

The protesters formed a coordinated block with the intent to make the government deal with all the demands together, in the form of a comprehensive package.

There is little doubt that the largest risk for the country lies with the "cocacero" movement—the peasant coca growers—that is supported by regional drug trafficking interests. The drug traffickers are embarking on a desperate effort to reverse the anti-drug plan being waged by the Bolivian Government and turn back the remarkable progress in drug eradication that has been accomplished in the past few years.

Coca leaders and the drug traffickers are aware that their leadership and the ill-gotten riches they derive from illegal narcotics will end if the final 1,800 hectares of coca in the Chapare are destroyed. This helps explain the intransigence of its leaders. During this crisis, the government has demonstrated a steady dedication to seek agreements through dialogue while retaining a respect for human rights.

It is important to keep in mind that the current turmoil in Bolivia is occurring at a time when Bolivia is set to complete its program of coca eradication while simultaneously facing a serious economic crisis. Of the 40,000 hectares which have been used for the cultivation of coca, only 1,800 hectares remain.

The Bolivian economy have taken a big hit from its effort to combat drug trafficking. The fight against drug trafficking alone has resulted in the loss of 3% of Bolivia's GDP. The fight against contraband and customs reforms have absorbed another 3% of the GDP of Bolivia. This is all the more remarkable because this plan to eradicate drugs has taken place in a country where 7 out of 10 Bolivians live on \$2 a day, an income which is very much below the poverty line.

For these and other reasons, the Government of Bolivia has called on the international community to do everything possible to ensure that the hard won efforts in the fight against drug trafficking are not turned back.

Mr. President, let me conclude by saying that our resolution congratulates the Government of Bolivia for its successful drug elimination program and urges the government to continue its commitment to eradicate illegal coca by the end of 2002. It applauds the government's efforts to pursue its anti-narcotics strategy and urges the government to do what it can to uphold the rule of law and democratic practices, despite the strains the drug traffickers have imposed on the government. The resolution also stresses the view that human rights must continue to be safeguarded and urges the indigenous leaders to terminate provocative acts and negotiate the outstanding issues with the government of Bolivia.

I urge our colleagues to take note of the successful drug eradication program in Bolivia and encourage the

democratically-elected government in La Paz to sustain its commitment for total coca eradication by the end of next year.

SENATE RESOLUTION 376—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO FOUGHT THE JASPER FIRE IN THE BLACK HILLS OF SOUTH DAKOTA SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR HEROIC EFFORTS

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 376

Whereas the Jasper Fire started at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2000, near Jasper Cave in the Black Hills National Forest and was contained at 6:00 p.m. on September 8, 2000;

Whereas two days after it started, the Jasper Fire nearly quadrupled in size in a matter of hours, burned as fast as 100 acres per second, and ultimately became the worst forest fire in the history of the Black Hills, consuming 83,508 acres;

Whereas the Jasper Fire threatened private homes in the Black Hills, including the South Dakota communities of Deerfield, Custer, and Hill City, Jewel Cave National Monument, and Mount Rushmore National Memorial, and forced the evacuation of many residents in northwestern Custer County and southwestern Pennington County;

Whereas volunteers from 76 community fire departments from across South Dakota made up a substantial part of the 1,160 men and women who worked around the clock to contain the Jasper Fire;

Whereas the Tatanka Hotshot crew, an elite 20-person firefighting team based in the Black Hills, came from fighting fires in western Wyoming to help fight the Jasper Fire;

Whereas while the Tatanka Hotshot crew has fought several fires throughout the country, the Jasper Fire was the first major fire they fought in their home forest;

Whereas the outpouring of support for the firefighters by local residents and communities, such as Hill City and Custer, helped boost firefighter morale; and

Whereas, in spite of the rugged terrain and the intense speed and size of the fire, the Jasper Fire was contained successfully with only one home lost and with no injuries to any firefighters or local citizens: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the Jasper Fire was the largest forest fire in the history of the Black Hills National Forest, consuming 83,508 acres;

(2) the volunteer firefighters from across South Dakota played a crucial role in combating the Jasper Fire and preventing it from destroying hundreds of homes;

(3) the Tatanka Hotshot crew was instrumental in providing the effort, expertise and training necessary to establish a fire line around the Jasper Fire; and

(4) the men and women who fought the Jasper Fire are commended for their bravery, their extraordinary efforts to contain the fire, and their commitment to protect lives, property, and the surrounding communities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

BOND (AND MIKULSKI)
AMENDMENT NO. 4306

Mr. BOND (for himself, and Ms. MIKULSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 4635) making appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

DIVISION A

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For the payment of compensation benefits to or on behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability examinations as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 107, chapters 11, 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61); pension benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61; 92 Stat. 2508); and burial benefits, emergency and other officers' retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certificates, payment of premiums due on commercial life insurance policies guaranteed under the provisions of Article IV of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended, and for other benefits as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, chapters 23, 51, 53, 55, and 61; 50 U.S.C. App. 540–548; 43 Stat. 122, 123; 45 Stat. 735; 76 Stat. 1198), \$22,766,276,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That not to exceed \$17,419,000 of the amount appropriated shall be reimbursed to "General operating expenses" and "Medical care" for necessary expenses in implementing those provisions authorized in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, and in the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C. chapters 51, 53, and 55), the funding source for which is specifically provided as the "Compensation and pensions" appropriation: Provided further, That such sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying patient basis, shall be reimbursed to "Medical facilities revolving fund" to augment the funding of individual medical facilities for nursing home care provided to pensioners as authorized.

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapters 21, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 39, 51, 53, 55, and 61, \$1,634,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That expenses for rehabilitation program services and assistance which the Secretary is authorized to provide under section 3104(a) of title 38, United States Code, other than under subsection (a)(1), (2), (5) and (11) of that section, shall be charged to the account: Provided further, That funds

shall be available to pay any court order, court award or any compromise settlement arising from litigation involving the vocational training program authorized by section 18 of Public Law 98-77, as amended.

VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

For military and naval insurance, national service life insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled veterans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 19; 70 Stat. 887; 72 Stat. 487, \$19,850,000, to remain available until expended.

VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, as amended: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: Provided further, That during fiscal year 2001, within the resources available, not to exceed \$300,000 in gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for specially adapted housing loans.

In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$162,000,000, which may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "General operating expenses".

EDUCATION LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the cost of direct loans, \$1,000, as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 3698, as amended: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$3,400.

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program, \$220,000, which may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "General operating expenses".

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the cost of direct loans, \$52,000, as authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 31, as amended: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$2,726,000.

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program, \$432,000, which may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "General operating expenses".

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For administrative expenses to carry out the direct loan program authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, subchapter V, as amended, \$532,000, which may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "General operating expenses".

GUARANTEED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING LOANS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Not to exceed \$750,000 of the amounts appropriated by this Act for "General operating expenses" and "Medical care" may be expended for the administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, subchapter VI.

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

MEDICAL CARE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for the maintenance and operation of hospitals, nursing homes, and domiciliary facilities; for furnishing, as authorized by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including care and treatment in facilities not under the jurisdiction of the department; and furnishing recreational facilities, supplies, and equipment; funeral, burial, and other expenses incidental thereto for beneficiaries receiving care in the department; administrative expenses in support of planning, design, project management, real property acquisition and disposition, construction and renovation of any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the department; oversight, engineering and architectural activities not charged to project cost; repairing, altering, improving or providing facilities in the several hospitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the department, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by the hire of temporary employees and purchase of materials; uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; aid to State homes as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 1741; administrative and legal expenses of the department for collecting and recovering amounts owed the department as authorized under 38 U.S.C. chapter 17, and the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq., \$20,281,587,000, plus reimbursements: Provided, That of the funds made available under this heading, \$900,000,000 is for the equipment and land and structures object classifications only, which amount shall not become available for obligation until August 1, 2001, and shall remain available until September 30, 2002: Provided further, That of the funds made available under this heading, not to exceed \$500,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2002: Provided further, That of the funds made available under this heading, not to exceed \$28,134,000 may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "General operating expenses": Provided further, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct by contract a program of recovery audits for the fee basis and other medical services contracts with respect to payments for hospital care; and, notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302(b), amounts collected, by setoff or otherwise, as the result of such audits shall be available, without fiscal year limitation, for the purposes for which funds are appropriated under this heading and the purposes of paying a contractor a percent of the amount collected as a result of an audit carried out by the contractor: Provided further, That all amounts so collected under the preceding proviso with respect to a designated health care region (as that term is defined in 38 U.S.C. 1729A(d)(2)) shall be allocated, net of payments to the contractor, to that region.

In addition, in conformance with Public Law 105-33 establishing the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Care Collections Fund, such sums as may be deposited to such Fund pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 1729A may be transferred to this account, to remain available until expended for the purposes of this account.

None of the foregoing funds may be transferred to the Department of Justice for the purposes of supporting tobacco litigation.

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of medical and prosthetic research and development as authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 73, to remain available until September 30, 2002, \$351,000,000, plus reimbursements.

MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES

For necessary expenses in the administration of the medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction, supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; administrative ex-

penses in support of capital policy activities, \$62,000,000 plus reimbursements: Provided, That technical and consulting services offered by the Facilities Management Field Service, including project management and real property administration (including leases, site acquisition and disposal activities directly supporting projects), shall be provided to Department of Veterans Affairs components only on a reimbursable basis, and such amounts will remain available until September 30, 2001.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

For necessary operating expenses of the Department of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including uniforms or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for official reception and representation expenses; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services, and the Department of Defense for the cost of overseas employee mail, \$1,050,000,000: Provided, That expenses for services and assistance authorized under 38 U.S.C. 3104(a)(1), (2), (5) and (11) that the Secretary determines are necessary to enable entitled veterans (1) to the maximum extent feasible, to become employable and to obtain and maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve maximum independence in daily living, shall be charged to this account: Provided further, That of the funds made available under this heading, not to exceed \$45,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2002: Provided further, That funds under this heading shall be available to administer the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act.

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for the maintenance and operation of the National Cemetery Administration, not otherwise provided for, including uniforms or allowances therefor; cemetery expenses as authorized by law; purchase of two passenger motor vehicles for use in cemetery operations; and hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$109,889,000: Provided, That travel expenses shall not exceed \$1,125,000: Provided further, That of the amount made available under this heading, not to exceed \$125,000 may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "General operating expenses".

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$46,464,000: Provided, That of the amount made available under this heading, not to exceed \$28,000 may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "General operating expenses".

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

For constructing, altering, extending and improving any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406, 8102, 8103, 8106, 8108, 8109, 8110, and 8122 of title 38, United States Code, including planning, architectural and engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period services costs associated with equipment guarantees provided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and site acquisition, where the estimated cost of a project is \$4,000,000 or more or where funds for a project were made available in a previous major project appropriation, \$66,040,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That except for advance planning of projects (including market-based assessments of health care needs which may or may not lead to capital investments) funded through the advance planning fund and the design of projects funded through the design fund, none of these funds shall be used for any project which has not been

considered and approved by the Congress in the budgetary process: Provided further, That funds provided in this appropriation for fiscal year 2001, for each approved project shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a construction documents contract by September 30, 2001; and (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by September 30, 2002: Provided further, That the Secretary shall promptly report in writing to the Committees on Appropriations any approved major construction project in which obligations are not incurred within the time limitations established above: Provided further, That no funds from any other account except the "Parking revolving fund", may be obligated for constructing, altering, extending, or improving a project which was approved in the budget process and funded in this account until one year after substantial completion and beneficial occupancy by the Department of Veterans Affairs of the project or any part thereof with respect to that part only.

CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

For constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including planning, architectural and engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period services costs associated with equipment guarantees provided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406, 8102, 8103, 8106, 8108, 8109, 8110, 8122, and 8162 of title 38, United States Code, where the estimated cost of a project is less than \$4,000,000, \$162,000,000, to remain available until expended, along with unobligated balances of previous "Construction, minor projects" appropriations which are hereby made available for any project where the estimated cost is less than \$4,000,000: Provided, That funds in this account shall be available for: (1) repairs to any of the nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use of the department which are necessary because of loss or damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe; and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to minimize further loss by such causes.

PARKING REVOLVING FUND

For the parking revolving fund as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 8109, income from fees collected, to remain available until expended, which shall be available for all authorized expenses except operations and maintenance costs, which will be funded from "Medical care".

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

For grants to assist States to acquire or construct State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to remodel, modify or alter existing hospital, nursing home and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing care to veterans as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 8131-8137, \$100,000,000, to remain available until expended.

GRANTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

For grants to aid States in establishing, expanding, or improving State veterans cemeteries as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 2408, \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 101. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2001 for "Compensation and pensions", "Readjustment benefits", and "Veterans insurance and indemnities" may be transferred to any other of the mentioned appropriations.

SEC. 102. Appropriations available to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2001 for salaries and expenses shall be available for services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109.

SEC. 103. No appropriations in this Act for the Department of Veterans Affairs (except the appropriations for "Construction, major projects",

"Construction, minor projects", and the "Parking revolving fund") shall be available for the purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any new hospital or home.

SEC. 104. No appropriations in this Act for the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be available for hospitalization or examination of any persons (except beneficiaries entitled under the laws bestowing such benefits to veterans, and persons receiving such treatment under 5 U.S.C. 7901-7904 or 42 U.S.C. 5141-5204), unless reimbursement of cost is made to the "Medical care" account at such rates as may be fixed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SEC. 105. Appropriations available to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2001 for "Compensation and pensions", "Readjustment benefits", and "Veterans insurance and indemnities" shall be available for payment of prior year accrued obligations required to be recorded by law against the corresponding prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year 2000.

SEC. 106. Appropriations accounts available to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2001 shall be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding prior year appropriations accounts resulting from title X of the Competitive Equality Banking Act, Public Law 100-86, except that if such obligations are from trust fund accounts they shall be payable from "Compensation and pensions".

SEC. 107. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during fiscal year 2001, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance Fund (38 U.S.C. 1920), the Veterans' Special Life Insurance Fund (38 U.S.C. 1923), and the United States Government Life Insurance Fund (38 U.S.C. 1955), reimburse the "General operating expenses" account for the cost of administration of the insurance programs financed through those accounts: Provided, That reimbursement shall be made only from the surplus earnings accumulated in an insurance program in fiscal year 2001, that are available for dividends in that program after claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves have been set aside: Provided further, That if the cost of administration of an insurance program exceeds the amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that program, reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such surplus earnings: Provided further, That the Secretary shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year 2001, which is properly allocable to the provision of each insurance program and to the provision of any total disability income insurance included in such insurance program.

SEC. 108. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, collections authorized by the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act (Public Law 106-117) and credited to the appropriate Department of Veterans Affairs accounts in fiscal year 2001, shall not be available for obligation or expenditure unless appropriation language making such funds available is enacted.

SEC. 109. In accordance with section 1557 of title 31, United States Code, the following obligated balance shall be exempt from subchapter IV of chapter 15 of such title and shall remain available for expenditure until September 30, 2003: funds obligated by the Department of Veterans Affairs for a contract with the Institute for Clinical Research to study the application of artificial neural networks to the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer through the Cooperative DoD/VA Medical Research program from funds made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs by the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1995 (Public Law 103-335) under the heading "Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide".

SEC. 110. As HR LINKS will not be part of the Franchise Fund in fiscal year 2001, funds budgeted in customer accounts to purchase HR LINKS services from the Franchise Fund shall be transferred to the General Administration

portion of the "General operating expenses" appropriation in the following amounts: \$78,000 from the "Office of Inspector General", \$358,000 from the "National cemetery administration", \$1,106,000 from "Medical care", \$84,000 from "Medical administration and miscellaneous operating expenses", and \$38,000 shall be reprogrammed within the "General operating expenses" appropriation from the Veterans Benefits Administration to General Administration for the same purpose.

SEC. 111. Not to exceed \$1,600,000 from the "Medical care" appropriation shall be transferred to the "General operating expenses" appropriation to fund personnel services costs of employees providing legal services and administrative support for the Office of General Counsel.

SEC. 112. Not to exceed \$1,200,000 may be transferred from the "Medical care" appropriation to the "General operating expenses" appropriation to fund contracts and services in support of the Veterans Benefits Administration's Benefits Delivery Center, Systems Development Center, and Finance Center, located at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Hines, Illinois.

SEC. 113. Not to exceed \$4,500,000 from the "Construction, minor projects" appropriation and not to exceed \$2,000,000 from the "Medical care" appropriation may be transferred to and merged with the Parking Revolving Fund for surface parking lot projects.

SEC. 114. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this Act for "Medical care" appropriations of the Department of Veterans Affairs may be obligated for the realignment of the health care delivery system in Veterans Integrated Service Network 12 (VISN 12) until 60 days after the Secretary of Veterans Affairs certifies that the Department has: (1) consulted with veterans organizations, medical school affiliates, employee representatives, State veterans and health associations, and other interested parties with respect to the realignment plan to be implemented; and (2) made available to the Congress and the public information from the consultations regarding possible impacts on the accessibility of veterans health care services to affected veterans.

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For activities and assistance to prevent the involuntary displacement of low-income families, the elderly and the disabled because of the loss of affordable housing stock, expiration of subsidy contracts (other than contracts for which amounts are provided under another heading in this Act) or expiration of use restrictions, or other changes in housing assistance arrangements, and for other purposes, \$13,940,907,000 and amounts that are recaptured in this account to remain available until expended: Provided, That of the total amount provided under this heading, \$12,972,000,000, of which \$8,772,000,000 shall be available on October 1, 2000 and \$4,200,000,000 shall be available on October 1, 2001, shall be for assistance under the United States Housing Act of 1937 ("the Act" herein) (42 U.S.C. 1437): Provided further, That the foregoing amounts shall be for use in connection with expiring or terminating section 8 subsidy contracts, for amendments to section 8 subsidy contracts, for enhanced vouchers (including amendments and renewals) under any provision of law authorizing such assistance under section 8(t) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437(t)), contract administrators, and contracts entered into pursuant to section 441 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act: Provided further, That amounts available under the first proviso under this heading shall be available for section 8

rental assistance under the Act: (1) for the relocation and replacement of housing units that are demolished or disposed of pursuant to section 24 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 or to other authority for the revitalization of severely distressed public housing, as set forth in the Appropriations Acts for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies for fiscal years 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1997, and in the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996; (2) for the conversion of section 23 projects to assistance under section 8; (3) for funds to carry out the family unification program; (4) for the relocation of witnesses in connection with efforts to combat crime in public and assisted housing pursuant to a request from a law enforcement or prosecution agency; (5) for tenant protection assistance, including replacement and relocation assistance; and (6) for the 1-year renewal of section 8 contracts for units in a project that is subject to an approved plan of action under the Emergency Low Income Housing Preservation Act of 1987 or the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990: Provided further, That \$11,000,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for the development and maintenance of information technology systems: Provided further, That of the total amount provided under this heading, \$40,000,000 shall be made available to nonelderly disabled families affected by the designation of a public housing development under section 7 of the Act, the establishment of preferences in accordance with section 651 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13611), or the restriction of occupancy to elderly families in accordance with section 658 of such Act, and to the extent the Secretary determines that such amount is not needed to fund applications for such affected families, to other nonelderly disabled families: Provided further, That of the total amount provided under this heading, \$452,907,000 shall be made available for incremental vouchers under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 on a fair share basis and administered by public housing agencies: Provided further, That of the total amount provided under this heading, up to \$7,000,000 shall be made available for the completion of the Jobs Plus Demonstration: Provided further, That amounts available under this heading may be made available for administrative fees and other expenses to cover the cost of administering rental assistance programs under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937: Provided further, That the fee otherwise authorized under section 8(q) of such Act shall be determined in accordance with section 8(q), as in effect immediately before the enactment of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998: Provided further, That \$1,833,000,000 is rescinded from unobligated balances remaining from funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development under this heading or the heading "Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing" or any other heading for fiscal year 2000 and prior years: Provided further, That any such balances governed by reallocation provisions under the statute authorizing the program for which the funds were originally appropriated shall not be available for this rescission: Provided further, That the Secretary shall have until September 30, 2001, to meet the rescission in the proviso preceding the immediately preceding proviso: Provided further, That any obligated balances of contract authority that have been terminated shall be canceled.

PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the Public Housing Capital Fund Program to carry out capital and management activities for public housing agencies, as authorized under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437),

\$3,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which up to \$50,000,000 shall be for carrying out activities under section 9(h) of such Act, for lease adjustments to section 23 projects and \$43,000,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for the development and maintenance of information technology systems: Provided, That no funds may be used under this heading for the purposes specified in section 9(k) of the United States Housing Act of 1937: Provided further, That of the total amount, up to \$75,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to public housing agencies for emergency capital needs resulting from emergencies and natural disasters in fiscal year 2001.

PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

For payments to public housing agencies for the operation and management of public housing, as authorized by section 9(e) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437g), \$3,242,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That no funds may be used under this heading for the purposes specified in section 9(k) of the United States Housing Act of 1937.

DRUG ELIMINATION GRANTS FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For grants to public housing agencies and Indian tribes and their tribally designated housing entities for use in eliminating crime in public housing projects authorized by 42 U.S.C. 11901–11908, for grants for federally assisted low-income housing authorized by 42 U.S.C. 11909, and for drug information clearinghouse services authorized by 42 U.S.C. 11921–11925, \$310,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That of the total amount provided under this heading, up to \$3,000,000 shall be solely for technical assistance, technical assistance grants, training, and program assessment for or on behalf of public housing agencies, resident organizations, and Indian tribes and their tribally designated housing entities (including up to \$150,000 for the cost of necessary travel for participants in such training) for oversight, training and improved management of this program, \$2,000,000 shall be available to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America for the operating and start-up costs of clubs located in or near, and primarily serving residents of, public housing and housing assisted under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and \$10,000,000 shall be used in connection with efforts to combat violent crime in public and assisted housing under the Operation Safe Home Program administered by the Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Provided further, That of the amount under this heading, \$10,000,000 shall be provided to the Office of Inspector General for Operation Safe Home: Provided further, That of the amount under this heading, \$20,000,000 shall be available for the New Approach Anti-Drug program which will provide competitive grants to entities managing or operating public housing developments, federally assisted multifamily housing developments, or other multifamily housing developments for low-income families supported by non-Federal governmental entities or similar housing developments supported by nonprofit private sources in order to provide or augment security (including personnel costs), to assist in the investigation and/or prosecution of drug-related criminal activity in and around such developments, and to provide assistance for the development of capital improvements at such developments directly relating to the security of such developments: Provided further, That grants for the New Approach Anti-Drug program shall be made on a competitive basis as specified in section 102 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989.

REVITALIZATION OF SEVERELY DISTRESSED PUBLIC HOUSING (HOPE VI)

For grants to public housing agencies for demolition, site revitalization, replacement housing, and tenant-based assistance grants to projects as authorized by section 24 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, \$575,000,000 to remain available until expended, of which the Secretary may use up to \$10,000,000 for technical assistance and contract expertise, to be provided directly or indirectly by grants, contracts or cooperative agreements, including training and cost of necessary travel for participants in such training, by or to officials and employees of the department and of public housing agencies and to residents: Provided, That none of such funds shall be used directly or indirectly by granting competitive advantage in awards to settle litigation or pay judgments, unless expressly permitted herein.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS
(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For the Native American Housing Block Grants program, as authorized under title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) (Public Law 104–330), \$650,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$6,000,000 shall be to support the inspection of Indian housing units, contract expertise, training, and technical assistance in the training, oversight, and management of Indian housing and tenant-based assistance, including up to \$300,000 for related travel: Provided, That of the amount provided under this heading, \$6,000,000 shall be made available for the cost of guaranteed notes and other obligations, as authorized by title VI of NAHASDA: Provided further, That such costs, including the costs of modifying such notes and other obligations, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize the total principal amount of any notes and other obligations, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$54,600,000: Provided further, That for administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, up to \$150,000 from amounts in the first proviso, which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses", to be used only for the administrative costs of these guarantees: Provided further, That of the amount provided in this heading, \$2,000,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for development and maintaining information technology systems.

INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND
PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 3739), \$6,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That such costs, including the costs of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$71,956,000.

In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, up to \$200,000 from amounts in the first paragraph, which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses", to be used only for the administrative costs of these guarantees.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

For carrying out the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program, as authorized by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901), \$258,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary shall renew all expiring contracts that were

funded under section 854(c)(3) of such Act that meet all program requirements before awarding funds for new contracts and activities authorized under this section: Provided further, That the Secretary may use up to 1 percent of the funds under this heading for training, oversight, and technical assistance activities.

RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

For the Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$25,000,000 to remain available until expended, which amount shall be awarded by June 1, 2001, to Indian tribes, State housing finance agencies, State community and/or economic development agencies, local rural nonprofits and community development corporations to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas: Provided, That all grants shall be awarded on a competitive basis as specified in section 102 of the HUD Reform Act.

EMPOWERMENT ZONES/ENTERPRISE COMMUNITIES

For grants in connection with a second round of empowerment zones and enterprise communities, \$90,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That \$75,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for "Urban Empowerment Zones", as authorized in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, including \$5,000,000 for each empowerment zone for use in conjunction with economic development activities consistent with the strategic plan of each empowerment zone: Provided further, That \$15,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture for grants for designated empowerment zones in rural areas and for grants for designated rural enterprise communities.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For assistance to units of State and local government, and to other entities, for economic and community development activities, and for other purposes, \$5,057,550,000: Provided, That of the amount provided, \$4,410,000,000 is for carrying out the community development block grant program under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (the "Act" herein) (42 U.S.C. 5301), to remain available until September 30, 2003: Provided further, That \$71,000,000 shall be for grants to Indian tribes notwithstanding section 106(a)(1) of such Act, \$3,000,000 shall be available as a grant to the Housing Assistance Council, \$2,600,000 shall be available as a grant to the National American Indian Housing Council, \$10,000,000 shall be available as a grant to the National Housing Development Corporation, for operating expenses not to exceed \$2,000,000 and for a program of affordable housing acquisition and rehabilitation, and \$45,500,000 shall be for grants pursuant to section 107 of the Act of which \$3,000,000 shall be made available to support Alaska Native serving institutions and native Hawaiian serving institutions, as defined under the Higher Education Act, as amended, and of which \$3,000,000 shall be made available to tribal colleges and universities to build, expand, renovate, and equip their facilities: Provided further, That not to exceed 20 percent of any grant made with funds appropriated herein (other than a grant made available in this paragraph to the Housing Assistance Council or the National American Indian Housing Council, or a grant using funds under section 107(b)(3) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended) shall be expended for "Planning and Management Development" and "Administration" as defined in regulations promulgated by the department: Provided further, That \$15,000,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for the development and maintenance of information technology systems: Provided further, That \$20,000,000 shall be for grants pursuant to the Self Help Housing Opportunity Program.

Of the amount made available under this heading, \$28,450,000 shall be made available for capacity building, of which \$25,000,000 shall be made available for "Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing", for LISC and the Enterprise Foundation for activities as authorized by section 4 of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-120), as in effect immediately before June 12, 1997, of which not less than \$5,000,000 of the funding shall be used in rural areas, including tribal areas, and of which \$3,450,000 shall be made available for capacity building activities administered by Habitat for Humanity International.

Of the amount made available under this heading, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may use up to \$55,000,000 for supportive services for public housing residents, as authorized by section 34 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and for residents of housing assisted under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) and for grants for service coordinators and congregate services for the elderly and disabled residents of public and assisted housing and housing assisted under NAHASDA.

Of the amount made available under this heading, \$44,000,000 shall be available for neighborhood initiatives that are utilized to improve the conditions of distressed and blighted areas and neighborhoods, to stimulate investment, economic diversification, and community revitalization in areas with population outmigration or a stagnating or declining economic base, or to determine whether housing benefits can be integrated more effectively with welfare reform initiatives: Provided, that any unobligated balances of amounts set aside for neighborhood initiatives in fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000 may be utilized for any of the foregoing purposes: Provided further, That these grants shall be provided in accord with the terms and conditions specified in the statement of managers accompanying this conference report.

Of the amount made available under this heading, notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$60,000,000 shall be available for YouthBuild program activities authorized by subtitle D of title IV of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, and such activities shall be an eligible activity with respect to any funds made available under this heading: Provided, That local YouthBuild programs that demonstrate an ability to leverage private and nonprofit funding shall be given a priority for YouthBuild funding: Provided further, That no more than ten percent of any grant award may be used for administrative costs: Provided further, That not less than \$10,000,000 shall be available for grants to establish YouthBuild programs in underserved and rural areas: Provided further, That of the amount provided under this paragraph, \$4,000,000 shall be set aside and made available for a grant to Youthbuild USA for capacity building for community development and affordable housing activities as specified in section 4 of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993, as amended.

Of the amounts made available under this heading, \$2,000,000 shall be available to the Utah Housing Finance Agency for the temporary use of relocatable housing during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games provided such housing is targeted to the housing needs of low-income families after the Games.

Of the amount made available under this heading, \$292,000,000 shall be available for grants for the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) to finance a variety of targeted economic investments in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the statement of managers accompanying this conference report.

For the cost of guaranteed loans, \$29,000,000, as authorized by section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying

such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$1,261,000,000, notwithstanding any aggregate limitation on outstanding obligations guaranteed in section 108(k) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974: Provided further, That in addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, \$1,000,000, which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses".

BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT

For Economic Development Grants, as authorized by section 108(q) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for Brownfields redevelopment projects, \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall make these grants available on a competitive basis as specified in section 102 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the HOME investment partnerships program, as authorized under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, \$1,800,000,000 to remain available until expended: Provided, That up to \$20,000,000 of these funds shall be available for Housing Counseling under section 106 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968: Provided further, That \$17,000,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for the development and maintenance of information technology systems.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the emergency shelter grants program (as authorized under subtitle B of title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended); the supportive housing program (as authorized under subtitle C of title IV of such Act); the section 8 moderate rehabilitation single room occupancy program (as authorized under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended) to assist homeless individuals pursuant to section 441 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act; and the shelter plus care program (as authorized under subtitle F of title IV of such Act), \$1,025,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That not less than 30 percent of these funds shall be used for permanent housing, and all funding for services must be matched by 25 percent in funding by each grantee: Provided further, That all awards of assistance under this heading shall be required to coordinate and integrate homeless programs with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which homeless populations may be eligible, including Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Food Stamps, and services funding through the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grant, Workforce Investment Act, and the Welfare-to-Work grant program: Provided further, That up to 1.5 percent of the funds appropriated under this heading is transferred to the Working Capital Fund to be used for technical assistance for management information systems and to develop an automated, client-level Annual Performance Report System: Provided further, That \$500,000 shall be made available to the Interagency Council on the Homeless for administrative needs.

SHELTER PLUS CARE RENEWALS

For the renewal on an annual basis of contracts expiring during fiscal years 2001 and 2002 under the Shelter Plus Care program, as authorized under subtitle F of title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended, \$100,000,000, to remain available until

expended: Provided, That each Shelter Plus Care project with an expiring contract shall be eligible for renewal only if the project is determined to be needed under the applicable continuum of care and meets appropriate program requirements and financial standards, as determined by the Secretary.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

HOUSING FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For assistance for the purchase, construction, acquisition, or development of additional public and subsidized housing units for low income families not otherwise provided for, \$996,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That \$779,000,000 shall be for capital advances, including amendments to capital advance contracts, for housing for the elderly, as authorized by section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended, and for project rental assistance, and amendments to contracts for project rental assistance, for the elderly under such section 202(c)(2), and for supportive services associated with the housing, of which amount \$50,000,000 shall be for service coordinators and the continuation of existing congregate service grants for residents of assisted housing projects and of which amount \$50,000,000 shall be for grants under section 202b of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q-2) for conversion of eligible projects under such section to assisted living or related use: Provided further, That of the amount under this heading, \$217,000,000 shall be for capital advances, including amendments to capital advance contracts, for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as authorized by section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, for project rental assistance, for amendments to contracts for project rental assistance, and supportive services associated with the housing for persons with disabilities as authorized by section 811 of such Act: Provided further, That \$1,000,000, to be divided evenly between the appropriations for the section 202 and section 811 programs, shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for the development and maintenance of information technology systems: Provided further, That the Secretary may designate up to 25 percent of the amounts earmarked under this paragraph for section 811 of such Act for tenant-based assistance, as authorized under that section, including such authority as may be waived under the next proviso, which assistance is 5 years in duration: Provided further, That the Secretary may waive any provision of such section 202 and such section 811 (including the provisions governing the terms and conditions of project rental assistance and tenant-based assistance) that the Secretary determines is not necessary to achieve the objectives of these programs, or that otherwise impedes the ability to develop, operate, or administer projects assisted under these programs, and may make provision for alternative conditions or terms where appropriate.

FLEXIBLE SUBSIDY FUND

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

From the Rental Housing Assistance Fund, all uncommitted balances of excess rental charges as of September 30, 2000, and any collections made during fiscal year 2001, shall be transferred to the Flexible Subsidy Fund, as authorized by section 236(g) of the National Housing Act, as amended.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

FHA—MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

During fiscal year 2001, commitments to guarantee loans to carry out the purposes of section 203(b) of the National Housing Act, as amended, shall not exceed a loan principal of \$160,000,000,000.

During fiscal year 2001, obligations to make direct loans to carry out the purposes of section

204(g) of the National Housing Act, as amended, shall not exceed \$250,000,000: Provided, That the foregoing amount shall be for loans to nonprofit and governmental entities in connection with sales of single family real properties owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund.

For administrative expenses necessary to carry out the guaranteed and direct loan program, \$330,888,000, of which not to exceed \$324,866,000 shall be transferred to the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses"; and not to exceed \$4,022,000 shall be transferred to the appropriation for "Office of Inspector General". In addition, for administrative contract expenses, \$160,000,000, of which \$96,500,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for the development and maintenance of information technology systems: Provided, That to the extent guaranteed loan commitments exceed \$65,500,000,000 on or before April 1, 2001 an additional \$1,400 for administrative contract expenses shall be available for each \$1,000,000 in additional guaranteed loan commitments (including a pro rata amount for any amount below \$1,000,000), but in no case shall funds made available by this proviso exceed \$16,000,000.

FHA—GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM

ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by sections 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715e-3 and 1735c), including the cost of loan guarantee modifications (as that term is defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended), \$101,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That these funds are available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, of up to \$21,000,000,000: Provided further, That any amounts made available in any prior appropriations Act for the cost (as such term is defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) of guaranteed loans that are obligations of the funds established under section 238 or 519 of the National Housing Act that have not been obligated or that are deobligated shall be available to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in connection with the making of such guarantees and shall remain available until expended, notwithstanding the expiration of any period of availability otherwise applicable to such amounts.

Gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized by sections 204(g), 207(l), 238, and 519(a) of the National Housing Act, shall not exceed \$50,000,000; of which not to exceed \$30,000,000 shall be for bridge financing in connection with the sale of multifamily real properties owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under such Act; and of which not to exceed \$20,000,000 shall be for loans to nonprofit and governmental entities in connection with the sale of single-family real properties owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under such Act.

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the guaranteed and direct loan programs, \$211,455,000, of which \$193,134,000, shall be transferred to the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses"; and of which \$18,321,000 shall be transferred to the appropriation for "Office of Inspector General". In addition, for administrative contract expenses necessary to carry out the guaranteed and direct loan programs, \$144,000,000, of which \$33,500,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for the development and maintenance of information technology systems: Provided, That to the extent guaranteed loan commitments exceed \$8,426,000,000 on or before April 1, 2001, an additional \$19,800,000 for administrative contract expenses shall be available for each \$1,000,000 in additional guaranteed loan commitments over \$8,426,000,000 (including a pro

rata amount for any increment below \$1,000,000), but in no case shall funds made available by this proviso exceed \$14,400,000.

GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION GUARANTEES OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

New commitments to issue guarantees to carry out the purposes of section 306 of the National Housing Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1721(g)), shall not exceed \$200,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2002.

For administrative expenses necessary to carry out the guaranteed mortgage-backed securities program, \$9,383,000 to be derived from the GNMA guarantees of mortgage-backed securities guaranteed loan receipt account, of which not to exceed \$9,383,000 shall be transferred to the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses".

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

For contracts, grants, and necessary expenses of programs of research and studies relating to housing and urban problems, not otherwise provided for, as authorized by title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 et seq.), including carrying out the functions of the Secretary under section 1(a)(1)(i) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1968, \$53,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2002: Provided, That of the amount provided under this heading, \$10,000,000 shall be for the Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing (PATH) Initiative: Provided further, That \$3,000,000 shall be for program evaluation to support strategic planning, performance measurement, and their coordination with the Department's budget process: Provided further, That \$500,000, to remain available until expended, shall be for a commission as established under section 525 of Preserving Affordable Housing for Senior Citizens and Families into the 21st Century Act.

FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

For contracts, grants, and other assistance, not otherwise provided for, as authorized by title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, and section 561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended, \$46,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2002, of which \$24,000,000 shall be to carry out activities pursuant to such section 561: Provided, That no funds made available under this heading shall be used to lobby the executive or legislative branches of the Federal Government in connection with a specific contract, grant or loan.

OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION

For the Lead Hazard Reduction Program, as authorized by sections 1011 and 1053 of the Residential Lead-Based Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, \$100,000,000 to remain available until expended, of which \$1,000,000 shall be for CLEARCorps and \$10,000,000 shall be for the Healthy Homes Initiative, pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 that shall include research, studies, testing, and demonstration efforts, including education and outreach concerning lead-based paint poisoning and other housing-related environmental diseases and hazards.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary administrative and non-administrative expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, not otherwise provided for, including not to exceed \$7,000 for official reception and representation expenses, \$1,072,000,000, of which \$518,000,000 shall be provided from the various funds of the Federal

Housing Administration, \$9,383,000 shall be provided from funds of the Government National Mortgage Association, \$1,000,000 shall be provided from the "Community development fund" account, \$150,000 shall be provided by transfer from the "Title VI Indian federal guarantees program" account, and \$200,000 shall be provided by transfer from the "Indian housing loan guarantee fund program" account: Provided, That the Secretary is prohibited from using any funds under this heading or any other heading in this Act from employing more than 77 schedule C and 20 noncareer Senior Executive Service employees: Provided further, That not more than \$758,000,000 shall be made available to the personal services object class: Provided further, That no less than \$100,000,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for the development and maintenance of Information Technology Systems: Provided further, That the Secretary shall fill 7 out of 10 vacancies at the GS-14 and GS-15 levels until the total number of GS-14 and GS-15 positions in the Department has been reduced from the number of GS-14 and GS-15 positions on the date of enactment of this provision by two and one-half percent: Provided further, That the Secretary shall submit a staffing plan for the Department by May 15, 2001: Provided further, That the Secretary is prohibited from using funds under this heading or any other heading in this Act to employ more than 14 employees in the Office of Public Affairs or in any position in the Department where the employee reports to an employee of the Office of Public Affairs.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$85,000,000, of which \$22,343,000 shall be provided from the various funds of the Federal Housing Administration and \$10,000,000 shall be provided from the amount earmarked for Operation Safe Home in the appropriation for "Drug elimination grants for low-income housing": Provided, That the Inspector General shall have independent authority over all personnel issues within the Office of Inspector General.

OFFICE OF FEDERAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE OVERSIGHT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For carrying out the Federal Housing Enterprise Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992, including not to exceed \$500 for official reception and representation expenses, \$22,000,000, to remain available until expended, to be derived from the Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight Fund: Provided, That not to exceed such amount shall be available from the General Fund of the Treasury to the extent necessary to incur obligations and make expenditures pending the receipt of collections to the Fund: Provided further, That the General Fund amount shall be reduced as collections are received during the fiscal year so as to result in a final appropriation from the General Fund estimated at not more than \$0.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

FINANCING ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

SEC. 201. Fifty percent of the amounts of budget authority, or in lieu thereof 50 percent of the cash amounts associated with such budget authority, that are recaptured from projects described in section 1012(a) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-628; 102 Stat. 3224, 3268) shall be rescinded, or in the case of cash, shall be remitted to the Treasury, and such amounts of budget authority or cash recaptured and not rescinded or remitted to the Treasury shall be used by State housing finance agencies or local governments or local housing agencies with projects approved by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for which settlement occurred after January 1, 1992, in accordance

with such section. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, the Secretary may award up to 15 percent of the budget authority or cash recaptured and not rescinded or remitted to the Treasury to provide project owners with incentives to refinance their project at a lower interest rate.

FAIR HOUSING AND FREE SPEECH

SEC. 202. None of the amounts made available under this Act may be used during fiscal year 2001 to investigate or prosecute under the Fair Housing Act any otherwise lawful activity engaged in by one or more persons, including the filing or maintaining of a non-frivolous legal action, that is engaged in solely for the purpose of achieving or preventing action by a Government official or entity, or a court of competent jurisdiction.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS GRANTS

SEC. 203. (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Notwithstanding section 854(c)(1)(A) of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12903(c)(1)(A)), from any amounts made available under this title for fiscal year 2001 that are allocated under such section, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall allocate and make a grant, in the amount determined under subsection (b), for any State that—

(1) received an allocation in a prior fiscal year under clause (ii) of such section; and

(2) is not otherwise eligible for an allocation for fiscal year 2001 under such clause (ii) because the areas in the State outside of the metropolitan statistical areas that qualify under clause (i) in fiscal year 2001 do not have the number of cases of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome required under such clause.

(b) AMOUNT.—The amount of the allocation and grant for any State described in subsection (a) shall be an amount based on the cumulative number of AIDS cases in the areas of that State that are outside of metropolitan statistical areas that qualify under clause (i) of such section 854(c)(1)(A) in fiscal year 2001, in proportion to AIDS cases among cities and States that qualify under clauses (i) and (ii) of such section and States deemed eligible under subsection (a).

(c) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—Section 856 of the Act is amended by adding the following new subsection at the end:

"(h) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—For purposes of environmental review, a grant under this subtitle shall be treated as assistance for a special project that is subject to section 305(c) of the Multifamily Housing Property Disposition Reform Act of 1994, and shall be subject to the regulations issued by the Secretary to implement such section."

ENHANCED DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

SEC. 204. Section 204 of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997, is amended by striking "and 2000" and inserting "2000, and thereafter".

