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To authorize the United States to enter into an executive agreement with Canada relating to the establishment and operation of a binational corporation to operate, maintain, and improve facilities on the Saint Lawrence Seaway, and for other purposes.

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Mr. OBERSTAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Binational Great Lakes-Seaway Enhancement Act of
6 1999”.

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2 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
 4 ings:

5 (1) The Saint Lawrence Seaway is an impor-
 6 tant transportation route linking the industrial

1 heartland of the United States with the rest of the
2 world.

3 (2) More than 20 percent of our Nation's out-
4 put is produced in the Great Lakes-Saint Lawrence
5 Seaway basin and about 15 percent of our exports
6 originates from that region.

7 (3) About 10 percent of the United States pop-
8 ulation and about $\frac{1}{4}$ of Canada's population live in
9 the Great Lakes basin and the livelihood of many of
10 these people would be improved by modernization of
11 the Seaway.

12 (4) The Seaway, as a transportation corridor, is
13 constrained by its limited physical dimensions, cur-
14 rently capable of accommodating only about 30 per-
15 cent of the world's ocean fleet.

16 (5) Costs to users of the Seaway can be reduced
17 by eliminating duplicative operations by the United
18 States and Canada.

19 (6) Although the financial markets are efficient
20 and capable of meeting the financing needs of large
21 borrowers, small public and private entities often en-
22 counter difficulties in obtaining credit on reasonable
23 terms to finance their investment projects.

24 (7) Small maritime commerce-related enter-
25 prises in the Great Lakes and Seaway region, such

1 as ports, warehouses, and terminals, have potential
2 investment projects that could benefit from an addi-
3 tional credit facility that provides innovative invest-
4 ment financing and with a special focus on the
5 Great Lakes and the Seaway.

6 (8) High-risk ventures, such as cargo liner serv-
7 ice and passenger cruise service, are beginning or
8 under consideration for the Great Lakes. Their fea-
9 sibility or viability would be improved with credit or
10 other financing assistance available only outside reg-
11 ular commercial channels.

12 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are as fol-
13 lows:

14 (1) To authorize establishment and operation of
15 a binational Saint Lawrence Seaway Corporation
16 that coordinates and streamlines operation of the
17 Seaway for the purposes of reducing operating costs
18 and costs to users and for making the Seaway more
19 competitive as a transportation route.

20 (2) To transfer operations and employees of the
21 Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation to
22 the binational corporation.

23 (3) To establish a procedure to assist the bina-
24 tional corporation in achieving long-term financial
25 self-sufficiency.

1 (4) To establish a legislative procedure for ap-
2 proving an executive agreement entered into under
3 section 4 to carry out the purposes of paragraphs
4 (1), (2), and (3).

5 (5) To authorize establishment and operation of
6 a binational Great Lakes Development Bank that
7 provides increased financing flexibility for maritime
8 commerce-related infrastructure investment on the
9 Great Lakes and the Seaway and for establishing
10 freight or passenger liner service between ports on
11 the Great Lakes and the Seaway and ports in other
12 countries.

13 (6) To establish a structure of membership for
14 the Bank, including certain financial responsibilities
15 of Bank members.

16 (7) To authorize participation by the United
17 States in the Bank and to specify limitations on
18 such participation.

19 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

21 (1) **BANK.**—The term “Bank” means the Great
22 Lakes Development Bank to be established under
23 this Act.

24 (2) **BANK BOARD.**—The term “Bank Board”
25 means the board of directors of the Bank.

1 (3) CHAIRMAN.—The term “Chairman” means
2 the Chairman of the Corporate Board.

3 (4) COMPETITIVE SERVICE.—The term “com-
4 petitive service” has the meaning such term has
5 under section 2102 of title 5, United States Code.

6 (5) CORPORATE BOARD.—The term “Corporate
7 Board” means the board of directors of the Corpora-
8 tion.

9 (6) CORPORATION.—The term “Corporation”
10 means the Saint Lawrence Seaway Corporation to be
11 established under this Act.

12 (7) DATE OF AGREEMENT.—The term “date of
13 agreement” means the date on which the executive
14 agreement authorized by section 4 of this Act is
15 signed by the representatives of the United States
16 and Canada.

17 (8) DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BANK.—
18 The term “date of establishment of the Bank”
19 means the date the last member of the initial Bank
20 Board is appointed.

21 (9) DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COR-
22 PORATION.—The term “date of establishment”
23 means the date the last initial member of the Cor-
24 porate Board is appointed.

1 (10) DATE OF OPERATION.—The term “date of
2 operation” means the first January 15th following
3 the date of appointment of the initial Director Gen-
4 eral.

5 (11) DIRECTOR GENERAL.—The term “Director
6 General” means the Director General of the Cor-
7 poration.

8 (12) FIXED ASSETS.—The term “fixed assets”
9 means buildings, vessel traffic control centers, and
10 locks and major appurtenant facilities, including any
11 gatelifters, tugboats, and buoy tenders.

12 (13) GREAT LAKES.—The term “Great Lakes”
13 means Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, Lake Huron (in-
14 cluding Lake St. Clair), Lake Michigan, and Lake
15 Superior and the following connecting channels: the
16 Detroit River, the St. Clair River, and the St. Marys
17 River.

18 (14) GREAT LAKES PROVINCES.—The term
19 “Great Lakes Provinces” means the Canadian Prov-
20 inces of Ontario and Quebec.

21 (15) GREAT LAKES STATES.—The term “Great
22 Lakes States” means the States of Illinois, Indiana,
23 Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsyl-
24 vania, and Wisconsin.

1 (16) MANAGING DIRECTOR.—The term “Man-
2 aging Director” means the Managing Director of the
3 Bank.

4 (17) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
5 means the Secretary of Transportation.

6 (18) SLSDC.—The term “SLSDC” means the
7 Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

8 (19) SLSDC EMPLOYEES.—The term “SLSDC
9 employees” means all permanent SLSDC personnel
10 employed on the day before the date of operation.

11 (20) SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY.—The term
12 “Saint Lawrence Seaway” means the deep-draft wa-
13 terway between the port of Montreal and Lake On-
14 tario and the deep-draft waterway known as the
15 Welland Canal and includes all locks, canals, and
16 connecting and contiguous waters that are part of
17 the deep-draft waterway and all other canals and
18 works, wherever located, the management, adminis-
19 tration, and control of which are under the Saint
20 Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation or the
21 Saint Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation of
22 Canada on the day before the date of operation.

23 (21) TRANSFER.—The term “transfer”, as used
24 with respect to SLSDC employees, means the trans-

1 fer and retention of such employees by the Corpora-
2 tion.

3 **SEC. 4. EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President is authorized to
5 enter into an executive agreement on behalf of the United
6 States with Canada—

7 (1) to establish and operate a binational cor-
8 poration to be known as the “Saint Lawrence Sea-
9 way Corporation” for the purposes of operating,
10 maintaining, and improving the assets of the United
11 States and Canada on the Saint Lawrence Seaway,
12 facilitating safe navigation on the Seaway, and pro-
13 moting domestic and international trade involving
14 the Great Lakes States and Great Lakes Provinces;
15 and

16 (2) to establish a binational credit facility to be
17 known as the “Great Lakes Development Bank” for
18 the purposes of providing loans and other assistance
19 and technical and management assistance to the
20 Seaway and public and private entities that are in-
21 volved in maritime commerce in the Great Lakes
22 and Seaway region and facilitating maritime com-
23 merce-related investment on the Seaway and in such
24 region.

1 The executive agreement shall include, at a minimum,
2 such terms and conditions as are necessary to ensure com-
3 pliance with this Act on a continuing basis.

4 (b) GUIDING PRINCIPLES.—In negotiating the execu-
5 tive agreement under this section, the United States shall
6 be guided by the following principles:

7 (1) Improvement of operational coordination
8 among assets of the United States and Canada on
9 the Seaway.

10 (2) Assurance of navigational safety on, and
11 operational reliability of, the Seaway.

12 (3) Establishment of clear and mutually advan-
13 tageous rules governing the combination of Seaway
14 assets and employees of the United States and Can-
15 ada.

16 (4) Protection of the rights of current Seaway
17 employees of the United States and Canada.

18 (5) Enhancement of the competitiveness of the
19 Seaway as a transportation route for world trade.

20 (6) Development of vessel and cargo traffic
21 through the Seaway and expansion of world trade
22 involving the Great Lakes States and Great Lakes
23 Provinces.

1 (7) Creation of new business and employment
2 opportunities in, and improvement of living stand-
3 ards for, such States and Provinces.

4 (8) Facilitation of infrastructure investment in
5 the Great Lakes and Seaway region.

6 (9) Protection of the sovereign interests of the
7 United States and Canada.

8 (10) Assurance of equity between the United
9 States and Canada with respect to their authorities
10 over, and responsibilities for, establishment and op-
11 eration of the Corporation.

12 (11) Protection of the aquatic and riparian en-
13 vironment of the Seaway and the Great Lakes.

14 (12) Assurance of equity between the United
15 States and Canada in their respective contributions
16 toward the establishment and operations of the Cor-
17 poration and the Bank.

18 (13) Assurance of equity between the United
19 States and Canada in their respective opportunities
20 of obtaining loans and other assistance from the
21 Bank.

