

To prevent Government shutdowns.

JUNE 17, 1997

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia (for himself, Mr. WYNN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. WOLF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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3 SHORT TITLE

6 CONTINUING FUNDING

SEC. 2. (a) If any regular appropriation bill for fiscal year 1998 does not become law prior to the beginning of fiscal year 1998 or a joint resolution making continuing appropriations is not in effect, there is appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,

1 and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts,
2 and funds, such sums as may be necessary to continue
3 any program, project, or activity for which funds were pro-
4 vided in fiscal year 1997.

5 (b) Appropriations and funds made available, and au-
6 thority granted, for a program, project, or activity for fis-
7 cal year 1998 pursuant to this Act shall be at 100 per
8 cent of the rate of operations that was provided for the
9 program, project, or activity in fiscal year 1997 in the cor-
10 responding regular appropriation Act for fiscal year 1997.

11 (c) Appropriations and funds made available, and au-
12 thority granted, for fiscal year 1998 pursuant to this Act
13 for a program, project, or activity shall be available for
14 the period beginning with the first day of a lapse in appro-
15 priations and ending with the earlier of—

16 (1) the date on which the applicable regular ap-
17 propriation bill for fiscal year 1998 becomes law
18 (whether or not that law provides for that program,
19 project, or activity) or a continuing resolution mak-
20 ing appropriations becomes law, as the case may be;
21 or

22 (2) the last day of fiscal year 1998.

23 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

24 SEC. 3. (a) An appropriation of funds made available,
25 or authority granted, for a program, project, or activity
26 for fiscal year 1998 pursuant to this Act shall be made

1 available to the extent and in the manner which would be
2 provided by the pertinent appropriation Act for fiscal year
3 1997, including all of the terms and conditions and the
4 apportionment schedule imposed with respect to the ap-
5 propriation made or funds made available for fiscal year
6 1997 or authority granted for the program, project, or ac-
7 tivity under current law.

8 (b) Appropriations made by this Act shall be available
9 to the extent and in the manner which would be provided
10 by the pertinent appropriation Act.

11 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when-
12 ever the rate for operations for any continuing project or
13 activity would result in a furlough or a reduction-in-force
14 of Government employees, that rate for operations shall
15 be increased to a level that would preclude a furlough or
16 reduction-in-force.

17 COVERAGE

18 SEC. 4. Appropriations and funds made available,
19 and authority granted, for any program, project, or activ-
20 ity for fiscal year 1998 pursuant to this Act shall cover
21 all obligations or expenditures incurred for that program,
22 project, or activity during the portion of fiscal year 1998
23 for which this Act applies to that program, project, or ac-
24 tivity.

1 EXPENDITURES

2 SEC. 5. Expenditures made for a program, project,
3 or activity for fiscal year 1998 pursuant to this Act shall
4 be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or au-
5 thorization whenever a regular appropriation bill or a joint
6 resolution making continuing appropriations until the end
7 of fiscal year 1998 providing for that program, project,
8 or activity for that period becomes law.

9 INITIATING OR RESUMING A PROGRAM, PROJECT, OR
10 ACTIVITY

11 SEC. 6. No appropriation or funds made available or
12 authority granted pursuant to this Act shall be used to
13 initiate or resume any program, project, or activity for
14 which appropriations, funds, or other authority were not
15 available during fiscal year 1997.

16 PROTECTION OF OTHER OBLIGATIONS

17 SEC. 7. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to af-
18 fect Government obligations mandated by other law, in-
19 cluding obligations with respect to Social Security, Medi-
20 care, Medicaid, and veterans benefits.

21 DEFINITION

22 SEC. 8. In this Act, the term “regular appropriation
23 bill” means any annual appropriation bill making appro-
24 priations, otherwise making funds available, or granting
25 authority, for any of the following categories of programs,
26 projects, and activities:

1 (1) Agriculture, rural development, and related
2 agencies programs.

3 (2) The Departments of Commerce, Justice,
4 and State, the judiciary, and related agencies.

5 (3) The Department of Defense.

6 (4) The government of the District of Columbia
7 and other activities chargeable in whole or in part
8 against the revenues of the District.

9 (5) The Departments of Labor, Health and
10 Human Services, and Education, and related agen-
11 cies.

12 (6) The Departments of Veterans and Housing
13 and Urban Development, and sundry independent
14 agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and of-
15 fices.

16 (7) Energy and water development.

17 (8) Foreign assistance and related programs.

18 (9) The Department of the Interior and related
19 agencies.

20 (10) Military construction.

21 (11) The Department of Transportation and re-
22 lated agencies.

23 (12) The Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal
24 Service, the Executive Office of the President, and
25 certain independent agencies.

1 (13) The legislative branch.