MAXIMUM PAYMENT STANDARD FOR ENHANCED VOUCHERS

SEC. 205. Section 8(t)(1)(B) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 is amended by inserting "and any other reasonable limit prescribed by the Secretary" immediately before the semicolon.

DUE PROCESS FOR HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

SEC. 206. None of the funds appropriated under this or any other Act may be used by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to prohibit or debar or in any way diminish the responsibilities of any entity (and the individuals comprising that entity) that is responsible for convening and managing a continuum of care process (convenor) in a community for purposes of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act from participating in that capacity unless the Secretary has published in the Federal Register a description of all circumstances that would be grounds for prohibiting or debaring a convenor from administering a continuum of

care process and the procedures for a prohibition or debarment: Provided, That these procedures shall include a requirement that a convenor shall be provided with timely notice of a proposed prohibition or debarment, an identification of the circumstances that could result in the prohibition or debarment, an opportunity to respond to or remedy these circumstances, and the right for judicial review of any decision of the Secretary that results in a prohibition or debarment.

HUD REFORM ACT COMPLIANCE

SEC. 207. Except as explicitly provided in legislation, any grant or assistance made pursuant to Title II of this Act shall be made in accordance with section 102 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 on a competitive basis.

EXPANSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSUMPTION AUTHORITY FOR HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

SEC. 208. Section 443 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 443. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.

"For purposes of environmental review, assistance and projects under this title shall be treated as assistance for special projects that are subject to section 305(c) of the Multifamily Housing Property Disposition Reform Act of 1994, and shall be subject to the regulations issued by the Secretary to implement such section."

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE NATIONAL HOUSING ACT

SEC. 209. (a) SECTION 203 SUBSECTION DESIGNATIONS.—Section 203 of the National Housing Act is amended by—

(1) redesignating subsection (t) as subsection (u);

(2) redesignating subsection (s), as added by section 329 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as subsection (t); and

(3) redesignating subsection (v), as added by section 504 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, as subsection (w).

(b) MORTGAGE AUCTIONS.—The first sentence of section 221(g)(4)(C)(viii) of the National Housing Act is amended by inserting after "December 31, 2002" the following: " , except that this subparagraph shall continue to apply if the Secretary receives a mortgagee's written notice of intent to assign its mortgage to the Secretary on or before such date".

(c) MORTGAGEE REVIEW BOARD.—Section 202(c)(2) of the National Housing Act is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (E), by striking "and";

(2) in subparagraph (F), by striking "or their designees." and inserting "and";

(3) by adding the following new subparagraph at the end:

"(G) the Director of the Enforcement Center; or their designees."

INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

SEC. 210. Section 201(b) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as paragraphs (5) and (6) respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

"(4) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a recipient may provide housing or housing assistance provided through affordable housing activities assisted with grant amounts under this Act to a law enforcement officer on the reservation or other Indian area, who is employed full-time by a Federal, state, county or tribal government, and in implementing such full-time employment is sworn to uphold, and make arrests for violations of Federal, state, county or tribal law, if the recipient determines that the presence of the law enforcement officer on the Indian reservation or other Indian area may deter crime."

PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

SEC. 211. None of the funds appropriated in this or any other Act may be used by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide any grant or other assistance to construct, operate, or otherwise benefit a facility, or facility with a designated portion of that facility, which sells, or intends to sell, predominantly cigarettes or other tobacco products. For the purposes of this provision, predominant sale of cigarettes or other tobacco products means cigarette or tobacco sales representing more than 35 percent of the annual total in-store, non-fuel, sales.

PROHIBITION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PUERTO RICO PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

SEC. 212. No funds may be used to implement the agreement between the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rico Public Housing Administration, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, dated June 7, 2000, related to the allocation of operating subsidies for the Puerto Rico Public Housing Administration unless the Puerto Rico Public Housing Administration and the Department of Housing and Urban Development submit by December 31, 2000 a schedule of benchmarks and measurable goals to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations designed to address issues of mismanagement and safeguards against fraud and abuse.

HOPE VI GRANT FOR HOLLANDER RIDGE

SEC. 213. The Housing Authority of Baltimore City may use the grant award of \$20,000,000 made to such authority for development efforts at Hollander Ridge in Baltimore, Maryland with funds appropriated for fiscal year 1996 under the heading "Public Housing Demolition, Site Revitalization, and Replacement Housing Grants" for use, as approved by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development—

(1) for activities related to the revitalization of the Hollander Ridge site; and

(2) in accordance with section 24 of the United States Housing Act of 1937.

COMPUTER ACCESS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS

SEC. 214. (a) USE OF PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL AND OPERATING FUNDS.—Section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(1)(E), by inserting before the semicolon the following: “, including the establishment and initial operation of computer centers in and around public housing through a Neighborhood Networks initiative, for the purpose of enhancing the self-sufficiency, employability, and economic self-reliance of public housing residents by providing them with onsite computer access and training resources”;

(2) in subsection (e)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (I), by striking the word “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (J), by striking the period and inserting “; and”;

(C) by adding after subparagraph (J) the following:

“(K) the costs of operating computer centers in public housing through a Neighborhood Networks initiative described in subsection (d)(1)(E), and of activities related to that initiative.”; and

(3) in subsection (h)—

(A) in paragraph (6), by striking the word “and” at the end;

(B) in paragraph (7), by striking the period and inserting “; and”;

(C) by inserting after paragraph (7) the following:

“(8) assistance in connection with the establishment and operation of computer centers in public housing through a Neighborhood Networks initiative described in subsection (d)(1)(E).”.

(b) DEMOLITION, SITE REVITALIZATION, REPLACEMENT HOUSING, AND TENANT-BASED AS-

SISTANCE GRANTS FOR PROJECTS.—Section 24 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(1)(G), by inserting before the semicolon the following: “, including a Neighborhood Networks initiative for the establishment and operation of computer centers in public housing for the purpose of enhancing the self-sufficiency, employability, an economic self-reliance of public housing residents by providing them with onsite computer access and training resources”;

(2) in subsection (m)(2), in the first sentence, by inserting before the period the following “, including assistance in connection with the establishment and operation of computer centers in public housing through the Neighborhoods Networks initiative described in subsection (d)(1)(G)”.

MARK-TO-MARKET REFORM

SEC. 215. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the properties known as the Hawthornes in Independence, Missouri shall be considered eligible multifamily housing projects for purposes of participating in the multifamily housing restructuring program pursuant to title V of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 (Public Law 105-65).

SECTION 236 EXCESS INCOME

SEC. 216. Section 236(g)(3)(A) of the National Housing Act is amended by striking out “fiscal year 2000” and inserting in lieu thereof “fiscal years 2000 and 2001”.

CDBG ELIGIBILITY

SEC. 217. Section 102(a)(6)(D) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 is amended by—

(1) in clause (v), striking out the “or” at the end;

(2) in clause (vi), striking the period at the end; and

(3) adding at the end the following new clause:

“(vii)(I) has consolidated its government with one or more municipal governments, such that within the county boundaries there are no unincorporated areas, (II) has a population of not less than 650,000, over which the consolidated government has the authority to undertake essential community development and housing assistance activities, (III) for more than 10 years, has been classified as an entitlement area for purposes of allocating and distributing funds under section 106, and (IV) as of the date of enactment of this clause, has over 90 percent of the county’s population within the jurisdiction of the consolidated government; or

“(viii) notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any county that was classified as an urban county pursuant to subparagraph (A) for fiscal year 1999, at the option of the county, may hereafter remain classified as an urban county for purposes of this Act.”.

EXEMPTION FOR ALASKA AND MISSISSIPPI FROM REQUIREMENT OF RESIDENT ON BOARD OF PHA

SEC. 218. Public housing agencies in the States of Alaska and Mississippi shall not be required to comply with section 2(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, during fiscal year 2001.

USE OF MODERATE REHABILITATION FUNDS FOR HOME

SEC. 219. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall make the funds available under contracts NY36K113004 and NY36K113005 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development available for use under the HOME Investment Partnerships Act and shall allocate such funds to the City of New Rochelle, New York.

LOMA LINDA REPROGRAMMING

SEC. 220. Of the amounts made available under the sixth undesignated paragraph under the heading “Community Planning and Devel-

opment—Community Development Block Grants” in title II of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-276) for the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) for grants for targeted economic investments, the \$1,000,000 to be made available (pursuant to the related provisions of the joint explanatory statement in the conference report to accompany such Act (House Report 105-769)) to the City of Loma Linda, California, for infrastructure improvements at Redlands Boulevard and California Streets shall, notwithstanding such provisions, be made available to the City for infrastructure improvements related to the Mountain View Bridge.

NATIVE AMERICAN ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ROSS PROGRAM

SEC. 221. (a) Section 34 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 is amended—

(1) in the heading, by striking “PUBLIC HOUSING” and inserting “PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING”;

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) by inserting after “residents,” the following: “recipients under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (notwithstanding section 502 of such Act) on behalf of residents of housing assisted under such Act,” and

(B) by inserting after “public housing residents” the second place it appears the following: “and residents of housing assisted under such Act”;

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) by inserting after “project” the first place it appears the following: “or the property of a recipient under such Act or housing assisted under such Act”;

(B) by inserting after “public housing residents” the following: “or residents of housing assisted under such Act”;

(C) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting after “public housing project” the following: “or residents of housing assisted under such Act”;

(4) in subsection (d)(2), by striking “State or local” and inserting “State, local, or tribal”.

(b) ASSESSMENT AND REPORT.—Section 538(b)(1) of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 is amended by inserting after “public housing” the following: “and housing assisted under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996”.

TREATMENT OF EXPIRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANTS

SEC. 222. (a) AVAILABILITY.—Section 220(a) of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000 (Public Law 106-74; 113 Stat. 1075) is amended by striking “September 30, 2000” and inserting “September 30, 2001”.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall take such actions as may be necessary to carry out such section 220 (as amended by this subsection (a) of this section) notwithstanding any actions taken previously pursuant to section 1552 of title 31, United States Code.

HOME PROGRAM DISASTER FUNDING FOR ELDERLY HOUSING

SEC. 223. Of the amounts made available under Chapter IX of the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1993 for assistance under the HOME investment partnerships program to the city of Homestead, Florida (Public Law 103-50; 107 Stat. 262), up to \$583,926.70 shall be made available to Dade County, Florida, for use only for rehabilitating housing for low-income elderly persons, and such amount shall not be subject to the requirements of such program, except for section 288 of the HOME Investment Partnerships Act (42 U.S.C. 12838).

CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES CAP

SEC. 224. Section 105(a)(8) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 is amended

by striking "1993" and all that follows through "City of Los Angeles" and inserting "1993 through 2001 to the City of Los Angeles".

EXTENSION OF APPLICABILITY OF DOWNPAYMENT SIMPLIFICATION PROVISIONS

SEC. 225. Subparagraph (A) of section 203(b)(10) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709(b)(10)(A)) is amended, in the matter that precedes clause (i), by striking "mortgage" and all that follows through "involving" and inserting "mortgage closed on or before December 31, 2002, involving".

USE OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDS FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS

SEC. 226. Section 423 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act is amended under subsection (a) by adding the following paragraph:

"(7) MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM.—A grant for the costs of implementing and operating management information systems for purposes of collecting unduplicated counts of homeless people and analyzing patterns of use of assistance funded under this Act."

INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE REFORM

SEC. 227. Section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "or as a result of a lack of access to private financial markets"; and

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting "refinance," after "acquire,".

USE OF SECTION 8 VOUCHERS FOR OPT-OUTS

SEC. 228. Section 8(t)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 is amended by inserting after "contract for rental assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 for such housing project" the following: "(including any such termination or expiration during fiscal years after fiscal year 1996 prior to the effective date of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001)".

HOMELESS DISCHARGE COORDINATION POLICY

SEC. 229. (a) DISCHARGE COORDINATION POLICY.—Subtitle A of title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act is amended by adding at the end the following new section: "**SEC. 402. DISCHARGE COORDINATION POLICY.**

"The Secretary may not provide a grant under this title for any governmental entity serving as an applicant unless the applicant agrees to develop and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons."

(b) ASSISTANCE UNDER EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM.—Section 414(a)(4) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting a comma after "homelessness";

(2) by striking "Not" and inserting the following: "Activities that are eligible for assistance under this paragraph shall include assistance to very low-income families who are discharged from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions). Not".

TECHNICAL CHANGE TO SENIORS HOUSING COMMISSION

SEC. 230. Section 525 of the Preserving Affordable Housing for Senior Citizens and Families into the 21st Century Act" (42 U.S.C. 12701 note) is amended in subsection (a) by striking "Commission on Affordable Housing and Health Care Facility Needs in the 21st Century" and inserting "Commission on Affordable Housing and Health Facility Needs for Seniors in the 21st Century".

INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON THE HOMELESS REFORMS

SEC. 231. Title II of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act is amended—

(1) in section 202, under subsection (b) by inserting after the period the following: "The positions of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall rotate among its members on an annual basis."; and

(2) in section 209 by striking "1994" and inserting "2005".

SECTION 8 PHA PROJECT-BASED ASSISTANCE

SEC. 232. (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (13) of section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)) is amended to read as follows:

"(13) PHA PROJECT-BASED ASSISTANCE.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—A public housing agency may use amounts provided under an annual contributions contract under this subsection to enter into a housing assistance payment contract with respect to an existing, newly constructed, or rehabilitated structure, that is attached to the structure, subject to the limitations and requirements of this paragraph.

"(B) PERCENTAGE LIMITATION.—Not more than 20 percent of the funding available for tenant-based assistance under this section that is administered by the agency may be attached to structures pursuant to this paragraph.

"(C) CONSISTENCY WITH PHA PLAN AND OTHER GOALS.—A public housing agency may approve a housing assistance payment contract pursuant to this paragraph only if the contract is consistent with—

"(i) the public housing agency plan for the agency approved under section 5A; and

"(ii) the goal of deconcentrating poverty and expanding housing and economic opportunities.

"(D) INCOME MIXING REQUIREMENT.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 25 percent of the dwelling units in any building may be assisted under a housing assistance payment contract for project-based assistance pursuant to this paragraph.

"(ii) EXCEPTIONS.—The limitation under clause (i) shall not apply in the case of assistance under a contract for housing consisting of single family properties or for dwelling units that are specifically made available for households comprised of elderly families, disabled families, and families receiving supportive services.

"(E) RESIDENT CHOICE REQUIREMENT.—A housing assistance payment contract pursuant to this paragraph shall provide as follows:

"(i) MOBILITY.—Each low-income family occupying a dwelling unit assisted under the contract may move from the housing at any time after the family has occupied the dwelling unit for 12 months.

"(ii) CONTINUED ASSISTANCE.—Upon such a move, the public housing agency shall provide the low-income family with tenant-based rental assistance under this section or such other tenant-based rental assistance that is subject to comparable income, assistance, rent contribution, affordability, and other requirements, as the Secretary shall provide by regulation. If such rental assistance is not immediately available to fulfill the requirement under the preceding sentence with respect to a low-income family, such requirement may be met by providing the family priority to receive the next voucher or other tenant-based rental assistance amounts that become available under the program used to fulfill such requirement.

"(F) CONTRACT TERM.—A housing assistance payment contract pursuant to this paragraph between a public housing agency and the owner of a structure may have a term of up to 10 years, subject to the availability of sufficient appropriated funds for the purpose of renewing expiring contracts for assistance payments, as provided in appropriations Acts and in the agency's annual contributions contract with the Secretary, and to annual compliance with the in-

spection requirements under paragraph (8), except that the agency shall not be required to make annual inspections of each assisted unit in the development. The contract may specify additional conditions for its continuation. If the units covered by the contract are owned by the agency, the term of the contract shall be agreed upon by the agency and the unit of general local government or other entity approved by the Secretary in the manner provided under paragraph (11).

"(G) EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TERM.—A public housing agency may enter into a contract with the owner of a structure assisted under a housing assistance payment contract pursuant to this paragraph to extend the term of the underlying housing assistance payment contract for such period as the agency determines to be appropriate to achieve long-term affordability of the housing or to expand housing opportunities. Such a contract shall provide that the extension of such term shall be contingent upon the future availability of appropriated funds for the purpose of renewing expiring contracts for assistance payments, as provided in appropriations Acts, and may obligate the owner to have such extensions of the underlying housing assistance payment contract accepted by the owner and the successors in interest of the owner.

"(H) RENT CALCULATION.—A housing assistance payment contract pursuant to this paragraph shall establish rents for each unit assisted in an amount that does not exceed 110 percent of the applicable fair market rental (or any exception payment standard approved by the Secretary pursuant to paragraph (1)(D)), except that if a contract covers a dwelling unit that has been allocated low-income housing tax credits pursuant to section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 42) and is not located in a qualified census tract (as such term is defined in subsection (d) of such section 42), the rent for such unit may be established at any level that does not exceed the rent charged for comparable units in the building that also receive the low-income housing tax credit but do not have additional rental assistance. The rents established by housing assistance payment contracts pursuant to this paragraph may vary from the payment standards established by the public housing agency pursuant to paragraph (1)(B), but shall be subject to paragraph (10)(A).

"(I) RENT ADJUSTMENTS.—A housing assistance payments contract pursuant to this paragraph shall provide for rent adjustments, except that—

"(i) the adjusted rent for any unit assisted shall be reasonable in comparison with rents charged for comparable dwelling units in the private, unassisted, local market and may not exceed the maximum rent permitted under subparagraph (H); and

"(ii) the provisions of subsection (c)(2)(C) shall not apply.

"(J) TENANT SELECTION.—A public housing agency shall select families to receive project-based assistance pursuant to this paragraph from its waiting list for assistance under this subsection. Eligibility for such project-based assistance shall be subject to the provisions of section 16(b) that apply to tenant-based assistance. The agency may establish preferences or criteria for selection for a unit assisted under this paragraph that are consistent with the public housing agency plan for the agency approved under section 5A. Any family that rejects an offer of project-based assistance under this paragraph or that is rejected for admission to a structure by the owner or manager of a structure assisted under this paragraph shall retain its place on the waiting list as if the offer had not been made. The owner or manager of a structure assisted under this paragraph shall not admit any family to a dwelling unit assisted under a contract pursuant to this paragraph other than a family referred by the public housing agency from its waiting list. Subject to its waiting list

policies and selection preferences, a public housing agency may place on its waiting list a family referred by the owner or manager of a structure and may maintain a separate waiting list for assistance under this paragraph, but only if all families on the agency's waiting list for assistance under this subsection are permitted to place their names on the separate list.

“(K) VACATED UNITS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (9), a housing assistance payment contract pursuant to this paragraph may provide as follows:

“(i) PAYMENT FOR VACANT UNITS.—That the public housing agency may, in its discretion, continue to provide assistance under the contract, for a reasonable period not exceeding 60 days, for a dwelling unit that becomes vacant, but only (I) if the vacancy was not the fault of the owner of the dwelling unit, and (II) the agency and the owner take every reasonable action to minimize the likelihood and extent of any such vacancy. Rental assistance may not be provided for a vacant unit after the expiration of such period.

“(ii) REDUCTION OF CONTRACT.—That, if despite reasonable efforts of the agency and the owner to fill a vacant unit, no eligible family has agreed to rent the unit within 120 days after the owner has notified the agency of the vacancy, the agency may reduce its housing assistance payments contract with the owner by the amount equivalent to the remaining months of subsidy attributable to the vacant unit. Amounts deobligated pursuant to such a contract provision shall be available to the agency to provide assistance under this subsection.

Eligible applicants for assistance under this subsection may enforce provisions authorized by this subparagraph.”.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—In the case of any dwelling unit that, upon the date of the enactment of this Act, is assisted under a housing assistance payment contract under section 8(o)(13) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)) as in effect before such enactment, such assistance may be extended or renewed notwithstanding the requirements under subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E) of such section 8(o)(13), as amended by subsection (a).

DISPOSITION OF HUD-HELD AND HUD-OWNED MULTIFAMILY PROJECTS FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED

SEC. 233. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in managing and disposing of any multifamily property that is owned or held by the Secretary and is occupied primarily by elderly or disabled families, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall maintain any rental assistance payments under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 that are attached to any dwelling units in the property. To the extent the Secretary determines that such a multifamily property owned or held by the Secretary is not feasible for continued rental assistance payments under such section 8, the Secretary may, in consultation with the tenants of that property, contract for project-based rental assistance payments with an owner or owners of other existing housing properties or provide other rental assistance.

FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM

SEC. 234. Section 8(x)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(x)(2)) is amended—

(1) by striking “any family (A) who is otherwise eligible for such assistance, and (B)” and inserting “(A) any family (i) who is otherwise eligible for such assistance, and (ii)”;

(2) by inserting before the period at the end the following: “and (B) for a period not to exceed 18 months, otherwise eligible youths who have attained at least 18 years of age and not more than 21 years of age and who have left foster care at age 16 or older”.

PERMANENT EXTENSION OF FHA MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE CREDIT DEMONSTRATIONS

SEC. 235. Section 542 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1707 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the first sentence, by striking “demonstrate the effectiveness of providing” and inserting “provide”;

(B) in the second sentence, by striking “demonstration” and inserting “the”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “determine the effectiveness of” and inserting “provide”;

(B) by striking paragraph (5), and inserting the following new paragraph:

“(5) INSURANCE AUTHORITY.—Using any authority provided in appropriation Acts to insure mortgages under the National Housing Act, the Secretary may enter into commitments under this subsection for risk-sharing units.”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “test the effectiveness of” and inserting “provide”;

(B) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following new paragraph:

“(4) INSURANCE AUTHORITY.—Using any authority provided in appropriation Acts to insure mortgages under the National Housing Act, the Secretary may enter into commitments under this subsection for risk-sharing units.”;

(4) by striking subsection (d);

(5) by striking “pilot” and “PILOT” each place such terms appear; and

(6) in the section heading, by striking “demonstrations” and inserting “programs”.

TITLE III—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United States and its territories and possessions; rent of office and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign countries, when required by law of such countries, \$28,000,000, to remain available until expended.

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses in carrying out activities pursuant to section 112(r)(6) of the Clean Air Act, including hire of passenger vehicles, and for services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem equivalent to the maximum rate payable for senior level positions under 5 U.S.C. 5376, \$7,500,000, \$5,000,000 of which to remain available until September 30, 2001 and \$2,500,000 of which to remain available until September 30, 2002: Provided, That the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board shall have not more than three career Senior Executive Service positions: Provided further, That there shall be an Inspector General at the Board who shall have the duties, responsibilities, and authorities specified in the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended: Provided further, That an individual appointed to the position of Inspector General of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shall, by virtue of such appointment, also hold the position of Inspector General of the Board: Provided further, That the Inspector General of the Board shall utilize personnel of the Office of Inspector General of FEMA in performing the duties of the Inspector General of the Board, and shall not appoint any individuals to positions within the Board.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

To carry out the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for ES-3, \$118,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2002, of which \$5,000,000 shall be for technical assistance and training programs designed to benefit Native American Communities, and up to \$8,750,000 may be used for administrative expenses, up to \$19,750,000 may be used for the cost of direct loans, and up to \$1,000,000 may be used for administrative expenses to carry out the direct loan program: Provided, That the cost of direct loans, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$53,000,000.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, including hire of passenger motor vehicles, services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the maximum rate payable under 5 U.S.C. 5376, purchase of nominal awards to recognize non-Federal officials' contributions to Commission activities, and not to exceed \$500 for official reception and representation expenses, \$52,500,000.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

OPERATING EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER AND RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for the Corporation for National and Community Service (referred to in the matter under this heading as the “Corporation”) in carrying out programs, activities, and initiatives under the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (referred to in the matter under this heading as the “Act”) (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.), \$458,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2002: Provided, That not more than \$31,000,000 shall be available for administrative expenses authorized under section 501(a)(4) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12671(a)(4)) with not less than \$2,000,000 targeted for the acquisition of a cost accounting system for the Corporation's financial management system, an integrated grants management system that provides comprehensive financial management information for all Corporation grants and cooperative agreements, and the establishment, operation and maintenance of a central archives serving as the repository for all grant, cooperative agreement, and related documents, without regard to the provisions of section 501(a)(4)(B) of the Act: Provided further, That not more than \$2,500 shall be for official reception and representation expenses: Provided further, That not more than \$70,000,000, to remain available without fiscal year limitation, shall be transferred to the National Service Trust account for educational awards authorized under subtitle D of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.), of which not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall be available for national service scholarships for high school students performing community service: Provided further, That not more than \$231,000,000 of the amount provided under this heading shall be available for grants under the National Service Trust program authorized under subtitle C of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.) (relating to activities including the AmeriCorps program), of which not more than \$45,000,000 may be used to administer, reimburse, or support any

national service program authorized under section 121(d)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12581(d)(2)); and not more than \$25,000,000 may be made available to activities dedicated to developing computer and information technology skills for students and teachers in low-income communities: Provided further, That not more than \$10,000,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be made available for the Points of Light Foundation for activities authorized under title III of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12661 et seq.): Provided further, That no funds shall be available for national service programs run by Federal agencies authorized under section 121(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12571(b)): Provided further, That to the maximum extent feasible, funds appropriated under subtitle C of title I of the Act shall be provided in a manner that is consistent with the recommendations of peer review panels in order to ensure that priority is given to programs that demonstrate quality, innovation, replicability, and sustainability: Provided further, That not more than \$21,000,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be available for the Civilian Community Corps authorized under subtitle E of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12611 et seq.): Provided further, That not more than \$43,000,000 shall be available for school-based and community-based service-learning programs authorized under subtitle B of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.): Provided further, That not more than \$28,500,000 shall be available for quality and innovation activities authorized under subtitle H of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12853 et seq.): Provided further, That not more than \$5,000,000 shall be available for audits and other evaluations authorized under section 179 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12639): Provided further, That to the maximum extent practicable, the Corporation shall increase significantly the level of matching funds and in-kind contributions provided by the private sector, shall expand significantly the number of educational awards provided under subtitle D of title I, and shall reduce the total Federal costs per participant in all programs: Provided further, That of amounts available in the National Service Trust account from previous appropriations Acts, \$30,000,000 shall be rescinded: Provided further, That not more than \$7,500,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be made available to America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth, Inc. only to support efforts to mobilize individuals, groups, and organizations to build and strengthen the character and competence of the Nation's youth: Provided further, That not more than \$5,000,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be made available to the Communities In Schools, Inc. to support dropout prevention activities: Provided further, That not more than \$2,500,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be made available to the Parents as Teachers National Center, Inc. to support childhood parent education and family support activities: Provided further, That not more than \$2,500,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be made available to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to establish an innovative outreach program designed to meet the special needs of youth in public and Native American housing communities: Provided further, That not more than \$1,500,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be made available to the Youth Life Foundation to meet the needs of children living in insecure environments.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$5,000,000, which shall be available for obligation through September 30, 2002.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000

(Public Law 106-74) is amended under the heading "Corporation for National and Community Service, National and Community Service Programs Operating Expenses" in title III by reducing to \$229,000,000 the amount available for grants under the National Service Trust program authorized under subtitle C of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (the "Act") (with a corresponding reduction to \$40,000,000 in the amount that may be used to administer, reimburse, or support any national service program authorized under section 121(d)(2) of the Act), and by increasing to \$33,500,000 the amount available for quality and innovation activities authorized under subtitle H of title I of the Act, with the increase in subtitle H funds made available to provide a grant covering a period of three years to support the "P.A.V.E. the Way" project described in House Report 106-379.

COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the operation of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 7251-7298, \$12,445,000, of which \$895,000 shall be available for the purpose of providing financial assistance as described, and in accordance with the process and reporting procedures set forth, under this heading in Public Law 102-229.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, as authorized by law, for maintenance, operation, and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, including the purchase of two passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, and not to exceed \$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses, \$17,949,000, to remain available until expended.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

For necessary expenses for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in carrying out activities set forth in section 311(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, \$63,000,000.

AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) in carrying out activities set forth in sections 104(i), 111(c)(4), and 111(c)(14) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended; section 118(f) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), as amended; and section 3019 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, \$75,000,000, to be derived from the Hazardous Substance Superfund Trust Fund pursuant to section 517(a) of SARA (26 U.S.C. 9507): Provided, That not withstanding any other provision of law, in lieu of performing a health assessment under section 104(i)(6) of CERCLA, the Administrator of ATSDR may conduct other appropriate health studies, evaluations, or activities, including, without limitation, biomedical testing, clinical evaluations, medical monitoring, and referral to accredited health care providers: Provided further, That in performing any such health assessment or health study, evaluation, or activity, the Administrator of ATSDR shall not be bound by the deadlines in section 104(i)(6)(A) of CERCLA: Provided further, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to issue in excess of 40 toxicological profiles pursuant to section 104(i) of CERCLA during

fiscal year 2001, and existing profiles may be updated as necessary.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

For science and technology, including research and development activities, which shall include research and development activities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended; necessary expenses for personnel and related costs and travel expenses, including uniforms, or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the maximum rate payable for senior level positions under 5 U.S.C. 5376; procurement of laboratory equipment and supplies; other operating expenses in support of research and development; construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project, \$696,000,000, which shall remain available until September 30, 2002.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

For environmental programs and management, including necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for personnel and related costs and travel expenses, including uniforms, or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the maximum rate payable for senior level positions under 5 U.S.C. 5376; hire of passenger motor vehicles; hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft; purchase of reprints; library memberships in societies or associations which issue publications to members only or at a price to members lower than to subscribers who are not members; construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project; and not to exceed \$6,000 for official reception and representation expenses, \$2,087,990,000, which shall remain available until September 30, 2002: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act shall be used to propose or issue rules, regulations, decrees, or orders for the purpose of implementation, or in preparation for implementation, of the Kyoto Protocol which was adopted on December 11, 1997, in Kyoto, Japan at the Third Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which has not been submitted to the Senate for advice and consent to ratification pursuant to article II, section 2, clause 2, of the United States Constitution, and which has not entered into force pursuant to article 25 of the Protocol: Provided further, That none of the funds made available in this Act may be used to implement or administer the interim guidance issued on February 5, 1998, by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and designated as the "Interim Guidance for Investigating Title VI Administrative Complaints Challenging Permits" with respect to complaints filed under such title after October 21, 1998, and until guidance is finalized. Nothing in this proviso may be construed to restrict the Environmental Protection Agency from developing or issuing final guidance relating to title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 1412(b)(12)(A)(v) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, the Administrator shall promulgate a national primary drinking water regulation for arsenic not later than June 22, 2001.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and for construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project, \$34,094,000, to remain available until September 30, 2002.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

For construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities of, or for use by, the Environmental Protection Agency, \$23,931,000, to remain available until expended.

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SUPERFUND
(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses to carry out the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, including sections 111(c)(3), (c)(5), (c)(6), and (e)(4) (42 U.S.C. 9611), and for construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project; \$1,270,000,000 of which \$100,000,000 shall not become available until September 1, 2001, to remain available until expended, consisting of \$635,000,000, as authorized by section 517(a) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), as amended by Public Law 101-508, and \$635,000,000 as a payment from general revenues to the Hazardous Substance Superfund for purposes as authorized by section 517(b) of SARA, as amended: Provided, That funds appropriated under this heading may be allocated to other Federal agencies in accordance with section 111(a) of CERCLA: Provided further, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, \$11,500,000 shall be transferred to the "Office of Inspector General" appropriation to remain available until September 30, 2002, and \$36,500,000 shall be transferred to the "Science and technology" appropriation to remain available until September 30, 2002.

LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to carry out leaking underground storage tank cleanup activities authorized by section 205 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, and for construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project, \$72,096,000, to remain available until expended.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

For expenses necessary to carry out the Environmental Protection Agency's responsibilities under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, \$15,000,000, to be derived from the Oil Spill Liability trust fund, to remain available until expended.

STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

For environmental programs and infrastructure assistance, including capitalization grants for State revolving funds and performance partnership grants, \$3,628,740,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$1,350,000,000 shall be for making capitalization grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds under title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended; \$825,000,000 shall be for capitalization grants for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, except that, notwithstanding section 1452(n) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, none of the funds made available under this heading in this Act, or in previous appropriations Acts, shall be reserved by the Administrator for health effects studies on drinking water contaminants; \$75,000,000 shall be for architectural, engineering, planning, design, construction and related activities in connection with the construction of high priority water and wastewater facilities in the area of the United States-Mexico Border, after consultation with the appropriate border commission; \$35,000,000 shall be for grants to the State of Alaska to address drinking water and wastewater infrastructure needs of rural and Alaska Native Villages; \$335,740,000 shall be for making grants for the construction of wastewater and water treatment facilities and groundwater protection infrastructure in accordance with the terms and conditions specified for such grants in the conference report and joint explanatory statement of the committee of

conference accompanying this Act, except that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the funds herein and hereafter appropriated under this heading for such special needs infrastructure grants, the Administrator may use up to 3 percent of the amount of each project appropriated to administer the management and oversight of construction of such projects through contracts, allocation to the Corps of Engineers, or grants to States; and \$1,008,000,000 shall be for grants, including associated program support costs, to States, federally recognized tribes, interstate agencies, tribal consortia, and air pollution control agencies for multimedia or single media pollution prevention, control and abatement and related activities, including activities pursuant to the provisions set forth under this heading in Public Law 104-134, and for making grants under section 103 of the Clean Air Act for particulate matter monitoring and data collection activities: Provided, That notwithstanding section 603(d)(7) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, the limitation on the amounts in a State water pollution control revolving fund that may be used by a State to administer the fund shall not apply to amounts included as principal in loans made by such fund in fiscal year 2001 and prior years where such amounts represent costs of administering the fund to the extent that such amounts are or were deemed reasonable by the Administrator, accounted for separately from other assets in the fund, and used for eligible purposes of the fund, including administration: Provided further, That for fiscal year 2001, and notwithstanding section 518(f) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, the Administrator is authorized to use the amounts appropriated for any fiscal year under section 319 of that Act to make grants to Indian tribes pursuant to section 319(h) and 518(e) of that Act: Provided further, That for fiscal year 2001, notwithstanding the limitation on amounts in section 518(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, up to a total of 1½ percent of the funds appropriated for State Revolving Funds under Title VI of that Act may be reserved by the Administrator for grants under section 518(c) of such Act: Provided further, That no funds provided by this legislation to address the water, wastewater and other critical infrastructure needs of the colonias in the United States along the United States-Mexico border shall be made available after June 1, 2001 to a county or municipal government unless that government has established an enforceable local ordinance, or other zoning rule, which prevents in that jurisdiction the development or construction of any additional colonia areas, or the development within an existing colonia the construction of any new home, business, or other structure which lacks water, wastewater, or other necessary infrastructure: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, all claims for principal and interest registered through any current grant dispute or any other such dispute hereafter filed by the Environmental Protection Agency relative to construction grants numbers C-180840-01, C-180840-04, C-470319-03, and C-470319-04, are hereby resolved in favor of the grantee: Provided further, That EPA, in considering the local match for the \$5,000,000 appropriated in fiscal year 1999 for the City of Cumberland, Maryland, to separate and relocate the city's combined sewer and stormwater system, shall take into account non-federal money spent by the City of Cumberland for combined sewer, stormwater and wastewater treatment infrastructure on or after October 1, 1999, and that the fiscal year 1999 and any subsequent funds may be used for any required non-federal share of the costs of projects funded by the federal government under Section 580 of Public Law 106-53.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

For fiscal year 2001 and thereafter, the obligated balances of sums available in multiple-

year appropriations accounts shall remain available through the seventh fiscal year after their period of availability has expired for liquidating obligations made during the period of availability.

For fiscal year 2001, notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 6303(1) and 6305(1), the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in carrying out the Agency's function to implement directly Federal environmental programs required or authorized by law in the absence of an acceptable tribal program, may award cooperative agreements to federally-recognized Indian Tribes or Intertribal consortia, if authorized by their member Tribes, to assist the Administrator in implementing Federal environmental programs for Indian Tribes required or authorized by law, except that no such cooperative agreements may be awarded from funds designated for State financial assistance agreements.

Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act, as amended, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(6) Notwithstanding paragraph 5, this subsection shall not apply with respect to an area designated nonattainment under section 107(d)(1) until one year after that area is first designated nonattainment for a specific national ambient air quality standard. This paragraph only applies with respect to the national ambient air quality standard for which an area is newly designated nonattainment and does not affect the area's requirements with respect to all other national ambient air quality standards for which the area is designated nonattainment or has been redesignated from nonattainment to attainment with a maintenance plan pursuant to section 175(A) (including any pre-existing national ambient air quality standard for a pollutant for which a new or revised standard has been issued)."

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

For necessary expenses of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, in carrying out the purposes of the National Science and Technology Policy, Organization, and Priorities Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6601 and 6671), hire of passenger motor vehicles, and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, not to exceed \$2,500 for official reception and representation expenses, and rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia, \$5,201,000.

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For necessary expenses to continue functions assigned to the Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental Quality pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970, and Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1977, \$2,900,000: Provided, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds other than those appropriated under this heading shall be used for or by the Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental Quality: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 202 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970, the Council shall consist of one member, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, serving as chairman and exercising all powers, functions, and duties of the Council.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$33,660,000, to be derived from the Bank Insurance Fund, the Savings Association Insurance Fund, and the FSLIC Resolution Fund.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
DISASTER RELIEF

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses in carrying out the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), \$300,000,000, and, notwithstanding 42 U.S.C. 5203, to remain available until expended, of which not to exceed \$2,900,000 may be transferred to "Emergency management planning and assistance" for the consolidated emergency management performance grant program; and up to \$15,000,000 may be obligated for flood map modernization activities following disaster declarations: Provided, That of the funds made available under this heading in this and prior Appropriations Acts and under section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to the State of Florida, \$3,000,000 shall be for a hurricane mitigation initiative in Miami-Dade County.

For an additional amount for "Disaster relief", \$1,300,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended: Provided further, That the entire amount shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request for a specific dollar amount, that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM
ACCOUNT

For the cost of direct loans, \$1,678,000, as authorized by section 319 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$25,000,000.

In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the direct loan program, \$427,000.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, including hire and purchase of motor vehicles as authorized by 31 U.S.C. 1343; uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the maximum rate payable for senior level positions under 5 U.S.C. 5376; expenses of attendance of cooperating officials and individuals at meetings concerned with the work of emergency preparedness; transportation in connection with the continuity of Government programs to the same extent and in the same manner as permitted the Secretary of a Military Department under 10 U.S.C. 2632; and not to exceed \$2,500 for official reception and representation expenses, \$215,000,000.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$10,000,000: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Inspector General of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall also serve as the Inspector General of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND
ASSISTANCE

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, to carry out activities under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, and the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.), the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency As-

sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.), the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.), the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 et seq.), sections 107 and 303 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended (50 U.S.C. 404-405), and Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, \$269,652,000: Provided, That for purposes of pre-disaster mitigation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5131(b) and (c) and 42 U.S.C. 5196(e) and (i), \$25,000,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be available until expended for project grants.

RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND

The aggregate charges assessed during fiscal year 2001, as authorized by Public Law 106-74, shall not be less than 100 percent of the amounts anticipated by FEMA necessary for its radiological emergency preparedness program for the next fiscal year. The methodology for assessment and collection of fees shall be fair and equitable; and shall reflect costs of providing such services, including administrative costs of collecting such fees. Fees received pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Fund as offsetting collections and will become available for authorized purposes on October 1, 2001, and remain available until expended.

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM

To carry out an emergency food and shelter program pursuant to title III of Public Law 100-77, as amended, \$140,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That total administrative costs shall not exceed 3½ percent of the total appropriation.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For activities under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, not to exceed \$25,736,000 for salaries and expenses associated with flood mitigation and flood insurance operations, and not to exceed \$77,307,000 for flood mitigation, including up to \$20,000,000 for expenses under section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act, which amount shall be available for transfer to the National Flood Mitigation Fund until September 30, 2002. In fiscal year 2001, no funds in excess of: (1) \$55,000,000 for operating expenses; (2) \$455,627,000 for agents' commissions and taxes; and (3) \$40,000,000 for interest on Treasury borrowings shall be available from the National Flood Insurance Fund without prior notice to the Committees on Appropriations.

In addition, up to \$17,730,000 in fees collected but unexpended during fiscal years 1994 through 1998 shall be transferred to the Flood Map Modernization Fund and available for expenditure in fiscal year 2001.

Section 1309(a)(2) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)(2)), as amended by Public Law 104-208, is further amended by striking "September 30, 2000" and inserting "December 31, 2001".

The first sentence of section 1376(c) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4127(c)), is amended by striking "September 30, 2000" and inserting "December 31, 2001".

NATIONAL FLOOD MITIGATION FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Notwithstanding sections 1366(b)(3)(B)-(C) and 1366(f) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, \$20,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2002, for activities designed to reduce the risk of flood damage to structures pursuant to such Act, of which \$20,000,000 shall be derived from the National Flood Insurance Fund.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

FEDERAL CONSUMER INFORMATION CENTER FUND

For necessary expenses of the Federal Consumer Information Center, including services

authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$7,122,000, to be deposited into the Federal Consumer Information Center Fund: Provided, That the appropriations, revenues, and collections deposited into the Fund shall be available for necessary expenses of Federal Consumer Information Center activities in the aggregate amount of \$12,000,000. Appropriations, revenues, and collections accruing to this Fund during fiscal year 2001 in excess of \$12,000,000 shall remain in the Fund and shall not be available for expenditure except as authorized in appropriations Acts.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE
ADMINISTRATION

HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in the conduct and support of human space flight research and development activities, including research, development, operations, and services; maintenance; construction of facilities including revitalization and modification of facilities, construction of new facilities and additions to existing facilities, facility planning and design, and acquisition or condemnation of real property, as authorized by law; space flight, spacecraft control and communications activities including operations, production, and services; and purchase, lease, charter, maintenance and operation of mission and administrative aircraft, \$5,462,900,000, to remain available until September 30, 2002.

SCIENCE, AERONAUTICS AND TECHNOLOGY

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in the conduct and support of science, aeronautics and technology research and development activities, including research, development, operations, and services; maintenance; construction of facilities including revitalization, and modification of facilities, construction of new facilities and additions to existing facilities, facility planning and design, and acquisition or condemnation of real property, as authorized by law; space flight, spacecraft control and communications activities including operations, production, and services; and purchase, lease, charter, maintenance and operation of mission and administrative aircraft, \$6,190,700,000, to remain available until September 30, 2002.