22 (14) Improvement of the general welfare of the
23 Great Lakes States and Great Lake Provinces.

24 (c) AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION AND SUBMITTAL TO
25 PRESIDENT.—The agreement under this section shall be

1 negotiated by the Secretary of State, with the technical
2 assistance and concurrence of the Secretary, and shall be
3 submitted to the President jointly by the Secretary of
4 State and the Secretary, together with the views and rec-
5 ommendations of the Secretary of State and the Secretary.

6 (d) ANALYSIS BY SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall
7 analyze the agreement negotiated under this section and
8 the principles set forth in subsection (b) to determine if
9 the agreement is consistent with such principles and sub-
10 stantially complies with the requirements of this Act. Not
11 later than 30 days after the date of agreement, the Sec-
12 retary shall submit to the President a report on the results
13 of such analysis.

14 (e) CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL BY PRESI-
15 DENT.—The President shall determine and certify that
16 the terms of the agreement are consistent with the prin-
17 ciples set forth in subsection (b) and substantially comply
18 with the requirements of this Act.

19 (f) CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PROCEDURE.—

20 (1) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Before the
21 President may exchange notes with the Government
22 of Canada under subsection (g), the President shall
23 submit to each House of Congress a report
24 containing—

1 (A) a copy of the agreement negotiated
2 under this section;

3 (B) the certification of the President under
4 subsection (e); and

5 (C) the analysis of the Secretary under
6 subsection (d).

7 (2) LIMITATION ON EFFECTIVE DATE.—The
8 agreement may only take effect after—

9 (A) the date occurring 60 legislative days
10 after the date on which Congress receives the
11 agreement; or

12 (B) in any case in which Congress passes
13 a joint resolution of disapproval relating to the
14 agreement under such an expedited procedure
15 as Congress may provide and the President
16 signs a veto of such resolution, the earlier
17 date—

18 (i) on which either House of Congress
19 votes and fails to override the veto of the
20 President; or

21 (ii) occurring 30 legislative days after
22 the date on which Congress received the
23 veto and objections of the President.

24 (g) CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE OF
25 AGREEMENT.—The President shall exchange notes with

1 the Government of Canada providing for the entry into
 2 force of the agreement with respect to Canada at such
 3 time before the appointment by the President of any mem-
 4 ber to the Corporate Board as—

5 (1) the President—

6 (A) determines that Canada has imple-
 7 mented the statutory changes necessary to
 8 bring Canada into compliance with its obliga-
 9 tions under the agreement, and

10 (B) transmits a report to the House of
 11 Representatives and the Senate setting forth
 12 the determination under subparagraph (A); and

13 (2) Canada exchanges notes with the United
 14 States providing for the entry into force of the
 15 agreement.

16 **TITLE I—SAINT LAWRENCE** 17 **SEAWAY CORPORATION**

18 **SEC. 101. FUNCTIONS OF CORPORATION.**

19 The Corporation shall be responsible for the fol-
 20 lowing:

21 (1) Operating, maintaining, and improving the
 22 assets of the United States and Canada on the Saint
 23 Lawrence Seaway.

24 (2) Ensuring safe navigation in, and reliable
 25 operation of, the Seaway.

1 (3) Providing a high quality of service to users
2 of, and visitors to, the Seaway.

3 (4) Promoting domestic and international trade
4 involving the Great Lakes States and Great Lakes
5 Provinces.

6 (5) Facilitating agencies with primary responsi-
7 bility for enforcing marine safety and environmental
8 protection regulations of the United States, Canada,
9 the Great Lakes States, and the Great Lakes Prov-
10 inces in enforcing such regulations and any addi-
11 tional regulations for the protection of safety and
12 the environment in the Seaway that are issued by
13 the Corporation and are consistent such marine
14 safety and environmental protection regulations.

15 (6) Ensuring the orderly transfer to the Cor-
16 poration of—

17 (A) responsibilities for assets of the United
18 States and Canada on the Seaway; and

19 (B) employees from the SLSDC and the
20 Saint Lawrence Seaway Authority of Canada.

21 (7) Developing a long-term plan for operating,
22 maintaining, and improving Seaway assets and for
23 financing such operation, maintenance, and improve-
24 ments on a self-sustaining basis.

1 **SEC. 102. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall have a
3 board of directors which shall be composed of 12 members
4 as follows:

5 (1) The Secretary or, if the Secretary so des-
6 ignates, the Deputy Secretary of Transportation or
7 the Assistant Secretary of Transportation who has
8 responsibility for international affairs.

9 (2) 5 members appointed by the President, by
10 and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

11 (A) 1 of whom shall be an official of a
12 Great Lakes State;

13 (B) 1 of whom shall be an official of a po-
14 litical subdivision of a Great Lakes State; and

15 (C) 3 of whom may not be an officer or
16 employee of the United States or a State.

17 (3) 6 members appointed or otherwise des-
18 ignated by the Government of Canada.

19 (b) CHAIRMAN.—The members of the Corporate
20 Board shall elect the Chairman from among such mem-
21 bers. No person may serve as Chairman for a period of
22 more than 2 years.

23 (c) RULES FOR APPOINTMENTS.—

24 (1) CITIZENSHIP AND BACKGROUND REQUIRE-
25 MENTS.—Members of the Corporate Board ap-
26 pointed under subsection (a)(2) shall be citizens of

1 the United States and shall have substantial back-
2 ground and achievement in maritime commerce or
3 corporate management and finance or both.

4 (2) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT.—In making
5 appointments to the Corporate Board under sub-
6 section (a)(2)(C), the President shall consult with
7 representatives from the maritime community of the
8 Great Lakes States and other persons affected by
9 operation of the Seaway.

10 (3) DIVERSIFICATION OF APPOINTEES.—In
11 making appointments to the Corporate Board under
12 subsection (a)(2)(C), the President shall select per-
13 sons to serve on the Corporate Board who represent
14 a diversity of interests of the Great Lakes States.

15 (d) DUTIES.—The Corporate Board shall—

16 (1) establish an organizational structure for the
17 Corporation;

18 (2) establish management and operational poli-
19 cies of the Corporation, including policies to ensure
20 that members of the Corporate Board and officers of
21 the Corporation make decisions relating to their re-
22 sponsibilities under this Act on the basis of business
23 and financial principles and not political consider-
24 ations;

1 (3) appoint, fix the compensation of, and estab-
2 lish the authority and duties of, the Director Gen-
3 eral;

4 (4) establish an employment system for the
5 Corporation;

6 (5) adopt, in an open process that affords an
7 opportunity for participation by interested persons
8 and governmental entities, such rules and regula-
9 tions as may be necessary or appropriate to conduct
10 business of the Corporation;

11 (6) ensure that the functions of the Corporation
12 described in section 101 are carried out;

13 (7) develop and ensure compliance with a code
14 of ethics for the Corporation and its officers and em-
15 ployees;

16 (8) prepare and transmit to the President, Con-
17 gress, and the Government of Canada an annual
18 business-type budget program that—

19 (A) lays out the Corporation's plan of op-
20 eration;

21 (B) contains estimates of the financial con-
22 dition and operations of the Corporation for the
23 current and following fiscal years and the finan-
24 cial condition and results of such operations in
25 the preceding fiscal year;

1 (C) contains statements of the financial
2 condition, income and expense, and sources and
3 use of money, an analysis of surplus or deficit,
4 and additional statements and information to
5 make known the financial condition and oper-
6 ations of the Corporation, including estimates
7 of operations by major activities, administrative
8 expenses, borrowings, and expenditure needed
9 to make capital improvements; and

10 (D) provides for emergencies and other
11 contingencies so that the Corporation may carry
12 out its responsibilities;

13 (9) prepare and transmit to the President, Con-
14 gress, and the Government of Canada an annual
15 management report which includes—

16 (A) a statement of financial position;

17 (B) a statement of operations relating to
18 the long-term plan prepared under paragraph
19 (10);

20 (C) a statement of cash flows;

21 (D) a reconciliation to the budget program
22 of the Corporation, if applicable;

23 (E) a statement on the internal accounting
24 and administrative control systems being imple-
25 mented by the Director General;

1 (F) the report resulting from the annual
2 audit of the financial statements of the Cor-
3 poration conducted by independent public ac-
4 countants under section 114(a); and

5 (G) any other comments and information
6 necessary to inform the President, Congress,
7 and the Government of Canada about the oper-
8 ations and financial condition of the Corpora-
9 tion;

10 (10) prepare and, not later than the last day of
11 the 5-year period beginning on the date of establish-
12 ment of the Corporation, transmit to the President,
13 Congress, and the Government of Canada a long-
14 term plan for operating and improving the assets on
15 the Saint Lawrence Seaway and for financing such
16 operation, maintenance, and improvements on a self-
17 sustaining basis;

18 (11) prepare and, not later than the last day of
19 such 5-year period, transmit to the President, Con-
20 gress, and the Government of Canada a report on all
21 actions by agencies of the United States Government
22 and the Government of Canada which affect the safe
23 and cost-effective operation of vessels through the
24 Seaway, including recommendations for assuming

1 operation of activities of such agencies by the Cor-
2 poration; and

3 (12) conduct, or contract with an outside pro-
4 vider to conduct, a study to determine the feasibility
5 of various options of improving the locks and other
6 navigational facilities on the Seaway.

