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# H. R. 1463

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 1997

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## AN ACT

To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Customs Service, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission.

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

1 **SECTION 1. CUSTOMS AND TRADE AGENCY AUTHORIZA-**  
2 **TIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 1998 AND 1999.**

3 (a) UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE.—

4 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 Section 301(b) of the Customs Procedural Reform  
6 and Simplification Act of 1978 (19 U.S.C. 2075(b))  
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

9 “(1) FOR NONCOMMERCIAL OPERATIONS.—

10 There are authorized to be appropriated for the sala-  
11 ries and expenses of the Customs Service that are  
12 incurred in noncommercial operations not to exceed  
13 the following:

14 “(A) \$668,397,000 for fiscal year 1998.

15 “(B) \$684,018,000 for fiscal year 1999.

16 “(2) FOR COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS.—(A)

17 There are authorized to be appropriated for the sala-  
18 ries and expenses of the Customs Service that are  
19 incurred in commercial operations not less than the  
20 following:

21 “(i) \$901,441,000 for fiscal year 1998.

22 “(ii) \$930,447,000 for fiscal year 1999.

23 “(B) The monies authorized to be appropriated  
24 under subparagraph (A) for any fiscal year, except  
25 for such sums as may be necessary for the salaries  
26 and expenses of the Customs Service that are in-

1       curred in connection with the processing of merchan-  
2       dise that is exempt from the fees imposed under sec-  
3       tion 13031(a)(9) and (10) of the Consolidated Om-  
4       nibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, shall be  
5       appropriated from the Customs User Fee Account.

6               “(3) FOR AIR AND MARINE INTERDICTION.—  
7       There are authorized to be appropriated for the op-  
8       eration (including salaries and expenses) and main-  
9       tenance of the air and marine interdiction programs  
10      of the Customs Service not to exceed the following:

11                   “(A) \$95,258,000 for fiscal year 1998.

12                   “(B) \$98,226,000 for fiscal year 1999.”.

13               (2) SUBMISSION OF OUT-YEAR BUDGET PRO-  
14      JECTIONS.—Section 301(a) of the Customs Proce-  
15      dural Reform and Simplification Act of 1978 (19  
16      U.S.C. 2075(a)) is amended by adding at the end  
17      the following:

18               “(3) By no later than the date on which the President  
19      submits to the Congress the budget of the United States  
20      Government for a fiscal year, the Commissioner of Cus-  
21      toms shall submit to the Committee on Ways and Means  
22      of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
23      Finance of the Senate the projected amount of funds for  
24      the succeeding fiscal year that will be necessary for the

1 operations of the Customs Service as provided for in sub-  
2 section (b).”.

3 (b) OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REP-  
4 RESENTATIVE.—

5 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6 Section 141(g)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19  
7 U.S.C. 2171(g)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(g)(1)(A) There are authorized to be appropriated  
9 to the Office for the purposes of carrying out its functions  
10 not to exceed the following:

11 “(i) \$22,092,000 for fiscal year 1998.

12 “(ii) \$24,300,000 for fiscal year 1999.

13 “(B) Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated  
14 under subparagraph (A) for any fiscal year—

15 “(i) not to exceed \$98,000 may be used for en-  
16 tertainment and representation expenses of the Of-  
17 fice; and

18 “(ii) not to exceed \$2,500,000 shall remain  
19 available until expended.”.

20 (2) SUBMISSION OF OUT-YEAR BUDGET PRO-

21 JECTIONS.—Section 141(g) of the Trade Act of  
22 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(3) By no later than the date on which the President  
24 submits to the Congress the budget of the United States  
25 Government for a fiscal year, the United States Trade

1 Representative shall submit to the Committee on Ways  
2 and Means of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
3 mittee on Finance of the Senate the projected amount of  
4 funds for the succeeding fiscal year that will be necessary  
5 for the Office to carry out its functions.”.

6 (c) UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COM-  
7 MISSION.—

8 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

9 Section 330(e)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19  
10 U.S.C. 1330(e)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

11 “(2)(A) There are authorized to be appropriated to  
12 the Commission for necessary expenses (including the  
13 rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia and  
14 elsewhere) not to exceed the following:

15 “(i) \$41,980,000 for fiscal year 1998.

16 “(ii) \$46,125,400 for fiscal year 1999.

17 “(B) Not to exceed \$2,500 of the amount authorized  
18 to be appropriated for any fiscal year under subparagraph  
19 (A) may be used, subject to the approval of the Chairman  
20 of the Commission, for reception and entertainment ex-  
21 penses.

22 “(C) No part of any sum that is appropriated under  
23 the authority of subparagraph (A) may be used by the  
24 Commission in the making of any special study, investiga-  
25 tion, or report that is requested by any agency of the exec-

1   utive branch unless that agency reimburses the Commis-  
2   sion for the cost thereof.”.

3           (2) SUBMISSION OF OUT-YEAR BUDGET PRO-  
4   JECTIONS.—Section 330(e) of the Tariff Act of  
5   1930 is amended by adding at the end the following:  
6   “(4) By no later than the date on which the President  
7   submits to the Congress the budget of the United States  
8   Government for a fiscal year, the Commission shall submit  
9   to the the Committee on Ways and Means of the House  
10  of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the  
11  Senate the projected amount of funds for the succeeding  
12  fiscal year that will be necessary for the Commission to  
13  carry out its functions.”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 6, 1997.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

*Clerk.*