MISSION SUPPORT

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in carrying out mission support for human space flight programs and science, aeronautical, and technology programs, including research operations and support; maintenance; construction of facilities including revitalization and modification of facilities, construction of new facilities and additions to existing facilities, facility planning and design, environmental compliance and restoration, and acquisition or condemnation of real property, as authorized by law; program management; personnel and related costs, including uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; travel expenses; purchase, lease, charter, maintenance, and operation of mission and administrative aircraft; not to exceed \$40,000 for official reception and representation expenses; and purchase (not to exceed 33 for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$2,608,700,000 to remain available until September 30, 2002.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$23,000,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of funds appropriated for "Human space flight", "Science, aeronautics and technology", or "Mission support" by this appropriations Act, when any activity has been initiated by the incurrence of obligations for construction of facilities as authorized by law, such amount available for such activity shall remain available until expended. This provision does not

apply to the amounts appropriated in "Mission support" pursuant to the authorization for minor revitalization and construction of facilities, and facility planning and design.

Notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of funds appropriated for "Human space flight", "Science, aeronautics and technology", or "Mission support" by this appropriations Act, the amounts appropriated for construction of facilities shall remain available until September 30, 2003.

Notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of funds appropriated for "Mission support" and "Office of Inspector General", amounts made available by this Act for personnel and related costs and travel expenses of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall remain available until September 30, 2001 and may be used to enter into contracts for training, investigations, costs associated with personnel relocation, and for other services, to be provided during the next fiscal year. Funds for announced prizes otherwise authorized shall remain available, without fiscal year limitation, until the prize is claimed or the offer is withdrawn.

Unless otherwise provided for in this Act or in the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference accompanying this Act, no part of the funds appropriated for "Human space flight" may be used for the development of the International Space Station in excess of the amounts set forth in the budget estimates submitted as part of the budget request for fiscal year 2001.

No funds in this or any other Appropriations Act may be used to finalize an agreement prior to December 1, 2001 between NASA and a non-government organization to conduct research utilization and commercialization management activities of the International Space Station.

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

CENTRAL LIQUIDITY FACILITY

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

During fiscal year 2001, gross obligations of the Central Liquidity Facility for the principal amount of new direct loans to member credit unions, as authorized by 12 U.S.C. 1795 et seq., shall not exceed \$1,500,000,000: Provided, That administrative expenses of the Central Liquidity Facility shall not exceed \$296,303: Provided further, That \$1,000,000 shall be transferred to the Community Development Revolving Loan Fund, of which \$650,000, together with amounts of principal and interest on loans repaid, shall be available until expended for loans to community development credit unions, and \$350,000 shall be available until expended for technical assistance to low-income and community development credit unions.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

For necessary expenses in carrying out the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1861–1875), and the Act to establish a National Medal of Science (42 U.S.C. 1880–1881); services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109; authorized travel; maintenance and operation of aircraft and purchase of flight services for research support; acquisition of aircraft; \$3,350,000,000, of which not to exceed \$275,592,000 shall remain available until expended for Polar research and operations support, and for reimbursement to other Federal agencies for operational and science support and logistical and other related activities for the United States Antarctic program; the balance to remain available until September 30, 2002: Provided, That receipts for scientific support services and materials furnished by the National Research Centers and other National Science Foundation supported research facilities may be credited to this appropriation: Provided further, That to the extent that the amount appropriated is less than the total amount authorized to be appropriated for included program activities, all

amounts, including floors and ceilings, specified in the authorizing Act for those program activities or their subactivities shall be reduced proportionally: Provided further, That \$65,000,000 of the funds available under this heading shall be made available for a comprehensive research initiative on plant genomes for economically significant crops: Provided further, That no funds in this or any other Act shall be used to acquire or lease a research vessel with ice-breaking capability built or retrofitted by a shipyard located in a foreign country if such a vessel of United States origin can be obtained at a cost no more than 50 per centum above that of the least expensive technically acceptable foreign vessel bid: Provided further, That, in determining the cost of such a vessel, such cost be increased by the amount of any subsidies or financing provided by a foreign government (or instrumentality thereof) to such vessel's construction: Provided further, That if the vessel contracted for pursuant to the foregoing is not available for the 2002–2003 austral summer Antarctic season, a vessel of any origin may be leased for a period of not to exceed 120 days for that season and each season thereafter until delivery of the new vessel.

MAJOR RESEARCH EQUIPMENT

For necessary expenses of major construction projects pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, including authorized travel, \$121,600,000, to remain available until expended.

EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

For necessary expenses in carrying out science and engineering education and human resources programs and activities pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1861–1875), including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, authorized travel, and rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia, \$787,352,000, to remain available until September 30, 2002: Provided, That to the extent that the amount of this appropriation is less than the total amount authorized to be appropriated for included program activities, all amounts, including floors and ceilings, specified in the authorizing Act for those program activities or their subactivities shall be reduced proportionally: Provided further, That \$10,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Innovation Partnerships.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For salaries and expenses necessary in carrying out the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1861–1875); services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109; hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed \$9,000 for official reception and representation expenses; uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia; reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services; \$160,890,000: Provided, That contracts may be entered into under "Salaries and expenses" in fiscal year 2001 for maintenance and operation of facilities, and for other services, to be provided during the next fiscal year.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General as authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$6,280,000, to remain available until September 30, 2002.

NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION PAYMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

For payment to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation for use in neighborhood reinvestment activities, as authorized by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 8101–8107), \$90,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 shall be for a homeownership program that is used in conjunction with section 8 assistance under the United States Housing Act of 1937: Provided, That of the amount made available, \$2,500,000 shall be for an endowment to es-

tablish the George Knight Scholarship Fund for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Training Institute.

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Selective Service System, including expenses of attendance at meetings and of training for uniformed personnel assigned to the Selective Service System, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 4101–4118 for civilian employees; and not to exceed \$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses; \$24,480,000: Provided, That during the current fiscal year, the President may exempt this appropriation from the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1341, whenever he deems such action to be necessary in the interest of national defense: Provided further, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be expended for or in connection with the induction of any person into the Armed Forces of the United States.

TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 401. Where appropriations in titles I, II, and III of this Act are expendable for travel expenses and no specific limitation has been placed thereon, the expenditures for such travel expenses may not exceed the amounts set forth therefore in the budget estimates submitted for the appropriations: Provided, That this provision does not apply to accounts that do not contain an object classification for travel: Provided further, That this section shall not apply to travel performed by uncompensated officials of local boards and appeal boards of the Selective Service System; to travel performed directly in connection with care and treatment of medical beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to travel performed in connection with major disasters or emergencies declared or determined by the President under the provisions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; to travel performed by the Offices of Inspector General in connection with audits and investigations; or to payments to interagency motor pools where separately set forth in the budget schedules: Provided further, That if appropriations in titles I, II, and III exceed the amounts set forth in budget estimates initially submitted for such appropriations, the expenditures for travel may correspondingly exceed the amounts therefore set forth in the estimates in the same proportion.

SEC. 402. Appropriations and funds available for the administrative expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Selective Service System shall be available in the current fiscal year for purchase of uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109.

SEC. 403. Funds of the Department of Housing and Urban Development subject to the Government Corporation Control Act or section 402 of the Housing Act of 1950 shall be available, without regard to the limitations on administrative expenses, for legal services on a contract or fee basis, and for utilizing and making payment for services and facilities of Federal National Mortgage Association, Government National Mortgage Corporation, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Financing Bank, Federal Reserve banks or any member thereof, Federal Home Loan banks, and any insured bank within the meaning of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1811–1831).

SEC. 404. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 405. No funds appropriated by this Act may be expended—

(1) pursuant to a certification of an officer or employee of the United States unless—

(A) such certification is accompanied by, or is part of, a voucher or abstract which describes the payee or payees and the items or services for which such expenditure is being made; or

(B) the expenditure of funds pursuant to such certification, and without such a voucher or abstract, is specifically authorized by law; and

(2) unless such expenditure is subject to audit by the General Accounting Office or is specifically exempt by law from such audit.

SEC. 406. None of the funds provided in this Act to any department or agency may be expended for the transportation of any officer or employee of such department or agency between their domicile and their place of employment, with the exception of any officer or employee authorized such transportation under 31 U.S.C. 1344 or 5 U.S.C. 7905.

SEC. 407. None of the funds provided in this Act may be used for payment, through grants or contracts, to recipients that do not share in the cost of conducting research resulting from proposals not specifically solicited by the Government: Provided, That the extent of cost sharing by the recipient shall reflect the mutuality of interest of the grantee or contractor and the Government in the research.

SEC. 408. None of the funds in this Act may be used, directly or through grants, to pay or to provide reimbursement for payment of the salary of a consultant (whether retained by the Federal Government or a grantee) at more than the daily equivalent of the rate paid for level IV of the Executive Schedule, unless specifically authorized by law.

SEC. 409. None of the funds provided in this Act shall be used to pay the expenses of, or otherwise compensate, non-Federal parties intervening in regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings. Nothing herein affects the authority of the Consumer Product Safety Commission pursuant to section 7 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2056 et seq.).

SEC. 410. Except as otherwise provided under existing law, or under an existing Executive Order issued pursuant to an existing law, the obligation or expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for contracts for any consulting service shall be limited to contracts which are: (1) a matter of public record and available for public inspection; and (2) thereafter included in a publicly available list of all contracts entered into within 24 months prior to the date on which the list is made available to the public and of all contracts on which performance has not been completed by such date. The list required by the preceding sentence shall be updated quarterly and shall include a narrative description of the work to be performed under each such contract.

SEC. 411. Except as otherwise provided by law, no part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be obligated or expended by any executive agency, as referred to in the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), for a contract for services unless such executive agency: (1) has awarded and entered into such contract in full compliance with such Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and (2) requires any report prepared pursuant to such contract, including plans, evaluations, studies, analyses and manuals, and any report prepared by the agency which is substantially derived from or substantially includes any report prepared pursuant to such contract, to contain information concerning: (A) the contract pursuant to which the report was prepared; and (B) the contractor who prepared the report pursuant to such contract.

SEC. 412. Except as otherwise provided in section 406, none of the funds provided in this Act to any department or agency shall be obligated or expended to provide a personal cook, chauffeur, or other personal servants to any officer or employee of such department or agency.

SEC. 413. None of the funds provided in this Act to any department or agency shall be obligated or expended to procure passenger automobiles as defined in 15 U.S.C. 2001 with an EPA estimated miles per gallon average of less than 22 miles per gallon.

SEC. 414. None of the funds appropriated in title I of this Act shall be used to enter into any

new lease of real property if the estimated annual rental is more than \$300,000 unless the Secretary submits, in writing, a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Congress and a period of 30 days has expired following the date on which the report is received by the Committees on Appropriations.

SEC. 415. (a) It is the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available in this Act should be American-made.

(b) In providing financial assistance to, or entering into any contract with, any entity using funds made available in this Act, the head of each Federal agency, to the greatest extent practicable, shall provide to such entity a notice describing the statement made in subsection (a) by the Congress.

SEC. 416. None of the funds appropriated in this Act may be used to implement any cap on reimbursements to grantees for indirect costs, except as published in Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21.

SEC. 417. Such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2001 pay raises for programs funded by this Act shall be absorbed within the levels appropriated in this Act.

SEC. 418. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for any program, project, or activity, when it is made known to the Federal entity or official to which the funds are made available that the program, project, or activity is not in compliance with any Federal law relating to risk assessment, the protection of private property rights, or unfunded mandates.

SEC. 419. Corporations and agencies of the Department of Housing and Urban Development which are subject to the Government Corporation Control Act, as amended, are hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to each such corporation or agency and in accord with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Act as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for 2001 for such corporation or agency except as hereinafter provided: Provided, That collections of these corporations and agencies may be used for new loan or mortgage purchase commitments only to the extent expressly provided for in this Act (unless such loans are in support of other forms of assistance provided for in this or prior appropriations Acts), except that this proviso shall not apply to the mortgage insurance or guaranty operations of these corporations, or where loans or mortgage purchases are necessary to protect the financial interest of the United States Government.

SEC. 420. Notwithstanding section 320(g) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(g)), funds made available pursuant to authorization under such section for fiscal year 2001 may be used for implementing comprehensive conservation and management plans.

SEC. 421. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the term "qualified student loan" with respect to national service education awards shall mean any loan made directly to a student by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, in addition to other meanings under section 148(b)(7) of the National and Community Service Act.

SEC. 422. Unless otherwise provided for in this Act, no part of any appropriation for the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be available for any activity in excess of amounts set forth in the budget estimates submitted to the Congress.

SEC. 423. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be used to promulgate a final regulation to implement changes in the payment of pesticide tolerance processing fees as proposed at 64 Fed. Reg. 31040, or any similar proposals. The Environmental Protection Agency may proceed with the development of such a rule.

SEC. 424. Except in the case of entities that are funded solely with Federal funds or any natural persons that are funded under this Act, none of the funds in this Act shall be used for the planning or execution of any program to pay the expenses of, or otherwise compensate, non-Federal parties to lobby or litigate in respect to adjudicatory proceedings funded in this Act. A chief executive officer of any entity receiving funds under this Act shall certify that none of these funds have been used to engage in the lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States unless authorized under existing law.

SEC. 425. No part of any funds appropriated in this Act shall be used by an agency of the executive branch, other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for publicity or propaganda purposes, and for the preparation, distribution or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, radio, television or film presentation designed to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress, except in presentation to the Congress itself.

SEC. 426. None of the funds provided in title II for technical assistance, training, or management improvements may be obligated or expended unless HUD provides to the Committees on Appropriations a description of each proposed activity and a detailed budget estimate of the costs associated with each activity as part of the Budget Justifications. For fiscal year 2001, HUD shall transmit this information to the Committees by November 1, 2000, for 30 days of review.

SEC. 427. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for the designation, or approval of the designation, of any area as an ozone nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act pursuant to the 8-hour national ambient air quality standard for ozone that was promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency on July 18, 1997 (62 Fed. Reg. 38,356, p. 38855) and remanded by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals on May 14, 1999, in the case, *American Trucking Ass'n. v. EPA* (No. 97-1440, 1999 Westlaw 300618) prior to June 15, 2001 or final adjudication of this case by the Supreme Court of the United States, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 428. Section 432 of Public Law 104-204 (110 Stat. 2874) is amended—

(a) in subsection (c) by inserting "or to restructure and improve the efficiency of the workforce" after "the National Aeronautics and Space Administration" and before "the Administrator";

(b) by deleting paragraph (4) of subsection (h) and inserting in lieu thereof—

"(4) The provisions of subsections (1) and (3) of this section may be waived upon a determination by the Administrator that use of the incentive satisfactorily demonstrates downsizing or other restructuring within the Agency that would improve the efficiency of agency operations or contribute directly to evolving mission requirements."

(c) by deleting subsection (i) and inserting in lieu thereof—

"(i) REPORTS.—The Administrator shall submit a report on NASA's restructuring activities to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate not later than September 30, 2001. This report shall include—

"(1) an outline of a timetable for restructuring the workforce at NASA Headquarters and field Centers;

"(2) annual Full Time Equivalent (FTE) targets by broad occupational categories and a summary of how these targets reflect the respective missions of Headquarters and the field Centers;

"(3) a description of personnel initiatives, such as relocation assistance, early retirement incentives, and career transition assistance, which NASA will use to achieve personnel reductions or to rebalance the workforce; and

“(4) a description of efficiencies in operations achieved through the use of the voluntary separation incentive.”; and

(d) in subsection (j), by deleting “September 30, 2000” and inserting in lieu thereof “September 30, 2002”.

SEC. 429. Section 70113(f) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “December 31, 2000”, and inserting “December 31, 2001”.

SEC. 430. All Departments and agencies funded under this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of “E-Commerce” technologies and procedures in the conduct of their business practices and public service activities.

SEC. 431. Title III of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, Public Law 85-568, is amended by adding the following new section at the end:

“SEC. 312. (a) Appropriations for the Administration for fiscal year 2002 and thereafter shall be made in three accounts, ‘Human space flight’, ‘Science, aeronautics and technology’, and an account for amounts appropriated for the necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General. Appropriations shall remain available for 2 fiscal years. Each account shall include the planned full costs of the Administration’s related activities.

“(b) To ensure the safe, timely, and successful accomplishment of Administration missions, the Administration may transfer amounts for Federal salaries and benefits; training, travel and awards; facility and related costs; information technology services; publishing services; science, engineering, fabricating and testing services; and other administrative services among accounts, as necessary.

“(c) The Administrator, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, shall determine what balances from the ‘Mission support’ account are to be transferred to the ‘Human space flight’ and ‘Science, aeronautics and technology’ accounts. Such balances shall be transferred and merged with the ‘Human space flight’ and ‘Science, aeronautics and technology’ accounts, and remain available for the period of which originally appropriated.”.

TITLE V—FILIPINO VETERANS’ BENEFITS IMPROVEMENTS

SEC. 501. (a) RATE OF COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR FILIPINO VETERANS RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES.—(1) Section 107 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking “Payments” in the second sentence of subsection (a) and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (c), payments”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) In the case of benefits under subchapters II and IV of chapter 11 of this title paid by reason of service described in subsection (a) to an individual residing in the United States who is a citizen of, or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in, the United States, the second sentence of subsection (a) shall not apply.”.

(2) The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to benefits paid for months beginning on or after that date.

(b) ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH CARE OF DISABLED FILIPINO VETERANS RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES.—Section 1734 of such title is amended—

(1) by inserting “(a)” before “The Secretary.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) An individual who is in receipt of benefits under subchapter II or IV of chapter 11 of this title paid by reason of service described in section 107(a) of this title who is residing in the United States and who is a citizen of, or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in, the United States shall be eligible for hos-

pital and nursing home care and medical services in the same manner as a veteran, and the disease or disability for which such benefits are paid shall be considered to be a service-connected disability for purposes of this chapter.”.

(c) HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS RESIDING IN THE PHILIPPINES.—Section 1724 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) Within the limits of an outpatient clinic in the Republic of the Philippines that is under the direct jurisdiction of the Secretary, the Secretary may furnish a veteran who has a service-connected disability with such medical services as the Secretary determines to be needed.”.

TITLE VI—DEBT REDUCTION

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

GIFTS TO THE UNITED STATES FOR REDUCTION OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

For deposit of an additional amount for fiscal year 2001 into the account established under section 3113(d) of title 31, United States Code, to reduce the public debt, \$5,172,730,916.14.

DIVISION B

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

SEC. 1001. Such amounts as may be necessary are hereby appropriated for programs, projects, or activities provided for in H.R. 4733, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2001, to the extent and in the manner provided for in the conference report and joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference (House Report 106-907) as filed in the House of Representatives on September 27, 2000, as if enacted into law, except:

(a) that such conference report shall be considered as not including those provisions in section 103 of the conference report on H.R. 4733 as filed in the House of Representatives on September 27, 2000;

(b) that such conference report on H.R. 4733 filed in the House of Representatives on September 27, 2000 shall be considered as providing \$1,000,000 for the Upper Susquehanna River Basin, New York, investigation within available funds under General Investigations in Title I;

(c) that such conference report on H.R. 4733 filed in the House of Representatives on September 27, 2000 shall be considered as appropriating \$1,717,199,000 for Construction, General under Title I, including \$8,400,000 for the Elba, Alabama, flood control project; \$10,800,000 for the Geneva, Alabama, flood control project; \$1,000,000 for the Metropolitan Louisville, Beargrass Creek, Kentucky, project; \$3,000,000 for the St. Louis, Missouri, environmental infrastructure project authorized by section 502(f)(32) of Public Law 106-53; and \$2,000,000 for the Black Fox, Murfree and Oaklands Springs Wetlands, Tennessee, project;

(d) that such conference report on H.R. 4733 filed in the House of Representatives on September 27, 2000 shall be considered as including the following at the end of Title I:

“SEC. 106. The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is authorized to construct the locally preferred plan for flood control, environmental restoration and recreation, Murrieta Creek, California, described as Alternative 6, based on the Murrieta Creek Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement dated October 2000, at a total cost of \$89,850,000, with an estimated Federal cost of \$57,735,000 and an estimated non-Federal cost of \$32,115,000.

“SEC. 107. Within available funds, the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is directed to continue construction of the Rio Grand de Manati flood control project at Barceloneta, Puerto Rico, which was initiated under the authority of the Section 205 program prior to being specifically authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 1999.”;

(e) that such conference report on H.R. 4733 filed in the House of Representatives on Sep-

tember 27, 2000 shall be considered as providing that \$19,158,000 of the amount appropriated under the Central Utah Project Completion Account under Title II shall be deposited into the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account;

(f) that such conference report on H.R. 4733 filed in the House of Representatives on September 27, 2000 shall be considered as not including those provisions in section 211, and shall be considered as including the following new section 211:

“SEC. 211. Section 106 of the San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement Act (Public Law 100-675, 102 Stat. 4000 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(f) REQUIREMENT TO FURNISH WATER, POWER CAPACITY AND ENERGY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to fulfill the trust responsibility to the Bands, the Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, shall permanently furnish annually the following:

“(1) WATER.—16,000 acre-feet of the water conserved by the works authorized by title II, for the benefit of the Bands and the local entities in accordance with the settlement agreement: Provided, That during construction of said works, the Indian Water Authority and the local entities shall receive 17 percent of any water conserved by said works up to a maximum of 16,000 acre-feet per year. The Indian Water Authority and the local entities shall pay their proportionate share of such costs as are provided by section 203(b) of title II or are agreed to by them.

“(2) POWER CAPACITY AND ENERGY.—Beginning on the date when conserved water from the works authorized by title II first becomes available, power capacity and energy through the Yuma Arizona Area Aggregate Power Managers (Yuma Area Contractors), at no cost and at no further expense to the United States, the Indian Water Authority, the Bands, and the local entities, in amounts sufficient to convey the water conserved pursuant to paragraph (1) from Lake Havasu through the Colorado River Aqueduct and to the places of use on the Bands’ reservations or in the local entities’ service areas in accordance with the settlement agreement. The Secretary, through a coterminous exhibit to Bureau of Reclamation Contract No. 6-CU-30-P1136, shall enter into an agreement with the Yuma Area Contractors which shall provide for furnishing annually and permanently said power capacity and energy by said Yuma Area Contractors at no cost and at no further expense to the United States, the Indian Water Authority, the Bands, and the local entities. The Secretary shall authorize the Yuma Area Contractors to utilize federal project use power provided for in Bureau of Reclamation Contracts numbered 6-CU-30-P1136, 6-CU-30-P1137, and 6-CU-30-P1138 for the full range of purposes served by the Yuma Area Contractors, including the purpose of supplying the power capacity and energy to convey the conserved water referred to in paragraph (1), for so long as the Yuma Area Contractors meet their obligation to provide sufficient power capacity and energy for the conveyance of said conserved water. If for any reason the Yuma Area Contractors do not provide said power capacity and energy for the conveyance of said conserved water, then the Secretary shall furnish said power capacity and energy annually and permanently at the lowest rate assigned to project use power within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation in accordance with Exhibit E “Project Use Power” of the Agreement between Water and Power Resources Service, Department of the Interior, and Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy (March 26, 1980).

“SEC. 106A. ANNUAL REPAYMENT INSTALLMENTS. During the period of planning, design and construction of any of the works authorized by title II of Public Law 100-675 and during the period that the Indian Water Authority and the

local entities referred to in said Act receive up to 16,000 acre feet of the water conserved by said works, the annual repayment installments provided in Section 102(b) of Public Law 93-320 shall continue to be nonreimbursable. Nothing in this Section shall affect the National obligation set forth in Section 101(c) of Public Law 93-320.'"; and

(g) that such conference report shall be considered as not including those provisions in section 605 of the conference report on H.R. 4733 as filed in the House of Representatives on September 27, 2000.

SEC. 1002. In publishing this Act in slip form and in the United States Code, the Archivist of the United States shall include after the date of approval at the end an appendix setting forth the text of the bill referred to in section 1001.

Titles I-IV of Division A of this Act may be cited as the "Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001".

And the Senate agree to the same.

DASCHLE AMENDMENT NO. 4307

Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. DASCHLE) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 4635, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Departmental Offices including operation and maintenance of the Treasury Building and Annex; hire of passenger motor vehicles; maintenance, repairs, and improvements of, and purchase of commercial insurance policies for, real properties leased or owned overseas, when necessary for the performance of official business; not to exceed \$2,900,000 for official travel expenses; not to exceed \$4,813,000, to remain available until expended for information technology modernization requirements; not to exceed \$150,000 for official reception and representation expenses; not to exceed \$258,000 for unforeseen emergencies of a confidential nature, to be allocated and expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury and to be accounted for solely on his certificate, \$150,112,000: *Provided*, That the Office of Foreign Assets Control shall be funded at no less than \$11,439,000: *Provided further*, That \$502,000 shall be provided to Morris County, New Jersey, for the reimbursement of law enforcement overtime pay associated with protests and demonstrations during the World Bank meeting on March 31, 2000 to April 2, 2000: *Provided further*, That the entire amount shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request for \$502,000 that includes designation of the entire amount as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress: *Provided further*, That the entire amount made available under this section is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

DEPARTMENT-WIDE SYSTEMS AND CAPITAL INVESTMENTS PROGRAMS (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For development and acquisition of automatic data processing equipment, software, and services for the Department of the Treasury, \$37,279,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$4,000,000 shall be for critical infrastructure protection research and development projects in the banking and finance sectors: *Provided*, That these funds shall be transferred to accounts and in amounts as necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Department's offices, bureaus, and other organizations: *Provided further*, That this transfer authority shall be in addition to any other transfer authority provided in this Act: *Provided further*, That, with the exception of amounts for Treasury-wide Human Resources Information System components and the Integrated Treasury Network for law enforcement communications, none of the funds appropriated shall be used to support or supplement the Internal Revenue Service appropriations for Information Systems.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, not to exceed \$2,000,000 for official travel expenses, including hire of passenger motor vehicles; and not to exceed \$100,000 for unforeseen emergencies of a confidential nature, to be allocated and expended under the direction of the Inspector General of the Treasury, \$32,899,000.

TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR TAX ADMINISTRATION SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, including purchase (not to exceed 150 for replacement only for police-type use) and hire of passenger motor vehicles (31 U.S.C. 1343(b)); services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, at such rates as may be determined by the Inspector General for Tax Administration; not to exceed \$6,000,000 for official travel expenses; and not to exceed \$500,000 for unforeseen emergencies of a confidential nature, to be allocated and expended under the direction of the Inspector General for Tax Administration, \$118,427,000.

TREASURY BUILDING AND ANNEX REPAIR AND RESTORATION

For the repair, alteration, and improvement of the Treasury Building and Annex, \$22,700,000, to remain available until expended.

FINANCIAL CRIMES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, including hire of passenger motor vehicles; travel expenses of non-Federal law enforcement personnel to attend meetings concerned with financial intelligence activities, law enforcement, and financial regulation; not to exceed \$14,000 for official reception and representation expenses; and for assistance to Federal law enforcement agencies, with or without reimbursement, \$37,576,000, of which not to exceed \$2,800,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2003; and of which \$2,275,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2002: *Provided*, That funds appropriated in this account may be used to procure personal services contracts.

EXPANDED ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

To develop and implement programs to expand access to financial services for low- and

moderate-income individuals, \$400,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of these funds, such sums as may be necessary may be transferred to accounts of the Department's offices, bureaus, and other organizations: *Provided further*, That this transfer authority shall be in addition to any other transfer authority provided in this Act.

COUNTERTERRORISM FUND

For necessary expenses, as determined by the Secretary, \$55,000,000, to remain available until expended, to reimburse any Department of the Treasury organization for the costs of providing support to counter, investigate, or prosecute terrorism, including payment of rewards in connection with these activities: *Provided*, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended: *Provided further*, That the entire amount shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request for a specific dollar amount that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in such Act is transmitted by the President to the Congress.

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, as a bureau of the Department of the Treasury, including materials and support costs of Federal law enforcement basic training; purchase (not to exceed 52 for police-type use, without regard to the general purchase price limitation) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; for expenses for student athletic and related activities; uniforms without regard to the general purchase price limitation for the current fiscal year; the conducting of and participating in firearms matches and presentation of awards; for public awareness and enhancing community support of law enforcement training; not to exceed \$9,500 for official reception and representation expenses; room and board for student interns; and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$93,198,000, of which up to \$17,043,000 for materials and support costs of Federal law enforcement basic training shall remain available until September 30, 2003: *Provided*, That the Center is authorized to accept and use gifts of property, both real and personal, and to accept services, for authorized purposes, including funding of a gift of intrinsic value which shall be awarded annually by the Director of the Center to the outstanding student who graduated from a basic training program at the Center during the previous fiscal year, which shall be funded only by gifts received through the Center's gift authority: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, students attending training at any Federal Law Enforcement Training Center site shall reside in on-Center or Center-provided housing, insofar as available and in accordance with Center policy: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated in this account shall be available, at the discretion of the Director, for the following: training United States Postal Service law enforcement personnel and Postal police officers; State and local government law enforcement training on a space-available basis; training of foreign law enforcement officials on a space-available basis with reimbursement of actual costs to this appropriation, except that reimbursement may be waived by the Secretary for law enforcement training activities in foreign countries undertaken pursuant to section 801

of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, Public Law 104-32; training of private sector security officials on a space-available basis with reimbursement of actual costs to this appropriation; and travel expenses of non-Federal personnel to attend course development meetings and training sponsored by the Center: *Provided further*, That the Center is authorized to obligate funds in anticipation of reimbursements from agencies receiving training sponsored by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, except that total obligations at the end of the fiscal year shall not exceed total budgetary resources available at the end of the fiscal year: *Provided further*, That the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center is authorized to provide training for the Gang Resistance Education and Training program to Federal and non-Federal personnel at any facility in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms: *Provided further*, That the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center is authorized to provide short-term medical services for students undergoing training at the Center.

ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS, AND RELATED EXPENSES

For expansion of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, for acquisition of necessary additional real property and facilities, and for ongoing maintenance, facility improvements, and related expenses, \$29,205,000, to remain available until expended.

INTERAGENCY LAW ENFORCEMENT

INTERAGENCY CRIME AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT

For expenses necessary to conduct investigations and convict offenders involved in organized crime drug trafficking, including cooperative efforts with State and local law enforcement, as it relates to the Treasury Department law enforcement violations such as money laundering, violent crime, and smuggling, of which \$90,976,000 shall remain available until expended.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Financial Management Service, \$202,851,000, of which not to exceed \$10,635,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2003, for information systems modernization initiatives; and of which not to exceed \$2,500 shall be available for official reception and representation expenses.

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, including purchase of not to exceed 812 vehicles for police-type use, of which 650 shall be for replacement only, and hire of passenger motor vehicles; hire of aircraft; services of expert witnesses at such rates as may be determined by the Director; for payment of per diem and/or subsistence allowances to employees where a major investigative assignment requires an employee to work 16 hours or more per day or to remain overnight at his or her post of duty; not to exceed \$15,000 for official reception and representation expenses; for training of State and local law enforcement agencies with or without reimbursement, including training in connection with the training and acquisition of canines for explosives and fire accelerants detection; not to exceed \$50,000 for cooperative research and development programs for Laboratory Services and Fire Research Center activities; and provision of laboratory assistance to State and local agencies, with or without reimbursement, \$724,937,000, of which \$51,639,000 may be used for the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative; of which not to exceed

\$1,000,000 shall be available for the payment of attorneys' fees as provided by 18 U.S.C. 924(d)(2); of which up to \$2,000,000 shall be available for the equipping of any vessel, vehicle, equipment, or aircraft available for official use by a State or local law enforcement agency if the conveyance will be used in joint law enforcement operations with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and for the payment of overtime salaries including Social Security and Medicare, travel, fuel, training, equipment, supplies, and other similar costs of State and local law enforcement personnel, including sworn officers and support personnel, that are incurred in joint operations with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; and of which \$13,000,000 shall remain available until expended for distribution through grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts to local governments for Gang Resistance Education and Training: *Provided*, That such funds shall be allocated to State and local law enforcement and prevention organizations: *Provided further*, That no funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to transfer the functions, missions, or activities of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to other agencies or Departments in fiscal year 2001: *Provided further*, That no funds appropriated herein shall be available for salaries or administrative expenses in connection with consolidating or centralizing, within the Department of the Treasury, the records, or any portion thereof, of acquisition and disposition of firearms maintained by Federal firearms licensees: *Provided further*, That no funds appropriated herein shall be used to pay administrative expenses or the compensation of any officer or employee of the United States to implement an amendment or amendments to 27 CFR 178.118 or to change the definition of "Curios or relics" in 27 CFR 178.11 or remove any item from ATF Publication 5300.11 as it existed on January 1, 1994: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated herein shall be available to investigate or act upon applications for relief from Federal firearms disabilities under 18 U.S.C. 925(c): *Provided further*, That such funds shall be available to investigate and act upon applications filed by corporations for relief from Federal firearms disabilities under 18 U.S.C. 925(c): *Provided further*, That no funds under this Act may be used to electronically retrieve information gathered pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 923(g)(4) by name or any personal identification code.

UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the United States Customs Service, including purchase and lease of up to 1,050 motor vehicles of which 550 are for replacement only and of which 1,030 are for police-type use and commercial operations; hire of motor vehicles; contracting with individuals for personal services abroad; not to exceed \$40,000 for official reception and representation expenses; and awards of compensation to informers, as authorized by any Act enforced by the United States Customs Service, \$1,804,687,000, of which such sums as become available in the Customs User Fee Account, except sums subject to section 13031(f)(3) of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended (19 U.S.C. 58c(f)(3)), shall be derived from that Account; of the total, not to exceed \$150,000 shall be available for payment for rental space in connection with preclearance operations; not to exceed \$4,000,000 shall be available until expended for research; of which \$500,000 shall be provided to North Dakota State University to continue research on trade of agricultural commodities and products; of which not less than \$100,000 shall be available to promote

public awareness of the child pornography tipline; of which not less than \$200,000 shall be available for Project Alert; of which not less than \$2,500,000 shall be available for the acquisition of Passive Radar Detection Technology; not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall be available until expended for conducting special operations pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2081; not to exceed \$8,000,000 shall be available until expended for the procurement of automation infrastructure items, including hardware, software, and installation; and not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall be available until expended for repairs to Customs facilities: *Provided*, That uniforms may be purchased without regard to the general purchase price limitation for the current fiscal year: *Provided further*, That the Hector International Airport in Fargo, North Dakota shall be designated an International Port of Entry: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the fiscal year aggregate overtime limitation prescribed in subsection 5(c)(1) of the Act of February 13, 1911 (19 U.S.C. 261 and 267) shall be \$30,000.

OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND PROCUREMENT, AIR AND MARINE INTERDICTION PROGRAMS

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for the operation and maintenance of marine vessels, aircraft, and other related equipment of the Air and Marine Programs, including operational training and mission-related travel, and rental payments for facilities occupied by the air or marine interdiction and demand reduction programs, the operations of which include the following: the interdiction of narcotics and other goods; the provision of support to Customs and other Federal, State, and local agencies in the enforcement or administration of laws enforced by the Customs Service; and, at the discretion of the Commissioner of Customs, the provision of assistance to Federal, State, and local agencies in other law enforcement and emergency humanitarian efforts, \$128,228,000, which shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That no aircraft or other related equipment, with the exception of aircraft which is one of a kind and has been identified as excess to Customs requirements and aircraft which has been damaged beyond repair, shall be transferred to any other Federal agency, department, or office outside of the Department of the Treasury, during fiscal year 2001 without the prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations.

AUTOMATION MODERNIZATION

For expenses not otherwise provided for Customs automated systems, \$128,400,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$123,000,000 shall be for the operations and maintenance of the Automated Commercial System, and \$5,400,000 shall be for the International Trade Data System.

HARBOR MAINTENANCE FEE COLLECTION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For administrative expenses related to the collection of the Harbor Maintenance Fee, pursuant to Public Law 103-182, \$3,000,000, to be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund and to be transferred to and merged with the Customs "Salaries and Expenses" account for such purposes.

BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

ADMINISTERING THE PUBLIC DEBT

For necessary expenses connected with any public-debt issues of the United States, \$187,301,000, of which not to exceed \$2,500 shall be available for official reception and representation expenses, and of which not to exceed \$2,000,000 shall remain available until expended for systems modernization: *Provided*, That the sum appropriated herein from the General Fund for fiscal year 2001 shall be reduced by not more than \$4,400,000

as definitive security issue fees and Treasury Direct Investor Account Maintenance fees are collected, so as to result in a final fiscal year 2001 appropriation from the General Fund estimated at \$182,901,000. In addition, \$23,600, to be derived from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund to reimburse the Bureau for administrative and personnel expenses for financial management of the Fund, as authorized by section 1012 of Public Law 101-380; and in addition, to be appropriated from the General Fund, such sums as may be necessary for administrative expenses in association with the South Dakota Trust Fund and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Terrestrial Wildlife Restoration and Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Terrestrial Restoration Trust Fund, as authorized by sections 603(f) and 604(f) of Public Law 106-53.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

PROCESSING, ASSISTANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

For necessary expenses of the Internal Revenue Service for tax returns processing; revenue accounting; tax law and account assistance to taxpayers by telephone and correspondence; providing an independent taxpayer advocate within the Service; programs to match information returns and tax returns; management services; rent and utilities; and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, at such rates as may be determined by the Commissioner, \$3,506,939,000, of which up to \$3,950,000 shall be for the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program, and of which not to exceed \$25,000 shall be for official reception and representation expenses.

TAX LAW ENFORCEMENT

For necessary expenses of the Internal Revenue Service for determining and establishing tax liabilities; providing litigation support; issuing technical rulings; providing service to tax exempt customers, including employee plans, tax exempt organizations, and government entities; examining employee plans and exempt organizations; conducting criminal investigation and enforcement activities; securing unfiled tax returns; collecting unpaid accounts; compiling statistics of income and conducting compliance research; purchase (for police-type use, not to exceed 850) and hire of passenger motor vehicles (31 U.S.C. 1343(b)); and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, at such rates as may be determined by the Commissioner, \$3,378,040,000, of which not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2003, for research.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT COMPLIANCE INITIATIVE

For funding essential earned income tax credit compliance and error reduction initiatives pursuant to section 5702 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-33), \$145,000,000, of which not to exceed \$10,000,000 may be used to reimburse the Social Security Administration for the costs of implementing section 1090 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

For necessary expenses of the Internal Revenue Service for information systems and telecommunications support, including developmental information systems and operational information systems; the hire of passenger motor vehicles (31 U.S.C. 1343(b)); and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, at such rates as may be determined by the Commissioner, \$1,505,090,000 which shall remain available until September 30, 2002.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

SEC. 101. Not to exceed 5 percent of any appropriation made available in this Act to the Internal Revenue Service may be transferred to any other Internal Revenue Service appro-

priation upon the advance approval of the Committees on Appropriations.

SEC. 102. The Internal Revenue Service shall maintain a training program to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are trained in taxpayers' rights, in dealing courteously with the taxpayers, and in cross-cultural relations.

SEC. 103. The Internal Revenue Service shall institute and enforce policies and procedures that will safeguard the confidentiality of taxpayer information.

SEC. 104. Funds made available by this or any other Act to the Internal Revenue Service shall be available for improved facilities and increased manpower to provide sufficient and effective 1-800 help line service for taxpayers. The Commissioner shall continue to make the improvement of the Internal Revenue Service 1-800 help line service a priority and allocate resources necessary to increase phone lines and staff to improve the Internal Revenue Service 1-800 help line service.

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the United States Secret Service, including purchase of not to exceed 827 vehicles for police-type use, of which 739 shall be for replacement only, and hire of passenger motor vehicles; purchase of American-made side-car compatible motorcycles; hire of aircraft; training and assistance requested by State and local governments, which may be provided without reimbursement; services of expert witnesses at such rates as may be determined by the Director; rental of buildings in the District of Columbia, and fencing, lighting, guard booths, and other facilities on private or other property not in Government ownership or control, as may be necessary to perform protective functions; for payment of per diem and/or subsistence allowances to employees where a protective assignment during the actual day or days of the visit of a protectee require an employee to work 16 hours per day or to remain overnight at his or her post of duty; the conducting of and participating in firearms matches; presentation of awards; for travel of Secret Service employees on protective missions without regard to the limitations on such expenditures in this or any other Act if approval is obtained in advance from the Committees on Appropriations; for research and development; for making grants to conduct behavioral research in support of protective research and operations; not to exceed \$20,000 for official reception and representation expenses; not to exceed \$100,000 to provide technical assistance and equipment to foreign law enforcement organizations in counterfeit investigations; for payment in advance for commercial accommodations as may be necessary to perform protective functions; and for uniforms without regard to the general purchase price limitation for the current fiscal year, \$778,279,000: *Provided*, That up to \$18,000,000 provided for protective travel shall remain available until September 30, 2002.

ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS, AND RELATED EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of construction, repair, alteration, and improvement of facilities, \$4,283,000, to remain available until expended.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

SEC. 110. Any obligation or expenditure by the Secretary of the Treasury in connection with law enforcement activities of a Federal agency or a Department of the Treasury law enforcement organization in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 9703(g)(4)(B) from unobligated bal-

ances remaining in the Fund on September 30, 2001, shall be made in compliance with re-programming guidelines.

SEC. 111. Appropriations to the Department of the Treasury in this Act shall be available for uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901), including maintenance, repairs, and cleaning; purchase of insurance for official motor vehicles operated in foreign countries; purchase of motor vehicles without regard to the general purchase price limitations for vehicles purchased and used overseas for the current fiscal year; entering into contracts with the Department of State for the furnishing of health and medical services to employees and their dependents serving in foreign countries; and services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109.

SEC. 112. The funds provided to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for fiscal year 2001 in this Act for the enforcement of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act shall be expended in a manner so as not to diminish enforcement efforts with respect to section 105 of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act.