7 (e) TERM OF OFFICE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
9 graphs (2) and (3), each member appointed to the
10 Corporate Board by the President or the Govern-
11 ment of Canada shall serve for a term of 5 years.
12 No person may serve on the Corporate Board for a
13 period of more than 10 years.

14 (2) TERMS OF INITIAL APPOINTEES.—As des-
15 ignated by the President at the time of appointment,
16 of the members initially appointed under subsection
17 (a)(2)—

18 (A) 1 shall be appointed for a term of 1
19 year;

20 (B) 1 shall be appointed for a term of 2
21 years;

22 (C) 1 shall be appointed for a term of 3
23 years;

24 (D) 1 shall be appointed for a term of 4
25 years; and

1 (E) 1 shall be appointed for a term of 5
2 years.

3 (3) REMOVAL FOR CAUSE.—The President may
4 remove from office for cause, including failure to at-
5 tend 3 consecutive meetings of the Corporate Board
6 scheduled by the Chairman, a person appointed by
7 the President to serve as a member of the Corporate
8 Board.

9 (4) VACANCIES.—Any member appointed to fill
10 a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the
11 term for which the member's predecessor was ap-
12 pointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of
13 that term. A member may serve after the expiration
14 of that member's term until a successor has taken
15 office. A vacancy on the Corporate Board shall be
16 filled in the manner in which the original appoint-
17 ment was made.

18 (f) COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES.—

19 (1) COMPENSATION.—A member of the Cor-
20 porate Board appointed under subsection (a)(2)(C)
21 shall receive compensation at a rate equivalent to 25
22 percent of the rate of pay in effect for level III of
23 the Executive Schedule under subchapter II of chap-
24 ter 53 of title 5, United States Code; except that, if
25 such member is elected Chairman, such member

1 while serving as Chairman may receive such addi-
2 tional compensation as the Corporate Board deter-
3 mines appropriate. The Secretary or the designee of
4 the Secretary and members of the Corporate Board
5 appointed under subsections (a)(2)(A) and (a)(2)(B)
6 shall serve without pay.

7 (2) TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES.—

8 Each member of the Corporate Board appointed by
9 the President and the Secretary or the designee of
10 the Secretary shall receive reimbursement for actual
11 travel and subsistence expenses incurred in the per-
12 formance of duties vested in the Corporate Board.

13 (g) MEETINGS.—

14 (1) FREQUENCY.—The Corporate Board shall

15 meet at the call of the Chairman or at the request
16 of at least 5 members of the Corporate Board, but
17 not less than once per calendar year.

18 (2) QUORUM.—A quorum for any meeting of

19 the Corporate Board shall be at least 7 members, at
20 least 3 of whom shall be members referred to in sub-
21 sections (a)(1) and (a)(2).

22 (3) VOTING.—No action of the Corporate

23 Board shall be effective unless taken at a meeting at
24 which a quorum of members is present and a major-
25 ity of those members vote in favor of the action and

1 at which a majority of the members referred to in
2 subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2) vote in favor of the ac-
3 tion.

4 (4) TRANSMITTAL OF MINUTES TO PRESIDENT
5 AND GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.—The minutes of
6 each meeting of the Corporate Board shall be trans-
7 mitted to the President and the Government of Can-
8 ada not later than 3 days (except Saturdays, Sun-
9 days, and observed official holidays) after the date
10 of such meeting.

11 (h) VETO BY PRESIDENT.—Actions taken at a meet-
12 ing of the Corporate Board shall have no effect if, during
13 a period of 10 days (except Saturdays, Sundays, and ob-
14 served official holidays) after the minutes are transmitted
15 under subsection (g)(4), the President disapproves the
16 meeting's minutes or any part thereof.

17 **SEC. 103. DIRECTOR GENERAL.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall have a Di-
19 rector General who shall serve as chief executive officer
20 of the Corporation. The Director General shall be ap-
21 pointed by the Corporate Board for a term of 5 years.

22 (b) PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACT.—A person
23 appointed as Director General shall enter into a perform-
24 ance-based contract with the Corporate Board. The con-
25 tract shall provide for assessment of performance in terms

1 of each of the following: Safety, reliability, environmental
2 protection, trade and traffic development, intergovern-
3 mental cooperation, and management and financial ac-
4 countability. The specific standards for such assessments
5 shall be established by the Corporate Board. The contract
6 shall incorporate measurable goals as agreed to by the Di-
7 rector General and the Corporate Board.

8 (c) ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW.—The Cor-
9 porate Board shall conduct an annual review of the per-
10 formance of the Director General. On the basis of the re-
11 sults of the review, the Corporate Board may take such
12 action as the Corporate Board determines appropriate to
13 award additional compensation as an incentive or take cor-
14 rective action in accordance with the terms of the contract
15 entered into under subsection (b) with the Director Gen-
16 eral.

17 **SEC. 104. EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM AND PRACTICES.**

18 (a) EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM.—The Corporate Board
19 shall establish an employment system for the Corporation.
20 The Corporation employment system shall—

21 (1) be established in accordance with the execu-
22 tive agreement entered into under section 4 and the
23 provisions of this Act;

24 (2) provide for the consideration of the merit of
25 each employee of the Corporation or candidate for

1 employment by the Corporation and the qualifica-
2 tions and fitness of the employee to hold the position
3 concerned;

4 (3) prohibit discrimination against any person
5 because of race, color, national origin, nationality,
6 religion, sex, age, or disability;

7 (4) be designed to maximize the productivity of
8 officers and employees of the Corporation; and

9 (5) in the case of SLSDC employees, provide
10 for the appropriate transfer and retention of those
11 employees between positions in the competitive serv-
12 ice and positions under the employment system of
13 the Corporation as provided in section 105.

14 (b) APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, AND DUTIES.—
15 In accordance with the policies established by the Cor-
16 porate Board under section 102(d) and subject to sections
17 105(b)(1) and 105(b)(3), the Director General may ap-
18 point, fix the compensation of, and define the authority
19 and duties of, officers, employees, and agents of the Cor-
20 poration necessary for the management, operation, main-
21 tenance, and improvement of the Seaway and related fa-
22 cilities, equipment, and appurtenances.

23 (c) BASIC PAY.—Subject to sections 105(b)(1) and
24 105(b)(3), the Director General shall establish, and from

1 time to time may revise, rates of basic pay for positions
2 and employees of the Corporation.

3 (d) BENEFITS.—Subject to sections 105(b)(1),
4 105(b)(5), and 105(b)(6), the Corporation shall offer its
5 officers and employees a package of benefits which in-
6 cludes, at a minimum, sick, annual, and holiday leaves,
7 health benefits, life insurance, retirement benefits, and a
8 voluntary retirement savings program. Any SLSDC em-
9 ployee who transfers to the Corporation shall continue to
10 receive a package of benefits, determined on the basis of
11 the employee's length of service, rate of basic pay, and
12 other relevant factors, not less than that to which the em-
13 ployee is entitled immediately prior to the transfer.

14 (e) PERFORMANCE REVIEW.—The Director General
15 shall establish the standards of, and procedures for, the
16 review of job performance of an employee of the Corpora-
17 tion.

18 (f) JOB LOCATION ASSIGNMENT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director General shall
20 assign officers and employees of the Corporation to
21 facilities and installations in a manner that pro-
22 motes the maximum productivity of the employees
23 and operational efficiency of the Corporation.

24 (2) IMMIGRATION AND LABOR DOCUMENTA-
25 TION.—The Corporation shall work with the Min-

1 istry of Citizenship and Immigration of the Govern-
2 ment of Canada to secure, as expeditiously as pos-
3 sible, the necessary permits and documentation to
4 allow employees of the Corporation who are citizens
5 of the United States or aliens lawfully admitted for
6 permanent residence in the United States to work at
7 facilities in Canada.

8 **SEC. 105. SLSDC EMPLOYEES.**

9 (a) EMPLOYEE PROTECTION.—Not later than the
10 date of operation, the President shall ensure that the Cor-
11 porate Board has established arrangements to protect the
12 employment interests of SLSDC employees who transfer
13 to the Corporation during the 3-year period beginning on
14 such date. These arrangements shall include provisions—

15 (1) which ensure that the Corporation will
16 adopt labor agreements in accordance with the pro-
17 visions of subsection (b)(1);

18 (2) for the transfer and retention of all SLSDC
19 employees who agree to transfer to the Corporation
20 in their same or comparable positions for the 3-year
21 period beginning on the date of operation except in
22 cases of reassignment, separation for cause, resigna-
23 tion, or retirement;

24 (3) for the payment by the Corporation of basic
25 pay to SLSDC employees who transfer to the Cor-

poration (except in cases of separation for cause, resignation, or retirement) for 3 years beginning on the date of operation as provided in subsection (b)(3); and

(4) for credit during the 3-year period beginning on the date of operation for accrued annual and sick leave and seniority rights which have been accrued during the period of Federal employment by SLSDC employees who transfer to the Corporation.

