agency in the performance by that agency of any activity, regardless of whether the statute specifically requires reimbursement to the Secretary or the Bureau by such other Government agency for such service, unless funds are specifically appropriated to the Secretary or the Bureau to perform such service. The

15 USC 275b.

Waiver.

Secretary may, however, waive any charge where the service rendered by the Bureau is such that the Bureau will incur only nominal costs in performing it. Costs shall be determined in accordance with section 12(e) of the Act of March 3, 1901, as amended (15 U.S.C. 278b(e)).

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 2271 (H.R. 5726):

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SENATE REPORT No. 97-337 (Comm. on Commerce, Science, and Transportation).
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Apr. 29, considered and passed Senate.
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