SEC. 113. Not to exceed 2 percent of any appropriations in this Act made available to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, United States Customs Service, and United States Secret Service may be transferred between such appropriations upon the advance approval of the Committees on Appropriations. No transfer may increase or decrease any such appropriation by more than 2 percent.

SEC. 114. Not to exceed 2 percent of any appropriations in this Act made available to the Departmental Offices, Office of Inspector General, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Financial Management Service, and Bureau of the Public Debt, may be transferred between such appropriations upon the advance approval of the Committees on Appropriations. No transfer may increase or decrease any such appropriation by more than 2 percent.

SEC. 115. Of the funds available for the purchase of law enforcement vehicles, no funds may be obligated until the Secretary of the Treasury certifies that the purchase by the respective Treasury bureau is consistent with Departmental vehicle management principles: *Provided*, That the Secretary may delegate this authority to the Assistant Secretary for Management.

SEC. 116. Funds made available by this or any other Act may be used to pay premium pay for protective services authorized by section 3056(a) of title 18, United States Code, without regard to the limitation on the rate of pay payable during a pay period contained in section 5547(c)(2) of title 5, United States Code, except that such premium pay shall not be payable to an employee to the extent that the aggregate of the employee's basic and premium pay for the year would otherwise exceed the annual equivalent of that limitation. The term premium pay refers to the provisions of law cited in the first sentence of section 5547(a) of title 5, United States Code. Payment of additional premium pay payable under this section may be made in a lump sum on the last payday of the calendar year.

SEC. 117. The Secretary of the Treasury may transfer funds from "Salaries and Expenses", Financial Management Service, to the Debt Services Account as necessary to cover the costs of debt collection: *Provided*, That such amounts shall be reimbursed to such Salaries and Expenses account from debt collections received in the Debt Services Account.

SEC. 118. Under the heading of Treasury Franchise Fund in Public Law 104-208, delete

the following: the phrases “pilot, as authorized by section 403 of Public Law 103-356,”; and “as provided in such section”; and the final proviso. After the phrase “to be available”, insert “without fiscal year limitation”. After the phrase, “established in the Treasury a franchise fund”, insert, “until October 1, 2002”.

SEC. 119. None of the funds made available in this Act may be obligated or expended by the U.S. Customs Service for the purpose of closing the U.S. Customs Office at the Port of Racine, Wisconsin.

This title may be cited as the “Treasury Department Appropriations Act, 2001”.

TITLE II—POSTAL SERVICE

PAYMENT TO THE POSTAL SERVICE FUND

For payment to the Postal Service Fund for revenue forgone on free and reduced rate mail, pursuant to subsections (c) and (d) of section 2401 of title 39, United States Code, \$67,093,000, which shall not be available for obligation until October 1, 2001: *Provided*, That mail for overseas voting and mail for the blind shall continue to be free: *Provided further*, That 6-day delivery and rural delivery of mail shall continue at not less than the 1983 level: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available to the Postal Service by this Act shall be used to implement any rule, regulation, or policy of charging any officer or employee of any State or local child support enforcement agency, or any individual participating in a State or local program of child support enforcement, a fee for information requested or provided concerning an address of a postal customer: *Provided further*, That none of the funds provided in this Act shall be used to consolidate or close small rural and other small post offices in fiscal year 2001.

This title may be cited as the “Postal Service Appropriations Act, 2001”.

TITLE III—EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT

For compensation of the President, including an expense allowance at the rate of \$50,000 per annum as authorized by 3 U.S.C. 102, \$390,000: *Provided*, That none of the funds made available for official expenses shall be expended for any other purpose and any unused amount shall revert to the Treasury pursuant to section 1552 of title 31, United States Code: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available for official expenses shall be considered as taxable to the President.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the White House as authorized by law, including not to exceed \$3,850,000 for services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 and 3 U.S.C. 105; subsistence expenses as authorized by 3 U.S.C. 105, which shall be expended and accounted for as provided in that section; hire of passenger motor vehicles, newspapers, periodicals, teletype news service, and travel (not to exceed \$100,000 to be expended and accounted for as provided by 3 U.S.C. 103); and not to exceed \$19,000 for official entertainment expenses, to be available for allocation within the Executive Office of the President, \$53,288,000.

EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE OPERATING EXPENSES

For the care, maintenance, repair and alteration, refurbishing, improvement, heating, and lighting, including electric power and fixtures, of the Executive Residence at the White House and official entertainment expenses of the President, \$10,900,000, to be expended and accounted for as provided by 3 U.S.C. 105, 109, 110, and 112-114.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

For the reimbursable expenses of the Executive Residence at the White House, such sums as may be necessary: *Provided*, That all reimbursable operating expenses of the Executive Residence shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, such amount for reimbursable operating expenses shall be the exclusive authority of the Executive Residence to incur obligations and to receive offsetting collections, for such expenses: *Provided further*, That the Executive Residence shall require each person sponsoring a reimbursable political event to pay in advance an amount equal to the estimated cost of the event, and all such advance payments shall be credited to this account and remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That the Executive Residence shall require the national committee of the political party of the President to maintain on deposit \$25,000, to be separately accounted for and available for expenses relating to reimbursable political events sponsored by such committee during such fiscal year: *Provided further*, That the Executive Residence shall ensure that a written notice of any amount owed for a reimbursable operating expense under this paragraph is submitted to the person owing such amount within 60 days after such expense is incurred, and that such amount is collected within 30 days after the submission of such notice: *Provided further*, That the Executive Residence shall charge interest and assess penalties and other charges on any such amount that is not reimbursed within such 30 days, in accordance with the interest and penalty provisions applicable to an outstanding debt on a United States Government claim under section 3717 of title 31, United States Code: *Provided further*, That each such amount that is reimbursed, and any accompanying interest and charges, shall be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts: *Provided further*, That the Executive Residence shall prepare and submit to the Committees on Appropriations, by not later than 90 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Act, a report setting forth the reimbursable operating expenses of the Executive Residence during the preceding fiscal year, including the total amount of such expenses, the amount of such total that consists of reimbursable official and ceremonial events, the amount of such total that consists of reimbursable political events, and the portion of each such amount that has been reimbursed as of the date of the report: *Provided further*, That the Executive Residence shall maintain a system for the tracking of expenses related to reimbursable events within the Executive Residence that includes a standard for the classification of any such expense as political or nonpolitical: *Provided further*, That no provision of this paragraph may be construed to exempt the Executive Residence from any other applicable requirement of subchapter I or II of chapter 37 of title 31, United States Code.

WHITE HOUSE REPAIR AND RESTORATION

For the repair, alteration, and improvement of the Executive Residence at the White House, \$5,510,000, to remain available until expended for six projects for required maintenance, safety and health issues, Presidential transition, telecommunications infrastructure repair, and continued preventative maintenance.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses to enable the Vice President to provide assistance to the Presi-

dent in connection with specially assigned functions; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 and 3 U.S.C. 106, including subsistence expenses as authorized by 3 U.S.C. 106, which shall be expended and accounted for as provided in that section; and hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$3,673,000.

OPERATING EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the care, operation, refurbishing, improvement, heating and lighting, including electric power and fixtures, of the official residence of the Vice President; the hire of passenger motor vehicles; and not to exceed \$90,000 for official entertainment expenses of the Vice President, to be accounted for solely on his certificate, \$354,000: *Provided*, That advances or repayments or transfers from this appropriation may be made to any department or agency for expenses of carrying out such activities.

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Council of Economic Advisors in carrying out its functions under the Employment Act of 1946 (15 U.S.C. 1021), \$4,110,000.

OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of Policy Development, including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 and 3 U.S.C. 107, \$4,032,000.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the National Security Council, including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$7,165,000.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of Administration, including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 and 3 U.S.C. 107, and hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$43,737,000, of which \$9,905,000 shall be available until September 30, 2002 for a capital investment plan which provides for the continued modernization of the information technology infrastructure.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of Management and Budget, including hire of passenger motor vehicles and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$67,935,000, of which not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall be available to carry out the provisions of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code: *Provided*, That, as provided in 31 U.S.C. 1301(a), appropriations shall be applied only to the objects for which appropriations were made except as otherwise provided by law: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated in this Act for the Office of Management and Budget may be used for the purpose of reviewing any agricultural marketing orders or any activities or regulations under the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (7 U.S.C. 601 et seq.): *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available for the Office of Management and Budget by this Act may be expended for the altering of the transcript of actual testimony of witnesses, except for testimony of officials of the Office of Management and Budget, before the Committees on Appropriations or the Committees on Veterans' Affairs or their subcommittees: *Provided further*, That the preceding shall not apply to printed hearings released by the Committees on Appropriations or the Committees on Veterans' Affairs.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY
SALARIES AND EXPENSES
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Office of National Drug Control Policy; for research activities pursuant to the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 (title VII of division C of Public Law 105-277); not to exceed \$8,000 for official reception and representation expenses; and for participation in joint projects or in the provision of services on matters of mutual interest with nonprofit, research, or public organizations or agencies, with or without reimbursement, \$24,312,000, of which \$1,700,000 shall remain available until expended, consisting of \$1,100,000 for policy research and evaluation, and up to \$600,000 for the evaluation of the Drug-Free Communities Act: *Provided*, That the Office is authorized to accept, hold, administer, and utilize gifts, both real and personal, public and private, without fiscal year limitation, for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the Office.

COUNTERDRUG TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT
CENTER
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for the Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center for research activities pursuant to the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 (title VII of Division C of Public Law 105-277), \$29,052,000, which shall remain available until expended, consisting of \$15,802,000 for counternarcotics research and development projects, and \$13,250,000 for the continued operation of the technology transfer program: *Provided*, That the \$15,802,000 for counternarcotics research and development projects shall be available for transfer to other Federal departments or agencies.

FEDERAL DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMS
HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS
PROGRAM
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Office of National Drug Control Policy's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program, \$196,000,000 for drug control activities consistent with the approved strategy for each of the designated High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, of which \$2,000,000 shall be used for a newly designated High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area in Las Vegas, Nevada; of which \$500,000 shall be for an additional amount for the New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area; of which \$500,000 shall be for an additional amount for the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area; of which \$500,000 shall be for an additional amount for the Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area for the State of New Mexico; of which \$500,000 shall be available to the Director for discretionary funds for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program; of which no less than 51 percent shall be transferred to State and local entities for drug control activities, which shall be obligated within 120 days of the date of the enactment of this Act: *Provided*, That up to 49 percent may be transferred to Federal agencies and departments at a rate to be determined by the Director: *Provided further*, That, of this latter amount, \$1,800,000 shall be used for auditing services: *Provided further*, That funds shall be provided for existing High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas at no less than the total fiscal year 2000 level.

SPECIAL FORFEITURE FUND
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For activities to support a national anti-drug campaign for youth, and other purposes, authorized by Public Law 105-277,

\$144,300,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such funds may be transferred to other Federal departments and agencies to carry out such activities: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided, \$98,700,000 shall be to support a national media campaign, as authorized in the Drug-Free Media Campaign Act of 1998: *Provided further*, That of the amounts provided for the National Drug-Free Media Campaign, ONDCP may not issue to a seller of ad time a credit in lieu of ad time and/or space purchased with appropriated funds: *Provided further*, That ONDCP may not issue credits to networks for programs once they are in syndication: *Provided further*, That ONDCP shall develop guidelines for public comment that prohibit ONDCP from influencing program content as consideration for pro bono credit under the match program: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided, \$3,300,000 shall be made available to the United States Olympic Committee's anti-doping program no later than 30 days after the enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided, \$40,000,000 shall be to continue a program of matching grants to drug-free communities, as authorized in the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided, \$1,000,000 shall be available to the National Drug Court Institute: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided, \$1,300,000 shall be available to the Metro Intelligence Support and Technical Investigative Center (MISTIC) in Maricopa County, Arizona.

This title may be cited as the "Executive Office Appropriations Act, 2001".

TITLE IV—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO
ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled established by the Act of June 23, 1971, Public Law 92-28, \$4,158,000.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, \$39,755,000, of which no less than \$4,689,500 shall be available for internal automated data processing systems, and of which not to exceed \$5,000 shall be available for reception and representation expenses.

FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses to carry out functions of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, pursuant to Reorganization Plan Numbered 2 of 1978, and the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, including hire of experts and consultants, hire of passenger motor vehicles, and rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, \$25,058,000: *Provided*, That public members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel may be paid travel expenses and per diem in lieu of subsistence as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5703) for persons employed intermittently in the Government service, and compensation as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, funds received from fees charged to non-Federal participants at labor-management relations conferences shall be credited to and merged with this account, to be available without further appropriation for the costs of carrying out these conferences.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
FEDERAL BUILDINGS FUND

LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF REVENUE

To carry out the purpose of the Fund established pursuant to section 210(f) of the

Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U.S.C. 490(f)), the revenues and collections deposited into the Fund shall be available for necessary expenses of real property management and related activities not otherwise provided for, including operation, maintenance, and protection of federally owned and leased buildings; rental of buildings in the District of Columbia; restoration of leased premises; moving governmental agencies (including space adjustments and telecommunications relocation expenses) in connection with the assignment, allocation and transfer of space; contractual services incident to cleaning or servicing buildings, and moving; repair and alteration of federally owned buildings including grounds, approaches and appurtenances; care and safeguarding of sites; maintenance, preservation, demolition, and equipment; acquisition of buildings and sites by purchase, condemnation, or as otherwise authorized by law; acquisition of options to purchase buildings and sites; conversion and extension of federally owned buildings; preliminary planning and design of projects by contract or otherwise; construction of new buildings (including equipment for such buildings); and payment of principal, interest, and any other obligations for public buildings acquired by installment purchase and purchase contract; in the aggregate amount of \$5,431,738,000, of which: (1) \$3,000,000 shall remain available until expended for non-prospectus projects: *Provided*, That each of the immediately foregoing limits of costs on new construction projects may be exceeded to the extent that savings are effected in other such projects, but not to exceed 10 percent unless advance approval is obtained from the Committees on Appropriations of a greater amount: *Provided further*, That all funds for direct construction projects shall expire on September 30, 2002, and remain in the Federal Buildings Fund except funds for projects as to which funds for design or other funds have been obligated in whole or in part prior to such date; (2) \$671,193,000 shall remain available until expended for repairs and alterations which includes associated design and construction services: *Provided further*, That funds in the Federal Buildings Fund for Repairs and Alterations shall, for prospectus projects, be limited to the amount by project, as follows, except each project may be increased by an amount not to exceed 10 percent unless advance approval is obtained from the Committees on Appropriations of a greater amount:

Repairs and alterations:

Arizona:
Phoenix, Federal Building Courthouse, \$26,962,000
California:
Santa Ana, Federal Building, \$27,864,000
District of Columbia:
Internal Revenue Service Headquarters (Phase 1), \$31,780,000
Main State Building, (Phase 3), \$28,775,000
Maryland:
Woodlawn, SSA National Computer Center, \$4,285,000
Michigan:
Detroit, McNamara Federal Building, \$26,999,000
Missouri:
Kansas City, Richard Bolling Federal Building, \$25,882,000
Kansas City, Federal Building, 8930 Ward Parkway, \$8,964,000
Nebraska:
Omaha, Zorinsky Federal Building, \$45,960,000
New York:
New York City, 40 Foley Square, \$5,037,000
Ohio:
Cincinnati, Potter Stewart U.S. Court-house, \$18,434,000

Pennsylvania:
 Pittsburgh, U.S. Post Office-Courthouse,
 \$54,144,000
 Utah:
 Salt Lake City, Bennett Federal Building,
 \$21,199,000
 Virginia:
 Reston, J.W. Powell Federal Building
 (Phase 2), \$22,993,000
 Nationwide:
 Design Program, \$21,915,000
 Energy Program, \$10,000,000
 Basic Repairs and Alterations, \$290,000,000:

Provided further, That additional projects for which prospectuses have been fully approved may be funded under this category only if advance notice is transmitted to the Committees on Appropriations: *Provided further*, That the amounts provided in this or any prior Act for "Repairs and Alterations" may be used to fund costs associated with implementing security improvements to buildings necessary to meet the minimum standards for security in accordance with current law and in compliance with the reprogramming guidelines of the appropriate Committees of the House and Senate: *Provided further*, That the difference between the funds appropriated and expended on any projects in this or any prior Act, under the heading "Repairs and Alterations", may be transferred to Basic Repairs and Alterations or used to fund authorized increases in prospectus projects: *Provided further*, That all funds for repairs and alterations prospectus projects shall expire on September 30, 2002, and remain in the Federal Buildings Fund except funds for projects as to which funds for design or other funds have been obligated in whole or in part prior to such date: *Provided further*, That the amount provided in this or any prior Act for Basic Repairs and Alterations may be used to pay claims against the Government arising from any projects under the heading "Repairs and Alterations" or used to fund authorized increases in prospectus projects; (3) \$185,369,000 for installment acquisition payments including payments on purchase contracts which shall remain available until expended; (4) \$2,944,905,000 for rental of space which shall remain available until expended; and (5) \$1,624,771,000 for building operations which shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That in addition to amounts made available herein, \$374,345,000 shall be deposited to the Fund, to become available on October 1, 2001, and remain available until expended for construction of additional projects at locations and at maximum construction improvement costs (including funds for sites and expenses and associated design and construction services) as follows:

New Construction:
 California:
 Los Angeles, U.S. Courthouse, \$31,523,000
 Maryland:
 Montgomery Country, FDA Consolidation,
 \$92,179,000
 Michigan:
 Sault Sainte Marie, Border Station,
 \$3,630,000
 Mississippi:
 Biloxi-Gulfport, U.S. Courthouse,
 \$42,715,000
 Montana:
 Eureka/Rooseville, Border Station, \$6,892,000
 Virginia:
 Richmond, U.S. Courthouse, \$19,476,000
 Washington:
 Seattle, U.S. Courthouse, \$177,930,000:

Provided further, That each of the immediately foregoing limits of costs on new construction projects may be exceeded to the extent that savings are effected in other such projects, but not to exceed 10 percent unless advance approval is obtained from the Com-

mittee on Appropriations of a greater amount: *Provided further*, That funds available to the General Services Administration shall not be available for expenses of any construction, repair, alteration and acquisition project for which a prospectus, if required by the Public Buildings Act of 1959, as amended, has not been approved, except that necessary funds may be expended for each project for required expenses for the development of a proposed prospectus: *Provided further*, That funds available in the Federal Buildings Fund may be expended for emergency repairs when advance approval is obtained from the Committees on Appropriations: *Provided further*, That amounts necessary to provide reimbursable special services to other agencies under section 210(f)(6) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U.S.C. 490(f)(6)) and amounts to provide such reimbursable fencing, lighting, guard booths, and other facilities on private or other property not in Government ownership or control as may be appropriate to enable the United States Secret Service to perform its protective functions pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3056, shall be available from such revenues and collections: *Provided further*, That of the amount provided, \$190,000 shall be available for the Plains States Depopulation Symposium: *Provided further*, That revenues and collections and any other sums accruing to this Fund during fiscal year 2001, excluding reimbursements under section 210(f)(6) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 490(f)(6)) in excess of \$5,431,738,000 shall remain in the Fund and shall not be available for expenditure except as authorized in appropriations Acts.

POLICY AND OPERATIONS

For expenses authorized by law, not otherwise provided for, for Government-wide policy and oversight activities associated with asset management activities; utilization and donation of surplus personal property; transportation; procurement and supply; Government-wide responsibilities relating to automated data management, telecommunications, information resources management, and related technology activities; utilization survey, deed compliance inspection, appraisal, environmental and cultural analysis, and land use planning functions pertaining to excess and surplus real property; agency-wide policy direction; Board of Contract Appeals; accounting, records management, and other support services incident to adjudication of Indian Tribal Claims by the United States Court of Federal Claims; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109; and not to exceed \$5,000 for official reception and representation expenses, \$123,420,000, of which \$27,301,000 shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the funds provided, \$500,000 shall be available to continue the Virtual Archive Storage Terminal at the North Dakota State University: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated from this Act shall be available to convert the Old Post Office at 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue in Northwest Washington, D.C., from office use to any other use until a comprehensive plan, which shall include street-level retail use, has been approved by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works: *Provided further*, That no funds from this Act shall be available to acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise the leasehold rights of the existing lease with private parties at the Old Post Office prior to the approval of the comprehensive plan by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the

Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General and services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$34,520,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$15,000 shall be available for payment for information and detection of fraud against the Government, including payment for recovery of stolen Government property: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$2,500 shall be available for awards to employees of other Federal agencies and private citizens in recognition of efforts and initiatives resulting in enhanced Office of Inspector General effectiveness.

ALLOWANCES AND OFFICE STAFF FOR FORMER PRESIDENTS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For carrying out the provisions of the Act of August 25, 1958, as amended (3 U.S.C. 102 note), and Public Law 95-138, \$2,517,000: *Provided*, That the Administrator of General Services shall transfer to the Secretary of the Treasury such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of such Acts.

EXPENSES, PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

For expenses necessary to carry out the Presidential Transition Act of 1963, as amended, \$7,100,000.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 401. The appropriate appropriation or fund available to the General Services Administration shall be credited with the cost of operation, protection, maintenance, upkeep, repair, and improvement, included as part of rentals received from Government corporations pursuant to law (40 U.S.C. 129).

SEC. 402. Funds available to the General Services Administration shall be available for the hire of passenger motor vehicles.

SEC. 403. Funds in the Federal Buildings Fund made available for fiscal year 2001 for Federal Buildings Fund activities may be transferred between such activities only to the extent necessary to meet program requirements: *Provided*, That any proposed transfers shall be approved in advance by the Committees on Appropriations.

SEC. 404. No funds made available by this Act shall be used to transmit a fiscal year 2002 request for United States Courthouse construction that: (1) does not meet the design guide standards for construction as established and approved by the General Services Administration, the Judicial Conference of the United States, and the Office of Management and Budget; and (2) does not reflect the priorities of the Judicial Conference of the United States as set out in its approved 5-year construction plan: *Provided*, That the fiscal year 2002 request must be accompanied by a standardized courtroom utilization study of each facility to be constructed, replaced, or expanded.

SEC. 405. None of the funds provided in this Act may be used to increase the amount of occupiable square feet, provide cleaning services, security enhancements, or any other service usually provided through the Federal Buildings Fund, to any agency that does not pay the rate per square foot assessment for space and services as determined by the General Services Administration in compliance with the Public Buildings Amendments Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-313).

SEC. 406. Funds provided to other Government agencies by the Information Technology Fund, General Services Administration, under 40 U.S.C. 757 and sections 5124(b) and 5128 of Public Law 104-106, Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996, for performance of pilot information technology projects which have potential for

Government-wide benefits and savings, may be repaid to this Fund from any savings actually incurred by these projects or other funding, to the extent feasible.

SEC. 407. From funds made available under the heading "Federal Buildings Fund, Limitations on Availability of Revenue", claims against the Government of less than \$250,000 arising from direct construction projects and acquisition of buildings may be liquidated from savings effected in other construction projects with prior notification to the Committees on Appropriations.

SEC. 408. DESIGNATION OF RONALD N. DAVIES FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE. (a) The Federal building and courthouse located at 102 North 4th Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota, shall be known and designated as the "Ronald N. Davies Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

(b) Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building and courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the Ronald N. Davies Federal Building and United States Courthouse.

SEC. 409. From the funds made available under the heading "Federal Buildings Fund Limitations on Revenue", in addition to amounts provided in budget activities above, up to \$2,500,000 shall be available for the construction of a road and acquisition of the property necessary for construction of said road and associated port of entry facilities: *Provided*, That said property shall include a 125 foot wide right of way beginning approximately 700 feet east of Highway 11 at the northeast corner of the existing port facilities and going north approximately 4,750 feet and approximately 10.22 acres adjacent to the port of entry in Township 29 S. Range 8W., Section 14: *Provided further*, That construction of the road shall occur only after this property is deeded and conveyed to the United States by and through the General Services Administration without reimbursement or cost to the United States at the election of its current landholder: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, and subject to the foregoing conditions, the Administrator of General Services shall construct a road to the Columbus, New Mexico Port of Entry Station on the property, connecting the port with a road to be built by the County of Luna, New Mexico to connect to State Highway 11: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, Luna County shall construct the roadway from State Highway 11 to the terminus of the northbound road to be constructed by the General Services Administration in time for completion of the road to be constructed by the General Services Administration: *Provided further*, That upon completion of the construction of the road by the General Services Administration, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator of General Services shall convey to the municipality of Luna County, New Mexico, without reimbursement, all right, title, and interest of the United States to that portion of the property constituting the improved road and standard county road right of way which is not required for the operation of the port of entry: *Provided further*, That the General Services Administration on behalf of the United States upon conveyance of the property to the municipality of Luna, New Mexico, shall retain the balance of the property located adjacent to the port, consisting of approximately 12 acres, to be owned or otherwise managed by the Administrator pursuant to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended: *Provided further*, That the General Services Ad-

ministration is authorized to acquire such additional real property and rights in real property as may be necessary to construct said road and provide a contiguous site for the port of entry: *Provided further*, That the United States shall incur no liability for any environmental laws or conditions existing at the property at the time of conveyance to the United States or in connection with the construction of the road: *Provided further*, That Luna County and the Village of Columbus shall be responsible for providing adequate access and egress to existing properties east of the port of entry: *Provided further*, That the Bureau of Land Management, the International Boundary and Water Commission, the Federal Inspection Agencies and the Department of State shall take all actions necessary to facilitate the construction of the road and expansion of the port facilities.

SEC. 410. DESIGNATION OF J. BRATTON DAVIS UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURTHOUSE. (a) The United States bankruptcy courthouse at 1100 Laurel Street in Columbia, South Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "J. Bratton Davis United States Bankruptcy Courthouse".

(b) Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States bankruptcy courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "J. Bratton Davis United States Bankruptcy Courthouse".

SEC. 411. (a) The United States Courthouse Annex located at 901 19th Street in Denver, Colorado is hereby designated as the "Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse Annex".

(b) Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, or paper or other record of the United States to the Courthouse Annex herein referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse Annex".

SEC. 412. DESIGNATION OF THE PAUL COVERDELL DORMITORY. The dormitory building currently being constructed on the Core Campus of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynnco, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the "Paul Coverdell Dormitory".

MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses to carry out functions of the Merit Systems Protection Board pursuant to Reorganization Plan Numbered 2 of 1978 and the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, hire of passenger motor vehicles, and direct procurement of survey printing, \$29,437,000 together with not to exceed \$2,430,000 for administrative expenses to adjudicate retirement appeals to be transferred from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund in amounts determined by the Merit Systems Protection Board.

FEDERAL PAYMENT TO MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

For payment to the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Trust Fund, to be available for the purposes of Public Law 102-252, \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended.

ENVIRONMENTAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION FUND

For payment to the Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund to carry out activities authorized in the Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Act of 1998, \$500,000, to remain available until expended.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS

ADMINISTRATION

OPERATING EXPENSES

For necessary expenses in connection with the administration of the National Archives (including the Information Security Oversight Office) and archived Federal records and related activities, as provided by law, and for expenses necessary for the review and declassification of documents, and for the hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$209,393,000: *Provided*, That the Archivist of the United States is authorized to use any excess funds available from the amount borrowed for construction of the National Archives facility, for expenses necessary to provide adequate storage for holdings.

REPAIRS AND RESTORATION

For the repair, alteration, and improvement of archives facilities, and to provide adequate storage for holdings, \$92,950,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the amount provided, \$88,000,000 to complete renovation of the National Archives Building shall be available for obligation on October 1, 2001.

NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION

GRANTS PROGRAM

(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for allocations and grants for historical publications and records as authorized by 44 U.S.C. 2504, as amended, \$6,450,000, to remain available until expended.

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses to carry out functions of the Office of Government Ethics pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended and the Ethics Reform Act of 1989, including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, hire of passenger motor vehicles, and not to exceed \$1,500 for official reception and representation expenses, \$9,684,000.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF TRUST FUNDS)

For necessary expenses to carry out functions of the Office of Personnel Management pursuant to Reorganization Plan Numbered 2 of 1978 and the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109; medical examinations performed for veterans by private physicians on a fee basis; rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed \$2,500 for official reception and representation expenses; advances for reimbursements to applicable funds of the Office of Personnel Management and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for expenses incurred under Executive Order No. 10422 of January 9, 1953, as amended; and payment of per diem and/or subsistence allowances to employees where Voting Rights Act activities require an employee to remain overnight at his or her post of duty, \$94,095,000; and in addition \$99,624,000 for administrative expenses, to be transferred from the appropriate trust funds of the Office of Personnel Management without regard to other statutes, including direct procurement of printed materials, for the retirement and insurance programs, of which \$8,500,000 shall remain available until expended for the cost of automating the retirement recordkeeping systems: *Provided*, That the provisions of this appropriation shall not affect the authority to use applicable trust funds as provided by sections 8348(a)(1)(B) and 8909(g) of title 5, United States Code:

Provided further, That no part of this appropriation shall be available for salaries and expenses of the Legal Examining Unit of the Office of Personnel Management established pursuant to Executive Order No. 9358 of July 1, 1943, or any successor unit of like purpose: *Provided further*, That the President's Commission on White House Fellows, established by Executive Order No. 11183 of October 3, 1964, may, during fiscal year 2001, accept donations of money, property, and personal services in connection with the development of a publicity brochure to provide information about the White House Fellows, except that no such donations shall be accepted for travel or reimbursement of travel expenses, or for the salaries of employees of such Commission.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF TRUST FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act, as amended, including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$1,356,000; and in addition, not to exceed \$9,708,000 for administrative expenses to audit, investigate, and provide other oversight of the Office of Personnel Management's retirement and insurance programs, to be transferred from the appropriate trust funds of the Office of Personnel Management, as determined by the Inspector General: *Provided*, That the Inspector General is authorized to rent conference rooms in the District of Columbia and elsewhere.

GOVERNMENT PAYMENT FOR ANNUITANTS,

EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS

For payment of Government contributions with respect to retired employees, as authorized by chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, and the Retired Federal Employees Health Benefits Act (74 Stat. 849), as amended, such sums as may be necessary.

GOVERNMENT PAYMENT FOR ANNUITANTS,

EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE

For payment of Government contributions with respect to employees retiring after December 31, 1989, as required by chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, such sums as may be necessary.

PAYMENT TO CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY FUND

For financing the unfunded liability of new and increased annuity benefits becoming effective on or after October 20, 1969, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 8348, and annuities under special Acts to be credited to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund, such sums as may be necessary: *Provided*, That annuities authorized by the Act of May 29, 1944, as amended, and the Act of August 19, 1950, as amended (33 U.S.C. 771-775), may hereafter be paid out of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses to carry out functions of the Office of Special Counsel pursuant to Reorganization Plan Numbered 2 of 1978, the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-454), the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 (Public Law 101-12), Public Law 103-424, and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-353), including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, payment of fees and expenses for witnesses, rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, and hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$10,733,000.

UNITED STATES TAX COURT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, including contract reporting and other services as authorized by

5 U.S.C. 3109, \$35,474,000: *Provided*, That travel expenses of the judges shall be paid upon the written certificate of the judge.

This title may be cited as the "Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001".

TITLE V—GENERAL PROVISIONS

THIS ACT

SEC. 501. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 502. The expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for any consulting service through procurement contract, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109, shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public record and available for public inspection, except where otherwise provided under existing law, or under existing Executive order issued pursuant to existing law.

SEC. 503. None of the funds made available by this Act shall be available for any activity or for paying the salary of any Government employee where funding an activity or paying a salary to a Government employee would result in a decision, determination, rule, regulation, or policy that would prohibit the enforcement of section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930.

SEC. 504. None of the funds made available by this Act shall be available in fiscal year 2001 for the purpose of transferring control over the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center located at Glynco, Georgia, and Artesia, New Mexico, out of the Department of the Treasury.

SEC. 505. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available to pay the salary for any person filling a position, other than a temporary position, formerly held by an employee who has left to enter the Armed Forces of the United States and has satisfactorily completed his period of active military or naval service, and has within 90 days after his release from such service or from hospitalization continuing after discharge for a period of not more than 1 year, made application for restoration to his former position and has been certified by the Office of Personnel Management as still qualified to perform the duties of his former position and has not been restored thereto.

SEC. 506. No funds appropriated pursuant to this Act may be expended by an entity unless the entity agrees that in expending the assistance the entity will comply with sections 2 through 4 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (41 U.S.C. 10a-10c, popularly known as the "Buy American Act").

SEC. 507. (a) PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCTS.—In the case of any equipment or products that may be authorized to be purchased with financial assistance provided under this Act, it is the sense of the Congress that entities receiving such assistance should, in expending the assistance, purchase only American-made equipment and products.

(b) NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE.—In providing financial assistance under this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall provide to each recipient of the assistance a notice describing the statement made in subsection (a) by the Congress.

SEC. 508. If it has been finally determined by a court or Federal agency that any person intentionally affixed a label bearing a "Made in America" inscription, or any inscription with the same meaning, to any product sold in or shipped to the United States that is not made in the United States, such person shall be ineligible to receive any contract or subcontract made with funds provided pursuant to this Act, pursuant to the debarment, suspension, and ineligibility procedures described in sections 9.400 through 9.409 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations.

SEC. 509. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, not to exceed 50 percent of unobligated balances remaining available at the end of fiscal year 2001 from appropriations made available for salaries and expenses for fiscal year 2001 in this Act, shall remain available through September 30, 2002, for each such account for the purposes authorized: *Provided*, That a request shall be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations for approval prior to the expenditure of such funds: *Provided further*, That these requests shall be made in compliance with reprogramming guidelines.

SEC. 510. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used by the Executive Office of the President to request from the Federal Bureau of Investigation any official background investigation report on any individual, except when—

(1) such individual has given his or her express written consent for such request not more than 6 months prior to the date of such request and during the same presidential administration; or

(2) such request is required due to extraordinary circumstances involving national security.

SEC. 511. The cost accounting standards promulgated under section 26 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (Public Law 93-400; 41 U.S.C. 422) shall not apply with respect to a contract under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program established under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code.

SEC. 512. SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Stamp Out Domestic Violence Act of 2000". (b) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 414 the following:

"§ 414a. Special postage stamps relating to domestic violence

"(a) In order to afford the public a convenient way to contribute to funding for domestic violence programs, the Postal Service shall establish a special rate of postage for first-class mail under this section.

"(b) The rate of postage established under this section—

"(1) shall be equal to the regular first-class rate of postage, plus a differential not to exceed 25 percent;

"(2) shall be set by the Governors in accordance with such procedures as the Governors shall by regulation prescribe (in lieu of the procedures under chapter 36); and

"(3) shall be offered as an alternative to the regular first class rate of postage.

"(c) The use of the rate of postage established under this section shall be voluntary on the part of postal patrons.

"(d)(1) Amounts becoming available for domestic violence programs under this section shall be paid by the Postal Service to the Department of Justice. Payments under this section shall be made under such arrangements as the Postal Service shall, by mutual agreement with the Department of Justice, establish in order to carry out the purposes of this section, except that under those arrangements, payments to the Department of Justice shall be made at least twice a year.

"(2) For purposes of this section, the term 'amounts becoming available for domestic violence programs under this section' means—

"(A) the total amount of revenues received by the Postal Service that it would not have received but for the enactment of this section; reduced by

"(B) an amount sufficient to cover reasonable costs incurred by the Postal Service in carrying out this section, including costs attributable to the printing, sale, and distribution of stamps under this section,

as determined by the Postal Service under regulations that it shall prescribe.

“(e) It is the sense of Congress that nothing in this section should—

“(1) directly or indirectly cause a net decrease in total funds received by the Department of Justice or any other agency of the Government (or any component or program thereof) below the level that would otherwise have been received but for the enactment of this section; or

“(2) affect regular first-class rates of postage or any other regular rates of postage.

“(f) Special postage stamps under this section shall be made available to the public beginning on such date as the Postal Service shall by regulation prescribe, but not later than 12 months after the date of the enactment of this section.

“(g) The Postmaster General shall include in each report rendered under section 2402 with respect to any period during any portion of which this section is in effect, information concerning the operation of this section, except that, at a minimum, each report shall include—

“(1) the total amount described in subsection (d)(2)(A) which was received by the Postal Service during the period covered by such report; and

“(2) of the amount under paragraph (1), how much (in the aggregate and by category) was required for the purposes described in subsection (d)(2)(B).

“(h) This section shall cease to be effective at the end of the 2-year period beginning on the date on which special postage stamps under this section are first made available to the public.”.

(C) REPORT BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.—Not later than 3 months (but no earlier than 6 months) before the end of the 2-year period referred to in section 414a(h) of title 39, United States Code (as amended by subsection (a)), the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Congress a report on the operation of such section. Such report shall include—

(1) an evaluation of the effectiveness and the appropriateness of the authority provided by such section as a means of fundraising; and

(2) a description of the monetary and other resources required of the Postal Service in carrying out such section.

(d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections for chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 414 and inserting the following:

“414. Special postage stamps relating to breast cancer.

“414a. Special postage stamps relating to domestic violence.”.

(2) SECTION HEADING.—The heading for section 414 of title 39, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§414. Special postage stamps relating to breast cancer”.

SEC. 513. For the purpose of resolving litigation and implementing any settlement agreements regarding the nonforeign area cost-of-living allowance program, the Office of Personnel Management may accept and utilize (without regard to any restriction on unanticipated travel expenses imposed in an Appropriations Act) funds made available to the Office pursuant to court approval.

SEC. 514. Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall submit a report to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Governmental Affairs in the Senate and the

Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives that (1) evaluates, for each agency, the extent to which implementation of chapter 35 of title 31, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), has reduced burden imposed by rules issued by the agency, including the burden imposed by each major rule issued by the agency; (2) includes a determination, based on such evaluation, of the need for additional procedures to ensure achievement of the purposes of that chapter, as set forth in section 3501 of title 31, United States Code, and evaluates the burden imposed by each major rule that imposes more than 10,000,000 hours of burden, and identifies specific reductions expected to be achieved in each of fiscal years 2001 and 2002 in the burden imposed by all rules issued by each agency that issued such a major rule.

SEC. 515. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to implement a preference for the acquisition of a firearm or ammunition based on whether the manufacturer or vendor of the firearm or ammunition is a party of an agreement with a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States regarding codes of conduct, operating practices, or product design specifically related to the business of importing, manufacturing, or dealing in firearms or ammunition under chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code.

TITLE VI—GENERAL PROVISIONS

DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND CORPORATIONS

SEC. 601. Funds appropriated in this or any other Act may be used to pay travel to the United States for the immediate family of employees serving abroad in cases of death or life threatening illness of said employee.

SEC. 602. No department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States receiving appropriated funds under this or any other Act for fiscal year 2001 shall obligate or expend any such funds, unless such department, agency, or instrumentality has in place, and will continue to administer in good faith, a written policy designed to ensure that all of its workplaces are free from the illegal use, possession, or distribution of controlled substances (as defined in the Controlled Substances Act) by the officers and employees of such department, agency, or instrumentality.

SEC. 603. Unless otherwise specifically provided, the maximum amount allowable during the current fiscal year in accordance with section 16 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (60 Stat. 810), for the purchase of any passenger motor vehicle (exclusive of buses, ambulances, law enforcement, and undercover surveillance vehicles), is hereby fixed at \$8,100 except station wagons for which the maximum shall be \$9,100: *Provided*, That these limits may be exceeded by not to exceed \$3,700 for police-type vehicles, and by not to exceed \$4,000 for special heavy-duty vehicles: *Provided further*, That the limits set forth in this section may not be exceeded by more than 5 percent for electric or hybrid vehicles purchased for demonstration under the provisions of the Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 1976: *Provided further*, That the limits set forth in this section may be exceeded by the incremental cost of clean alternative fuels vehicles acquired pursuant to Public Law 101-549 over the cost of comparable conventionally fueled vehicles.

SEC. 604. Appropriations of the executive departments and independent establishments for the current fiscal year available for expenses of travel, or for the expenses of the activity concerned, are hereby made available for quarters allowances and cost-of-liv-

ing allowances, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5922-5924.

SEC. 605. Unless otherwise specified during the current fiscal year, no part of any appropriation contained in this or any other Act shall be used to pay the compensation of any officer or employee of the Government of the United States (including any agency the majority of the stock of which is owned by the Government of the United States) whose post of duty is in the continental United States unless such person: (1) is a citizen of the United States; (2) is a person in the service of the United States on the date of the enactment of this Act who, being eligible for citizenship, has filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States prior to such date and is actually residing in the United States; (3) is a person who owes allegiance to the United States; (4) is an alien from Cuba, Poland, South Vietnam, the countries of the former Soviet Union, or the Baltic countries lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence; (5) is a South Vietnamese, Cambodian, or Laotian refugee paroled in the United States after January 1, 1975; or (6) is a national of the People's Republic of China who qualifies for adjustment of status pursuant to the Chinese Student Protection Act of 1992: *Provided*, That for the purpose of this section, an affidavit signed by any such person shall be considered prima facie evidence that the requirements of this section with respect to his or her status have been complied with: *Provided further*, That any person making a false affidavit shall be guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, shall be fined no more than \$4,000 or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penal clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law: *Provided further*, That any payment made to any officer or employee contrary to the provisions of this section shall be recoverable in action by the Federal Government. This section shall not apply to citizens of Ireland, Israel, or the Republic of the Philippines, or to nationals of those countries allied with the United States in a current defense effort, or to international broadcasters employed by the United States Information Agency, or to temporary employment of translators, or to temporary employment in the field service (not to exceed 60 days) as a result of emergencies.

SEC. 606. Appropriations available to any department or agency during the current fiscal year for necessary expenses, including maintenance or operating expenses, shall also be available for payment to the General Services Administration for charges for space and services and those expenses of renovation and alteration of buildings and facilities which constitute public improvements performed in accordance with the Public Buildings Act of 1959 (73 Stat. 749), the Public Buildings Amendments of 1972 (87 Stat. 216), or other applicable law.

SEC. 607. In addition to funds provided in this or any other Act, all Federal agencies are authorized to receive and use funds resulting from the sale of materials, including Federal records disposed of pursuant to a records schedule recovered through recycling or waste prevention programs. Such funds shall be available until expended for the following purposes:

(1) Acquisition, waste reduction and prevention, and recycling programs as described in Executive Order No. 13101 (September 14, 1998), including any such programs adopted prior to the effective date of the Executive order.