(b) TRANSFER TO CORPORATION.—

(1) LABOR AGREEMENTS.—

(A) ADOPTION.—The Corporation shall adopt all labor agreements involving SLSDC employees that are in effect on the day before the date of operation. Such agreements shall remain in effect for the 3-year period beginning on such date unless the agreement provides for a shorter duration or the parties agree to the contrary before the expiration of such 3-year period. Such agreements shall be renegotiated during the 3-year period unless the parties agree otherwise.

(B) CONTINUATION.—The arrangements made pursuant to this section shall assure that (i) transferred SLSDC employees retain all col-

lective bargaining rights that they have on the day before the date of operation, and (ii) the exclusive representative for such employees is recognized by the Corporation. In this paragraph, the term “exclusive representative” has the meaning such term has under section 7104 of title 5, United States Code.

(C) ADDITIONAL RIGHTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any SLSDC employee who transfers to the Corporation shall have the right to negotiate through the exclusive representative for salary and benefits in addition to those provided for under section 104 if, on the day before the date of operation, such employee is—

(i) covered by a labor agreement; and

(ii) employed by the United States and paid under the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code.

(2) RIGHTS OF TERMINATED SLSDC EMPLOYEES.—Any transferred SLSDC employee whose employment with the Corporation is terminated during the 3-year period beginning on the date of operation shall be entitled to all rights and benefits to be pro-

1 vided by the Corporation that are similar to those
2 such employee would have had under Federal law if
3 termination had occurred immediately before such
4 date.

5 (3) BASIC PAY.—Any SLSDC employee who
6 transfers to the Corporation shall continue to receive
7 a rate of basic pay not less than that to which the
8 employee was entitled immediately prior to the
9 transfer unless the Corporation places the employee
10 in a position within the Corporation which is of a
11 lower grade. Subject to paragraph (1), during the 3-
12 year period beginning on the date of operation, the
13 basic pay of such employees shall be adjusted for
14 changes in the Consumer Price Index of All Urban
15 Consumers published by the Department of Labor.
16 After such period, the basic pay of such employees
17 shall be consistent with the pay structure established
18 by the Corporation through collective bargaining.

19 (4) ANNUAL, SICK, AND HOLIDAY LEAVES.—
20 Any SLSDC employee who transfers to the Corpora-
21 tion shall not be entitled to lump-sum payment for
22 unused annual leave under section 5551 of title 5,
23 United States Code, but shall be credited by the
24 Corporation with the unused annual leave balance on
25 the date of operation, along with any unused sick

1 leave balance on such date. Subject to paragraph
2 (1), during the 3-year period beginning on the date
3 of operation, such employees shall be entitled to an-
4 nual leave accruing at the rate specified in section
5 6303 of such title; limitation on annual leave accu-
6 mulation specified in section 6304 of such title; sick
7 leave accruing at the rate (and limitation on accu-
8 mulation of such leave) specified in section 6307 of
9 such title; and observed official holidays specified in
10 section 6103 of such title. After such period, annual,
11 sick, and holiday leaves and voluntary retirement
12 savings plan benefits shall be specified in the bene-
13 fits packages established under section 104(d).

14 (5) BENEFITS.—Any SLSDC employee who
15 transfers to the Corporation and who, on the day be-
16 fore the date of operation, is eligible for health bene-
17 fits provided under section 8905 of title 5, United
18 States Code, or life insurance provided under section
19 8702 of such title may, so long as continually em-
20 ployed by the Corporation without a break in serv-
21 ice, continue to be eligible to participate in such
22 health benefits or insurance program. Employment
23 by the Corporation without a break in continuity of
24 service shall be considered employment by the
25 United States for purposes of such sections; except

1 that if the employee elects, during the 3-year period
2 beginning on the date of operation, to participate in
3 the health benefits or life insurance program estab-
4 lished by the Corporation under section 104(d), the
5 employee may participate in such program in lieu of
6 continuing to be treated as an employee of the
7 United States for purposes of section 8905 or 8702
8 of such title, as appropriate. If the employee con-
9 tinues to be so treated, the Corporation shall be the
10 employing agency for purposes of section 8905 or
11 8702 of such title, as appropriate, and shall con-
12 tribute to the Employees Health Benefits Fund pur-
13 suant to section 8909 of such title or the Employees'
14 Life Insurance Fund pursuant to section 8714 of
15 such title, as appropriate, such sums as are required
16 by such sections.

17 (6) RETIREMENT.—Any SLSDC employee who
18 transfers to the Corporation and who, on the day be-
19 fore the date of operation, is subject to subchapter
20 III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, or
21 chapter 84 of such title may, so long as continually
22 employed by the Corporation without a break in
23 service, continue to be subject to such subchapter or
24 chapter, as the case may be. Employment by the
25 Corporation without a break in continuity of service

1 shall be considered to be employment by the United
2 States for purposes of such subchapter and chapter;
3 except that if the employee elects, during the 3-year
4 period beginning on the date of operation, to partici-
5 pate in the retirement program established by the
6 Corporation under section 104(d), the employee may
7 participate in such program in lieu of continuing to
8 be treated as an employee of the United States for
9 purposes of such subchapter or chapter. If the em-
10 ployee continues to be so treated, the Corporation
11 shall be the employing agency for purposes of such
12 subchapter and chapter and shall contribute to the
13 Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund or the
14 Thrift Savings Fund, as appropriate, such sums as
15 are required by such subchapter and chapter.

16 (7) ACCESS TO RECORDS.—The Corporation
17 shall allow representatives of the Secretary adequate
18 access to SLSDC employees who transfer to the
19 Corporation and their employment records when
20 needed for the performance of functions related to
21 the period before the date of operation. The Sec-
22 retary shall provide the Corporation access to em-
23 ployment records of transferring SLSDC employees
24 for appropriate purposes.

1 (c) SEPARATED SLSDC EMPLOYEES.—Any SLSDC
2 employee who does not transfer to the Corporation and
3 who does not otherwise remain a United States employee
4 shall be entitled to all rights and benefits available under
5 Federal law for separated United States employees, except
6 that severance pay shall not be payable to any SLSDC
7 employee who does not accept an offer of employment
8 from the Corporation of work substantially similar to that
9 performed for the United States.

10 (d) REINSTATEMENT.—Notwithstanding the service
11 requirement for career tenure established by section
12 315.401(b) of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (as in
13 effect on June 1, 1999), there shall be no time limit on
14 the reinstatement eligibility of—

15 (1) any separated SLSDC employee whose em-
16 ployment is terminated as a result of the termi-
17 nation of the SLSDC and who does not transfer to
18 the Corporation; and

19 (2) any SLSDC employee who transfers to the
20 Corporation.

21 **SEC. 106. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.**

22 (a) EXPRESS CONDITION.—In every contract or
23 agreement to be made, entered into, or accepted by or on
24 behalf of the Corporation, there shall be inserted an ex-
25 press condition that no member of the Corporate Board

1 and no officer or employee of the Corporation shall derive
2 any personal financial or other benefit therefrom.

3 (b) PROHIBITION.—No part of the income or assets
4 of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any mem-
5 ber of the Corporate Board or any officer or employee of
6 the Corporation, except as reasonable compensation for
7 services or reimbursement for expenses.

8 **SEC. 107. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY SECRETARY.**

9 Upon request of the Corporation, the Secretary—

10 (1) may acquire, on behalf of the Corporation,
11 by purchase, lease, condemnation, or donation such
12 real and personal property and any interest therein
13 if the Secretary considers such acquisition necessary
14 for the Corporation to conduct its business; and

15 (2) shall transfer such property or interest to
16 the Corporation if the Corporation pays the costs of
17 acquiring such property or interest, including any
18 reasonable transaction cost associated with such ac-
19 quisition.

20 **SEC. 108. CORPORATE POWERS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of carrying out
22 its functions under this Act, the Corporation shall have
23 the following powers:

24 (1) To have succession in its corporate name.

1 (2) To adopt and use a corporate seal, which
2 shall be judicially noticed.

3 (3) To sue and be sued in its corporate name
4 in the United States to the same extent as the
5 United States Government and in Canada to the
6 same extent as the Government of Canada.

7 (4) To indemnify members of the Corporate
8 Board and officers, employees, and agents of the
9 Corporation for liabilities and expenses incurred
10 within the scope of their employment by the Cor-
11 poration.

12 (5) To adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws, rules,
13 and regulations which shall—

14 (A) govern the manner in which its busi-
15 ness will be conducted and the powers vested in
16 it will be exercised; and

17 (B) be made after notice and opportunity
18 for participation by interested persons and gov-
19 ernmental entities.

20 (6) To make and carry out such contracts or
21 agreements as are necessary or advisable in the con-
22 duct of its business.

23 (7) To issue bonds from time to time in its dis-
24 cretion for public purposes, including the purposes
25 of paying all or any part of the cost of Saint Law-

1 rence Seaway improvements, construction, and reha-
2 bilitation, and the acquisition of real and personal
3 property, including operating equipment for the Sea-
4 way. Such bonds may not constitute a debt of the
5 United States, Canada, or any of the Great Lakes
6 States or Great Lakes Provinces. The payment of
7 principal of, and interest on, such bonds may not be
8 guaranteed by the United States, Canada, or any of
9 the Great Lakes States or Great Lakes Provinces.
10 Such bonds may be secured by the revenues of the
11 Corporation generally or exclusively from the income
12 and revenues of designated projects whether or not
13 they are financed in whole or part from the proceeds
14 of such bonds.