(2) Other Federal agency environmental management programs, including, but not

limited to, the development and implementation of hazardous waste management and pollution prevention programs.

(3) Other employee programs as authorized by law or as deemed appropriate by the head of the Federal agency.

SEC. 608. Funds made available by this or any other Act for administrative expenses in the current fiscal year of the corporations and agencies subject to chapter 91 of title 31, United States Code, shall be available, in addition to objects for which such funds are otherwise available, for rent in the District of Columbia; services in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 3109; and the objects specified under this head, all the provisions of which shall be applicable to the expenditure of such funds unless otherwise specified in the Act by which they are made available: *Provided*, That in the event any functions budgeted as administrative expenses are subsequently transferred to or paid from other funds, the limitations on administrative expenses shall be correspondingly reduced.

SEC. 609. No part of any appropriation for the current fiscal year contained in this or any other Act shall be paid to any person for the filling of any position for which he or she has been nominated after the Senate has voted not to approve the nomination of said person.

SEC. 610. No part of any appropriation contained in this or any other Act shall be available for interagency financing of boards (except Federal Executive Boards), commissions, councils, committees, or similar groups (whether or not they are interagency entities) which do not have a prior and specific statutory approval to receive financial support from more than one agency or instrumentality.

SEC. 611. Funds made available by this or any other Act to the Postal Service Fund (39 U.S.C. 2003) shall be available for employment of guards for all buildings and areas owned or occupied by the Postal Service and under the charge and control of the Postal Service, and such guards shall have, with respect to such property, the powers of special policemen provided by the first section of the Act of June 1, 1948, as amended (62 Stat. 281; 40 U.S.C. 318), and, as to property owned or occupied by the Postal Service, the Postmaster General may take the same actions as the Administrator of General Services may take under the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of the Act of June 1, 1948, as amended (62 Stat. 281; 40 U.S.C. 318a and 318b), attaching thereto penal consequences under the authority and within the limits provided in section 4 of the Act of June 1, 1948, as amended (62 Stat. 281; 40 U.S.C. 318c).

SEC. 612. None of the funds made available pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall be used to implement, administer, or enforce any regulation which has been disapproved pursuant to a resolution of disapproval duly adopted in accordance with the applicable law of the United States.

SEC. 613. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and except as otherwise provided in this section, no part of any of the funds appropriated for fiscal year 2001, by this or any other Act, may be used to pay any prevailing rate employee described in section 5342(a)(2)(A) of title 5, United States Code—

(1) during the period from the date of expiration of the limitation imposed by section 613 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2000, until the normal effective date of the applicable wage survey adjustment that is to take effect in fiscal year 2001, in an amount that exceeds the rate payable for the applicable grade and step of the applicable wage schedule in accordance with such section 613; and

(2) during the period consisting of the remainder of fiscal year 2001, in an amount

that exceeds, as a result of a wage survey adjustment, the rate payable under paragraph (1) by more than the sum of—

(A) the percentage adjustment taking effect in fiscal year 2001 under section 5303 of title 5, United States Code, in the rates of pay under the General Schedule; and

(B) the difference between the overall average percentage of the locality-based comparability payments taking effect in fiscal year 2001 under section 5304 of such title (whether by adjustment or otherwise), and the overall average percentage of such payments which was effective in fiscal year 2000 under such section.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no prevailing rate employee described in subparagraph (B) or (C) of section 5342(a)(2) of title 5, United States Code, and no employee covered by section 5348 of such title, may be paid during the periods for which subsection (a) is in effect at a rate that exceeds the rates that would be payable under subsection (a) were subsection (a) applicable to such employee.

(c) For the purposes of this section, the rates payable to an employee who is covered by this section and who is paid from a schedule not in existence on September 30, 2000, shall be determined under regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rates of premium pay for employees subject to this section may not be changed from the rates in effect on September 30, 2000, except to the extent determined by the Office of Personnel Management to be consistent with the purpose of this section.

(e) This section shall apply with respect to pay for service performed after September 30, 2000.

(f) For the purpose of administering any provision of law (including any rule or regulation that provides premium pay, retirement, life insurance, or any other employee benefit) that requires any deduction or contribution, or that imposes any requirement or limitation on the basis of a rate of salary or basic pay, the rate of salary or basic pay payable after the application of this section shall be treated as the rate of salary or basic pay.

(g) Nothing in this section shall be considered to permit or require the payment to any employee covered by this section at a rate in excess of the rate that would be payable were this section not in effect.

(h) The Office of Personnel Management may provide for exceptions to the limitations imposed by this section if the Office determines that such exceptions are necessary to ensure the recruitment or retention of qualified employees.

SEC. 614. During the period in which the head of any department or agency, or any other officer or civilian employee of the Government appointed by the President of the United States, holds office, no funds may be obligated or expended in excess of \$5,000 to furnish or redecorate the office of such department head, agency head, officer, or employee, or to purchase furniture or make improvements for any such office, unless advance notice of such furnishing or redecoration is expressly approved by the Committees on Appropriations. For the purposes of this section, the word "office" shall include the entire suite of offices assigned to the individual, as well as any other space used primarily by the individual or the use of which is directly controlled by the individual.

SEC. 615. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no executive branch agency shall purchase, construct, and/or lease any additional facilities, except within or contiguous to existing locations, to be used for the purpose of conducting Federal law enforcement

training without the advance approval of the Committees on Appropriations, except that the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center is authorized to obtain the temporary use of additional facilities by lease, contract, or other agreement for training which cannot be accommodated in existing Center facilities.

SEC. 616. Notwithstanding section 1346 of title 31, United States Code, or section 610 of this Act, funds made available for fiscal year 2001 by this or any other Act shall be available for the interagency funding of national security and emergency preparedness telecommunications initiatives which benefit multiple Federal departments, agencies, or entities, as provided by Executive Order No. 12472 (April 3, 1984).

SEC. 617. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this or any other Act may be obligated or expended by any Federal department, agency, or other instrumentality for the salaries or expenses of any employee appointed to a position of a confidential or policy-determining character excepted from the competitive service pursuant to section 3302 of title 5, United States Code, without a certification to the Office of Personnel Management from the head of the Federal department, agency, or other instrumentality employing the Schedule C appointee that the Schedule C position was not created solely or primarily in order to detail the employee to the White House.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to Federal employees or members of the armed services detailed to or from—

- (1) the Central Intelligence Agency;
- (2) the National Security Agency;
- (3) the Defense Intelligence Agency;

(4) the offices within the Department of Defense for the collection of specialized national foreign intelligence through reconnaissance programs;

(5) the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State;

(6) any agency, office, or unit of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration of the Department of Justice, the Department of Transportation, the Department of the Treasury, and the Department of Energy performing intelligence functions; and

- (7) the Director of Central Intelligence.

SEC. 618. No department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States receiving appropriated funds under this or any other Act for fiscal year 2001 shall obligate or expend any such funds, unless such department, agency, or instrumentality has in place, and will continue to administer in good faith, a written policy designed to ensure that all of its workplaces are free from discrimination and sexual harassment and that all of its workplaces are not in violation of title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

SEC. 619. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act may be used to pay for the expenses of travel of employees, including employees of the Executive Office of the President, not directly responsible for the discharge of official governmental tasks and duties: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply to the family of the President, Members of Congress or their spouses, Heads of State of a foreign country or their designees, persons providing assistance to the President for official purposes, or other individuals so designated by the President.

SEC. 620. None of the funds appropriated in this or any other Act shall be used to acquire information technologies which do not comply with part 39.106 (Year 2000 compliance) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, unless an agency's Chief Information Officer determines that noncompliance with part 39.106 is

necessary to the function and operation of the requesting agency or the acquisition is required by a signed contract with the agency in effect before the date of the enactment of this Act. Any waiver granted by the Chief Information Officer shall be reported to the Office of Management and Budget, and copies shall be provided to Congress.

SEC. 621. None of the funds made available in this Act for the United States Customs Service may be used to allow the importation into the United States of any good, ware, article, or merchandise mined, produced, or manufactured by forced or indentured child labor, as determined pursuant to section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1307).

SEC. 622. No part of any appropriation contained in this or any other Act shall be available for the payment of the salary of any officer or employee of the Federal Government, who—

(1) prohibits or prevents, or attempts or threatens to prohibit or prevent, any other officer or employee of the Federal Government from having any direct oral or written communication or contact with any Member, committee, or subcommittee of the Congress in connection with any matter pertaining to the employment of such other officer or employee or pertaining to the department or agency of such other officer or employee in any way, irrespective of whether such communication or contact is at the initiative of such other officer or employee or in response to the request or inquiry of such Member, committee, or subcommittee; or

(2) removes, suspends from duty without pay, demotes, reduces in rank, seniority, status, pay, or performance of efficiency rating, denies promotion to, relocates, reassigns, transfers, disciplines, or discriminates in regard to any employment right, entitlement, or benefit, or any term or condition of employment of, any other officer or employee of the Federal Government, or attempts or threatens to commit any of the foregoing actions with respect to such other officer or employee, by reason of any communication or contact of such other officer or employee with any Member, committee, or subcommittee of the Congress as described in paragraph (1).

SEC. 623. Notwithstanding any provision of law, the President, or his designee, must certify to Congress, annually, that no person or persons with direct or indirect responsibility for administering the Executive Office of the President's Drug-Free Workplace Plan are themselves subject to a program of individual random drug testing.

SEC. 624. (a) None of the funds made available in this or any other Act may be obligated or expended for any employee training that—

(1) does not meet identified needs for knowledge, skills, and abilities bearing directly upon the performance of official duties;

(2) contains elements likely to induce high levels of emotional response or psychological stress in some participants;

(3) does not require prior employee notification of the content and methods to be used in the training and written end of course evaluation;

(4) contains any methods or content associated with religious or quasi-religious belief systems or "new age" belief systems as defined in Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Notice N-915.022, dated September 2, 1988; or

(5) is offensive to, or designed to change, participants' personal values or lifestyle outside the workplace.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit, restrict, or otherwise preclude an agency from conducting training bearing directly upon the performance of official duties.

SEC. 625. No funds appropriated in this or any other Act for fiscal year 2001 may be used to implement or enforce the agreements in Standard Forms 312 and 4414 of the Government or any other nondisclosure policy, form, or agreement if such policy, form, or agreement does not contain the following provisions: "These restrictions are consistent with and do not supersede, conflict with, or otherwise alter the employee obligations, rights, or liabilities created by Executive Order No. 12958; section 7211 of title 5, United States Code (governing disclosures to Congress); section 1034 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by the Military Whistleblower Protection Act (governing disclosure to Congress by members of the military); section 2302(b)(8) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by the Whistleblower Protection Act (governing disclosures of illegality, waste, fraud, abuse or public health or safety threats); the Intelligence Identities Protection Act of 1982 (50 U.S.C. 421 et seq.) (governing disclosures that could expose confidential Government agents); and the statutes which protect against disclosure that may compromise the national security, including sections 641, 793, 794, 798, and 952 of title 18, United States Code, and section 4(b) of the Subversive Activities Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 783(b)). The definitions, requirements, obligations, rights, sanctions, and liabilities created by said Executive order and listed statutes are incorporated into this agreement and are controlling." *Provided*, That notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, a nondisclosure policy form or agreement that is to be executed by a person connected with the conduct of an intelligence or intelligence-related activity, other than an employee or officer of the United States Government, may contain provisions appropriate to the particular activity for which such document is to be used. Such form or agreement shall, at a minimum, require that the person will not disclose any classified information received in the course of such activity unless specifically authorized to do so by the United States Government. Such nondisclosure forms shall also make it clear that they do not bar disclosures to Congress or to an authorized official of an executive agency or the Department of Justice that are essential to reporting a substantial violation of law.

SEC. 626. No part of any funds appropriated in this or any other Act shall be used by an agency of the executive branch, other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for publicity or propaganda purposes, and for the preparation, distribution or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, radio, television or film presentation designed to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress, except in presentation to the Congress itself.

SEC. 627. (a) IN GENERAL.—For calendar year 2002 and each year thereafter, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall prepare and submit to Congress, with the budget submitted under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, an accounting statement and associated report containing—

(1) an estimate of the total annual costs and benefits (including quantifiable and non-quantifiable effects) of Federal rules and paperwork, to the extent feasible—

(A) in the aggregate;

(B) by agency and agency program; and

(C) by major rule;

(2) an analysis of impacts of Federal regulation on State, local, and tribal government, small business, wages, and economic growth; and

(3) recommendations for reform.

(b) NOTICE.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall provide public notice and an opportunity to comment on

the statement and report under subsection (a) before the statement and report are submitted to Congress.

(c) GUIDELINES.—To implement this section, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall issue guidelines to agencies to standardize—

(1) measures of costs and benefits; and

(2) the format of accounting statements.

(d) PEER REVIEW.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall provide for independent and external peer review of the guidelines and each accounting statement and associated report under this section. Such peer review shall not be subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

SEC. 628. None of the funds appropriated by this Act or any other Act, may be used by an agency to provide a Federal employee's home address to any labor organization except when the employee has authorized such disclosure or when such disclosure has been ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 629. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to establish scientific certification standards for explosives detection canines, and shall provide, on a reimbursable basis, for the certification of explosives detection canines employed by Federal agencies, or other agencies providing explosives detection services at airports in the United States.

SEC. 630. None of the funds made available in this Act or any other Act may be used to provide any non-public information such as mailing or telephone lists to any person or any organization outside of the Federal Government without the approval of the Committees on Appropriations.

SEC. 631. No part of any appropriation contained in this or any other Act shall be used for publicity or propaganda purposes within the United States not heretofore authorized by the Congress.

SEC. 632. (a) In this section the term "agency"—

(1) means an Executive agency as defined under section 105 of title 5, United States Code;

(2) includes a military department as defined under section 102 of such title, the Postal Service, and the Postal Rate Commission; and

(3) shall not include the General Accounting Office.

(b) Unless authorized in accordance with law or regulations to use such time for other purposes, an employee of an agency shall use official time in an honest effort to perform official duties. An employee not under a leave system, including a Presidential appointee exempted under section 6301(2) of title 5, United States Code, has an obligation to expend an honest effort and a reasonable proportion of such employee's time in the performance of official duties.

SEC. 633. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used to enter into or renew a contract which includes a provision providing prescription drug coverage, except where the contract also includes a provision for contraceptive coverage.

(b) Nothing in this section shall apply to a contract with—

(1) any of the following religious plans:

(A) Providence Health Plan;

(B) Personal Care's HMO;

(C) Care Choices;

(D) OSF Health Plans, Inc.;

(E) Yellowstone Community Health Plan; and

(2) any existing or future plan, if the carrier for the plan objects to such coverage on the basis of religious beliefs.

(c) In implementing this section, any plan that enters into or renews a contract under this section may not subject any individual

to discrimination on the basis that the individual refuses to prescribe or otherwise provide for contraceptives because such activities would be contrary to the individual's religious beliefs or moral convictions.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require coverage of abortion or abortion-related services.

SEC. 634. Notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 1346 and section 610 of this Act, funds made available for fiscal year 2001 by this or any other Act to any department or agency, which is a member of the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP), shall be available to finance an appropriate share of JFMIP administrative costs, as determined by the JFMIP, but not to exceed a total of \$800,000 including the salary of the Executive Director and staff support.

SEC. 635. Notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 1346 and section 610 of this Act, the head of each Executive department and agency is hereby authorized to transfer to the "Policy and Operations" account, General Services Administration, with the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, funds made available for fiscal year 2001 by this or any other Act, including rebates from charge card and other contracts. These funds shall be administered by the Administrator of General Services to support Government-wide financial, information technology, procurement, and other management innovations, initiatives, and activities, as approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the appropriate interagency groups designated by the Director (including the Chief Financial Officers Council and the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program for financial management initiatives and the Chief Information Officers Council for information technology initiatives and the Procurement Executives Council for procurement initiatives). The total funds transferred shall not exceed \$17,000,000. Such transfers may only be made 15 days following notification of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SEC. 636. (a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with regulations promulgated by the Office of Personnel Management, an Executive agency which provides or proposes to provide child care services for Federal employees may use appropriated funds (otherwise available to such agency for salaries) to provide child care, in a Federal or leased facility, or through contract, for civilian employees of such agency.

(b) AFFORDABILITY.—Amounts so provided with respect to any such facility or contractor shall be applied to improve the affordability of child care for lower income Federal employees using or seeking to use the child care services offered by such facility or contractor.

(c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term "Executive agency" has the meaning given such term by section 105 of title 5, United States Code, but does not include the General Accounting Office.

(d) NOTIFICATION.—None of the funds made available in this or any other Act may be used to implement the provisions of this section absent advance notification to the Committees on Appropriations.

SEC. 637. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a woman may breastfeed her child at any location in a Federal building or on Federal property, if the woman and her child are otherwise authorized to be present at the location.

SEC. 638. FEDERAL FUNDS IDENTIFIED. Any request for proposals, solicitation, grant application, form, notification, press release, or other publications involving the distribution of Federal funds shall indicate the agen-

cy providing the funds and the amount provided. This provision shall apply to direct payments, formula funds, and grants received by a State receiving Federal funds.

SEC. 639. NATIONAL HEALTH MUSEUM PROPERTY. (a) SHORT TITLE AND PURPOSE.—

(1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "National Health Museum Site Selection Act".

(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to further section 703 of the National Health Museum Development Act (20 U.S.C. 50 note; Public Law 105-78), which provides that the National Health Museum shall be located on or near the Mall on land owned by the Federal Government or the District of Columbia.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term "Administrator" means the Administrator of General Services.

(2) MUSEUM.—The term "Museum" means the National Health Museum, Inc., a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation exempt from Federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(3) PROPERTY.—The term "property" means—

(A) a parcel of land identified as Lot 24 and a closed interior alley in Square 579 in the District of Columbia, generally bounded by 2nd, 3rd, C, and D Streets, S.W.; and

(B) all improvements on and appurtenances to the land and alley.

(c) CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall convey to the Museum all rights, title, and interest of the United States in and to the property.

(2) PURPOSE OF CONVEYANCE.—The purpose of the conveyance is to provide a site for the construction and operation of a new building to serve as the National Health Museum, including associated office, educational, conference center, visitor and community services, and other space and facilities appropriate to promote knowledge and understanding of health issues.

(3) DATE OF CONVEYANCE.—

(A) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Museum shall notify the Administrator in writing of the date on which the Museum will accept conveyance of the property.

(B) DATE.—The date of conveyance shall be—

(i) not less than 270 days and not more than 1 year after the date of the notice; but

(ii) not earlier than April 1, 2001, unless the Administrator and the Museum agree to an earlier date.

(C) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO NOTIFY.—If the Museum fails to provide the notice to the Administrator by the date described in subparagraph (A), the Museum shall have no further right to the property.

(4) QUITCLAIM DEED.—The property shall be conveyed to the Museum vacant and by quitclaim deed.

(5) PURCHASE PRICE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The purchase price for the property shall be the fair market value of the property as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(B) TIMING; APPRAISERS.—The determination of fair market value shall be made not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act by qualified appraisers jointly selected by the Administrator and the Museum.

(D) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Promptly upon the determination of the purchase price, and in any event at least sixty days in advance of the conveyance of the property, the Administrator shall report to Congress as to the purchase price.

(E) DEPOSIT OF PURCHASE PRICE.—The Administrator shall deposit the purchase price

into the Federal Buildings Fund established by section 210(f) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 490(f)).

(d) REVERSIONARY INTEREST IN THE UNITED STATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The property shall revert to the United States if—

(A) during the 50-year period beginning on the date of conveyance of the property, the property is used for a purpose not authorized by subsection (c)(2);

(B) during the 3-year period beginning on the date of conveyance of the property, the Museum does not commence construction on the property, other than for a reason not within the control of the Museum; or

(C) the Museum ceases to be exempt from Federal income taxation as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(2) REPAYMENT.—If the property reverts to the United States, the United States shall repay the Museum the full purchase price for the property, without interest.

(e) AUTHORITY OF MUSEUM OVER PROPERTY.—The Museum may—

(1) demolish or renovate any existing or future improvement on the property;

(2) build, own, operate, and maintain new improvements on the property;

(3) finance and mortgage the property on customary terms and conditions; and

(4) manage the property in furtherance of this section.

(f) LAND USE APPROVALS.—

(1) EFFECT ON OTHER AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of the National Capital Planning Commission or the Commission of Fine Arts.

(2) COOPERATION CONCERNING ZONING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The United States shall cooperate with the Museum with respect to any zoning or other matter relating to—

(i) the development or improvement of the property; or

(ii) the demolition of any improvement on the property as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(B) ZONING APPLICATIONS.—Cooperation under subparagraph (A) shall include making, joining in, or consenting to any application required to facilitate the zoning of the property.

(g) ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS.—Costs of remediation of any environmental hazards existing on the property, including all asbestos-containing materials, shall be borne by the United States. Environmental remediation shall commence immediately upon the vacancy of the building and shall be completed not later than 270 days from the date of the notice to the Administrator described in subsection (c)(3)(A).

(h) REPORTS.—Following the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date that the National Health Museum opens to the public, the Museum shall submit annual reports to the Administrator and Congress, regarding the status of planning, development, and construction of the National Health Museum.

SEC. 640. MANDATORY REMOVAL FROM EMPLOYMENT OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS CONVICTED OF FELONIES. (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 73 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding after subchapter VI the following:

"SUBCHAPTER VII—MANDATORY REMOVAL FROM EMPLOYMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

"§ 7371. Mandatory removal from employment of law enforcement officers convicted of felonies

"(a) In this section, the term—

"(1) 'conviction date' means the date on which an agency has notice of the date on

which a conviction of a felony is entered by a Federal or State court, regardless of whether that conviction is appealed or is subject to appeal; and

“(2) ‘law enforcement officer’ has the meaning given that term under section 8331(20) or 8401(17).

“(b) Any law enforcement officer who is convicted of a felony shall be removed from employment without regard to chapter 75 on the last day of the first applicable pay period following the conviction date.

“(c) This section does not prohibit the removal from employment before a conviction date.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 73 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding after the item relating to section 7363 the following:

“SUBCHAPTER VI—MANDATORY REMOVAL FROM EMPLOYMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

“7551. Mandatory removal from employment of law enforcement officers convicted of felonies.”.

SEC. 641. (a) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—The table under section 8334(c) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the matter relating to an employee by striking:

“7.5 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.

7 After December 31, 2002.”

and inserting the following:

“7 After December 31, 2000.”;

(2) in the matter relating to a Member or employee for Congressional employee service by striking:

“8 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.

7.5 After December 31, 2002.”

and inserting the following:

“7.5 After December 31, 2000.”;

(3) in the matter relating to a Member for Member service by striking:

“8.5 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.

8 After December 31, 2002.”

and inserting the following:

“8 After December 31, 2000.”;

(4) in the matter relating to a law enforcement officer for law enforcement service and firefighter for firefighter service by striking:

“8 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.

7.5 After December 31, 2002.”

and inserting the following:

“7.5 After December 31, 2000.”;

(5) in the matter relating to a bankruptcy judge by striking:

“8.5 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.

8 After December 31, 2002.”

and inserting the following:

“8 After December 31, 2000.”;

(6) in the matter relating to a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for service as a judge of that court by striking:

“8.5 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.

8 After December 31, 2002.”

and inserting the following:

“8 After December 31, 2000.”;

(7) in the matter relating to a United States magistrate by striking:

“8.5 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.

8 After December 31, 2002.”

and inserting the following:

“8 After December 31, 2000.”;

(8) in the matter relating to a Court of Federal Claims judge by striking:

“8.5 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.

8 After December 31, 2002.”

and inserting the following:

“8 After December 31, 2000.”;

(9) in the matter relating to a member of the Capitol Police by striking:

“8 January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2002.

7.5 After December 31, 2002.”

and inserting the following:

“7.5 After December 31, 2000.”;

and

(10) in the matter relating to a nuclear materials courier by striking:

“8 January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2002.

7.5 After December 31, 2002.”

and inserting the following:

“7.5 After December 31, 2000.”.

(b) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8422(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3) The applicable percentage under this paragraph for civilian service shall be as follows:

“Employee 7 January 1, 1987, to December 31, 1998.

7.25 January 1, 1999, to December 31, 1999.

7.4 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.

7 After December 31, 2000.

Congressional employee. 7.5 January 1, 1987, to December 31, 1998.

7.75 January 1, 1999, to December 31, 1999.

7.9 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.

7.5 After December 31, 2000.

Member 7.5 January 1, 1987, to December 31, 1998.

7.75 January 1, 1999, to December 31, 1999.

7.9 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.

7.5 After December 31, 2000.

Law enforcement officer, firefighter, member of the Capitol Police, or air traffic controller. 7.5 January 1, 1987, to December 31, 1998.

7.75 January 1, 1999, to December 31, 1999.

7.9 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.

7.5 After December 31, 2000.

7 January 1, 1987, to October 16, 1998.

7.5 October 17, 1998, to December 31, 1998.

7.75 January 1, 1999, to December 31, 1999.

7.9 January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2000.

7.5 After December 31, 2000.”.

(2) MILITARY SERVICE.—Section 8422(e)(6) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “and” after the semicolon;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “; and” and inserting a period; and

(C) by striking subparagraph (C).

(3) VOLUNTEER SERVICE.—Section 8422(f)(4) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “and” after the semicolon;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “; and” and inserting a period; and

(C) by striking subparagraph (C).

(c) CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY SYSTEM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7001(c)(2) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (50 U.S.C. 2021 note) is amended—

(A) in the matter before the colon, by striking “December 31, 2002” and inserting “December 31, 2000”; and

(B) in the matter after the colon, by striking all that follows “December 31, 2000.”.

(2) MILITARY SERVICE.—Section 252(h)(1)(A) of the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act (50 U.S.C. 2082(h)(1)(A)), is amended—

(A) in the matter before the colon, by striking “December 31, 2002” and inserting “December 31, 2000”; and

(B) in the matter after the colon, by striking all that follows “December 31, 2000.”.

(d) FOREIGN SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY SYSTEM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7001(d)(2) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (22 U.S.C. 4045 note) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the matter before the colon, by striking “December 31, 2002” and inserting “December 31, 2000”; and

(ii) in the matter after the colon, by striking all that follows “December 31, 2000.”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in the matter before the colon, by striking “December 31, 2002” and inserting “December 31, 2000”; and

(ii) in the matter after the colon, by striking all that follows “December 31, 2000.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 805(d)(1) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4045(d)(1)) is amended, in the table in the matter following subparagraph (B), by striking:

“January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2002, inclusive. 7.5
After December 31, 2002 7”

and inserting the following:

“After December 31, 2000 7”.

(e) FOREIGN SERVICE PENSION SYSTEM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 856(a)(2) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4071e(a)(2)) is amended by striking all that follows “December 31, 2000.” and inserting the following:

“7.5 After December 31, 2000.”.

(2) VOLUNTEER SERVICE.—Section 854(c)(1) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4071c(c)(1)) is amended—

(A) in the matter before the colon, by striking “December 31, 2002” and inserting “December 31, 2000”; and

(B) in the matter after the colon, by striking all that follows “December 31, 2000.”.

(f) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding section 8334 (a)(1) or (k)(1) of title 5, United States Code, during the period beginning on October 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, each employing agency (other than the United States Postal Service or the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority) shall contribute—

(1) 7.5 percent of the basic pay of an employee;

(2) 8 percent of the basic pay of a congressional employee, a law enforcement officer, a member of the Capitol police, a firefighter, or a nuclear materials courier; and

(3) 8.5 percent of the basic pay of a Member of Congress, a Court of Federal Claims judge, a United States magistrate, a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, or a bankruptcy judge; in lieu of the agency contributions otherwise required under section 8334(a)(1) of such title 5.

(g) CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding section 211(a)(2) of the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act (50 U.S.C. 2021(a)(2)), during the period beginning on October 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, the Central Intelligence Agency shall contribute 7.5 percent of the basic pay of an employee participating in the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System in lieu of the agency contribution otherwise required under section 211(a)(2) of such Act.

(h) FOREIGN SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY SYSTEM.—Notwithstanding any provision of section 805(a) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4045(a)), during the period beginning on October 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, each agency employing a participant in the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System shall contribute to the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability Fund—

(1) 7.5 percent of the basic pay of each participant covered under section 805(a)(1) of such Act participating in the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System; and

(2) 8 percent of the basic pay of each participant covered under paragraph (2) or (3) of section 805(a) of such Act participating in the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System; in lieu of the agency contribution otherwise required under section 805(a) of such Act.

(i) The amendments made by this section shall take effect upon the close of calendar year 2000, and shall apply thereafter.

This Act may be cited as the “Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001”.

BOXER (AND BAUCUS) AMENDMENT NO. 4308

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 4635, *supra*; as follows:

On page 103, strike the first three lines.
On page 138, strike section 427.

BOXER (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4309

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. KERRY) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 4635, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following:

SEC. (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) more than one-eighth of all sites listed on the Superfund National Priorities List are river and ocean water sites where sediment is contaminated with PCBs, dioxins, DDT, metals and other toxic chemicals;

(2) toxic chemicals like PCBs, dioxins, DDT and metals tend to be less soluble, and more environmentally persistent pollutants;

(3) toxic chemicals like PCBs, dioxins, DDT and metals polluting river and ocean sites around the nation may pose threats to public health, safety and the environment.

(b) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that the Environmental Protection Agency should move swiftly to clean up river and ocean sites around the nation that have been contaminated with PCBs, DDT, dioxins, metals and other toxic chemicals in order to protect the public health, safety and the environment.

STEVENS AMENDMENT NO. 4310

Mr. STEVENS proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 4635, *supra*; as follows:

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SEC. In lieu of a statement of the managers that would otherwise accompany a conference report for a bill making appropriations for federal agencies and activities provided for in this Act, reports that are filed in identical form by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations prior to adjournment of the 106th Congress shall be considered by the Office of Management and Budget, and the agencies responsible for the obligation and expenditure of funds provided in this Act, as having the same standing, force and legislative history as would a statement of the managers accompanying a conference report.

UNITED STATES GRAIN STANDARDS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2000

LUGAR AMENDMENT NO. 4311

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. LUGAR) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 4788 to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees to cover the cost of services performed under the Act, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Act, and to improve the administration of the Act; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Grain Standards and Warehouse Improvement Act of 2000”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—GRAIN STANDARDS

Sec. 101. Sampling for export grain.

Sec. 102. Geographic boundaries for official agencies.

Sec. 103. Authorization to collect fees.

Sec. 104. Testing of equipment.

Sec. 105. Limitation on administrative and supervisory costs.

Sec. 106. Licenses and authorizations.

Sec. 107. Grain additives.

Sec. 108. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 109. Advisory committee.

Sec. 110. Conforming amendments.

TITLE II—WAREHOUSES

Sec. 201. Storage of agricultural products in warehouses.

Sec. 202. Regulations.

TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 301. Energy generation, transmission, and distribution facilities efficiency grants and loans in rural communities with extremely high energy costs.

Sec. 302. Carry forward adjustment.

Sec. 303. Fees and penalties for mediation and arbitration of disputes involving agricultural products moving in foreign commerce under multinational entities.

Sec. 304. Community facilities grant program for rural communities with extreme unemployment and severe economic depression.

Sec. 305. Community facilities grant program for rural communities with high levels of out-migration or loss of population.

Sec. 306. State agricultural mediation programs.

Sec. 307. Adjustments to nutrition programs.

Sec. 308. Authorization for Secretary of Agriculture to purchase and transfer land.

Sec. 309. Extension of time period for filing certain complaints alleging preparation of false inspection certificates.

Sec. 310. International food relief partnership.

TITLE I—GRAIN STANDARDS

SEC. 101. SAMPLING FOR EXPORT GRAIN.

Section 5(a)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 77(a)(1)) is amended by striking “(on the basis)” and all that follows through “from the United States”).

SEC. 102. GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES FOR OFFICIAL AGENCIES.

(a) INSPECTION AUTHORITY.—Section 7(f) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79(f)) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES FOR OFFICIAL AGENCIES.—Not more than 1 official agency designated under paragraph (1) or State delegated authority under subsection (e)(2) to carry out the inspection provisions of this Act shall be operative at the same time in any geographic area defined by the Secretary, except that, if the Secretary determines that the presence of more than 1 designated official agency in the same geographic area will not undermine the policy stated in section 2, the Secretary may—

“(A) allow more than 1 designated official agency to carry out inspections within the same geographical area as part of a pilot program; and

“(B) allow a designated official agency to cross boundary lines to carry out inspections in another geographic area if the Secretary also determines that—

“(i) the current designated official agency for that geographic area is unable to provide inspection services in a timely manner;

“(ii) a person requesting inspection services in that geographic area has not been receiving official inspection services from the current designated official agency for that geographic area; or

“(iii) a person requesting inspection services in that geographic area requests a probe inspection on a barge-lot basis.”.

(b) WEIGHING AUTHORITY.—Section 7A(i) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79a(i)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(i) No” and inserting the following:

“(i) UNAUTHORIZED WEIGHING PROHIBITED.—“(1) IN GENERAL.—No”;

(2) by striking the second sentence; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES FOR OFFICIAL AGENCIES.—Not more than 1 designated official agency referred to in paragraph (1) or State agency delegated authority pursuant to subsection (c)(2) to carry out the weighing provisions of this Act shall be operative at the same time in any geographic area defined by the Secretary, except that, if the Secretary determines that the presence of more than 1 designated official agency in the same geographic area will not undermine the policy stated in section 2, the Secretary may—

“(A) allow more than 1 designated official agency to carry out the weighing provisions within the same geographical area as part of a pilot program; and

“(B) allow a designated official agency to cross boundary lines to carry out the weighing provisions in another geographic area if the Secretary also determines that—

“(i) the current designated official agency for that geographic area is unable to provide the weighing services in a timely manner; or

“(ii) a person requesting weighing services in that geographic area has not been receiving official weighing services from the current designated official agency for that geographic area.”

SEC. 103. AUTHORIZATION TO COLLECT FEES.

(a) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISORY FEES.—Section 7(j)(4) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79(j)(4)) is amended in the first sentence by striking “2000” and inserting “2005”.

(b) WEIGHING AND SUPERVISORY FEES.—Section 7A(1)(3) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79a(1)(3)) is amended in the first sentence by striking “2000” and inserting “2005”.

SEC. 104. TESTING OF EQUIPMENT.

Section 7B(a) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79b(a)) is amended in the first sentence by striking “but at least annually and”.

SEC. 105. LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY COSTS.

Section 7D of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79d) is amended—

(1) by striking “2000” and inserting “2005”; and

(2) by striking “40 per centum” and inserting “30 percent”.

SEC. 106. LICENSES AND AUTHORIZATIONS.

Section 8(a)(3) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 84(a)(3)) is amended by inserting “inspection, weighing,” after “laboratory testing.”.

SEC. 107. GRAIN ADDITIVES.

Section 13(e)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 87b(e)(1)) is amended by inserting “, or prohibit disguising the quality of grain,” after “sound and pure grain”.

SEC. 108. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 19 of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 87h) is amended by striking “2000” and inserting “2005”.

SEC. 109. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Section 21(e) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 87j(e)) is amended by striking “2000” and inserting “2005”.

SEC. 110. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) Section 8 of the United States Grain Standards Act of 1976 (7 U.S.C. 79 note; Public Law 94-582) is amended—

(1) by striking “(a)”; and

(2) by striking subsection (b).

(b) Sections 23, 24, and 25 of the United States Grain Standards Act of 1976 (7 U.S.C. 87e-1, 7 U.S.C. 76 note; Public Law 94-582) are repealed.

(c) Section 27 of the United States Grain Standards Act of 1976 (7 U.S.C. 74 note; Public Law 94-582) is amended by striking “; and thereafter” and all that follows and inserting a period.

SEC. 111. SPECIAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR CERTAIN EXPIRED PROVISIONS.

The amendments made by sections 103, 105, 108, and 109 shall take effect as if enacted on September 30, 2000.

TITLE II—WAREHOUSES

SEC. 201. STORAGE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN WAREHOUSES.

The United States Warehouse Act (7 U.S.C. 241 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

“This Act may be cited as the ‘United States Warehouse Act’.

“SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

“In this Act:

“(1) AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT.—The term ‘agricultural product’ means an agricultural commodity, as determined by the Secretary, including a processed product of an agricultural commodity.

“(2) APPROVAL.—The term ‘approval’ means the consent provided by the Secretary for a person to engage in an activity authorized by this Act.

“(3) DEPARTMENT.—The term ‘Department’ means the Department of Agriculture.

“(4) ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT.—The term ‘electronic document’ means a document that is generated, sent, received, or stored by electronic, optical, or similar means, including electronic data interchange, electronic mail, telegram, telex, or telecopy.

“(5) ELECTRONIC RECEIPT.—The term ‘electronic receipt’ means a receipt that is authorized by the Secretary to be issued or transmitted under this Act in the form of an electronic document.

“(6) HOLDER.—The term ‘holder’ means a person that has possession in fact or by operation of law of a receipt or any electronic document.

“(7) PERSON.—The term ‘person’ means—

“(A) a person (as defined in section 1 of title 1, United States Code);

“(B) a State; and

“(C) a political subdivision of a State.

“(8) RECEIPT.—The term ‘receipt’ means a warehouse receipt issued in accordance with this Act, including an electronic receipt.

“(9) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Agriculture.

“(10) WAREHOUSE.—The term ‘warehouse’ means a structure or other approved storage facility, as determined by the Secretary, in which any agricultural product may be stored or handled for the purposes of interstate or foreign commerce.

“(11) WAREHOUSE OPERATOR.—The term ‘warehouse operator’ means a person that is lawfully engaged in the business of storing or handling agricultural products.

“SEC. 3. POWERS OF SECRETARY.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall have exclusive power, jurisdiction, and authority, to the extent that this Act applies, with respect to—

“(1) each warehouse operator licensed under this Act;

“(2) each person that has obtained an approval to engage in an activity under this Act; and

“(3) each person claiming an interest in an agricultural product by means of a document or receipt subject to this Act.

“(b) COVERED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.—The Secretary shall specify, after an opportunity for notice and comment, those agricultural products for which a warehouse license may be issued under this Act.

“(c) INVESTIGATIONS.—The Secretary may investigate the storing, warehousing, classifying according to grade and otherwise, weighing, and certifying of agricultural products.

“(d) INSPECTIONS.—The Secretary may inspect or cause to be inspected any person or warehouse licensed under this Act and any

warehouse for which a license is applied for under this Act.

“(e) SUITABILITY FOR STORAGE.—The Secretary may determine whether a licensed warehouse, or a warehouse for which a license is applied for under this Act, is suitable for the proper storage of the agricultural product or products stored or proposed for storage in the warehouse.

“(f) CLASSIFICATION.—The Secretary may classify a licensed warehouse, or a warehouse for which a license is applied for under this Act, in accordance with the ownership, location, surroundings, capacity, conditions, and other qualities of the warehouse and as to the kinds of licenses issued or that may be issued for the warehouse under this Act.

“(g) WAREHOUSE OPERATOR’S DUTIES.—Subject to the other provisions of this Act, the Secretary may prescribe the duties of a warehouse operator operating a warehouse licensed under this Act with respect to the warehouse operator’s care of and responsibility for agricultural products stored or handled by the warehouse operator.

“(h) SYSTEMS FOR ELECTRONIC CONVEYANCE.—

“(1) REGULATIONS GOVERNING ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary may promulgate regulations governing 1 or more electronic systems under which electronic receipts may be issued and transferred and other electronic documents relating to the shipment, payment, and financing of the sale of agricultural products may be issued or transferred.

“(2) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary shall not have the authority under this Act to establish—

“(A) 1 or more central filing systems for the filing of financing statements or the filing of the notice of financing statements; or

“(B) rules to determine security interests of persons affected by this Act.

“(i) EXAMINATION AND AUDITS.—In addition to the authority provided under subsection (1), on request of the person, State agency, or commodity exchange, the Secretary may conduct an examination, audit, or similar activity with respect to—

“(1) any person that is engaged in the business of storing an agricultural product that is subject to this Act;

“(2) any State agency that regulates the storage of an agricultural product by such a person; or

“(3) any commodity exchange with regulatory authority over the storage of agricultural products that are subject to this Act.

“(j) LICENSES FOR OPERATION OF WAREHOUSES.—The Secretary may issue to any warehouse operator a license for the operation of a warehouse in accordance with this Act if—

“(1) the Secretary determines that the warehouse is suitable for the proper storage of the agricultural product or products stored or proposed for storage in the warehouse; and

“(2) the warehouse operator agrees, as a condition of the license, to comply with this Act (including regulations promulgated under this Act).

“(k) LICENSING OF OTHER PERSONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—On presentation of satisfactory proof of competency to carry out the activities described in this paragraph, the Secretary may issue to any person a Federal license—

“(A) to inspect any agricultural product stored or handled in a warehouse subject to this Act;

“(B) to sample such an agricultural product;

“(C) to classify such an agricultural product according to condition, grade, or other class and certify the condition, grade, or other class of the agricultural product; or

“(D) to weigh such an agricultural product and certify the weight of the agricultural product.

“(2) **CONDITION.**—As a condition of a license issued under paragraph (1), the licensee shall agree to comply with this Act (including regulations promulgated under this Act).

“(1) **EXAMINATION OF BOOKS, RECORDS, PAPERS, AND ACCOUNTS.**—The Secretary may examine and audit, using designated officers, employees, or agents of the Department, all books, records, papers, and accounts relating to activities subject to this Act of—

“(1) a warehouse operator operating a warehouse licensed under this Act;

“(2) a person operating a system for the electronic recording and transfer of receipts and other documents authorized by the Secretary; or

“(3) any other person issuing receipts or electronic documents authorized by the Secretary under this Act.

“(m) **COOPERATION WITH STATES.**—The Secretary may—

“(1) cooperate with officers and employees of a State who administer or enforce State laws relating to warehouses, warehouse operators, weighers, graders, inspectors, samplers, or classifiers; and

“(2) enter into cooperative agreements with States to perform activities authorized under this Act.

“SEC. 4. IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF FEES.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall assess persons covered by this Act fees to cover the costs of administering this Act.