15 (8) To acquire, by purchase, lease, or donation,
16 such real and personal property and any interest
17 therein, and to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of
18 such real and personal property, as the Corporate
19 Board considers necessary for the conduct of its
20 business.

21 (9) To use, when the Corporate Board deter-
22 mines that it is practicable, efficient, and cost-effec-
23 tive to do so, with the consent of the United States,
24 Canada, and the agency or government concerned,
25 and on a reimbursable basis, services, records, facili-

1 ties, or personnel of any Federal, State, Provincial,
2 or local government agency or instrumentality to
3 perform functions on behalf of the Corporation.

4 (10) To determine the character of, and the ne-
5 cessity for, its obligations and expenditures, and the
6 manner in which they shall be incurred, allowed, and
7 paid to carry out the objectives of this Act and the
8 agreement entered into under section 4.

9 (11) To retain and use all revenues from tolls
10 and fees for purposes of financing operation and
11 maintenance of, and infrastructure improvements to,
12 the Seaway.

13 (12) To provide services and facilities necessary
14 for the operation and maintenance of the Seaway,
15 including providing, at reasonable prices, services to
16 vessels using the Seaway and to visitors to the Sea-
17 way and to retain all revenues derived from such
18 services and facilities.

19 (13) To provide, through contract or self-insur-
20 ance, for liability insurance and insurance against
21 loss incurred in connection with property, assets,
22 and operations of the Corporation.

23 (14) To invest funds not needed in its oper-
24 ations in such obligations as it shall determine to be
25 prudent and appropriate.

1 (15) To invest funds held by it for pension or
2 similar purposes in any appropriate marketable se-
3 curities.

4 (16) To enter into interagency agreements with
5 agencies of the United States, Canada, the Great
6 Lakes States, and the Great Lakes Provinces for the
7 purposes of coordinating joint operations in the Sea-
8 way, facilitating movement of vessels through the
9 Seaway, and facilitating enforcement of safety and
10 environmental regulations issued by such agencies.

11 (17) To accept such amounts as may be trans-
12 ferred to the Corporation under section 9505(c)(1)
13 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to
14 expenditures from the Harbor Maintenance Trust
15 Fund), except that such amounts shall be available
16 only for the purpose of operating and maintaining
17 those works which the Corporation is obligated to
18 operate and maintain under section 101.

19 (b) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts credited
20 under subsection (a)(17) shall be available to pay any obli-
21 gation or expense of the Corporation under this Act, ex-
22 cept as specifically provided in subsection (a).

23 (c) EXTENSION OF TRUST FUND PURPOSES.—The
24 purposes for which amounts may be paid from the Harbor

1 Maintenance Trust Fund shall include the purpose re-
2 ferred to in subsection (a)(17).

3 **SEC. 109. OWNERSHIP OF ASSETS.**

4 The executive agreement entered into under section
5 4 shall include, at a minimum, the following terms and
6 conditions concerning the ownership of assets of the
7 United States and Canada on the Saint Lawrence Seaway
8 on and after the date of operation:

9 (1) Title to any fixed asset shall remain with
10 the Government that holds title to the asset on the
11 day before such date, unless a transfer to the Cor-
12 poration is specifically authorized by law.

13 (2) Title to any other asset held by the Govern-
14 ment on the day before such date shall be trans-
15 ferred to the Corporation on such date.

16 (3) Title to any asset acquired, or any improve-
17 ment made to any fixed asset described in paragraph
18 (1) that is financed from sources other than the
19 United States or Canada, after such date shall be
20 vested in the Corporation.

21 **SEC. 110. TRANSFER OF RIGHTS, LIABILITIES, AND OBLIGA-**
22 **TIONS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as specified in subsection
24 (b), the Corporation shall assume all rights, liabilities, and
25 obligations (tangible and incorporeal, present and execu-

1 tory) of the SLSDC on the date of operation, including
2 leases, permits, licenses, contracts, agreements, claims,
3 tariffs, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and litiga-
4 tion relating to such rights and obligations, regardless
5 whether judgment has been entered, damages awarded, or
6 appeal taken.

7 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The procedure for disputes reso-
8 lution contained in any contract entered into on behalf of
9 the United States before the date of operation shall con-
10 tinue to govern the performance of the contract unless
11 otherwise agreed to by the parties to the contract. Claims
12 for monetary damages founded in tort, by or against the
13 United States as the owner and operator of the Saint Law-
14 rence Seaway, arising before the date of operation shall
15 be adjudicated as if the agreement had not been entered
16 into.

17 (c) PAYMENTS INTO EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION
18 FUND.—The Corporation shall remain responsible for re-
19 imbursing the Employees' Compensation Fund, pursuant
20 to section 8147 of title 5, United States Code, for com-
21 pensation paid or payable after the date of operation in
22 accordance with chapter 81 of such title with regard to
23 any injury, disability, or death due to events arising before
24 such date, whether or not a claim has been filed or is final
25 on such date.

1 (d) RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS.—

2 (1) DISCONTINUED SERVICE.—Not later than 1
3 year after the date of operation, the Corporation
4 shall pay to the Treasury of the United States, to
5 be deposited to the credit of the Civil Service Retirement
6 and Disability Fund, an amount determined by
7 the Office of Personnel Management to represent
8 the actual added costs incurred by the Fund due to
9 discontinued service retirement under section
10 8336(d)(1) of title 5, United States Code, of SLSDC
11 employees who elect not to transfer to the Corpora-
12 tion.

13 (2) UNFUNDED LIABILITY.—

14 (A) PAYMENT TO TREASURY.—Not later
15 than 1 year after the date of operation, the
16 Corporation shall pay to the Treasury of the
17 United States, to be deposited to the credit of
18 the Civil Service Retirement and Disability
19 Fund, an amount determined by the Office of
20 Personnel Management to represent the present
21 value of the difference between—

22 (i) the future cost of benefits payable
23 from the Fund and due the employees cov-
24 ered by section 105(b)(6) that are attrib-

1 utable to the period of employment fol-
2 lowing the date of operation; and

3 (ii) the contributions made by the em-
4 ployees and the Corporation under section
5 105(b)(6).

6 (B) CONSIDERATION OF INTEREST IN DE-
7 TERMINING AMOUNT DUE.—In determining the
8 amount due under subparagraph (A), the Office
9 of Personnel Management shall take into con-
10 sideration the actual interest such amount can
11 be expected to earn when invested in the Treas-
12 ury of the United States.

13 **SEC. 111. CONTINUATION OF REGULATIONS AND AGREE-**
14 **MENT.**

15 (a) REGULATIONS.—All regulations of the SLSDC
16 shall become regulations of the Corporation on the date
17 of operation and shall remain in effect until modified or
18 revoked by the Corporate Board in accordance with proce-
19 dures of the Corporate Board.

20 (b) AGREEMENT.—Any agreement between the
21 SLSDC and any other Federal agency in effect on the
22 date of operation shall be treated as an agreement between
23 the Corporation and such Federal agency and shall remain
24 in effect until modified or revoked under the terms of the
25 agreement.

1 **SEC. 112. TRANSFER OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF AP-**
2 **PROPRIATIONS.**

3 On the date of operation, all unexpended balances of
4 appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other
5 funds employed, held, used, arising from, available to, or
6 to be made available in connection with any of the func-
7 tions of the SLSDC are transferred to the Corporation,
8 except that no such unexpended balances transferred shall
9 be used for purposes other than those for which the appro-
10 priation was originally made.

11 **SEC. 113. AUDITS AND REPORTS.**

12 (a) ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT.—The books of account
13 of the Corporation shall be maintained in accordance with
14 generally accepted accounting principles and shall be sub-
15 ject to an annual audit by independent public accountants
16 of internationally recognized standing.

17 (b) REPORTS.—The Director General shall submit to
18 the President and the Government of Canada, on or before
19 the 90th day following the last day of each fiscal year,
20 a complete and detailed report with respect to the pre-
21 ceding fiscal year, setting forth—

22 (1) a summary of the Corporation's operations
23 for such preceding fiscal year; and

24 (2) the Corporation's financial statements and
25 the opinion with respect thereto prepared by the
26 independent public accountants reviewing such state-

1 ments and a copy of any report made on an audit
2 conducted under subsection (a).

3 (c) BOARD OF REVIEW.—

4 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Corporation shall
5 have a board of review which shall be composed of
6 6 members. Three members of the board of review
7 shall be appointed by the President from a list of
8 candidates submitted to the President by the Comp-
9 troller General of the United States and 3 members
10 shall be appointed by the Government of Canada.

11 (2) ANNUAL AUDIT.—The board of review shall
12 review the annual audit conducted under subsection
13 (a) and shall transmit to the President, Congress,
14 and the Government of Canada a report of its find-
15 ings with such recommendations as the board of re-
16 view considers appropriate.

17 **SEC. 114. REPEAL OF SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY ACT.**

18 Effective on the date of operation, sections 1 through
19 13 of the Act of May 13, 1954, commonly referred to as
20 the Saint Lawrence Seaway Act (33 U.S.C. 981–990) are
21 repealed.

22 **SEC. 115. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 (a) TRANSITIONAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
24 priated \$200,000 to the Secretary for transfer to the Cor-
25 poration for the United States share of the cost of estab-

1 lishment of the Corporation before the date of operation.

2 Such funds shall remain available until expended.

3 (b) FIRST 10 FISCAL YEARS.—There is authorized
 4 to be appropriated to the Secretary for transfer to the
 5 Corporation to carry out its functions a sum that is the
 6 equitable contribution of the United States toward estab-
 7 lishment and operation of the Corporation for each of the
 8 first 10 fiscal years beginning after the date of the first
 9 meeting of the Corporate Board under this Act. Such
 10 funds shall remain available until expended.

11 **TITLE II—GREAT LAKES** 12 **DEVELOPMENT BANK**

13 **SEC. 201. ESTABLISHMENT AND STATUS OF BANK.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Pursuant to the executive
 15 agreements entered into under section 4, the President
 16 shall facilitate the establishment of the Great Lakes De-
 17 velopment Bank.

18 (b) CHARTER.—Effective on the date of establish-
 19 ment of the Bank, Congress of the United States charters
 20 the Bank. Congress reserves the right to revise, amend,
 21 or modify the charter.

22 (c) STATUS.—The Bank shall not be an agency or
 23 instrumentality of the United States.

1 **SEC. 202. FUNCTIONS OF BANK.**

2 The Bank shall be responsible for providing, on the
3 basis of business and financial principles and taking into
4 consideration equity between Canada and the United
5 States, loans and other assistance and technical and man-
6 agement assistance in accordance with section 206 to pub-
7 lic and private entities that are involved in maritime trans-
8 portation in the Great Lakes States and Great Lakes
9 Provinces and shall give priority, in providing such loans
10 and assistance, to the Corporation for making infrastruc-
11 ture improvements to the Saint Lawrence Seaway. Such
12 assistance may be for 1 or more of the following purposes:

13 (1) Providing increased financing flexibility for
14 maritime commerce-related infrastructure invest-
15 ment on the Great Lakes and the Seaway.

16 (2) Increasing the number of financially feasible
17 projects that are eligible for assistance under section
18 206.

19 (3) Expediting the commencement and comple-
20 tion of eligible projects.

21 (4) Establishing service by persons holding
22 themselves out to the general public to provide
23 transportation by water of passengers or property
24 between ports in the Great Lakes States or Great
25 Lakes Provinces and ports in other countries.

1 (5) Increasing maritime commerce-related in-
2 frastructure investment by the Great Lakes States,
3 Great Lakes Provinces, and political subdivisions of
4 such States or Provinces.

5 (6) Any other purpose that would result in—

6 (A) modernization of maritime facilities on
7 the Great Lakes and the Seaway;

8 (B) improvement of the competitiveness of
9 the Great Lakes-Saint Lawrence Seaway sys-
10 tem as a transportation route for world trade;
11 and

12 (C) increasing, or increasing diversification
13 of, vessel and cargo traffic through the Seaway
14 and to and from the Great Lakes.

15 **SEC. 203. OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES.**

16 The Bank shall conduct its operations in accordance
17 with the following principles:

18 (1) The Bank may not provide any financial as-
19 sistance for which in the opinion of the Bank Board
20 sufficient capital could be obtained on reasonable
21 terms from private markets.

22 (2) The Bank may not impose conditions that
23 the proceeds of any assistance it provides will be
24 spent within the jurisdictional boundaries of a par-
25 ticular country, State, province, or locality.

1 (3) The Bank may not assume the management
2 responsibility for any project for which it provides
3 assistance, except in the process of liquidating prop-
4 erties acquired as collateral for loans and other as-
5 sistance.

6 (4) The Bank may provide assistance only on
7 terms and conditions that the Bank Board considers
8 appropriate, taking into account the requirements of
9 the project, the risks being assumed by the Bank,
10 and the terms and conditions normally obtained by
11 private persons or organizations for providing simi-
12 lar assistance.

13 (5) For the purpose of obtaining additional
14 funds to provide financial assistance under this title,
15 the Bank may sell assets it acquires in the course
16 of providing assistance under this title whenever the
17 Bank determines it can do so on appropriate and
18 satisfactory terms.

19 (6) The Bank shall diversify its investment
20 portfolio.

21 **SEC. 204. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Bank shall be governed by
23 a board of directors. Except as provided in subsection (b)
24 with respect to the initial Bank Board, members of the

1 Bank Board shall be elected by members of the Bank in
2 accordance with the bylaws of the Bank.

3 (b) INITIAL BOARD.—

4 (1) SIZE AND MEMBERSHIP.—The initial Bank
5 Board shall be composed of 16 members as follows:

6 (A) 1 member appointed by each of the
7 Governors of the Great Lakes States; and

8 (B) 8 members appointed or otherwise des-
9 ignated by the Government of Canada.

10 (2) SPECIAL DUTIES.—In addition to the duties
11 specified in subsection (c), the initial Bank Board is
12 responsible for—

13 (A) incorporating the Bank in the United
14 States and Canada;

15 (B) establishing an organizational struc-
16 ture for the Bank;

17 (C) establishing management and oper-
18 ational policies of the Bank;

19 (D) identifying and actively recruiting po-
20 tential members to join the Bank; and

21 (E) preparing for and carrying out the or-
22 derly transition of the initial Bank Board to the
23 Bank Board as provided in paragraph (4).

24 (3) PAY.—Members of the initial Bank Board
25 shall serve without pay.

1 (4) TRANSITION TO BANK BOARD.—The term
2 of all members of the initial Bank Board shall termi-
3 nate on the day that the results of the first election
4 of members of the Bank Board are certified.

5 (5) CONDITIONS FOR TRANSITION.—Transition
6 from the initial Bank Board to the Bank Board
7 shall occur when, in the opinion of the President and
8 the Government of Canada, a sufficient number of
9 members have joined the Bank and such members
10 have contributed an adequate amount of capital to
11 the Bank to make the Bank a financially viable or-
12 ganization. Such transition may only occur after
13 there are 10 or more Bank members and the aggre-
14 gate of their subscription to the Bank’s capital stock
15 is \$80,000,000 or more.

16 (c) DUTIES.—The Bank Board shall—

17 (1) evaluate and, if necessary, modify the orga-
18 nizational structure of the Bank established by the
19 initial Bank Board;

20 (2) evaluate and, if appropriate, revise the man-
21 agement and operational policies of the Bank;

22 (3) adopt, in an open process that affords an
23 opportunity for participation by interested persons
24 and governmental entities, such bylaws, rules, and

1 regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to
2 conduct business of the Bank;

3 (4) ensure that the functions of the Bank de-
4 scribed in section 202 are carried out;

5 (5) develop and ensure compliance with a code
6 of ethics for the Bank and its officers and employ-
7 ees;

8 (6) establish procedures for, and conditions of,
9 admitting members to the Bank;

10 (7) ensure that Bank members will fulfill their
11 obligations when the Bank Board makes a call for
12 capital to meet the Bank's obligations to its credi-
13 tors;

14 (8) approve calls on members' callable capital
15 for the purpose of meeting the Bank's obligations to
16 its creditors;

17 (9) declare and pay dividends when the Bank
18 Board determines that it is advisable;

19 (10) approve proposals for loans and other as-
20 sistance;

21 (11) appoint and fix the compensation of the
22 Managing Director;

23 (12) prepare and transmit to the President,
24 Congress, the Government of Canada, and Bank

1 members an annual business-type budget program
2 that—

3 (A) lays out the Bank’s plan of operation;

4 (B) contains estimates of the financial con-
5 dition and operations of the Bank for the cur-
6 rent and following fiscal years and the financial
7 condition and results of such operations in the
8 preceding fiscal year;

9 (C) contains statements of the financial
10 condition, income and expense, and sources and
11 use of money, an analysis of surplus or deficit,
12 and additional statements and information to
13 make known the financial condition and oper-
14 ations of the Bank, including estimates of oper-
15 ations by major activities, administrative ex-
16 penses, loans, borrowings, and capital reserves
17 needed to cover loan and lease losses; and

18 (D) provides for emergencies and other
19 contingencies so that the Bank may carry out
20 its responsibilities; and

21 (13) prepare and transmit to the President,
22 Congress, the Government of Canada, and Bank
23 members an annual management report which
24 includes—

25 (A) a statement of financial position;

1 (B) a statement of operations;

2 (C) a statement of cash flows;

3 (D) a reconciliation to the budget program
4 of the Bank, if applicable;

5 (E) a statement on the internal accounting
6 and administrative control systems being imple-
7 mented by the Managing Director;

8 (F) the report resulting from the annual
9 audit of the financial statements of the Bank
10 conducted by independent public accountants
11 under section 217; and

12 (G) any other comments and information
13 necessary to inform the President, Congress,
14 the Government of Canada, and Bank members
15 about the operations and financial condition of
16 the Bank.

17 **SEC. 205. MANAGING DIRECTOR.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Bank shall have a Managing
19 Director who shall serve as chief executive officer of the
20 Bank.