“(b) **RATES.**—The fees under this section shall be set at a rate determined by the Secretary.

“(c) **TREATMENT OF FEES.**—All fees collected under this section shall be credited to the account that incurs the costs of administering this Act and shall be available to the Secretary without further appropriation and without fiscal year limitation.

“(d) **INTEREST.**—Funds collected under this section may be deposited in an interest-bearing account with a financial institution, and any interest earned on the account shall be credited under subsection (c).

“(e) **EFFICIENCIES AND COST EFFECTIVENESS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall seek to minimize the fees established under this section by improving efficiencies and reducing costs, including the efficient use of personnel to the extent practicable and consistent with the effective implementation of this Act.

“(2) **REPORT.**—The Secretary shall publish an annual report on the actions taken by the Secretary to comply with paragraph (1).

“SEC. 5. QUALITY AND VALUE STANDARDS.

“If standards for the evaluation or determination of the quality or value of an agricultural product are not established under another Federal law, the Secretary may establish standards for the evaluation or determination of the quality or value of the agricultural product under this Act.

“SEC. 6. BONDING AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—As a condition of receiving a license or approval under this Act (including regulations promulgated under this Act), the person applying for the license or approval shall execute and file with the Secretary a bond, or provide such other financial assurance as the Secretary determines appropriate, to secure the person's performance of the activities so licensed or approved.

“(b) **SERVICE OF PROCESS.**—To qualify as a suitable bond or other financial assurance under subsection (a), the surety, sureties, or financial institution shall be subject to service of process in suits on the bond or other fi-

nancial assurance in the State, district, or territory in which the warehouse is located.

“(c) **ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES.**—If the Secretary determines that a previously approved bond or other financial assurance is insufficient, the Secretary may suspend or revoke the license or approval covered by the bond or other financial assurance if the person that filed the bond or other financial assurance does not provide such additional bond or other financial assurance as the Secretary determines appropriate.

“(d) **THIRD PARTY ACTIONS.**—Any person injured by the breach of any obligation arising under this Act for which a bond or other financial assurance has been obtained as required by this section may sue with respect to the bond or other financial assurance in a district court of the United States to recover the damages that the person sustained as a result of the breach.

“SEC. 7. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS.

“To facilitate the administration of this Act, the following persons shall maintain such records and make such reports, as the Secretary may by regulation require:

“(1) A warehouse operator that is licensed under this Act.

“(2) A person operating a system for the electronic recording and transfer of receipts and other documents that are authorized under this Act.

“(3) Any other person engaged in the issuance of electronic receipts or the transfer of documents under this Act.

“SEC. 8. FAIR TREATMENT IN STORAGE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to the capacity of a warehouse, a warehouse operator shall deal, in a fair and reasonable manner, with persons storing, or seeking to store, an agricultural product in the warehouse if the agricultural product—

“(1) is of the kind, type, and quality customarily stored or handled in the area in which the warehouse is located;

“(2) is tendered to the warehouse operator in a suitable condition for warehousing; and

“(3) is tendered in a manner that is consistent with the ordinary and usual course of business.

“(b) **ALLOCATION.**—Nothing in this section prohibits a warehouse operator from entering into an agreement with a depositor of an agricultural product to allocate available storage space.

“SEC. 9. COMMINGLING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—A warehouse operator may commingle agricultural products in a manner approved by the Secretary.

“(b) **LIABILITY.**—A warehouse operator shall be severally liable to each depositor or holder for the care and redelivery of the share of the depositor and holder of the commingled agricultural product to the same extent and under the same circumstances as if the agricultural products had been stored separately.

“SEC. 10. TRANSFER OF STORED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In accordance with regulations promulgated under this Act, a warehouse operator may transfer a stored agricultural product from 1 warehouse to another warehouse for continued storage.

“(b) **CONTINUED DUTY.**—The warehouse operator from which agricultural products have been transferred under subsection (a) shall deliver to the rightful owner of such products, on request at the original warehouse, such products in the quantity and of the kind, quality, and grade called for by the receipt or other evidence of storage of the owner.

“SEC. 11. WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—At the request of the depositor of an agricultural product stored or

handled in a warehouse licensed under this Act, the warehouse operator shall issue a receipt to the depositor as prescribed by the Secretary.

“(b) **ACTUAL STORAGE REQUIRED.**—A receipt may not be issued under this section for an agricultural product unless the agricultural product is actually stored in the warehouse at the time of the issuance of the receipt.

“(c) **CONTENTS.**—Each receipt issued for an agricultural product stored or handled in a warehouse licensed under this Act shall contain such information, for each agricultural product covered by the receipt, as the Secretary may require by regulation.

“(d) **PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS.**—

“(1) **RECEIPTS.**—While a receipt issued under this Act is outstanding and uncanceled by the warehouse operator, an additional receipt may not be issued for the same agricultural product (or any portion of the same agricultural product) represented by the outstanding receipt, except as authorized by the Secretary.

“(2) **OTHER DOCUMENTS.**—If a document is transferred under this section, no duplicate document in any form may be transferred by any person with respect to the same agricultural product represented by the document, except as authorized by the Secretary.

“(e) **ELECTRONIC RECEIPTS AND ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS.**—Except as provided in section 3(h)(2), notwithstanding any other provision of Federal or State law:

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may promulgate regulations that authorize the issuance, recording, and transfer of electronic receipts, and the transfer of other electronic documents, in accordance with this subsection.

“(2) **ELECTRONIC RECEIPT OR ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT SYSTEMS.**—Electronic receipts may be issued, recorded, and transferred, and electronic documents may be transferred, under this subsection with respect to an agricultural product under, a system or systems maintained in 1 or more locations and approved by the Secretary in accordance with regulations issued under this Act.

“(3) **TREATMENT OF HOLDER.**—Any person designated as the holder of an electronic receipt or other electronic document issued or transferred under this Act shall, for the purpose of perfecting the security interest of the person under Federal or State law and for all other purposes, be considered to be in possession of the receipt or other electronic document.

“(4) **NONDISCRIMINATION.**—An electronic receipt issued, or other electronic document transferred, in accordance with this Act shall not be denied legal effect, validity, or enforceability on the ground that the information is generated, sent, received, or stored by electronic or similar means.

“(5) **SECURITY INTERESTS.**—If more than 1 security interest exists in the agricultural product that is the subject of an electronic receipt or other electronic document under this Act, the priority of the security interest shall be determined by the applicable Federal or State law.

“(6) **NO ELECTRONIC RECEIPT REQUIRED.**—A person shall not be required to issue in electronic form a receipt or document with respect to an agricultural product.

“(7) **OPTION FOR NON-FEDERALLY LICENSED WAREHOUSE OPERATORS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a warehouse operator not licensed under this Act may, at the option of the warehouse operator and in accordance with regulations established by the Secretary, issue electronic receipts and transfer other electronic documents in accordance with this Act.

“(8) **APPLICATION TO STATE-LICENSED WAREHOUSE OPERATORS.**—This subsection shall not

apply to a warehouse operator that is licensed under State law to store agricultural commodities in a warehouse in the State if the warehouse operator elects—

“(A) not to issue electronic receipts authorized under this subsection; or

“(B) to issue electronic receipts authorized under State law.

“SEC. 12. CONDITIONS FOR DELIVERY OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

“(a) **PROMPT DELIVERY.**—In the absence of a lawful excuse, a warehouse operator shall, without unnecessary delay, deliver the agricultural product stored or handled in the warehouse on a demand made by—

“(1) the holder of the receipt for the agricultural product; or

“(2) the person that deposited the product, if no receipt has been issued.

“(b) **PAYMENT TO ACCOMPANY DEMAND.**—Prior to delivery of the agricultural product, payment of the accrued charges associated with the storage of the agricultural product, including satisfaction of the warehouseman's lien, shall be made if requested by the warehouse operator.

“(c) **SURRENDER OF RECEIPT.**—When the holder of a receipt requests delivery of an agricultural product covered by the receipt, the holder shall surrender the receipt to the warehouse operator, in the manner prescribed by the Secretary, to obtain the agricultural product.

“(d) **CANCELLATION OF RECEIPT.**—A warehouse operator shall cancel each receipt returned to the warehouse operator upon the delivery of the agricultural product for which the receipt was issued.

“SEC. 13. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—After providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with this section, the Secretary may suspend or revoke any license issued, or approval for an activity provided, under this Act—

“(1) for a material violation of, or failure to comply, with any provision of this Act (including regulations promulgated under this Act); or

“(2) on the ground that unreasonable or exorbitant charges have been imposed for services rendered.

“(b) **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION.**—The Secretary may temporarily suspend a license or approval for an activity under this Act prior to an opportunity for a hearing for any violation of, or failure to comply with, any provision of this Act (including regulations promulgated under this Act).

“(c) **AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT HEARINGS.**—The agency within the Department that is responsible for administering regulations promulgated under this Act shall have exclusive authority to conduct any hearing required under this section.

“(d) **JUDICIAL REVIEW.**—

“(1) **JURISDICTION.**—A final administrative determination issued subsequent to a hearing may be reviewable only in a district court of the United States.

“(2) **PROCEDURE.**—The review shall be conducted in accordance with the standards set forth in section 706(2) of title 5, United States Code.

“SEC. 14. PUBLIC INFORMATION.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may release to the public the names, addresses, and locations of all persons—

“(1) that have been licensed under this Act or that have been approved to engage in an activity under this Act; and

“(2) with respect to which a license or approval has been suspended or revoked under section 13, the results of any investigation made or hearing conducted under this Act, including the reasons for the suspension or revocation.

“(b) **CONFIDENTIALITY.**—Except as otherwise provided by law, an officer, employee, or agent of the Department shall not divulge confidential business information obtained during a warehouse examination or other function performed as part of the duties of the officer, employee, or agent under this Act.

“SEC. 15. PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

“If a person fails to comply with any requirement of this Act (including regulations promulgated under this Act), the Secretary may assess, on the record after an opportunity for a hearing, a civil penalty—

“(1) of not more than \$25,000 per violation, if an agricultural product is not involved in the violation; or

“(2) of not more than 100 percent of the value of the agricultural product, if an agricultural product is involved in the violation.

“SEC. 16. JURISDICTION AND ARBITRATION.

“(a) **FEDERAL JURISDICTION.**—A district court of the United States shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any action brought under this Act without regard to the amount in controversy or the citizenship of the parties.

“(b) **ARBITRATION.**—Nothing in this Act prevents the enforceability of an agreement to arbitrate that would otherwise be enforceable under chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code.

“SEC. 17. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.”

SEC. 202. REGULATIONS.

(a) **PROPOSED REGULATIONS.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall publish in the Federal Register proposed regulations for carrying out the amendment made by section 201.

(b) **FINAL REGULATIONS.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall promulgate final regulations for carrying out the amendment made by section 201.

(c) **EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING ACT.**—The United States Warehouse Act (7 U.S.C. 241 et seq.) (as it existed before the amendment made by section 201) shall be effective until the earlier of—

(1) the date on which final regulations are promulgated under subsection (b); or

(2) August 1, 2001.

TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS

SEC. 301. ENERGY GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES EFFICIENCY GRANTS AND LOANS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES WITH EXTREMELY HIGH ENERGY COSTS.

Title I of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 19. ENERGY GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES EFFICIENCY GRANTS AND LOANS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES WITH EXTREMELY HIGH ENERGY COSTS.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, acting through the Rural Utilities Service, may—

“(1) in coordination with State rural development initiatives, make grants and loans to persons, States, political subdivisions of States, and other entities organized under the laws of States to acquire, construct, extend, upgrade, and otherwise improve energy generation, transmission, or distribution facilities serving communities in which the average residential expenditure for home energy is at least 275 percent of the national average residential expenditure for home energy (as determined by the Energy Information Agency using the most recent data available);

“(2) make grants and loans to the Denali Commission established by the Denali Com-

mission Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Public Law 105-277) to acquire, construct, extend, upgrade, and otherwise improve energy generation, transmission, or distribution facilities serving communities described in paragraph (1); and

“(3) make grants to State entities, in existence as of the date of enactment of this section, to establish and support a revolving fund to provide a more cost-effective means of purchasing fuel where the fuel cannot be shipped by means of surface transportation.

“(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and such sums as are necessary for each subsequent fiscal year.

“(2) **LIMITATION ON PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**—Not more than 4 percent of the amounts made available under paragraph (1) may be used for planning and administrative expenses.”

SEC. 302. CARRY FORWARD ADJUSTMENT.

The amendments made by section 204(b)(10)(A) of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 shall apply beginning with undermarketings of the 2001 crop of burley tobacco and with marketings of the 2002 crop of burley tobacco.

SEC. 303. FEES AND PENALTIES FOR MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES INVOLVING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS MOVING IN FOREIGN COMMERCE UNDER MULTINATIONAL ENTITIES.

Section 203(e) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(e)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(e) To” and inserting the following:

“(e) **DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MARKETS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—“To”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) **FEES AND PENALTIES.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary may assess and collect reasonable fees and late payment penalties to mediate and arbitrate disputes arising between parties in connection with transactions involving agricultural products moving in foreign commerce under the jurisdiction of a multinational entity.

“(B) **DEPOSIT.**—Fees and penalties collected under subparagraph (A) shall be deposited into the account that incurred the cost of providing the mediation or arbitration service.

“(C) **AVAILABILITY.**—Fees and penalties collected under subparagraph (A) shall be available to the Secretary without further Act of appropriation and shall remain available until expended to pay the expenses of the Secretary for providing mediation and arbitration services under this paragraph.

“(D) **NO REQUIREMENT FOR USE OF SERVICES.**—No person shall be required by the Secretary to use the mediation and arbitration services provided under this paragraph.”

SEC. 304. COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES WITH EXTREME UNEMPLOYMENT AND SEVERE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(20) **COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES WITH EXTREME UNEMPLOYMENT AND SEVERE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION.**—

“(A) **DEFINITION OF NOT EMPLOYED RATE.**—In this paragraph, the term ‘not employed rate’, with respect to a community, means the percentage of individuals over the age of 18 who reside within the community and who

are ready, willing, and able to be employed but are unable to find employment, as determined by the department of labor of the State in which the community is located.

“(B) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may make grants to associations, units of general local government, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)) in a State to provide the Federal share of the cost of developing specific essential community facilities in rural communities with respect to which the not employed rate is greater than the lesser of—

“(i) 500 percent of the average national unemployment rate on the date of enactment of this paragraph, as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; or

“(ii) 200 percent of the average national unemployment rate during the Great Depression, as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“(C) FEDERAL SHARE.—Paragraph (19)(B) shall apply to a grant made under this paragraph.

“(D) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this paragraph \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and such sums as are necessary for each subsequent fiscal year, of which not more than 5 percent of the amount made available for a fiscal year shall be available for community planning and implementation.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 381E(d)(1)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2009d(d)(1)(B)) is amended by striking “section 306(a)(19)” and inserting “paragraph (19) or (20) of section 306(a)”.

SEC. 305. COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH LEVELS OF OUT-MIGRATION OR LOSS OF POPULATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)) (as amended by section 304(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(21) COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH LEVELS OF OUT-MIGRATION OR LOSS OF POPULATION.—

“(A) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may make grants to associations, units of general local government, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)) in a State to provide the Federal share of the cost of developing specific essential community facilities in any geographic area—

“(i) that is represented by—

“(I) any political subdivision of a State;

“(II) an Indian tribe on a Federal or State reservation; or

“(III) other federally recognized Indian tribal group;

“(ii) that is located in a rural area (as defined in section 381A);

“(iii) with respect to which, during the most recent 5-year period, the net out-migration of inhabitants, or other population loss, from the area equals or exceeds 5 percent of the population of the area; and

“(iv) that has a median household income that is less than the nonmetropolitan median household income of the United States.

“(B) FEDERAL SHARE.—Paragraph (19)(B) shall apply to a grant made under this paragraph.

“(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this paragraph \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and such sums as are necessary for each subsequent fiscal year, of which not more than 5 percent of the amount made

available for a fiscal year shall be available for community planning and implementation.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 381E(d)(1)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2009d(d)(1)(B)) (as amended by section 304(b)) is amended by striking “paragraph (19) or (20)” and inserting “paragraph (19), (20), or (21)”.

SEC. 306. STATE AGRICULTURAL MEDIATION PROGRAMS.

(a) ELIGIBLE PERSON; MEDIATION SERVICES.—Section 501 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 5101) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

“(1) ISSUES COVERED.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—To be certified as a qualifying State, the mediation program of the State must provide mediation services to persons described in paragraph (2) that are involved in agricultural loans (regardless of whether the loans are made or guaranteed by the Secretary or made by a third party).

“(B) OTHER ISSUES.—The mediation program of a qualifying State may provide mediation services to persons described in paragraph (2) that are involved in 1 or more of the following issues under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture:

“(i) Wetlands determinations.

“(ii) Compliance with farm programs, including conservation programs.

“(iii) Agricultural credit.

“(iv) Rural water loan programs.

“(v) Grazing on National Forest System land.

“(vi) Pesticides.

“(vii) Such other issues as the Secretary considers appropriate.

“(2) PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDIATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the persons referred to in paragraph (1) include—

“(i) agricultural producers;

“(ii) creditors of producers (as applicable); and

“(iii) persons directly affected by actions of the Department of Agriculture.

“(B) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii) and section 503, a person may not be compelled to participate in mediation services provided under this Act.

“(ii) STATE LAWS.—Clause (i) shall not affect a State law requiring mediation before foreclosure on agricultural land or property.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) DEFINITION OF MEDIATION SERVICES.—In this section, the term ‘mediation services’, with respect to mediation or a request for mediation, may include all activities related to—

“(1) the intake and scheduling of cases;

“(2) the provision of background and selected information regarding the mediation process;

“(3) financial advisory and counseling services (as appropriate) performed by a person other than a State mediation program mediator; and

“(4) the mediation session.”.

(b) USE OF MEDIATION GRANTS.—Section 502(c) of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 5102(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Each” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Each”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES.—For purposes of paragraph (1), operation and administration expenses for which a grant may be used include—

“(A) salaries;

“(B) reasonable fees and costs of mediators;

“(C) office rent and expenses, such as utilities and equipment rental;

“(D) office supplies;

“(E) administrative costs, such as workers’ compensation, liability insurance, the employer’s share of Social Security, and necessary travel;

“(F) education and training;

“(G) security systems necessary to ensure the confidentiality of mediation sessions and records of mediation sessions;

“(H) costs associated with publicity and promotion of the mediation program;

“(I) preparation of the parties for mediation; and

“(J) financial advisory and counseling services for parties requesting mediation.”.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 506 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 5106) is amended by striking “2000” and inserting “2005”.

SEC. 307. ADJUSTMENTS TO NUTRITION PROGRAMS.

(a) PAYMENT OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REMOVAL OF COMMODITIES THAT POSE A HEALTH OR SAFETY RISK.—Section 15(e) of the Commodity Distribution Reform Act and WIC Amendments of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 612c note; Public Law 100-237) is amended by striking “2000” and inserting “2003”.

(b) SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN.—

(1) COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF UNIFORMED SERVICES.—Section 17(d)(2)(B)(ii) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)(B)(ii)) is amended by striking “continental” and inserting “contiguous States of the”.

(2) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.—Effective October 1, 2000, section 17(r)(1) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(r)(1)) is amended by striking “at least 20 local agencies” and inserting “not more than 20 local agencies”.

(c) CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM.—

(1) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766) is amended—

(A) by striking the section heading and all that follows through “SEC. 17.” and inserting the following:

“SEC. 17. CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM.”;

and

(B) in subsection (a)(6)(C)(ii), by striking “and” at the end.

(2) EXCEPTIONS TO HEARING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 17(d)(5)(D) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766(d)(5)(D)) is amended—

(A) by striking “(D) HEARING.—An institution” and inserting the following:

“(D) HEARING.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii), an institution”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) EXCEPTION FOR FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIMS.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—If a State agency determines that an institution has knowingly submitted a false or fraudulent claim for reimbursement, the State agency may suspend the participation of the institution in the program in accordance with this clause.

“(II) REQUIREMENT FOR REVIEW.—Prior to any determination to suspend participation of an institution under subclause (I), the State agency shall provide for an independent review of the proposed suspension in accordance with subclause (III).

“(III) REVIEW PROCEDURE.—The review shall—

“(aa) be conducted by an independent and impartial official other than, and not accountable to, any person involved in the determination to suspend the institution;

“(bb) provide the State agency and the institution the right to submit written documentation relating to the suspension, including State agency documentation of the alleged false or fraudulent claim for reimbursement and the response of the institution to the documentation;

“(cc) require the reviewing official to determine, based on the review, whether the State agency has established, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that the institution has knowingly submitted a false or fraudulent claim for reimbursement;

“(dd) require the suspension to be in effect for not more than 120 calendar days after the institution has received notification of a determination of suspension in accordance with this clause; and

“(ee) require the State agency during the suspension to ensure that payments continue to be made to sponsored centers and family and group day care homes meeting the requirements of the program.

“(IV) HEARING.—A State agency shall provide an institution that has been suspended from participation in the program under this clause an opportunity for a fair hearing on the suspension conducted in accordance with subsection (e)(1).”.

(3) STATEWIDE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS INVOLVING PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING NONRESIDENTIAL DAY CARE SERVICES.—Section 17(p)(3)(C) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766(p)(3)(C)) is amended—

(A) in clause (iii), by striking “all families” and inserting “all low-income families”; and

(B) in clause (iv), by striking “made” and inserting “reported for fiscal year 1998”.

SEC. 308. AUTHORIZATION FOR SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO PURCHASE AND TRANSFER LAND.

Subject to the availability of funds appropriated to the Agricultural Research Service, the Secretary of Agriculture may—

(1) purchase a tract of land in the State of South Carolina that is contiguous to land owned on the date of enactment of this Act by the Department of Agriculture, acting through the Coastal Plains Soil, Water, and Plant Research Center of the Agricultural Research Service; and

(2) transfer land owned by the Department of Agriculture to the Florence Darlington Technical College, South Carolina, in exchange for land owned by the College.

SEC. 309. EXTENSION OF TIME PERIOD FOR FILING CERTAIN COMPLAINTS ALLEGING PREPARATION OF FALSE INSPECTION CERTIFICATES.

Notwithstanding section 6(a)(1) of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930 (7 U.S.C. 499f(a)(1)), a person that desires to file a complaint under section 6 of that Act involving the allegation of a false inspection certificate prepared by a grader of the Department of Agriculture at Hunts Point Terminal Market, Bronx, New York, prior to October 27, 1999, may file the complaint not later than January 1, 2001.

SEC. 310. INTERNATIONAL FOOD RELIEF PARTNERSHIP.

(a) ASSISTANCE FOR STOCKPILING AND RAPID TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY, AND DISTRIBUTION OF SHELF-STABLE PREPACKAGED FOODS.—Title II of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 208. ASSISTANCE FOR STOCKPILING AND RAPID TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY, AND DISTRIBUTION OF SHELF-STABLE PREPACKAGED FOODS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may provide grants to—

“(1) United States nonprofit organizations (described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) for the preparation of shelf-stable prepackaged foods requested by eligible organizations and the establishment and maintenance of stockpiles of the foods in the United States; and

“(2) private voluntary organizations and international organizations for the rapid transportation, delivery, and distribution of shelf-stable prepackaged foods described in paragraph (1) to needy individuals in foreign countries.

“(b) GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STOCKPILES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 70 percent of the amount made available to carry out this section shall be used to provide grants under subsection (a)(1).

“(2) PRIORITY.—In providing grants under subsection (a)(1), the Administrator shall provide a preference to a United States nonprofit organization that agrees to provide—

“(A) non-Federal funds in an amount equal to 50 percent of the amount of funds received under a grant under subsection (a)(1);

“(B) an in-kind contribution in an amount equal to that percentage; or

“(C) a combination of such funds and an in-kind contribution;

for the preparation of shelf-stable prepackaged foods and the establishment and maintenance of stockpiles of the foods in the United States in accordance with subsection (a)(1).

“(c) GRANTS FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY, AND DISTRIBUTION.—Not less than 20 percent of the amount made available to carry out this section shall be used to provide grants under subsection (a)(2).

“(d) ADMINISTRATION.—Not more than 10 percent of the amount made available to carry out this section may be used by the Administrator for the administration of grants under subsection (a).

“(e) REGULATIONS OR GUIDELINES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary, shall issue such regulations or guidelines as the Administrator determines to be necessary to carry out this section, including regulations or guidelines that provide to United States nonprofit organizations eligible to receive grants under subsection (a)(1) guidance with respect to the requirements for qualified shelf-stable prepackaged foods and the quantity of the foods to be stockpiled by the organizations.

“(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to carry out this section, in addition to amounts otherwise available to carry out this section, \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 and 2002, to remain available until expended.”.

(b) PREPOSITIONING OF COMMODITIES.—Section 407(c) of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1736a(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(4) PREPOSITIONING.—Funds made available for fiscal years 2001 and 2002 to carry out titles II and III may be used by the Administrator to procure, transport, and store agricultural commodities for prepositioning within the United States and in foreign countries, except that for each such fiscal year not more than \$2,000,000 of such funds may be used to store agricultural commodities for prepositioning in foreign countries.”.

WILDLIFE AND SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000

SMITH OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AMENDMENT NO. 4312

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 3671) to amend the Acts popularly known as the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects and increase opportunities for recreational hunting, bow hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing, by eliminating opportunities for waste, fraud, abuse, maladministration, and unauthorized expenditures for administration and execution of those Acts, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Fish and Wildlife Programs Improvement and National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act of 2000”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—WILDLIFE AND SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAMS

Sec. 101. Short titles.

Subtitle A—Wildlife Restoration

Sec. 111. Expenses for administration.

Sec. 112. Firearm and bow hunter education and safety program grants.

Sec. 113. Multistate conservation grant program.

Sec. 113. Miscellaneous provision.

Subtitle B—Sport Fish Restoration

Sec. 121. Expenses for administration.

Sec. 122. Multistate conservation grant program.

Sec. 123. Funding of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act.

Sec. 124. Period of availability.

Sec. 125. Miscellaneous provision.

Sec. 126. Conforming amendment.

Subtitle C—Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs

Sec. 131. Designation of programs.

Sec. 132. Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs.

Sec. 133. Reports and certifications.

TITLE II—NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Sec. 201. Short title.

Sec. 202. Purposes.

Sec. 203. Board of directors of the Foundation.

Sec. 204. Rights and obligations of the Foundation.

Sec. 205. Annual reporting of grant details.

Sec. 206. Notice to Members of Congress.

Sec. 207. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 208. Limitation on authority.

TITLE III—NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM CENTENNIAL

Sec. 301. Short title.

Sec. 302. Findings and purposes.

Sec. 303. National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Commission.

Sec. 304. Long-term planning and annual reporting requirements regarding the operation and maintenance backlog.

Sec. 305. Year of the National Wildlife Refuge.

Sec. 306. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 307. Effective date.

TITLE I—WILDLIFE AND SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAMS

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLES.

(a) **THIS TITLE.**—This title may be cited as the “Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000”.

(b) **PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACT.**—The Act of September 2, 1937 (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.), is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 13. SHORT TITLE.

“This Act may be cited as the ‘Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act’.”

(c) **DINGELL-JOHNSON SPORT FISH RESTORATION ACT.**—The Act of August 9, 1950 (16 U.S.C. 777 et seq.), is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 15. SHORT TITLE.

“This Act may be cited as the ‘Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act’.”

Subtitle A—Wildlife Restoration

SEC. 111. EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION.

(a) **SET-ASIDE FOR EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACT.**—Section 4 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669c) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c);

(2) by striking “SEC. 4.” and all that follows through the end of the first sentence of subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“SEC. 4. ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.

“(a) **SET-ASIDE FOR EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACT.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—

“(A) **SET-ASIDE.**—For fiscal year 2001 and each fiscal year thereafter, of the revenues (excluding interest accruing under section 3(b)) covered into the fund for the fiscal year, the Secretary of the Interior may use not more than the available amount specified in subparagraph (B) for the fiscal year for expenses for administration incurred in implementation of this Act, in accordance with this subsection and section 9.

“(B) **AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.**—The available amount referred to in subparagraph (A) is—

“(i) for each of fiscal years 2001 and 2002, \$9,000,000;

“(ii) for fiscal year 2003, \$8,212,000; and

“(iii) for fiscal year 2004 and each fiscal year thereafter, the sum of—

“(I) the available amount for the preceding fiscal year; and

“(II) the amount determined by multiplying—

“(aa) the available amount for the preceding fiscal year; and

“(bb) the change, relative to the preceding fiscal year, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Department of Labor.

“(2) **PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY; APPORTIONMENT OF UNOBLIGATED AMOUNTS.**—

“(A) **PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.**—For each fiscal year, the available amount under paragraph (1) shall remain available for obligation for use under that paragraph until the end of the fiscal year.

“(B) **APPORTIONMENT OF UNOBLIGATED AMOUNTS.**—Not later than 60 days after the end of a fiscal year, the Secretary of the Interior shall apportion among the States any of the available amount under paragraph (1) that remains unobligated at the end of the fiscal year, on the same basis and in the same manner as other amounts made available under this Act are apportioned among the States for the fiscal year.

“(b) **APPORTIONMENT TO STATES.**—”;

(3) in subsection (b) (as designated by paragraph (2)), by striking “after making the aforesaid deduction, shall apportion, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,” and inserting “after deducting the available amount under subsection (a), the amount apportioned under subsection (c), any amount apportioned under section 8A, and amounts provided as grants under sections 10 and 11, shall apportion”; and

(4) in the first sentence of subsection (c) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), by inserting “Puerto Rico,” after “American Samoa.”

(b) **REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING USE OF AMOUNTS FOR EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION.**—Section 9 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 9. REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING USE OF AMOUNTS FOR EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION.

“(a) **AUTHORIZED EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION.**—Except as provided in subsection (b), the Secretary of the Interior may use available amounts under section 4(a)(1) only for expenses for administration that directly support the implementation of this Act that consist of—

“(1) personnel costs of employees who directly administer this Act on a full-time basis;

“(2) personnel costs of employees who directly administer this Act on a part-time basis for at least 20 hours each week, not to exceed the portion of those costs incurred with respect to the work hours of the employee during which the employee directly administers this Act, as those hours are certified by the supervisor of the employee;

“(3) support costs directly associated with personnel costs authorized under paragraphs (1) and (2), excluding costs associated with staffing and operation of regional offices of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of the Interior other than for the purposes of this Act;

“(4) costs of determining under section 6(a) whether State comprehensive plans and projects are substantial in character and design;

“(5) overhead costs, including the costs of general administrative services, that are directly attributable to administration of this Act and are based on—

“(A) actual costs, as determined by a direct cost allocation methodology approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for use by Federal agencies; and

“(B) in the case of costs that are not determinable under subparagraph (A), an amount per full-time equivalent employee authorized under paragraphs (1) and (2) that does not exceed the amount charged or assessed for costs per full-time equivalent employee for any other division or program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

“(6) costs incurred in auditing, every 5 years, the wildlife and sport fish activities of each State fish and game department and the use of funds under section 6 by each State fish and game department;

“(7) costs of audits under subsection (d);

“(8) costs of necessary training of Federal and State full-time personnel who administer this Act to improve administration of this Act;

“(9) costs of travel to States, territories, and Canada by personnel who—

“(A) administer this Act on a full-time basis for purposes directly related to administration of State programs or projects; or

“(B) administer grants under section 6, 10, or 11;

“(10) costs of travel outside the United States (except travel to Canada), by personnel who administer this Act on a full-

time basis, for purposes that directly relate to administration of this Act and that are approved directly by the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks;

“(11) relocation expenses for personnel who, after relocation, will administer this Act on a full-time basis for at least 1 year, as certified by the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service at the time at which the relocation expenses are incurred; and

“(12) costs to audit, evaluate, approve, disapprove, and advise concerning grants under sections 6, 10, and 11.

“(b) **REPORTING OF OTHER USES.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to paragraph (2), if the Secretary of the Interior determines that available amounts under section 4(a)(1) should be used for an expense for administration other than an expense for administration described in subsection (a), the Secretary—

“(A) shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives a report describing the expense for administration and stating the amount of the expense; and

“(B) may use any such available amounts for the expense for administration only after the end of the 30-day period beginning on the date of submission of the report under subparagraph (A).

“(2) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT.**—For any fiscal year, the Secretary of the Interior may use under paragraph (1) not more than \$25,000.

“(c) **RESTRICTION ON USE TO SUPPLEMENT GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall not use available amounts under subsection (b) to supplement the funding of any function for which general appropriations are made for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or any other entity of the Department of the Interior.

“(d) **AUDIT REQUIREMENT.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Inspector General of the Department of the Interior shall procure the performance of biennial audits, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, of expenditures and obligations of amounts used by the Secretary of the Interior for expenses for administration incurred in implementation of this Act.

“(2) **AUDITOR.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—An audit under this subsection shall be performed under a contract that is awarded under competitive procedures (as defined in section 4 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403)) by a person or entity that is not associated in any way with the Department of the Interior (except by way of a contract for the performance of an audit or other review).

“(B) **SUPERVISION OF AUDITOR.**—The auditor selected under subparagraph (A) shall report to, and be supervised by, the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior, except that the auditor shall submit a copy of the biennial audit findings to the Secretary of the Interior at the time at which the findings are submitted to the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior.

“(3) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—The Inspector General of the Department of the Interior shall promptly submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate—

“(A) a report on the results of each audit under this subsection; and

“(B) a copy of each audit under this subsection.”

(c) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 8(b) of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669g(b)) is amended in the first sentence by striking “section 4(b) of this Act” and inserting “section 4(c)”.

SEC. 112. FIREARM AND BOW HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY PROGRAM GRANTS.

The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act is amended—

(1) by redesignating section 10 (16 U.S.C. 669i) as section 12; and

(2) by inserting after section 9 (16 U.S.C. 669h) the following:

“SEC. 10. FIREARM AND BOW HUNTER EDUCATION AND SAFETY PROGRAM GRANTS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) GRANTS.—Of the revenues covered into the fund, \$7,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 and 2002, and \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2003 and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be apportioned among the States in the manner specified in section 4(c) by the Secretary of the Interior and used to make grants to the States to be used for—

“(A) in the case of a State that has not used all of the funds apportioned to the State under section 4(c) for the fiscal year in the manner described in section 8(b)—

“(i) the enhancement of hunter education programs, hunter and sporting firearm safety programs, and hunter development programs;

“(ii) the enhancement of interstate coordination and development of hunter education and shooting range programs;

“(iii) the enhancement of bow hunter and archery education, safety, and development programs; and

“(iv) the enhancement of construction or development of firearm shooting ranges and archery ranges, and the updating of safety features of firearm shooting ranges and archery ranges; and

“(B) in the case of a State that has used all of the funds apportioned to the State under section 4(c) for the fiscal year in the manner described in section 8(b), any use authorized by this Act (including hunter safety programs and the construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges).

“(2) LIMITATION ON USE.—Under paragraph (1), a State shall not be required to use more than the amount described in section 8(b) for hunter safety programs and the construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges.

“(b) COST SHARING.—The Federal share of the cost of any activity carried out with a grant under this section shall not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the activity.

“(c) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY; REAPPORTIONMENT.—

“(1) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made available and apportioned for grants under this section shall remain available only for the fiscal year for which the amounts are apportioned.

“(2) REAPPORTIONMENT.—At the end of the period of availability under paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Interior shall apportion amounts made available that have not been used to make grants under this section among the States described in subsection (a)(1)(B) for use by those States in accordance with this Act.”.

SEC. 113. MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM.

The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (as amended by section 112) is amended by inserting after section 10 the following:

“SEC. 11. MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) AMOUNT FOR GRANTS.—Not more than \$3,000,000 of the revenues covered into the fund for a fiscal year shall be available to the Secretary of the Interior for making multistate conservation project grants in accordance with this section.

“(2) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY; APPORTIONMENT.—

“(A) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made available under paragraph (1) shall remain available for making grants only for the first fiscal year for which the amount is made available and the following fiscal year.

“(B) APPORTIONMENT.—At the end of the period of availability under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of the Interior shall apportion any amounts that remain available among the States in the manner specified in section 4(b) for use by the States in the same manner as funds apportioned under section 4(b).

“(b) SELECTION OF PROJECTS.—

“(1) STATES OR ENTITIES TO BE BENEFITED.—A project shall not be eligible for a grant under this section unless the project will benefit—

“(A) at least 26 States;

“(B) a majority of the States in a region of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; or

“(C) a regional association of State fish and game departments.

“(2) USE OF SUBMITTED PRIORITY LIST OF PROJECTS.—The Secretary of the Interior may make grants under this section only for projects identified on a priority list of wildlife restoration projects described in paragraph (3).

“(3) PRIORITY LIST OF PROJECTS.—A priority list referred to in paragraph (2) is a priority list of wildlife restoration projects that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies—

“(A) prepares through a committee comprised of the heads of State fish and game departments (or their designees), in consultation with—

“(i) nongovernmental organizations that represent conservation organizations;

“(ii) sportsmen organizations; and

“(iii) industries that support or promote hunting, trapping, recreational shooting, bow hunting, or archery;

“(B) approves by vote of a majority of the heads of State fish and game departments (or their designees); and

“(C) not later than October 1 of each fiscal year, submits to the Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs.

“(4) PUBLICATION.—The Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs shall publish in the Federal Register each priority list submitted under paragraph (3)(C).

“(c) ELIGIBLE GRANTEEES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior may make a grant under this section only to—

“(A) a State or group of States;

“(B) the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or a State or group of States, for the purpose of carrying out the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation; and

“(C) subject to paragraph (2), a nongovernmental organization.

“(2) NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any nongovernmental organization that applies for a grant under this section shall submit with the application to the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies a certification that the organization—

“(i) will not use the grant funds to fund, in whole or in part, any activity of the organization that promotes or encourages opposition to the regulated hunting or trapping of wildlife; and

“(ii) will use the grant funds in compliance with subsection (d).

“(B) PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—Any nongovernmental organization that is found to use grant funds in violation of subparagraph (A) shall return all funds received

under this section and be subject to any other applicable penalties under law.

“(d) USE OF GRANTS.—A grant under this section shall not be used, in whole or in part, for an activity, project, or program that promotes or encourages opposition to the regulated hunting or trapping of wildlife.

“(e) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to any activity carried out under this section.”.

SEC. 114. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION.

Section 5 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669d) is amended in the first sentence—

(1) by inserting “, at the time at which a deduction or apportionment is made,” after “certify”; and

(2) by striking “and executing”.

Subtitle B—Sport Fish Restoration**SEC. 121. EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION.**

(a) SET-ASIDE FOR EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE DINGELL-JOHNSON SPORT FISH RESTORATION ACT.—Section 4 of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777c) is amended by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

“(d) SET-ASIDE FOR EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE DINGELL-JOHNSON SPORT FISH RESTORATION ACT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—

“(A) SET-ASIDE.—For fiscal year 2001 and each fiscal year thereafter, of the balance of each such annual appropriation remaining after the distribution and use under subsections (a), (b), and (c) and section 14, the Secretary of the Interior may use not more than the available amount specified in subparagraph (B) for the fiscal year for expenses for administration incurred in implementation of this Act, in accordance with this subsection and section 9.

“(B) AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.—The available amount referred to in subparagraph (A) is—

“(i) for each of fiscal years 2001 and 2002, \$9,000,000;

“(ii) for fiscal year 2003, \$8,212,000; and

“(iii) for fiscal year 2004 and each fiscal year thereafter, the sum of—

“(I) the available amount for the preceding fiscal year; and

“(II) the amount determined by multiplying—

“(aa) the available amount for the preceding fiscal year; and

“(bb) the change, relative to the preceding fiscal year, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Department of Labor.

“(2) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY; APPORTIONMENT OF UNOBLIGATED AMOUNTS.—

“(A) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—For each fiscal year, the available amount under paragraph (1) shall remain available for obligation for use under that paragraph until the end of the fiscal year.

“(B) APPORTIONMENT OF UNOBLIGATED AMOUNTS.—Not later than 60 days after the end of a fiscal year, the Secretary of the Interior shall apportion among the States any of the available amount under paragraph (1) that remains unobligated at the end of the fiscal year, on the same basis and in the same manner as other amounts made available under this Act are apportioned among the States under subsection (e) for the fiscal year.”.

(b) REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING USE OF AMOUNTS FOR EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION.—Section 9 of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777h) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 9. REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING USE OF AMOUNTS FOR EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION.

“(a) AUTHORIZED EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION.—Except as provided in subsection

(b), the Secretary of the Interior may use available amounts under section 4(d)(1) only for expenses for administration that directly support the implementation of this Act that consist of—

“(1) personnel costs of employees who directly administer this Act on a full-time basis;

“(2) personnel costs of employees who directly administer this Act on a part-time basis for at least 20 hours each week, not to exceed the portion of those costs incurred with respect to the work hours of the employee during which the employee directly administers this Act, as those hours are certified by the supervisor of the employee;

“(3) support costs directly associated with personnel costs authorized under paragraphs (1) and (2), excluding costs associated with staffing and operation of regional offices of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of the Interior other than for the purposes of this Act;

“(4) costs of determining under section 6(a) whether State comprehensive plans and projects are substantial in character and design;

“(5) overhead costs, including the costs of general administrative services, that are directly attributable to administration of this Act and are based on—

“(A) actual costs, as determined by a direct cost allocation methodology approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for use by Federal agencies; and

“(B) in the case of costs that are not determinable under subparagraph (A), an amount per full-time equivalent employee authorized under paragraphs (1) and (2) that does not exceed the amount charged or assessed for costs per full-time equivalent employee for any other division or program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

“(6) costs incurred in auditing, every 5 years, the wildlife and sport fish activities of each State fish and game department and the use of funds under section 6 by each State fish and game department;

“(7) costs of audits under subsection (d);

“(8) costs of necessary training of Federal and State full-time personnel who administer this Act to improve administration of this Act;

“(9) costs of travel to States, territories, and Canada by personnel who—

“(A) administer this Act on a full-time basis for purposes directly related to administration of State programs or projects; or

“(B) administer grants under section 6 or 14;

“(10) costs of travel outside the United States (except travel to Canada), by personnel who administer this Act on a full-time basis, for purposes that directly relate to administration of this Act and that are approved directly by the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks;

“(11) relocation expenses for personnel who, after relocation, will administer this Act on a full-time basis for at least 1 year, as certified by the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service at the time at which the relocation expenses are incurred; and

“(12) costs to audit, evaluate, approve, disapprove, and advise concerning grants under sections 6 and 14.

“(b) REPORTING OF OTHER USES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), if the Secretary of the Interior determines that available amounts under section 4(d)(1) should be used for an expense for administration other than an expense for administration described in subsection (a), the Secretary—

“(A) shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the

House of Representatives a report describing the expense for administration and stating the amount of the expense; and

“(B) may use any such available amounts for the expense for administration only after the end of the 30-day period beginning on the date of submission of the report under subparagraph (A).

“(2) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—For any fiscal year, the Secretary of the Interior may use under paragraph (1) not more than \$25,000.

“(c) RESTRICTION ON USE TO SUPPLEMENT GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall not use available amounts under subsection (b) to supplement the funding of any function for which general appropriations are made for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or any other entity of the Department of the Interior.

“(d) AUDIT REQUIREMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General of the Department of the Interior shall procure the performance of biennial audits, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, of expenditures and obligations of amounts used by the Secretary of the Interior for expenses for administration incurred in implementation of this Act.

“(2) AUDITOR.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An audit under this subsection shall be performed under a contract that is awarded under competitive procedures (as defined in section 4 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403)) by a person or entity that is not associated in any way with the Department of the Interior (except by way of a contract for the performance of an audit or other review).

“(B) SUPERVISION OF AUDITOR.—The auditor selected under subparagraph (A) shall report to, and be supervised by, the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior, except that the auditor shall submit a copy of the biennial audit findings to the Secretary of the Interior at the time at which the findings are submitted to the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior.

“(3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Inspector General of the Department of the Interior shall promptly submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate—

“(A) a report on the results of each audit under this subsection; and

“(B) a copy of each audit under this subsection.”.

(c) EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS.—Section 4 of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777c) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(g) EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, of the amounts appropriated under section 3, the Secretary of the Interior shall use only funds authorized for use under subsections (a), (b)(3)(A), (b)(3)(B), and (c) to pay the expenses for administration incurred in carrying out the provisions of law referred to in those subsections, respectively.

“(2) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—For each fiscal year, the Secretary of the Interior may use not more than \$900,000 in accordance with paragraph (1).”.

SEC. 122. MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act is amended—

(1) by striking the section 13 relating to effective date (16 U.S.C. 777 note) and inserting the following:

“SEC. 14. MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) AMOUNT FOR GRANTS.—Of the balance of each annual appropriation made under section 3 remaining after the distribution and use under subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 4 in a fiscal year, not more than \$3,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary of the Interior for making multistate conservation project grants in accordance with this section.

“(2) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY; APPORTIONMENT.—

“(A) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made available under paragraph (1) shall remain available for making grants only for the first fiscal year for which the amount is made available and the following fiscal year.

“(B) APPORTIONMENT.—At the end of the period of availability under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of the Interior shall apportion any amounts that remain available among the States in the manner specified in section 4(e) for use by the States in the same manner as funds apportioned under section 4(e).

“(b) SELECTION OF PROJECTS.—

“(1) STATES OR ENTITIES TO BE BENEFITED.—A project shall not be eligible for a grant under this section unless the project will benefit—

“(A) at least 26 States;

“(B) a majority of the States in a region of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; or

“(C) a regional association of State fish and game departments.

“(2) USE OF SUBMITTED PRIORITY LIST OF PROJECTS.—The Secretary of the Interior may make grants under this section only for projects identified on a priority list of sport fish restoration projects described in paragraph (3).

“(3) PRIORITY LIST OF PROJECTS.—A priority list referred to in paragraph (2) is a priority list of sport fish restoration projects that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies—

“(A) prepares through a committee comprised of the heads of State fish and game departments (or their designees), in consultation with—

“(i) nongovernmental organizations that represent conservation organizations;

“(ii) sportsmen organizations; and

“(iii) industries that fund the sport fish restoration programs under this Act;

“(B) approves by vote of a majority of the heads of State fish and game departments (or their designees); and

“(C) not later than October 1 of each fiscal year, submits to the Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs.

“(4) PUBLICATION.—The Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs shall publish in the Federal Register each priority list submitted under paragraph (3)(C).

“(c) ELIGIBLE GRANTEEES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior may make a grant under this section only to—

“(A) a State or group of States;

“(B) the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or a State or group of States, for the purpose of carrying out the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation; and

“(C) subject to paragraph (2), a nongovernmental organization.

“(2) NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any nongovernmental organization that applies for a grant under this section shall submit with the application to the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies a certification that the organization—

“(i) will not use the grant funds to fund, in whole or in part, any activity of the organization that promotes or encourages opposition to the regulated taking of fish; and

“(ii) will use the grant funds in compliance with subsection (d).

“(B) PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—Any nongovernmental organization that is found to use grant funds in violation of subparagraph (A) shall return all funds received under this section and be subject to any other applicable penalties under law.

“(d) USE OF GRANTS.—A grant under this section shall not be used, in whole or in part, for an activity, project, or program that promotes or encourages opposition to the regulated taking of fish.

“(e) FUNDING FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES.—Of the balance of each annual appropriation made under section 3 remaining after the distribution and use under subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 4 for each fiscal year and after deducting amounts used for grants under subsection (a)—

“(1) \$200,000 shall be made available for each of—

“(A) the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission;

“(B) the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission;

“(C) the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission; and

“(D) the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission; and

“(2) \$400,000 shall be made available for the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council established by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

“(f) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to any activity carried out under this section.”; and

(2) by moving that section to appear after the section 13 relating to State use of contributions (16 U.S.C. 777l).

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 4(e) of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777c(e)) is amended in the first sentence by inserting “and after deducting amounts used for grants under section 14,” after “respectively.”.

SEC. 123. FUNDING OF THE COASTAL WETLANDS PLANNING, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ACT.

Section 4(a) of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777c(a)) is amended in the second sentence by striking “2000” and inserting “2009”.

SEC. 124. PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.

Section 4(f) of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777c(f)) is amended in the first sentence by striking “, and if” and all that follows through “recreation”.

SEC. 125. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION.

Section 5 of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777d) is amended—

(1) by inserting “, at the time at which a deduction or apportionment is made,” after “certify”; and

(2) by striking “and executing”.

SEC. 126. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

Section 9504(b)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “(as in effect on the date of the enactment of the TEA 21 Restoration Act)” and inserting “(as in effect on the date of enactment of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000)”.

Subtitle C—Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs

SEC. 131. DESIGNATION OF PROGRAMS.

The programs established under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16

U.S.C. 669 et seq.) and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777 et seq.) shall be known as the “Federal Assistance Program for State Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration”.

SEC. 132. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR WILDLIFE AND SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAMS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior the position of Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs.

(b) SUPERIOR.—The Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs shall report directly to the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs shall be responsible for the administration, management, and oversight of the Federal Assistance Program for State Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.) and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777 et seq.).

SEC. 133. REPORTS AND CERTIFICATIONS.

(a) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—At the time at which the President submits to Congress a budget request for the Department of the Interior for fiscal year 2002, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report on the steps that have been taken to comply with this title and the amendments made by this title.

(2) CONTENTS.—The report under paragraph (1) shall describe—

(A) the extent to which compliance with this title and the amendments made by this title has required a reduction in the number of personnel assigned to administer, manage, and oversee the Federal Assistance Program for State Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration;

(B) any revisions to this title or the amendments made by this title that would be desirable in order for the Secretary of the Interior to adequately administer the Program and ensure that funds provided to State agencies are properly used; and

(C) any other information concerning the implementation of this title and the amendments made by this title that the Secretary of the Interior considers appropriate.

(b) PROJECTED SPENDING REPORT.—At the time at which the President submits a budget request for the Department of the Interior for fiscal year 2002 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary of the Interior shall report in writing to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate the amounts, broken down by category, that are intended to be used for the fiscal year under section 4(a)(1) of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669c(a)(1)) and section 4(d)(1) of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777c(d)(1)).

(c) SPENDING CERTIFICATION AND REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary of the Interior shall certify and report in writing to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate—

(1) the amounts, broken down by category, that were used for the fiscal year under section 4(a)(1) of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669c(a)(1)) and section 4(d)(1) of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777c(d)(1));

(2) the amounts apportioned to States for the fiscal year under section 4(a)(2) of the

Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669c(a)(2)) and section 4(d)(2)(A) of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777c(d)(2)(A));

(3) the results of the audits performed under section 9(d) of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h(d)) and section 9(d) of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777h(d));

(4) that all amounts used for the fiscal year under section 4(a)(1) of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669c(a)(1)) and section 4(d)(1) of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777c(d)(1)) were necessary for expenses for administration incurred in implementation of those Acts;

(5) that all amounts used for the fiscal year to administer those Acts by agency headquarters and by regional offices of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service were used in accordance with those Acts; and

(6) that the Secretary of the Interior, the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs each properly discharged their duties under those Acts.

(d) CERTIFICATIONS BY STATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the end of each fiscal year, each State that received amounts apportioned under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.) or the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777 et seq.) for the fiscal year shall certify to the Secretary of the Interior in writing that the amounts were expended by the State in accordance with each of those Acts.

(2) TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than December 31 of a fiscal year, the Secretary of the Interior shall transmit all certifications under paragraph (1) for the previous fiscal year to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate.

(e) LIMITATION ON DELEGATION.—The Secretary of the Interior shall not delegate the responsibility for making a certification under subsection (c) to any person except the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

TITLE II—NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 2000”.

SEC. 202. PURPOSES.

Section 2(b) of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3701(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) to encourage, accept, and administer private gifts of property for the benefit of, or in connection with, the activities and services of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to further the conservation and management of fish, wildlife, plants, and other natural resources;”.

SEC. 203. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FOUNDATION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.—Section 3 of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3702) is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Foundation shall have a governing Board of Directors (referred to in this Act as the ‘Board’), which shall consist of 25 Directors appointed in accordance with subsection (b), each of whom shall be a United States citizen.

“(2) REPRESENTATION OF DIVERSE POINTS OF VIEW.—To the maximum extent practicable, the membership of the Board shall represent diverse points of view relating to conservation and management of fish, wildlife, plants, and other natural resources.

“(3) NOT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—Appointment as a Director of the Foundation shall not constitute employment by, or the holding of an office of, the United States for the purpose of any Federal law.”.

(b) APPOINTMENT AND TERMS.—Section 3 of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3702) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) APPOINTMENT AND TERMS.—

“(1) AGENCY HEADS.—The Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere shall be Directors of the Foundation.

“(2) APPOINTMENTS BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), after consulting with the Secretary of Commerce and considering the recommendations submitted by the Board, the Secretary of the Interior shall appoint 23 Directors who meet the criteria established by subsection (a), of whom—

“(i) at least 6 shall be educated or experienced in fish, wildlife, or other natural resource conservation;

“(ii) at least 4 shall be educated or experienced in the principles of fish, wildlife, or other natural resource management; and

“(iii) at least 4 shall be educated or experienced in ocean and coastal resource conservation.

“(B) TRANSITION PROVISION.—

“(i) CONTINUATION OF TERMS.—The 15 Directors serving on the Board as of the date of enactment of this paragraph shall continue to serve until the expiration of their terms.

“(ii) NEW DIRECTORS.—Subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary of the Interior shall appoint 8 new Directors.

“(3) TERMS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), each Director (other than a Director described in paragraph (1)) shall be appointed for a term of 6 years.

“(B) INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO NEW MEMBER POSITIONS.—Of the Directors appointed by the Secretary of the Interior under paragraph (2)(B)(ii), the Secretary shall appoint, in fiscal year 2001, 3 Directors for a term of 6 years.

“(C) SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENTS TO NEW MEMBER POSITIONS.—Of the Directors appointed by the Secretary of the Interior under paragraph (2)(B)(ii), the Secretary shall appoint, in fiscal year 2002—

“(i) 2 Directors for a term of 2 years; and

“(ii) 3 Directors for a term of 4 years.

“(4) VACANCIES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall fill a vacancy on the Board.

“(B) TERM OF APPOINTMENTS TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS.—An individual appointed to fill a vacancy that occurs before the expiration of the term of a Director shall be appointed for the remainder of the term.

“(5) REAPPOINTMENT.—An individual (other than an individual described in paragraph (1)) shall not serve more than 2 consecutive terms as a Director, excluding any term of less than 6 years.

“(6) REQUEST FOR REMOVAL.—The executive committee of the Board may submit to the Secretary of the Interior a letter describing the nonperformance of a Director and requesting the removal of the Director from the Board.

“(7) CONSULTATION BEFORE REMOVAL.—Before removing any Director from the Board,

the Secretary of the Interior shall consult with the Secretary of Commerce.”.

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 4(c)(5) of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703(c)(5)) is amended by striking “Directors of the Board” and inserting “Directors of the Foundation”.

(2) Section 6 of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3705) is amended—

(A) by striking “Secretary” and inserting “Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Commerce”; and

(B) by inserting “or the Department of Commerce” after “Department of the Interior”.

SEC. 204. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE FOUNDATION.

(a) PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE FOUNDATION.—Section 4(a)(3) of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703(a)(3)) is amended by inserting after “the District of Columbia” the following: “or in a county in the State of Maryland or Virginia that borders on the District of Columbia”.

(b) INVESTMENT AND DEPOSIT OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—Section 4(c) of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703(c)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (7) as paragraphs (7) through (11), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

“(3) to invest any funds provided to the Foundation by the Federal Government in obligations of the United States or in obligations or securities that are guaranteed or insured by the United States;

“(4) to deposit any funds provided to the Foundation by the Federal Government into accounts that are insured by an agency or instrumentality of the United States;

“(5) to make use of any interest or investment income that accrues as a consequence of actions taken under paragraph (3) or (4) to carry out the purposes of the Foundation;

“(6) to use Federal funds to make payments under cooperative agreements entered into with willing private landowners to provide substantial long-term benefits for the restoration or enhancement of fish, wildlife, plants, and other natural resources on private land;”.

(c) AGENCY APPROVAL OF ACQUISITIONS OF PROPERTY.—Section 4(e)(1) of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703(e)(1)) is amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B) the Foundation notifies the Federal agency that administers the program under which the funds were provided of the proposed acquisition, and the agency does not object in writing to the proposed acquisition within 60 calendar days after the date of the notification.”.

(d) REPEAL.—Section 304 of Public Law 102-440 (16 U.S.C. 3703 note) is repealed.

(e) AGENCY APPROVAL OF CONVEYANCES AND GRANTS.—Section 4(e)(3)(B) of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703(e)(3)(B)) is amended by striking clause (ii) and inserting the following:

“(ii) the Foundation notifies the Federal agency that administers the Federal program under which the funds were provided of the proposed conveyance or provision of Federal funds, and the agency does not object in writing to the proposed conveyance or provision of Federal funds within 60 calendar days after the date of the notification.”.

(f) RECONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY.—Section 4(e) of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703(e)) is amended by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following:

“(5) RECONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY.—The Foundation shall convey at not less than fair market value any real property acquired by the Foundation in whole or in part with Federal funds if the Foundation notifies the Federal agency that administers the Federal program under which the funds were provided, and the agency does not disagree within 60 calendar days after the date of the notification, that—

“(A) the property is no longer valuable for the purpose of conservation or management of fish, wildlife, plants, and other natural resources; and

“(B) the purposes of the Foundation would be better served by use of the proceeds of the conveyance for other authorized activities of the Foundation.”.

(g) EXPENDITURES FOR PRINTING SERVICES OR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT.—Section 4 of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) EXPENDITURES FOR PRINTING SERVICES OR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT.—The Foundation shall not make any expenditure of Federal funds in connection with any 1 transaction for printing services or capital equipment that is greater than \$10,000 unless the expenditure is approved by the Federal agency that administers the Federal program under which the funds were provided.”.

SEC. 205. ANNUAL REPORTING OF GRANT DETAILS.

Section 7(b) of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3706(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Congress” and inserting “the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: “The report shall include a detailed statement of the recipient, amount, and purpose of each grant made by the Foundation in the fiscal year.”.

SEC. 206. NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

Section 4 of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3703) (as amended by section 204(g)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(i) NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—The Foundation shall not make a grant of funds unless, by not later than 30 days before the grant is made, the Foundation provides notice of the grant to the Member of Congress for the congressional district in which the project to be funded with the grant will be carried out.”.

SEC. 207. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 10 of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3709) is amended by striking subsections (a), (b), and (c) and inserting the following:

“(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2003—

“(A) \$20,000,000 to the Department of the Interior; and

“(B) \$5,000,000 to the Department of Commerce.

“(2) REQUIREMENT OF ADVANCE PAYMENT.—The amount made available for a fiscal year under paragraph (1) shall be provided to the Foundation in an advance payment of the entire amount on October 1, or as soon as practicable thereafter, of the fiscal year.

“(3) USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—Subject to paragraph (4), amounts made available under paragraph (1) shall be provided to the Foundation for use for matching, on a 1-to-1 basis, contributions (whether in currency, services, or property) made to the Foundation by private persons and State and local government agencies.

“(4) PROHIBITION ON USE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—No Federal funds made available under paragraph (1) shall be used by the Foundation for administrative expenses of the Foundation, including for salaries, travel and transportation expenses, and other overhead expenses.

“(b) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a), the Foundation may accept Federal funds from a Federal agency under any other Federal law for use by the Foundation to further the conservation and management of fish, wildlife, plants, and other natural resources in accordance with the requirements of this Act.

“(2) USE OF FUNDS ACCEPTED FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Federal funds provided to the Foundation under paragraph (1) shall be used by the Foundation for matching, in whole or in part, contributions (whether in currency, services, or property) made to the Foundation by private persons and State and local government agencies.

“(c) PROHIBITION ON USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS FOR LITIGATION AND LOBBYING EXPENSES.—Amounts provided as a grant by the Foundation shall not be used for—

“(1) any expense related to litigation; or

“(2) any activity the purpose of which is to influence legislation pending before Congress.”.

SEC. 208. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 11. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.

“Nothing in this Act authorizes the Foundation to perform any function the authority for which is provided to the National Park Foundation by Public Law 90-209 (16 U.S.C. 19e et seq.).”.

TITLE III—NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM CENTENNIAL

SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act”.

SEC. 302. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) President Theodore Roosevelt began the National Wildlife Refuge System by establishing the first refuge at Pelican Island, Florida, on March 14, 1903;

(2) the National Wildlife Refuge System is comprised of more than 93,000,000 acres of Federal land managed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in more than 532 individual refuges and thousands of waterfowl production areas located in all 50 States and the territories of the United States;

(3) the System is the only network of Federal land dedicated singularly to wildlife conservation and where wildlife-dependent recreation and environmental education are priority public uses;

(4) the System serves a vital role in the conservation of millions of migratory birds, dozens of endangered species and threatened species, some of the premier fisheries of the United States, marine mammals, and the habitats on which such species of fish and wildlife depend;

(5) each year the System provides millions of Americans with opportunities to participate in wildlife-dependent recreation, including hunting, fishing, and wildlife observation;

(6)(A) public visitation to national wildlife refuges is growing, with more than 35,000,000 visitors annually; and

(B) it is essential that visitor centers and public use facilities be properly constructed, operated, and maintained;

(7) the National Wildlife Refuge System Volunteer and Community Partnership En-

hancement Act of 1998 (16 U.S.C. 742f note; Public Law 105-242), and the amendments made by that Act, significantly enhance the ability of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to incorporate volunteers and partnerships in refuge management;

(8) as of the date of enactment of this Act, the System has an unacceptable backlog of critical operation and maintenance needs; and

(9) the occasion of the centennial of the System, in 2003, presents a historic opportunity to enhance natural resource stewardship and expand public enjoyment of the national wildlife refuges of the United States.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title are—

(1) to establish a commission to promote awareness by the public of the National Wildlife Refuge System as the System celebrates its centennial in 2003;

(2) to develop a long-term plan to meet the priority operation, maintenance, and construction needs of the System;

(3) to require an annual report on the needs of the System prepared in the context of—

(A) the budget submission of the Department of the Interior to the President; and

(B) the President's budget request to Congress; and

(4) to improve public use programs and facilities of the System to meet the increasing needs of the public for wildlife-dependent recreation in the 21st century.

SEC. 303. NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM CENTENNIAL COMMISSION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Commission (referred to in this title as the “Commission”).

(b) MEMBERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be composed of—

(A) the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

(B) up to 10 individuals appointed by the Secretary of the Interior;

(C) the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, who shall be nonvoting members; and

(D) the congressional representatives of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, who shall be nonvoting members.

(2) APPOINTMENTS.—

(A) DEADLINE.—The members of the Commission shall be appointed not later than 90 days after the effective date of this title.

(B) APPOINTMENTS BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The members of the Commission appointed by the Secretary of the Interior under paragraph (1)(B)—

(I) shall not be officers or employees of the Federal Government; and

(II) shall, in the judgment of the Secretary—

(aa) represent the diverse beneficiaries of the System; and

(bb) have outstanding knowledge or appreciation of wildlife, natural resource management, or wildlife-dependent recreation.

(ii) REPRESENTATION OF VIEWS.—In making appointments under paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary of the Interior shall make every effort to ensure that the views of the hunting, fishing, and wildlife observation communities are represented on the Commission.

(3) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Commission—

(A) shall not affect the power or duties of the Commission; and

(B) shall be expeditiously filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

(c) CHAIRPERSON.—The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint 1 of the members as the Chairperson of the Commission.

(d) COMPENSATION.—The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their service on the Commission.

(e) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—

(1) LEGISLATIVE BRANCH MEMBERS.—The members of the Commission from the legislative branch of the Federal Government shall be allowed necessary travel expenses, as authorized by other law for official travel, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission.

(2) EXECUTIVE BRANCH MEMBERS.—The members of the Commission from the executive branch of the Federal Government shall be allowed necessary travel expenses in accordance with section 5702 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission.

(3) OTHER MEMBERS AND STAFF.—The members of the Commission appointed by the Secretary of the Interior and staff of the Commission may be allowed necessary travel expenses as authorized by section 5702 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission.

(f) DUTIES.—The Commission shall—

(1) prepare, in cooperation with Federal, State, local, and nongovernmental partners, a plan to commemorate the centennial of the National Wildlife Refuge System beginning on March 14, 2003;

(2) coordinate the activities of the partners under the plan; and

(3) plan and host, in cooperation with the partners, a conference on the National Wildlife Refuge System, and assist in the activities of the conference.

(g) STAFF.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Commission may employ such staff as are necessary to carry out the duties of the Commission.

(h) DONATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may, in accordance with criteria established under paragraph (2), accept and use donations of money, personal property, or personal services.

(2) CRITERIA.—The Commission shall establish written criteria to be used in determining whether the acceptance of gifts or donations under paragraph (1) would—

(A) reflect unfavorably on the ability of the Commission or any employee of the Commission to carry out its responsibilities or official duties in a fair and objective manner; or

(B) compromise the integrity or the appearance of the integrity of any person involved in the activities of the Commission.

(i) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—Upon the request of the Commission—

(1) the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, may provide to the Commission such administrative support services as are necessary for the Commission to carry out the duties of the Commission under this title, including services relating to budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, personnel, and procurement; and

(2) the head of any other appropriate Federal agency may provide to the Commission such advice and assistance, with or without reimbursement, as are appropriate to assist the Commission in carrying out the duties of the Commission.

(j) REPORTS.—

(1) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the effective date of this title, and annually thereafter, the Commission shall submit to Congress a report on the activities and plans of the Commission.

(2) **FINAL REPORT.**—Not later than September 30, 2004, the Commission shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a final report on the activities of the Commission, including an accounting of all funds received and expended by the Commission.

(k) **TERMINATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission shall terminate 90 days after the date on which the Commission submits the final report under subsection (j).

(2) **DISPOSITION OF MATERIALS.**—Upon termination of the Commission and after consultation with the Archivist of the United States and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the Secretary of the Interior may—

(A)(i) deposit all books, manuscripts, miscellaneous printed matter, memorabilia, relics, and other similar materials of the Commission relating to the centennial of the National Wildlife Refuge System in Federal, State, or local libraries or museums; or

(ii) otherwise dispose of such materials; and

(B)(i) use other property acquired by the Commission for the purposes of the National Wildlife Refuge System; or

(ii) treat such property as excess property.

SEC. 304. LONG-TERM PLANNING AND ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BACKLOG.

(a) **UNIFIED LONG-TERM PLAN.**—Not later than March 1, 2002, the Secretary of the Interior shall prepare and submit to Congress and the President a unified long-term plan to address priority operation, maintenance, and construction needs of the National Wildlife Refuge System, including—

(1) priority staffing needs of the System; and

(2) operation, maintenance, and construction needs as identified in—

(A) the Refuge Operating Needs System;

(B) the Maintenance Management System;

(C) the 5-year deferred maintenance list;

(D) the 5-year construction list;

(E) the United States Fish and Wildlife Service report entitled “Fulfilling the Promise of America’s National Wildlife Refuge System”; and

(F) individual refuge comprehensive conservation plans.

(b) **ANNUAL SUBMISSION.**—Beginning with the submission to Congress of the budget for fiscal year 2003, the Secretary of the Interior shall prepare and submit to Congress, in the context of each annual budget submission, a report that contains—

(1) an assessment of expenditures in the prior, current, and upcoming fiscal years to meet the operation and maintenance backlog as identified in the long-term plan under subsection (a); and

(2) a specification of transition costs, in the prior, current, and upcoming fiscal years, as identified in the analysis of newly acquired refuge land prepared by the Department of the Interior, and a description of the method used to determine the priority status of the transition costs.

SEC. 305. YEAR OF THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

(a) **FINDING.**—Congress finds that designation of the year 2003 as the “Year of the National Wildlife Refuge” would promote the goal of increasing public appreciation of the importance of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

(b) **PROCLAMATION.**—The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to conduct appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities to accomplish the goal of such a year.

SEC. 306. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the activities of the Commission under this title—

(1) \$100,000 for fiscal year 2001; and

(2) \$250,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2004.

SEC. 307. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This title takes effect on January 20, 2001.

Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, to commemorate the centennial of the establishment of the first national wildlife refuge in the United States on March 14, 1903, and for other purposes.”.

HELMS AMENDMENT NO. 4313

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. HELMS) proposed an amendment to the resolution (S. Res. 267) directing the return of certain treaties to the President; as follows:

On page 5, strike lines 7 through 11.

On page 5, line 12, strike “(18)” and insert “(17)”.

ALL-VOLUNTEER FORCE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 1999

SPECTER AMENDMENT NO. 4314

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. SPECTER) proposed an amendment to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 1402) to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance programs providing education benefits for veterans, and for other purposes; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment to the text of the bill, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. References to title 38, United States Code.

TITLE I—EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROVISIONS

Subtitle A—Montgomery GI Bill Educational Assistance

Sec. 101. Increase in rates of basic educational assistance under Montgomery GI Bill.

Sec. 102. Uniform requirement for high school diploma or equivalency before application for Montgomery GI Bill benefits.

Sec. 103. Repeal of requirement for initial obligated period of active duty as condition of eligibility for Montgomery GI Bill benefits.

Sec. 104. Additional opportunity for certain VEAP participants to enroll in basic educational assistance under Montgomery GI Bill.

Sec. 105. Increased active duty educational assistance benefit for contributing members.

Subtitle B—Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance

Sec. 111. Increase in rates of survivors’ and dependents’ educational assistance.

Sec. 112. Election of certain recipients of commencement of period of eligibility for survivors’ and dependents’ educational assistance.

Sec. 113. Adjusted effective date for award of survivors’ and dependents’ educational assistance.

Sec. 114. Availability under survivors’ and dependents’ educational assistance of preparatory courses for college and graduate school entrance exams.

Subtitle C—General Educational Assistance

Sec. 121. Revision of educational assistance interval payment requirements.

Sec. 122. Availability of education benefits for payment for licensing or certification tests.

Sec. 123. Increase for fiscal years 2001 and 2002 in aggregate annual amount available for State approving agencies for administrative expenses.

TITLE II—HEALTH PROVISIONS

Subtitle A—Personnel Matters

Sec. 201. Annual national pay comparability adjustment for nurses employed by Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sec. 202. Special pay for dentists.

Sec. 203. Exemption for pharmacists from ceiling on special salary rates.

Sec. 204. Temporary full-time appointments of certain medical personnel.

Sec. 205. Qualifications of social workers.

Sec. 206. Physician assistant adviser to Under Secretary for Health.

Sec. 207. Extension of voluntary separation incentive payments.

Subtitle B—Military Service Issues

Sec. 211. Findings and sense of Congress concerning use of military histories of veterans in Department of Veterans Affairs health care.

Sec. 212. Study of post-traumatic stress disorder in Vietnam veterans.

Subtitle C—Medical Administration

Sec. 221. Department of Veterans Affairs Fisher Houses.

Sec. 222. Exception to recapture rule.

Sec. 223. Sense of Congress concerning cooperation between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense in the procurement of medical items.

Sec. 224. Technical and conforming changes.

Subtitle D—Construction Authorization

Sec. 231. Authorization of major medical facility projects.

Sec. 232. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle E—Real Property Matters

Sec. 241. Change to enhanced use lease congressional notification period.

Sec. 242. Release of reversionary interest of the United States in certain real property previously conveyed to the State of Tennessee.

Sec. 243. Demolition, environmental cleanup, and reversion of Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Allen Park, Michigan.

Sec. 244. Conveyance of certain property at the Carl Vinson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Dublin, Georgia.

- Sec. 245. Land conveyance, Miles City Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center complex, Miles City, Montana.
- Sec. 246. Conveyance of Fort Lyon Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Colorado, to the State of Colorado.
- Sec. 247. Effect of closure of Fort Lyon Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center on administration of health care for veterans.

TITLE III—COMPENSATION, INSURANCE, HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND MEMORIAL AFFAIRS PROVISIONS

Subtitle A—Compensation Program Changes

- Sec. 301. Strokes and heart attacks incurred or aggravated by members of reserve components in the performance of duty while performing inactive duty training to be considered to be service-connected.
- Sec. 302. Special monthly compensation for women veterans who lose a breast as a result of a service-connected disability.
- Sec. 303. Benefits for persons disabled by participation in compensated work therapy program.
- Sec. 304. Revision to limitation on payments of benefits to incompetent institutionalized veterans.
- Sec. 305. Review of dose reconstruction program of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

Subtitle B—Life Insurance Matters

- Sec. 311. Premiums for term Service Disabled Veterans' Insurance for veterans older than age 70.
- Sec. 312. Increase in automatic maximum coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance.
- Sec. 313. Eligibility of certain members of the Individual Ready Reserve for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

Subtitle C—Housing and Employment Programs

- Sec. 321. Elimination of reduction in assistance for specially adapted housing for disabled veterans for veterans having joint ownership of housing units.
- Sec. 322. Veterans employment emphasis under Federal contracts for recently separated veterans.
- Sec. 323. Employers required to grant leave of absence for employees to participate in honor guards for funerals of veterans.

Subtitle D—Cemeteries and Memorial Affairs

- Sec. 331. Eligibility for interment of certain Filipino veterans of World War II in national cemeteries.
- Sec. 332. Payment rate of certain burial benefits for certain Filipino veterans of World War II.
- Sec. 333. Plot allowance for burial in State veterans cemeteries.

TITLE IV—OTHER MATTERS

- Sec. 401. Benefits for the children of women Vietnam veterans who suffer from certain birth defects.
- Sec. 402. Extension of certain expiring authorities.
- Sec. 403. Preservation of certain reporting requirements.
- Sec. 404. Technical amendments.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or re-

peal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

TITLE I—EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROVISIONS

Subtitle A—Montgomery GI Bill Educational Assistance

SEC. 101. INCREASE IN RATES OF BASIC EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER MONTGOMERY GI BILL.

(a) ACTIVE DUTY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 3015 is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “\$528” and inserting “\$650”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “\$429” and inserting “\$528”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect on November 1, 2000, and shall apply with respect to educational assistance allowances paid under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, for months after October 2000.

SEC. 102. UNIFORM REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENCY BEFORE APPLICATION FOR MONTGOMERY GI BILL BENEFITS.

(a) ACTIVE DUTY PROGRAM.—(1) Section 3011 is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following new paragraph (2):

“(2) who completes the requirements of a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate), or successfully completes (or otherwise receives academic credit for) the equivalent of 12 semester hours in a program of education leading to a standard college degree, before applying for benefits under this section; and”; and

(B) by striking subsection (e).
(2) Section 3017(a)(1)(A)(ii) is amended by striking “clause (2)(A)” and inserting “clause (2)”.

(b) SELECTED RESERVE PROGRAM.—Section 3012 is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following new paragraph (2):

“(2) who completes the requirements of a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate), or successfully completes (or otherwise receives academic credit for) the equivalent of 12 semester hours in a program of education leading to a standard college degree, before applying for benefits under this section; and”; and

(2) by striking subsection (f).

(c) WITHDRAWAL OF ELECTION NOT TO ENROLL.—Paragraph (4) of section 3018(b) is amended to read as follows:

“(4) before applying for benefits under this section—

“(A) completes the requirements of a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate); or

“(B) successfully completes (or otherwise receives academic credit for) the equivalent of 12 semester hours in a program of education leading to a standard college degree; and”.

(d) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF SELECTED RESERVE.—Paragraph (2) of section 16132(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(2) before applying for benefits under this section, has completed the requirements of a secondary school diploma (or an equivalency certificate);”.

(e) DELIMITING PERIOD.—(1) In the case of an individual described in paragraph (2), with respect to the time limitation under section 3031 of title 38, United States Code, for use of eligibility and entitlement of basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of such title, the 10-year period applicable under such section shall begin on the later of—

(A) the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(B) the date of the individual's last discharge or release from active duty.

(2) An individual referred to in paragraph (1) is an individual who—

(A) before the date of the enactment of this Act, was not eligible for such basic educational assistance by reason of the requirement of a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate) as a condition of eligibility for such assistance as in effect on the date preceding the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) becomes entitled to basic educational assistance under section 3011(a)(2), 3012(a)(2), or 3018(b)(4) of title 38, United States Code, by reason of the amendments made by this section.

SEC. 103. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR INITIAL OBLIGATED PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY AS CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MONTGOMERY GI BILL BENEFITS.

(a) ACTIVE DUTY PROGRAM.—Section 3011 is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)(A)—

(A) by striking clause (i) and inserting the following new clause (i):

“(i) who serves an obligated period of active duty of at least two years of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces; or”; and

(B) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “in the case of an individual who completed not less than 20 months” and all that follows through “was at least three years” and inserting “if, in the case of an individual with an obligated period of service of two years, the individual completes not less than 20 months of continuous active duty under that period of obligated service, or, in the case of an individual with an obligated period of service of at least three years, the individual completes not less than 30 months of continuous active duty under that period of obligated service”;

(2) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “individual's initial obligated period of active duty” and inserting “obligated period of active duty on which an individual's entitlement to assistance under this section is based”;

(3) in subsection (h)(2)(A), by striking “during an initial period of active duty,” and inserting “during the obligated period of active duty on which entitlement to assistance under this section is based.”; and

(4) in subsection (i), by striking “initial”.

(b) SELECTED RESERVE PROGRAM.—Section 3012 is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)(A)(i), by striking “, as the individual's” and all that follows through “Armed Forces” and inserting “an obligated period of active duty of at least two years of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces”; and

(2) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “initial”.

(c) DURATION OF ASSISTANCE.—Section 3013 is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “individual's initial obligated period of active duty” and inserting “obligated period of active duty on which such entitlement is based”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “individual's initial obligated period of active duty” and inserting “obligated period of active duty on which such entitlement is based”.

(d) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—Section 3015 is amended—

(1) in the second sentence of subsection (a), by inserting before “a basic educational assistance allowance” the following: “in the case of an individual entitled to an educational assistance allowance under this chapter whose obligated period of active duty on which such entitlement is based is three years;”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “and whose initial obligated period of active duty is two years,” and inserting “whose obligated period of active duty on which such entitlement is based is two years;” and

(3) in subsection (c)(2), by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following new subparagraphs (A) and (B):

“(A) whose obligated period of active duty on which such entitlement is based is less than three years;

“(B) who, beginning on the date of the commencement of such obligated period of active duty, serves a continuous period of active duty of not less than three years; and”.

(e) **DELIMITING PERIOD.**—(1) In the case of an individual described in paragraph (2), with respect to the time limitation under section 3031 of title 38, United States Code, for use of eligibility and entitlement of basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of such title, the 10-year period applicable under such section shall begin on the later of—

(A) the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(B) the date of the individual's last discharge or release from active duty.

(2) An individual referred to in paragraph (1) is an individual who—

(A) before the date of the enactment of this Act, was not eligible for basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of such title by reason of the requirement of an initial obligated period of active duty as condition of eligibility for such assistance as in effect on the date preceding the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) on or after such date becomes eligible for such assistance by reason of the amendments made by this section.

SEC. 104. ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CERTAIN VEAP PARTICIPANTS TO ENROLL IN BASIC EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER MONTGOMERY GI BILL.

(a) **SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD.**—Section 3018C is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e)(1) A qualified individual (described in paragraph (2)) may make an irrevocable election under this subsection, during the one-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this subsection, to become entitled to basic educational assistance under this chapter. Such an election shall be made in the same manner as elections made under subsection (a)(5).

“(2) A qualified individual referred to in paragraph (1) is an individual who meets each of the following requirements:

“(A) The individual was a participant in the educational benefits program under chapter 32 of this title on or before October 9, 1996.

“(B) The individual has continuously served on active duty since October 9, 1996 (excluding the periods referred to in section 3202(1)(C) of this title), through at least April 1, 2000.

“(C) The individual meets the requirements of subsection (a)(3).

“(D) The individual, when discharged or released from active duty, is discharged or released therefrom with an honorable discharge.

“(3)(A) Subject to the succeeding provisions of this paragraph, with respect to a qualified individual who makes an election under paragraph (1) to become entitled to basic education assistance under this chapter—

“(i) the basic pay of the qualified individual shall be reduced (in a manner determined by the Secretary concerned) until the total amount by which such basic pay is reduced is \$2,700; and

“(ii) to the extent that basic pay is not so reduced before the qualified individual's dis-

charge or release from active duty as specified in subsection (a)(4), at the election of the qualified individual—

“(I) the Secretary concerned shall collect from the qualified individual; or

“(II) the Secretary concerned shall reduce the retired or retainer pay of the qualified individual by,

an amount equal to the difference between \$2,700 and the total amount of reductions under clause (i), which shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

“(B)(i) The Secretary concerned shall provide for an 18-month period, beginning on the date the qualified individual makes an election under paragraph (1), for the qualified individual to pay that Secretary the amount due under subparagraph (A).

“(ii) Nothing in clause (i) shall be construed as modifying the period of eligibility for and entitlement to basic education assistance under this chapter applicable under section 3031 of this title.

“(C) The provisions of subsection (c) shall apply to qualified individuals making elections under this subsection in the same manner as they applied to individuals making elections under subsection (a)(5).

“(4) With respect to qualified individuals referred to in paragraph (3)(A)(ii), no amount of educational assistance allowance under this chapter shall be paid to the qualified individual until the earlier of the date on which—

“(A) the Secretary concerned collects the applicable amount under subclause (I) of such paragraph; or

“(B) the retired or retainer pay of the qualified individual is first reduced under subclause (II) of such paragraph.

“(5) The Secretary, in conjunction with the Secretary of Defense, shall provide for notice to participants in the educational benefits program under chapter 32 of this title of the opportunity under this subsection to elect to become entitled to basic educational assistance under this chapter.”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 3018C(b) is amended by striking “subsection (a)” and inserting “subsection (a) or (e)”.

(c) **COORDINATION PROVISIONS.**—(1) If this Act is enacted before the provisions of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 are enacted into law, section 1601 of that Act, including the amendments made by that section, shall not take effect. If this Act is enacted after the provisions of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 are enacted into law, then as of the enactment of this Act, the amendments made by section 1601 of that Act shall be deemed for all purposes not to have taken effect and that section shall cease to be in effect.

(2) If the Veterans Claims Assistance Act of 2000 is enacted before the provisions of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 are enacted into law, section 1611 of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, including the amendments made by that section, shall not take effect. If the Veterans Claims Assistance Act of 2000 is enacted after the provisions of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 are enacted into law, then as of the enactment of the Veterans Claims Assistance Act of 2000, the amendments made by section 1611 of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 shall be deemed for all purposes not to have taken effect and that section shall cease to be in effect.

SEC. 105. INCREASED ACTIVE DUTY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BENEFIT FOR CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS.

(a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INCREASED ASSISTANCE AMOUNT.**—(1) Section

3011, as amended by section 102(a)(1)(B), is amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following new subsection (e):

“(e)(1) Any individual eligible for educational assistance under this section who does not make an election under subsection (c)(1) may contribute amounts for purposes of receiving an increased amount of basic educational assistance as provided for under section 3015(g) of this title. Such contributions shall be in addition to any reductions in the basic pay of such individual under subsection (b).

“(2) An individual covered by paragraph (1) may make the contributions authorized by that paragraph at any time while on active duty.

“(3) The total amount of the contributions made by an individual under paragraph (1) may not exceed \$600. Such contributions shall be made in multiples of \$4.

“(4) Contributions under this subsection shall be made to the Secretary. The Secretary shall deposit any amounts received by the Secretary as contributions under this subsection into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.”.

(2) Section 3012, as amended by section 102(b)(2), is amended by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection (f):

“(f)(1) Any individual eligible for educational assistance under this section who does not make an election under subsection (d)(1) may contribute amounts for purposes of receiving an increased amount of basic educational assistance as provided for under section 3015(g) of this title. Such contributions shall be in addition to any reductions in the basic pay of such individual under subsection (c).

“(2) An individual covered by paragraph (1) may make the contributions authorized by that paragraph at any time while on active duty.