21 (b) DUTIES.—In accordance with the policies estab-
22 lished by the Bank Board under section 204, the Man-
23 aging Director shall be responsible for—

24 (1) the day-to-day operations of the Bank;

1 (2) appointing, fixing the compensation of, and
 2 defining the authority and duties of, officers, em-
 3 ployees, and agents of the Bank necessary for the
 4 management and operation of the Bank;

5 (3) assisting the Great Lakes and Saint Law-
 6 rence Seaway maritime community in meeting its in-
 7 vestment financing needs;

8 (4) presenting proposals for loans and other as-
 9 sistance of the Bank to the Bank Board for its con-
 10 sideration and approval; and

11 (5) ensuring that potential clients in the Great
 12 Lakes States and Great Lakes Provinces are aware
 13 of the programs and services offered by the Bank.

14 **SEC. 206. FORMS OF ASSISTANCE.**

15 (a) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Bank may provide loans
 17 or other assistance to a public or private entity for
 18 carrying out a project eligible for assistance under
 19 this title.

20 (2) INTEREST AND FEES.—The Bank shall es-
 21 tablish and collect—

22 (A) interest for making loans under this
 23 title at rates, and

24 (B) fees for providing other assistance
 25 under this title,

1 that the Bank Board determines appropriate.

2 (3) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The amount of loans
3 and other assistance provided under this title with
4 respect to a project may not exceed the lesser of—

5 (A) 90 percent of the cost of carrying out
6 the project; or

7 (B) 80 percent of the difference between
8 such cost and the amount of loans and other
9 assistance obtained for carrying out the project
10 from other sources.

11 (4) SUBORDINATION.—The amount of any loan
12 or other assistance provided under this title for a
13 project may be subordinated to any other debt fi-
14 nancing for the project.

15 (b) TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE.—
16 The Bank may also provide, on a fee-for-service basis,
17 technical or management assistance with respect to a
18 project eligible for assistance under this title. The cost of
19 such assistance may be financed as part of any financial
20 assistance provided under this title with respect to the
21 project.

22 (c) OTHER ASSISTANCE DEFINED.—In this title, the
23 term “other assistance” means the use of Bank funds to—

1 (1) guarantee, in whole or in part, loans made
2 by private investors through commercial investment
3 channels;

4 (2) provide credit enhancements;

5 (3) serve as a capital reserve for bond or debt
6 instrument financing;

7 (4) subsidize interest rates;

8 (5) ensure the issuance of letters of credit and
9 credit instruments;

10 (6) finance purchase and lease agreements;

11 (7) provide bond or debt financing instrument
12 security; and

13 (8) provide other forms of debt financing and
14 methods of leveraging funds that relate to the
15 project with respect to which such assistance is
16 being provided.

17 **SEC. 207. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Bank may provide under this
19 title loans and other assistance only with respect to
20 projects that directly or indirectly improve the efficiency
21 or competitiveness of the Great Lakes or the Saint Law-
22 rence Seaway as a transportation route in maritime com-
23 merce. Such projects may include—

1 (1) maintenance of, or improvement to, Seaway
2 facilities to accommodate a greater percentage of the
3 world's commercial vessel fleet;

4 (2) dredging to maintain or widen or deepen
5 navigational channels in the Great Lakes and the
6 Seaway;

7 (3) improvement to harbors, ports, docks, and
8 appurtenant facilities (including cranes and termi-
9 nals) in the Great Lakes and the Seaway;

10 (4) construction of warehouses and other mari-
11 time commerce-related development in the Great
12 Lakes and the Seaway region; and

13 (5) construction, major conversion, and mod-
14 ernization of commercial passenger or cargo vessels
15 that will be used in maritime commerce and will re-
16 sult in a higher level of, or more diverse, vessel traf-
17 fic in or through the Great Lakes-Saint Lawrence
18 Seaway system.

19 (b) ELIGIBILITY OF PLANNING, ENGINEERING, DE-
20 SIGN, AND LAND ACQUISITION COSTS.—Costs of plan-
21 ning, engineering, design, and land acquisition in connec-
22 tion with any project described in subsection (a) shall be
23 eligible costs for which the Bank may provide loans and
24 other assistance under this title.

1 **SEC. 208. CONDITIONS ON ASSISTANCE.**

2 (a) LOCATION.—The Bank may provide assistance
3 under this title to a private or public entity involved in
4 maritime commerce in the Great Lakes and the Saint
5 Lawrence Seaway region with respect to a project eligible
6 for assistance under section 207 only if—

7 (1) the entity is the Corporation or a member
8 of the Bank; and

9 (2) the project will be carried out, or the entity
10 is registered to do business, within the jurisdictional
11 boundaries of a State or Province of Canada that is
12 a member of the Bank.

13 (b) PROCUREMENT.—The Bank may provide assist-
14 ance under this title to a private or public entity only if
15 the entity agrees, in writing, that no contract for pro-
16 curing goods or services necessary for the planning, de-
17 sign, development, and construction of the project for
18 which such assistance is being provided will be awarded
19 to any person or governmental entity (other than the
20 United States) unless such person or governmental entity,
21 or the political subdivision in which such person is located
22 or registered to do business is a member of the Bank, and
23 provides such other assurances as the Bank may require
24 to ensure that such agreement will be fulfilled.

1 **SEC. 209. BANK REQUIREMENTS.**

2 In carrying out its functions under this title, the
3 Bank Board shall—

4 (1) ensure that the Bank maintains on a con-
5 tinuing basis an investment grade rating on its debt
6 issuances or has a sufficient level of bond or debt fi-
7 nancing instrument insurance to maintain the viabil-
8 ity of the Bank;

9 (2) ensure that income generated by the Bank
10 will be—

11 (A) credited to the Bank;

12 (B) available for use in providing loans
13 and other assistance to projects eligible for as-
14 sistance from the Bank; and

15 (C) invested in (i) government securities
16 that are backed by the full faith and credit of
17 the United States, any State or political sub-
18 division of any State, Canada, or any Province
19 of Canada or political subdivision of any Prov-
20 ince of Canada, (ii) bank deposits, or (iii) such
21 other financing instruments as the Bank Board
22 may approve to earn interest to enhance the
23 leveraging of projects assisted by the Bank;

24 (3) ensure that a loan made by the Bank will
25 bear interest at or below market rates, as deter-

1 mined appropriate by the Bank Board, to make the
2 project that is the subject of the loan feasible;

3 (4) ensure that repayment of such loan will
4 commence not later than 1 year after the date of
5 completion of the project or the facility is open to
6 maritime traffic, whichever is later; and

7 (5) ensure that the term for repaying such loan
8 will not exceed 25 years beginning on the date on
9 which the first payment is due on the loan.

10 **SEC. 210. BANK CORPORATE POWERS.**

11 For the purpose of carrying out its functions under
12 this title, the Bank shall have the following powers:

13 (1) To have succession in its corporate name.

14 (2) To adopt and use a corporate seal.

15 (3) To sue and be sued in its corporate name.

16 (4) To admit members to the Bank under the
17 procedures and conditions established under section
18 204(c)(6).

19 (5) To indemnify members of the Bank Board
20 and officers, employees, and agents of the Bank for
21 liabilities and expenses incurred within the scope of
22 their employment by the Bank.

23 (6) To adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws, rules,
24 and regulations which shall—

1 (A) govern the manner in which its busi-
2 ness will be conducted and the powers vested in
3 it will be exercised; and

4 (B) be made after notice and opportunity
5 for participation by interested persons and gov-
6 ernmental entities.

7 (7) To make and carry out such contracts or
8 agreements as are necessary or advisable in the con-
9 duct of its business.

10 (8) To issue bonds from time to time in its dis-
11 cretion for public purposes if such bonds do not con-
12 stitute a debt of the United States, Canada, any
13 State, or any Province of Canada and if the pay-
14 ment of principal of, and interest on, such bonds is
15 not guaranteed by the United States, Canada, any
16 State, or Province of Canada.

17 (9) To acquire, by purchase, lease, or donation,
18 such real and personal property and any interest
19 therein, and to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of
20 such real and personal property, as the Bank Board
21 considers necessary for the conduct of its business.

22 (10) To determine the character of, and the ne-
23 cessity for, its obligations and expenditures, and the
24 manner in which they shall be incurred, allowed, and

1 paid to carry out the objectives of this Act and the
2 agreement entered into under section 4.

3 (11) To retain and use all its revenues for pur-
4 poses of financing Bank operations.

5 (12) To provide, through contract or self-insur-
6 ance, for liability insurance and insurance against
7 loss incurred in connection with property, assets,
8 and operations of the Bank.

9 (13) To guarantee securities for which it has
10 provided assistance in order to facilitate their sale.

11 (14) To buy and sell securities it has issued.

12 (15) To exercise such other powers incidental to
13 its business as shall be necessary or appropriate to
14 carry out its functions under section 202.

15 (16) To invest funds not needed in its financing
16 and other operations in such obligations as it shall
17 determine to be prudent and appropriate.

18 (17) To invest funds held by it for pension or
19 similar purposes in any appropriate marketable se-
20 curities.

21 (18) To fix the compensation of Bank Board
22 members.

23 **SEC. 211. BANK MEMBERSHIP.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—A person, including a govern-
25 mental entity (other than the United States and the Cor-

1 poration), may become a member of the Bank if such per-
2 son complies with the procedures and conditions estab-
3 lished by the Bank Board under section 204(c)(6) and
4 meets the subscription requirements of this section.

5 (b) SUBSCRIPTION OF SHARES.—

6 (1) INITIAL.—In order to be a member of the
7 Bank, a person shall subscribe to such minimum
8 number of shares of capital stock of the Bank as the
9 Bank Board may establish.

10 (2) ADDITIONAL.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—When there are unsub-
12 scribed shares of the Bank's capital stock or an
13 increase in the capital stock is approved under
14 subsection (g)(2), each member may subscribe,
15 under conditions established by the Bank
16 Board, to an amount of increased shares of
17 capital stock that does not exceed the amount
18 determined by multiplying—

19 (i) the amount of such unsubscribed
20 or increased shares, by

21 (ii) the ratio of the shares of capital
22 stock of the Bank owned by such member
23 on the day before such increase bears to
24 the aggregate shares of such stock owned
25 by all members of the Bank on such day.

1 (B) AVAILABILITY TO NONMEMBERS.—The
2 shares of capital stock that members do not
3 subscribe to under subparagraph (A) may be
4 made available by the Bank for subscription to
5 persons and governmental entities (other than
6 the United States) who are not members of the
7 Bank but who intend to become members of the
8 Bank.

9 (c) DIVISION AND CALLS OF SUBSCRIBED SHARES.—
10 The subscription of each member of the Bank shall be di-
11 vided into 2 parts as follows:

12 (1) 15 percent shall be paid-in cash or cash
13 equivalent.

14 (2) The remaining 85 percent shall be subject
15 to call by the Bank when required to meet the obli-
16 gations of the Bank to its creditors.

17 (d) CALLABLE CAPITAL.—Capital of members of the
18 Bank subject to call may only be called on a pro rata basis
19 with each member providing a share of the funds being
20 called which corresponds to its ownership share in the
21 Bank on the date of the call.

22 (e) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—The liability of each
23 member of the Bank shall be limited to the unpaid portion
24 of the issue price of the shares of capital stock of the Bank
25 subscribed to by the member.

1 (f) RESTRICTIONS ON ISSUANCE, TRANSFER, AND
2 PLEDGE OF SHARES.—Shares of capital stock of the Bank
3 may be issued only to members of the Bank, may not be
4 pledged or encumbered in any manner by the members
5 of the Bank, and may be transferred only to the Bank
6 by its members.

7 (g) AUTHORIZED CAPITALIZATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The authorized capitaliza-
9 tion of the Bank shall be \$2,000,000,000. Subject to
10 section 212, the United States and Canada shall
11 each provide to the Bank \$600,000,000 in long-term
12 loans. The authorized capital stock of the Bank shall
13 be \$800,000,000 and shall be divided into 800,000
14 shares having a par value of \$1,000 each. Such
15 shares shall be available only for subscription by
16 members of the Bank.

17 (2) INCREASED CAPITAL STOCK.—The capital
18 stock of the Bank may be increased when the Bank
19 deems it advisable by a majority vote of members of
20 the Bank.

21 **SEC. 212. UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION.**

22 (a) PROHIBITION ON CAPITAL STOCK SUBSCRIP-
23 TION.—The United States may not subscribe to shares of
24 capital stock of the Bank.

1 (b) DIRECT LOAN.—Subject to advance appropria-
2 tions, the Secretary shall make a direct loan to the Bank
3 of \$100,000,000 after the Secretary determines that—

4 (1) the Bank is properly incorporated and char-
5 tered in the United States and Canada;

6 (2) the Bank has established reasonable condi-
7 tions for admitting members to the Bank, taking
8 into consideration the financial strength of the po-
9 tential members and the requirements of the Bank
10 to remain financially viable; and

11 (3) the Government of Canada is making a
12 similar loan to the Bank.

13 (c) AGREEMENT FOR FUTURE LOANS.—The Sec-
14 retary and the Bank Board shall enter into an agreement
15 under which the Secretary, subject to advance appropria-
16 tions, will make direct loans to the Bank not to exceed
17 \$500,000,000 in the aggregate. The Secretary may make
18 a loan under this subsection only if the Bank dem-
19 onstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the
20 Bank needs such loans to meet the Bank's obligations to
21 its creditors.

22 (d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A loan made by the
23 United States to the Bank under this section and section
24 211(g)—

25 (1) shall be for a term no longer than 25 years;

1 (2) shall bear interest at—

2 (A) a rate the Secretary of the Treasury
3 establishes, considering the current average
4 yield on outstanding marketable obligations of
5 the United States that have remaining periods
6 of maturity comparable to the average maturity
7 of the loan, adjusted to the nearest .125 per-
8 cent; plus

9 (B) an allowance the Secretary of Trans-
10 portation considers adequate to cover adminis-
11 trative costs and probable losses;

12 (3) shall be subject to a call for repayment by
13 the Bank at any time that the Secretary determines
14 the Bank is not complying with the objectives of this
15 title; and

16 (4) shall be subject to such other terms and
17 conditions as the Secretary determines appropriate.

18 **SEC. 213. LIMITATIONS ON UNITED STATES LIABILITY.**

19 (a) CONTRIBUTION.—The lending or contribution of
20 Federal funds, or the provision of credit or credit enhance-
21 ment by the United States, to the Bank shall not be con-
22 strued as a commitment, guarantee, or obligation on the
23 part of the United States to any third party, nor shall
24 any third party have any right against the United States
25 for payment solely by virtue of the contribution.

1 (b) FINANCING INSTRUMENT.—Any security or debt
2 financing instrument issued by the Bank shall expressly
3 state that the security or instrument does not constitute
4 a direct or indirect commitment, guarantee, or obligation
5 of the United States.

6 (c) OUTSTANDING LOAN.—The liability of the United
7 States to the Bank or any other person or governmental
8 entity for any claim arising as a result of any action or
9 inaction by the Bank shall be limited to the aggregate
10 amount of loans from the United States to the Bank out-
11 standing on the date the claim arose or at the time of
12 final judgment, whichever results in the lesser amount.

13 **SEC. 214. FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES.**

14 Any Federal Reserve bank that is requested to do so
15 by the Bank may act as its depository or as its fiscal
16 agent.

17 **SEC. 215. REPORTS ON BANK SECURITIES.**

18 (a) REPORTS TO SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COM-
19 MISSION.—The Bank shall file with the Securities and Ex-
20 change Commission such annual and other reports with
21 regard to securities issued by the Bank (including any
22 guarantee made by the Bank, whether or not limited in
23 scope) as the Commission determines to be appropriate
24 in view of the special character of the Bank and its oper-

1 ations and necessary in the public interest or for the pro-
2 tection of investors.

3 (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Commission shall
4 include in its annual reports to Congress such information
5 as the Commission shall deem advisable with regard to
6 the operations of the Bank and the reports submitted to
7 the Commission under subsection (a) and in connection
8 therewith shall include any views submitted for such pur-
9 pose by any association of dealers registered with the
10 Commission.

11 **SEC. 216. JURISDICTION AND VENUE OF CIVIL ACTIONS BY**
12 **OR AGAINST BANK.**

13 (a) JURISDICTION.—The United States district
14 courts shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction of any
15 civil action brought in the United States by or against the
16 Bank.

17 (b) VENUE.—For purposes of section 1391(b) of title
18 28, United States Code, the Bank shall be deemed to be
19 a resident of the judicial district in which the principal
20 office of the Bank in the United States, or its agent ap-
21 pointed for the purpose of accepting service or notice of
22 service, is located.

23 **SEC. 217. AUDITS AND REPORTS.**

24 (a) ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT.—The books of account
25 of the Bank shall be maintained in accordance with gen-

1 erally accepted accounting principles and shall be subject
2 to an annual audit by independent public accountants of
3 internationally recognized standing.

4 (b) REPORTS.—The Managing Director shall submit
5 to the President and the Government of Canada, on or
6 before the 90th day following the last day of each fiscal
7 year, a complete and detailed report with respect to the
8 preceding fiscal year, setting forth—

9 (1) a summary of the Bank's operations for
10 such preceding fiscal year; and

11 (2) the Bank's financial statements and the
12 opinion with respect thereto prepared by the inde-
13 pendent public accountants reviewing such state-
14 ments, and a copy of any report made on an audit
15 conducted under subsection (a).

16 (c) ANNUAL REVIEW.—The board of review estab-
17 lished under section 113(c) shall review the annual audit
18 conducted under subsection (a) and shall transmit to the
19 President, Congress, and the Government of Canada a re-
20 port of its findings with such recommendations as the
21 board of review considers appropriate.

22 **SEC. 218. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 (a) BANK START-UP COSTS.—There is authorized to
24 be appropriated \$250,000 to the Secretary for transfer to
25 the Bank for the United States share of the cost of estab-

1 lishment of the Bank on the date of establishment of the
2 Bank. Such funds shall remain available until expended.

3 (b) DIRECT LOAN COSTS.—There is authorized to be
4 appropriated such sums as necessary for the costs of mak-
5 ing direct loans under sections 211(g) and 212. For pur-
6 poses of this subsection, the cost of making a direct loan
7 are the costs described in section 502(5)(B) of Congres-
8 sional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 661a(5)(B)).