“(3) The total amount of the contributions made by an individual under paragraph (1) may not exceed \$600. Such contributions shall be made in multiples of \$4.

“(4) Contributions under this subsection shall be made to the Secretary. The Secretary shall deposit any amounts received by the Secretary as contributions under this subsection into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.”.

(b) **INCREASED ASSISTANCE AMOUNT.**—Section 3015 is amended—

(1) by striking “subsection (g)” each place it appears in subsections (a)(1) and (b)(1) and inserting “subsection (h)”;

(2) by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (h); and

(3) by inserting after subsection (f) the following new subsection (g):

“(g) In the case of an individual who has made contributions authorized by section 3011(e) or 3012(f) of this title, the monthly amount of basic educational assistance allowance applicable to such individual under subsection (a), (b), or (c) shall be the monthly rate otherwise provided for under the applicable subsection increased by—

“(1) an amount equal to \$1 for each \$4 contributed by such individual under section 3011(e) or 3012(f), as the case may be, for an approved program of education pursued on a full-time basis; or

“(2) an appropriately reduced amount based on the amount so contributed, as determined under regulations which the Secretary shall prescribe, for an approved program of education pursued on less than a full-time basis.”.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on May 1, 2001.

(d) **TRANSITIONAL PROVISION FOR INDIVIDUALS DISCHARGED BETWEEN ENACTMENT AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**—(1) During the period beginning on May 1, 2001, and ending on July

31, 2001, an individual described in paragraph (2) may make contributions under section 3011(e) or 3012(f) of title 38, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), whichever is applicable to that individual, without regard to paragraph (2) of that section and otherwise in the same manner as an individual eligible for educational assistance under chapter 30 of such title who is on active duty.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies in the case of an individual who—

(A) is discharged or released from active duty during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on April 30, 2001; and

(B) is eligible for educational assistance under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code.

Subtitle B—Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance

SEC. 111. INCREASE IN RATES OF SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.

(a) SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 3532 is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—
(A) by striking “\$485” and inserting “\$588”;
(B) by striking “\$365” and inserting “\$441”;
and

(C) by striking “\$242” and inserting “\$294”;
(2) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “\$485” and inserting “\$588”;
and

(3) in subsection (b), by striking “\$485” and inserting “\$588”; and

(4) in subsection (c)(2)—
(A) by striking “\$392” and inserting “\$475”;
(B) by striking “\$294” and inserting “\$356”;
and

(C) by striking “\$196” and inserting “\$238”.

(b) CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.—Section 3534(b) is amended by striking “\$485” and inserting “\$588”.

(c) SPECIAL RESTORATIVE TRAINING.—Section 3542(a) is amended—

(1) by striking “\$485” and inserting “\$588”;
(2) by striking “\$152” each place it appears and inserting “\$184”; and

(3) by striking “\$16.16” and all that follows and inserting “such increased amount of allowance that is equal to one-thirtieth of the full-time basic monthly rate of special training allowance.”.

(d) APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING.—Section 3687(b)(2) is amended—

(1) by striking “\$353” and inserting “\$428”;
(2) by striking “\$264” and inserting “\$320”;
(3) by striking “\$175” and inserting “\$212”;
and

(4) by striking “\$88” and inserting “\$107”.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a) through (d) shall take effect on November 1, 2000, and shall apply with respect to educational assistance allowances paid under chapter 35 of title 38, United States Code, for months after October 2000.

(f) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE.—

(1) CHAPTER 35.—(A) Subchapter VI of chapter 35 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§3564. Annual adjustment of amounts of educational assistance

“With respect to any fiscal year, the Secretary shall provide a percentage increase (rounded to the nearest dollar) in the rates payable under sections 3532, 3534(b), and 3542(a) of this title equal to the percentage by which—

“(1) the Consumer Price Index (all items, United States city average) for the 12-month period ending on the June 30 preceding the beginning of the fiscal year for which the increase is made, exceeds

“(2) such Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period preceding the 12-month period described in paragraph (1).”.

(B) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 35 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 3563 the following new item:

“3564. Annual adjustment of amounts of educational assistance.”.

(2) CHAPTER 36.—Section 3687 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) With respect to any fiscal year, the Secretary shall provide a percentage increase (rounded to the nearest dollar) in the rates payable under subsection (b)(2) equal to the percentage by which—

“(1) the Consumer Price Index (all items, United States city average) for the 12-month period ending on the June 30 preceding the beginning of the fiscal year for which the increase is made, exceeds

“(2) such Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period preceding the 12-month period described in paragraph (1).”.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Sections 3654 and 3687(d) of title 38, United States Code, as added by this subsection, shall take effect on October 1, 2001.

SEC. 112. ELECTION OF CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.

Section 3512(a)(3) is amended by striking “8 years after,” and all that follows through the end and inserting “8 years after the date that is elected by that person to be the beginning date of entitlement under section 3511 of this title or subchapter V of this chapter if—

“(A) the Secretary approves that beginning date;

“(B) the eligible person makes that election after the person's eighteenth birthday but before the person's twenty-sixth birthday; and

“(C) that beginning date—

“(i) in the case of a person whose eligibility is based on a parent who has a service-connected total disability permanent in nature, is between the dates described in subsection (d); and

“(ii) in the case of a person whose eligibility is based on the death of a parent, is between—

“(I) the date of the parent's death; and

“(II) the date of the Secretary's decision that the death was service-connected.”.

SEC. 113. ADJUSTED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR AWARD OF SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5113 is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c);

(2) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection (b) of this section” and inserting “subsections (b) and (c)”; and

(3) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

“(b)(1) When determining the effective date of an award under chapter 35 of this title for an individual described in paragraph (2) based on an original claim, the Secretary may consider the individual's application as having been filed on the eligibility date of the individual if that eligibility date is more than one year before the date of the initial rating decision.

“(2) An individual referred to in paragraph (1) is an eligible person who—

“(A) submits to the Secretary an original application for educational assistance under chapter 35 of this title within one year of the date that the Secretary makes the rating decision;

“(B) claims such educational assistance for pursuit of an approved program of education

during a period preceding the one-year period ending on the date on which the application was received by the Secretary; and

“(C) would have been entitled to such educational assistance for such course pursuit if the individual had submitted such an application on the individual's eligibility date.

“(3) In this subsection:

“(A) The term ‘eligibility date’ means the date on which an individual becomes an eligible person.

“(B) The term ‘eligible person’ has the meaning given that term under section 3501(a)(1) of this title under subparagraph (A)(i), (A)(ii), (B), or (D) of such section by reason of either (i) the service-connected death or (ii) service-connected total disability permanent in nature of the veteran from whom such eligibility is derived.

“(C) The term ‘initial rating decision’ means with respect to an eligible person a decision made by the Secretary that establishes (i) service connection for such veteran's death or (ii) the existence of such veteran's service-connected total disability permanent in nature, as the case may be.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to applications first made under section 3513 of title 38, United States Code, that—

(1) are received on or after the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(2) on the date of the enactment of this Act, are pending (A) with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or (B) exhaustion of available administrative and judicial remedies.

SEC. 114. AVAILABILITY UNDER SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE OF PREPARATORY COURSES FOR COLLEGE AND GRADUATE SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3501(a)(5) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: “Such term also includes any preparatory course described in section 3002(3)(B) of this title.”.

(b) SCOPE OF AVAILABILITY.—Section 3512(a) is amended—

(1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (5);

(2) by striking the period at the end of clause (6) and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(7) if the person is pursuing a preparatory course described in section 3002(3)(B) of this title, such period may begin on the date that is the first day of such course pursuit, notwithstanding that such date may be before the person's eighteenth birthday, except that in no case may such person be afforded educational assistance under this chapter for pursuit of secondary schooling unless such course pursuit would otherwise be authorized under this subsection.”.

Subtitle C—General Educational Assistance

SEC. 121. REVISION OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE INTERVAL PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subclause (C) of the third sentence of section 3680(a) is amended to read as follows:

“(C) during periods between school terms where the educational institution certifies the enrollment of the eligible veteran or eligible person on an individual term basis if (i) the period between those terms does not exceed eight weeks, and (ii) both the terms preceding and following the period are not shorter in length than the period.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to payments of educational assistance under title 38, United States Code, for months beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 122. AVAILABILITY OF EDUCATION BENEFITS FOR PAYMENT FOR LICENSING OR CERTIFICATION TESTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 3452(b) and 3501(a)(5) (as amended by section 114(a)) are each amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: “Such term also includes licensing or certification tests, the successful completion of which demonstrates an individual’s possession of the knowledge or skill required to enter into, maintain, or advance in employment in a predetermined and identified vocation or profession, provided such tests and the licensing or credentialing organizations or entities that offer such tests are approved by the Secretary in accordance with section 3689 of this title.”.

(b) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—

(1) CHAPTER 30.—Section 3032 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(f)(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the amount of educational assistance payable under this chapter for a licensing or certification test described in section 3452(b) of this title is the lesser of \$2,000 or the fee charged for the test.

“(2) The number of months of entitlement charged in the case of any individual for such licensing or certification test is equal to the number (including any fraction) determined by dividing the total amount of educational assistance paid such individual for such test by the full-time monthly institutional rate of educational assistance which, except for paragraph (1), such individual would otherwise be paid under subsection (a)(1), (b)(1), (d), or (e)(1) of section 3015 of this title, as the case may be.

“(3) In no event shall payment of educational assistance under this subsection for such a test exceed the amount of the individual’s available entitlement under this chapter.”.

(2) CHAPTER 32.—Section 3232 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c)(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the amount of educational assistance payable under this chapter for a licensing or certification test described in section 3452(b) of this title is the lesser of \$2,000 or the fee charged for the test.

“(2) The number of months of entitlement charged in the case of any individual for such licensing or certification test is equal to the number (including any fraction) determined by dividing the total amount paid to such individual for such test by the full-time monthly institutional rate of the educational assistance allowance which, except for paragraph (1), such individual would otherwise be paid under this chapter.

“(3) In no event shall payment of educational assistance under this subsection for such a test exceed the amount of the individual’s available entitlement under this chapter.”.

(3) CHAPTER 34.—Section 3482 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(h)(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the amount of educational assistance payable under this chapter for a licensing or certification test described in section 3452(b) of this title is the lesser of \$2,000 or the fee charged for the test.

“(2) The number of months of entitlement charged in the case of any individual for such licensing or certification test is equal to the number (including any fraction) determined by dividing the total amount paid to such individual for such test by the full-time monthly institutional rate of the educational assistance allowance which, except for paragraph (1), such individual would otherwise be paid under this chapter.

“(3) In no event shall payment of educational assistance under this subsection for such a test exceed the amount of the individual’s available entitlement under this chapter.”.

(4) CHAPTER 35.—Section 3532 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(f)(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the amount of educational assistance payable under this chapter for a licensing or certification test described in section 3501(a)(5) of this title is the lesser of \$2,000 or the fee charged for the test.

“(2) The number of months of entitlement charged in the case of any individual for such licensing or certification test is equal to the number (including any fraction) determined by dividing the total amount paid to such individual for such test by the full-time monthly institutional rate of the educational assistance allowance which, except for paragraph (1), such individual would otherwise be paid under this chapter.

“(3) In no event shall payment of educational assistance under this subsection for such a test exceed the amount of the individual’s available entitlement under this chapter.”.

(c) REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSING AND CREDENTIALING TESTING.—(1) Chapter 36 is amended by inserting after section 3688 the following new section:

“§ 3689. Approval requirements for licensing and certification testing

“(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) No payment may be made for a licensing or certification test described in section 3452(b) or 3501(a)(5) of this title unless the Secretary determines that the requirements of this section have been met with respect to such test and the organization or entity offering the test. The requirements of approval for tests and organizations or entities offering tests shall be in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and chapters 30, 32, 34, and 35 of this title and with regulations prescribed by the Secretary to carry out this section.

“(2) To the extent that the Secretary determines practicable, State approving agencies may, in lieu of the Secretary, approve licensing and certification tests, and organizations and entities offering such tests, under this section.

“(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR TESTS.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a licensing or certification test is approved for purposes of this section only if—

“(A) the test is required under Federal, State, or local law or regulation for an individual to enter into, maintain, or advance in employment in a predetermined and identified vocation or profession; or

“(B) the Secretary determines that the test is generally accepted, in accordance with relevant government, business, or industry standards, employment policies, or hiring practices, as attesting to a level of knowledge or skill required to qualify to enter into, maintain, or advance in employment in a predetermined and identified vocation or profession.

“(2) A licensing or certification test offered by a State, or a political subdivision of a State, is deemed approved by the Secretary for purposes of this section.

“(c) REQUIREMENTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS OR ENTITIES OFFERING TESTS.—(1) Each organization or entity that is not an entity of the United States, a State, or political subdivision of a State, that offers a licensing or certification test for which payment may be made under chapter 30, 32, 34, or 35 of this title and that meets the following requirements, shall be approved by the Secretary to offer such test:

“(A) The organization or entity certifies to the Secretary that the licensing or certi-

cation test offered by the organization or entity is generally accepted, in accordance with relevant government, business, or industry standards, employment policies, or hiring practices, as attesting to a level of knowledge or skill required to qualify to enter into, maintain, or advance in employment in a predetermined and identified vocation or profession.

“(B) The organization or entity is licensed, chartered, or incorporated in a State and has offered the test for a minimum of two years before the date on which the organization or entity first submits to the Secretary an application for approval under this section.

“(C) The organization or entity employs, or consults with, individuals with expertise or substantial experience with respect to all areas of knowledge or skill that are measured by the test and that are required for the license or certificate issued.

“(D) The organization or entity has no direct financial interest in—

“(i) the outcome of the test; or

“(ii) organizations that provide the education or training of candidates for licenses or certificates required for vocations or professions.

“(E) The organization or entity maintains appropriate records with respect to all candidates who take the test for a period prescribed by the Secretary, but in no case for a period of less than three years.

“(F)(i) The organization or entity promptly issues notice of the results of the test to the candidate for the license or certificate.

“(ii) The organization or entity has in place a process to review complaints submitted against the organization or entity with respect to the test or the process for obtaining a license or certificate required for vocations or professions.

“(G) The organization or entity furnishes to the Secretary such information with respect to the test as the Secretary requires to determine whether payment may be made for the test under chapter 30, 32, 34, or 35 of this title, including personal identifying information, fee payment, and test results. Such information shall be furnished in the form prescribed by the Secretary.

“(H) The organization or entity furnishes to the Secretary the following information:

“(i) A description of the licensing or certification test offered by the organization or entity, including the purpose of the test, the vocational, professional, governmental, and other entities that recognize the test, and the license of certificate issued upon successful completion of the test.

“(ii) The requirements to take the test, including the amount of the fee charged for the test and any prerequisite education, training, skills, or other certification.

“(iii) The period for which the license or certificate awarded upon successful completion of the test is valid, and the requirements for maintaining or renewing the license or certificate.

“(I) Upon request of the Secretary, the organization or entity furnishes such information to the Secretary that the Secretary determines necessary to perform an assessment of—

“(i) the test conducted by the organization or entity as compared to the level of knowledge or skills that a license or certificate attests; and

“(ii) the applicability of the test over such periods of time as the Secretary determines appropriate.

“(2) With respect to each organization or entity that is an entity of the United States, a State, or political subdivision of a State, that offers a licensing or certification test for which payment may be made under 30, 32, 34, or 35 of this title, the following provisions

of paragraph (1) shall apply to the entity: subparagraphs (E), (F), (G), and (H).

“(d) ADMINISTRATION.—Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section or chapter 30, 32, 34, or 35 of this title, in implementing this section and making payment under any such chapter for a licensing or certification test, the test is deemed to be a ‘course’ and the organization or entity that offers such test is deemed to be an ‘institution’ or ‘educational institution’, respectively, as those terms are applied under and for purposes of sections 3671, 3673, 3674, 3678, 3679, 3681, 3682, 3683, 3685, 3690, and 3696 of this title.

“(e) PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—(1) There is established within the Department a committee to be known as the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee (hereinafter in this section referred to as the ‘Committee’).

“(2) The Committee shall advise the Secretary with respect to the requirements of organizations or entities offering licensing and certification tests to individuals for which payment for such tests may be made under chapter 30, 32, 34, or 35 of this title, and such other related issues as the Committee determines to be appropriate.

“(3)(A) The Secretary shall appoint seven individuals with expertise in matters relating to licensing and certification tests to serve as members of the Committee.

“(B) The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Defense shall serve as ex-officio members of the Committee.

“(C) A vacancy in the Committee shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

“(4)(A) The Secretary shall appoint the chairman of the Committee.

“(B) The Committee shall meet at the call of the chairman.

“(5) The Committee shall terminate December 31, 2006.”

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 36 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 3688 the following new item:

“3689. Approval requirements for licensing and certification testing.”

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on March 1, 2001, and shall apply with respect to licensing and certification tests approved by the Secretary on Veterans Affairs on or after such date.

(e) STARTUP FUNDING.—From amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2001 for readjustment benefits, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall use an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 to develop the systems and procedures required to make payments under chapters 30, 32, 34, and 35 of title 38, United States Code, for licensing and certification tests.

SEC. 123. INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEARS 2001 AND 2002 IN AGGREGATE ANNUAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR STATE APPROVING AGENCIES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

Section 3674(a)(4) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by inserting “or, for each of fiscal years 2001 and 2002, \$14,000,000” after “\$13,000,000”; and

(2) in the second sentence, by striking “\$13,000,000” both places it appears and inserting “the amount applicable to that fiscal year under the preceding sentence”.

TITLE II—HEALTH PROVISIONS

Subtitle A—Personnel Matters

SEC. 201. ANNUAL NATIONAL PAY COMPARABILITY ADJUSTMENT FOR NURSES EMPLOYED BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) REVISED PAY ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURES.—(1) Subsection (d) of section 7451 is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “The rates” and inserting “Subject to subsection (e), the rates”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking “section 5305” and inserting “section 5303”; and

(II) by inserting “and to be by the same percentage” after “to have the same effective date”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “Such” in the second sentence and inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (1)(A), such”;

(C) in paragraph (3)(B)—

(i) by inserting after the first sentence the following new sentence: “To the extent practicable, the director shall use third-party industry wage surveys to meet the requirements of the preceding sentence.”;

(ii) by inserting before the penultimate sentence the following new sentence: “To the extent practicable, all surveys conducted pursuant to this subparagraph or subparagraph (A) shall include the collection of salary midpoints, actual salaries, lowest and highest salaries, average salaries, bonuses, incentive pays, differential pays, actual beginning rates of pay, and such other information needed to meet the purpose of this section.”; and

(iii) in the penultimate sentence, by inserting “or published” after “completed”; and

(D) by striking clause (iii) of paragraph (3)(C).

(2) Subsection (e) of such section is amended to read as follows:

“(e)(1) An adjustment in a rate of basic pay under subsection (d) may not reduce the rate of basic pay applicable to any grade of a covered position.

“(2) The director of a Department health-care facility, in determining whether to carry out a wage survey under subsection (d)(3) with respect to rates of basic pay for a grade of a covered position, may not consider as a factor in such determination the absence of a current recruitment or retention problem for personnel in that grade of that position. The director shall make such a determination based upon whether, in accordance with criteria established by the Secretary, there is a significant pay-related staffing problem at that facility in any grade for a position. If the director determines that there is such a problem, or that such a problem is likely to exist in the near future, the Director shall provide for a wage survey in accordance with subsection (d)(3).

“(3) The Under Secretary for Health may, to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of subsection (d), modify any determination made by the director of a Department health-care facility with respect to adjusting the rates of basic pay applicable to covered positions. If the determination of the director would result in an adjustment in rates of basic pay applicable to covered positions, any action by the Under Secretary under the preceding sentence shall be made before the effective date of such pay adjustment. Upon such action by the Under Secretary, any adjustment shall take effect on the first day of the first pay period beginning after such action. The Secretary shall ensure that the Under Secretary establishes a mechanism for the timely exercise of the authority in this paragraph.

“(4) Each director of a Department health-care facility shall provide to the Secretary, not later than July 31 each year, a report on staffing for covered positions at that facility. The report shall include the following:

“(A) Information on turnover rates and vacancy rates for each grade in a covered position, including a comparison of those rates with the rates for the preceding three years.

“(B) The director’s findings concerning the review and evaluation of the facility’s staffing situation, including whether there is, or

is likely to be, in accordance with criteria established by the Secretary, a significant pay-related staffing problem at that facility for any grade of a covered position and, if so, whether a wage survey was conducted, or will be conducted with respect to that grade.

“(C) In any case in which the director conducts such a wage survey during the period covered by the report, information describing the survey and any actions taken or not taken based on the survey, and the reasons for taking (or not taking) such actions.

“(D) In any case in which the director, after finding that there is, or is likely to be, in accordance with criteria established by the Secretary, a significant pay-related staffing problem at that facility for any grade of a covered position, determines not to conduct a wage survey with respect to that position, a statement of the reasons why the director did not conduct such a survey.

“(5) Not later than September 30 of each year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on staffing for covered positions at Department health care facilities. Each such report shall include the following:

“(A) A summary and analysis of the information contained in the most recent reports submitted by facility directors under paragraph (4).

“(B) The information for each such facility specified in paragraph (4).”

(3) Subsection (f) of such section is amended—

(A) by striking “February 1 of 1991, 1992, and 1993” and inserting “March 1 of each year”; and

(B) by striking “subsection (d)(1)(A)” and inserting “subsection (d)”.

(4) Such section is further amended by striking subsection (g) and redesignating subsection (h) as subsection (g).

(b) REQUIRED CONSULTATIONS WITH NURSES.—(1) Subchapter II of chapter 73 is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 7323. Required consultations with nurses

“The Under Secretary for Health shall ensure that—

“(1) the director of a geographic service area, in formulating policy relating to the provision of patient care, shall consult regularly with a senior nurse executive or senior nurse executives; and

“(2) the director of a medical center shall include a registered nurse as a member of any committee used at that medical center to provide recommendations or decisions on medical center operations or policy affecting clinical services, clinical outcomes, budget, or resources.”

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 7322 the following new item:

“7323. Required consultations with nurses.”

SEC. 202. SPECIAL PAY FOR DENTISTS.

(a) FULL-TIME STATUS PAY.—Paragraph (1) of section 7435(b) is amended by striking “\$3,500” and inserting “\$9,000”.

(b) TENURE PAY.—The table in paragraph (2)(A) of that section is amended to read as follows:

Length of Service	Rate	
	Minimum	Maximum
1 year but less than 2 years	\$1,000	\$2,000
2 years but less than 4 years	4,000	5,000
4 years but less than 8 years	5,000	8,000
8 years but less than 12 years	8,000	12,000
12 years but less than 20 years	12,000	15,000
20 years or more	15,000	18,000.”

(c) **SCARCE SPECIALTY PAY.**—Paragraph (3)(A) of that section is amended by striking “\$20,000” and inserting “\$30,000”.

(d) **RESPONSIBILITY PAY.**—(1) The table in paragraph (4)(A) of that section is amended to read as follows:

Position	Rate	
	Minimum	Maximum
Chief of Staff or in an Executive Grade	\$14,500	\$25,000
Director Grade	0	25,000
Service Chief (or in a comparable position as determined by the Secretary)	4,500	15,000.”.

(2) The table in paragraph (4)(B) of that section is amended to read as follows:

Position	Rate
Deputy Service Director	\$20,000
Service Director	25,000
Deputy Assistant Under Secretary for Health	27,500
Assistant Under Secretary for Health (or in a comparable position as determined by the Secretary)	30,000.”.

(e) **GEOGRAPHIC PAY.**—Paragraph (6) of that section is amended by striking “\$5,000” and inserting “\$12,000”.

(f) **SPECIAL PAY FOR POST-GRADUATE TRAINING.**—Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(8) For a dentist who has successfully completed a post-graduate year of hospital-based training in a program accredited by the American Dental Association, an annual rate of \$2,000 for each of the first two years of service after successful completion of that training.”.

(g) **CREDITING OF INCREASED TENURE PAY FOR CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT.**—Section 7438(b) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (6); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph (5):

“(5) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), a dentist employed as a dentist in the Veterans Health Administration on the date of the enactment of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 shall be entitled to have special pay paid to the dentist under section 7435(b)(2)(A) of this title (referred to as ‘tenure pay’) considered basic pay for the purposes of chapter 83 or 84, as appropriate, of title 5 only as follows:

“(A) In an amount equal to the amount that would have been so considered under such section on the day before such date based on the rates of special pay the dentist was entitled to receive under that section on the day before such date.

“(B) With respect to any amount of special pay received under that section in excess of the amount such dentist was entitled to receive under such section on the day before such date, in an amount equal to 25 percent of such excess amount for each two years that the physician or dentist has completed as a physician or dentist in the Veterans Health Administration after such date.”.

(h) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to agreements entered into by dentists under subchapter III of chapter 74 of title 38, United States Code, on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(i) **TRANSITION.**—In the case of an agreement entered into by a dentist under subchapter III of chapter 74 of title 38, United States Code, before the date of the enactment of this Act that expires after that date, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the dentist concerned may agree to terminate that agreement as of the date of the enactment of this Act in order to permit a new agreement in accordance with section 7435 of such title, as amended by this section, to take effect as of that date.

SEC. 203. EXEMPTION FOR PHARMACISTS FROM CEILING ON SPECIAL SALARY RATES.

Section 7455(c)(1) is amended by inserting “, pharmacists,” after “anesthetists”.

SEC. 204. TEMPORARY FULL-TIME APPOINTMENTS OF CERTAIN MEDICAL PERSONNEL.

(a) **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AWAITING CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE.**—Paragraph (2) of section 7405(c) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) A temporary full-time appointment may not be made for a period in excess of two years in the case of a person who—

“(A) has successfully completed—

“(i) a full course of nursing in a recognized school of nursing, approved by the Secretary; or

“(ii) a full course of training for any category of personnel described in paragraph (3) of section 7401 of this title, or as a physician assistant, in a recognized education or training institution approved by the Secretary; and

“(B) is pending registration or licensure in a State or certification by a national board recognized by the Secretary.”.

(b) **MEDICAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL.**—That section is further amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph (3):

“(3)(A) Temporary full-time appointments of persons in positions referred to in subsection (a)(1)(D) shall not exceed three years.

“(B) Temporary full-time appointments under this paragraph may be renewed for one or more additional periods not in excess of three years each.”.

SEC. 205. QUALIFICATIONS OF SOCIAL WORKERS.

Section 7402(b)(9) is amended by striking “a person must” and all that follows and inserting “a person must—

“(A) hold a master’s degree in social work from a college or university approved by the Secretary; and

“(B) be licensed or certified to independently practice social work in a State, except that the Secretary may waive the requirement of licensure or certification for an individual social worker for a reasonable period of time recommended by the Under Secretary for Health.”.

SEC. 206. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISER TO UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH.

Section 7306(a) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (9) as paragraph (10); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (8) the following new paragraph (9):

“(9) The Advisor on Physician Assistants, who shall be a physician assistant with appropriate experience and who shall advise the Under Secretary for Health on all matters relating to the utilization and employment of physician assistants in the Administration.”.

SEC. 207. EXTENSION OF VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Employment Reduction Assistance Act of 1999 (title XI of Public Law 106-117; 5 U.S.C. 5597 note) is amended as follows:

(1) Section 1102(c) is amended to read as follows:

“(c) **LIMITATION.**—The plan under subsection (a) shall be limited to a total of 7,734 positions within the Department, allocated among the elements of the Department as follows:

“(1) The Veterans Health Administration, 6,800 positions.

“(2) The Veterans Benefits Administration, 740 positions.

“(3) Department of Veterans Affairs Staff Offices, 156 positions.

“(4) The National Cemetery Administration, 38 positions.”.

(2) Section 1105(a) is amended by striking “26 percent” and inserting “15 percent”.

(3) Section 1109(a) is amended by striking “December 31, 2000” and inserting “December 31, 2002”.

Subtitle B—Military Service Issues

SEC. 211. FINDINGS AND SENSE OF CONGRESS CONCERNING USE OF MILITARY HISTORIES OF VETERANS IN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Pertinent military experiences and exposures may affect the health status of Department of Veterans Affairs patients who are veterans.

(2) The Department of Veterans Affairs has begun to implement a Veterans Health Initiative to develop systems to ensure that both patient care and medical education in the Veterans Health Administration are specific to the special needs of veterans and should be encouraged to continue these efforts.

(3) Protocols eliciting pertinent information relating to the military history of veterans may be beneficial to understanding certain conditions for which veterans may be at risk and thereby facilitate the treatment of veterans for those conditions.

(4) The Department of Veterans Affairs is in the process of developing a Computerized Patient Record System that offers the potential to aid in the care and monitoring of such conditions.

(b) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—Congress—

(1) urges the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assess the feasibility and desirability of using a computer-based system to conduct clinical evaluations relevant to military experiences and exposures; and

(2) recommends that the Secretary accelerate efforts within the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure that relevant military histories of veterans are included in Department medical records.

SEC. 212. STUDY OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN VIETNAM VETERANS.

(a) **STUDY ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.**—Not later than 10 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall enter into a contract with an appropriate entity to carry out a study on post-traumatic stress disorder.

(b) **FOLLOW-UP STUDY.**—The contract under subsection (a) shall provide for a follow-up study to the study conducted in accordance with section 102 of the Veterans Health Care Amendments of 1983 (Public Law 98-160). Such follow-up study shall use the data base and sample of the previous study.

(c) **INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED.**—The study conducted pursuant to this section shall be designed to yield information on—

(1) the long-term course of post-traumatic stress disorder;

(2) any long-term medical consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder;

(3) whether particular subgroups of veterans are at greater risk of chronic or more severe problems with such disorder; and

(4) the services used by veterans who have post-traumatic stress disorder and the effect of those services on the course of the disorder.

(d) **REPORT.**—The Secretary shall submit to the Committees of Veterans Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the results of the study under this section. The report shall be submitted no later than October 1, 2004.

Subtitle C—Medical Administration**SEC. 221. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FISHER HOUSES.**

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—Subchapter I of chapter 17 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 1708. Temporary lodging

“(a) The Secretary may furnish persons described in subsection (b) with temporary lodging in a Fisher house or other appropriate facility in connection with the examination, treatment, or care of a veteran under this chapter or, as provided for under subsection (e)(5), in connection with benefits administered under this title.

“(b) Persons to whom the Secretary may provide lodging under subsection (a) are the following:

“(1) A veteran who must travel a significant distance to receive care or services under this title.

“(2) A member of the family of a veteran and others who accompany a veteran and provide the equivalent of familial support for such veteran.

“(c) In this section, the term ‘Fisher house’ means a housing facility that—

“(1) is located at, or in proximity to, a Department medical facility;

“(2) is available for residential use on a temporary basis by patients of that facility and others described in subsection (b)(2); and

“(3) is constructed by, and donated to the Secretary by, the Zachary and Elizabeth M. Fisher Armed Services Foundation.

“(d) The Secretary may establish charges for providing lodging under this section. The proceeds from such charges shall be credited to the medical care account and shall be available until expended for the purposes of providing such lodging.

“(e) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to carry out this section. Such regulations shall include provisions—

“(1) limiting the duration of lodging provided under this section;

“(2) establishing standards and criteria under which charges are established for such lodging under subsection (d);

“(3) establishing criteria for persons considered to be accompanying a veteran under subsection (b)(2);

“(4) establishing criteria for the use of the premises of temporary lodging facilities under this section; and

“(5) establishing any other limitations, conditions, and priorities that the Secretary considers appropriate with respect to lodging under this section.”

(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1707 the following new item:

“1708. Temporary lodging.”

SEC. 222. EXCEPTION TO RECAPTURE RULE.

Section 8136 is amended—

(1) by inserting “(a)” at the beginning of the text of the section; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) The establishment and operation by the Secretary of an outpatient clinic in facilities described in subsection (a) shall not constitute grounds entitling the United States to any recovery under that subsection.”

SEC. 223. SENSE OF CONGRESS CONCERNING CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN THE PROCUREMENT OF MEDICAL ITEMS.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The procurement and distribution of medical items, including prescription drugs, is a multibillion-dollar annual business for

both the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(2) Those departments prescribe common high-use drugs to many of their 12,000,000 patients who have similar medical profiles.

(3) The health care systems of those departments should have management systems that can share and communicate clinical and management information useful for both systems.

(4) The institutional barriers separating the two departments have begun to be overcome in the area of medical supplies, in part as a response to recommendations by the General Accounting Office and the Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance.

(5) There is significant potential for improved savings and services by improving cooperation between the two departments in the procurement and management of prescription drugs, while remaining mindful that the two departments have different missions.

(b) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs should increase, to the maximum extent consistent with their respective missions, their level of cooperation in the procurement and management of prescription drugs.

SEC. 224. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES.

(a) **REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE CARE.**—Section 1710A(a) is amended by inserting “(subject to section 1710(a)(4) of this title)” after “Secretary” the first place it appears.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Section 1710(a)(4) is amended—

(1) by inserting “the requirement in section 1710A(a) of this title that the Secretary provide nursing home care,” after “medical services,”; and

(2) by striking the comma after “extended care services”.

(c) **OUTPATIENT TREATMENT.**—Section 201 of the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act (Public Law 106-117; 113 Stat. 1561) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by subsection (b) shall apply with respect to medical services furnished under section 1710(a) of title 38, United States Code, on or after the effective date of the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the amounts required to be established under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1710(g) of that title, as amended by subsection (b).”

(d) **RATIFICATION.**—Any action taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under section 1710(g) of title 38, United States Code, during the period beginning on November 30, 1999, and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act is hereby ratified.

Subtitle D—Construction Authorization**SEC. 231. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY PROJECTS.**

(a) **FISCAL YEAR 2001 PROJECTS.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out the following major medical facility projects, with each project to be carried out in an amount not to exceed the amount specified for that project:

(1) Construction of a 120-bed gero-psychiatric facility at the Department of Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System, Menlo Park Division, California, \$26,600,000.

(2) Construction of a nursing home at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Beckley, West Virginia, \$9,500,000.

(3) Seismic corrections, clinical consolidation, and other improvements at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Long Beach, California, \$51,700,000.

(4) Construction of a utility plant and electrical vault at the Department of Veterans

Affairs Medical Center, Miami, Florida, \$23,600,000.

(b) **ADDITIONAL FISCAL YEAR 2000 PROJECT.**—The Secretary is authorized to carry out a project for the renovation of psychiatric nursing units at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000.

SEC. 232. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the Construction, Major Projects, account—

(1) for fiscal years 2001 and 2002, a total of \$87,800,000 for the projects authorized in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of section 231(a);

(2) for fiscal year 2001, an additional amount of \$23,600,000 for the project authorized in paragraph (4) of that section; and

(3) for fiscal year 2002, an additional amount of \$14,500,000 for the project authorized in section 401(1) of the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act (Public Law 106-117; 113 Stat. 1572).

(b) **LIMITATION.**—The projects authorized in section 231(a) may only be carried out using—

(1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 2001 or fiscal year 2002 (or, in the case of the project authorized in section 231(a)(4), for fiscal year 2001) pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in subsection (a);

(2) funds appropriated for Construction, Major Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 2001 that remain available for obligation; and

(3) funds appropriated for Construction, Major Projects, for fiscal year 2001 or fiscal year 2002 (or, in the case of the project authorized in section 231(a)(4), for fiscal year 2001) for a category of activity not specific to a project.

(c) **REVISION TO PRIOR LIMITATION.**—Notwithstanding the limitation in section 403(b) of the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act (Public Law 106-117; 113 Stat. 1573), the project referred to in subsection (a)(3) may be carried out using—

(1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 2002 pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in subsection (a)(3);

(2) funds appropriated for Construction, Major Projects, for fiscal year 2001 that remain available for obligation; and

(3) funds appropriated for Construction, Major Projects, for fiscal year 2001 or fiscal year 2002 for a category of activity not specific to a project.

Subtitle E—Real Property Matters**SEC. 241. CHANGE TO ENHANCED USE LEASE CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION PERIOD.**

Paragraph (2) of section 8163(c) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) The Secretary may not enter into an enhanced use lease until the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the submission of notice under paragraph (1).”

SEC. 242. RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.

(a) **RELEASE OF INTEREST.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall execute such legal instruments as necessary to release the reversionary interest of the United States described in subsection (b) in a certain parcel of real property conveyed to the State of Tennessee pursuant to the Act entitled “An Act authorizing the transfer of certain property of the Veterans’ Administration (in Johnson City, Tennessee) to the State of Tennessee”, approved June 6, 1953 (67 Stat. 54).

(b) **SPECIFIED REVERSIONARY INTEREST.**—Subsection (a) applies to the reversionary interest of the United States required under

section 2 of the Act referred to in subsection (a), requiring use of the property conveyed pursuant to that Act to be primarily for training of the National Guard and for other military purposes.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2 of such Act is repealed.

SEC. 243. DEMOLITION, ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP, AND REVERSION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER, ALLEN PARK, MICHIGAN.

(a) AUTHORITY.—(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall enter into a multiyear contract with the Ford Motor Land Development Corporation (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Corporation") to undertake project management responsibility to—

(A) demolish the buildings and auxiliary structures comprising the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Allen Park, Michigan; and

(B) remediate the site of all hazardous material and environmental contaminants found on the site.

(2) The contract under paragraph (1) may be entered into notwithstanding sections 303 and 304 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 253, 254). The contract shall be for a period specified in the contract not to exceed seven years.

(b) CONTRACT COST AND SOURCE OF FUNDING.—(1) The Secretary may expend no more than \$14,000,000 for the contract required by subsection (a). The contract shall provide that all costs for the demolition and site remediation under the contract in excess of \$14,000,000 shall be borne by the Corporation.

(2) Payments by the Secretary under the contract shall be made in annual increments of no more than \$2,000,000, beginning with fiscal year 2001, for the duration of the contract. Such payments shall be made from the nonrecurring maintenance portion of the annual Department of Veterans Affairs medical care appropriation.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the amount obligated upon the award of the contract may not exceed \$2,000,000 and the amount obligated with respect to any succeeding fiscal year may not exceed \$2,000,000. Any funds obligated for the contract shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

(c) REVERSION OF PROPERTY.—Upon completion of the demolition and remediation project under the contract to the satisfaction of the Secretary, the Secretary shall, on behalf of the United States, formally abandon the Allen Park property (title to which will then revert in accordance with the terms of the 1937 deed conveying such property to the United States).

(d) FLAGPOLE AND MEMORIAL.—The contract under subsection (a) shall require that the Corporation shall erect and maintain on the property abandoned by the United States under subsection (c) a flagpole and suitable memorial identifying the property as the location of the former Allen Park Medical Center. The Secretary and the Corporation shall jointly determine the placement of the memorial and flagpole and the form of, and appropriate inscription on, the memorial.

(e) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions with regard to the contract with the Corporation under subsection (a) and with the reversion of the property under subsection (c) as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interest of the United States.

SEC. 244. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY AT THE CARL VINSON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER, DUBLIN, GEORGIA.

(a) CONVEYANCE TO STATE BOARD OF REGENTS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs

shall convey, without consideration, to the Board of Regents of the State of Georgia all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to two tracts of real property, including any improvements thereon, at the Carl Vinson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Dublin, Georgia, consisting of 39 acres, more or less, in Laurens County, Georgia.

(b) CONVEYANCE TO COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD OF MIDDLE GEORGIA.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall convey, without consideration, to the Community Service Board of Middle Georgia all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to three tracts of real property, including any improvements thereon, at the Carl Vinson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Dublin, Georgia, consisting of 58 acres, more or less, in Laurens County, Georgia.

(c) CONDITIONS ON CONVEYANCE.—The conveyance under subsection (a) shall be subject to the condition that the real property conveyed under that subsection be used in perpetuity solely for education purposes. The conveyance under subsection (b) shall be subject to the condition that the real property conveyed under that subsection be used in perpetuity solely for education and health care purposes.

(d) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property to be conveyed under this section shall be determined by a survey or surveys satisfactory to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The cost of any such survey shall not be borne by the Secretary.

(e) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyances under this section as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

SEC. 245. LAND CONVEYANCE, MILES CITY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER COMPLEX, MILES CITY, MONTANA.

(a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall convey, without consideration, to Custer County, Montana (in this section referred to as the "County"), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcels of real property consisting of the Miles City Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center complex, which has served as a medical and support complex for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Miles City, Montana.

(b) TIMING OF CONVEYANCE.—The conveyance required by subsection (a) shall be made as soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) CONDITIONS OF CONVEYANCE.—The conveyance required by subsection (a) shall be subject to the condition that the County—

(1) use the parcels conveyed, whether directly or through an agreement with a public or private entity, for veterans activities, community and economic development, or such other public purposes as the County considers appropriate; or

(2) convey the parcels to an appropriate public or private entity for use for the purposes specified in paragraph (1).

(d) CONVEYANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS.—(1) As part of the conveyance required by subsection (a), the Secretary may also convey to the County any improvements, equipment, fixtures, and other personal property located on the parcels conveyed under that subsection that are not required by the Secretary.

(2) Any conveyance under this subsection shall be without consideration.

(e) USE PENDING CONVEYANCE.—Until such time as the real property to be conveyed under subsection (a) is conveyed by deed

under this section, the Secretary may continue to lease the real property, together with any improvements thereon, under the terms and conditions of the current lease of the real property.

(f) MAINTENANCE PENDING CONVEYANCE.—The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the real property to be conveyed under subsection (a), and any improvements, equipment, fixtures, and other personal property to be conveyed under subsection (d), in its condition as of the date of the enactment of this Act until such time as the real property, and such improvements, equipment, fixtures, and other personal property are conveyed by deed under this section.

(g) LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

(h) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under this section as the Secretary determines appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

SEC. 246. CONVEYANCE OF FORT LYON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER, COLORADO, TO THE STATE OF COLORADO.

(a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may convey, without consideration, to the State of Colorado all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real property, including improvements thereon, consisting of approximately 512 acres and comprising the Fort Lyon Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The purpose of the conveyance is to permit the State of Colorado to use the property for purposes of a correctional facility.

(b) PUBLIC ACCESS.—(1) The Secretary may not make the conveyance of real property authorized by subsection (a) unless the State of Colorado agrees to provide appropriate public access to Kit Carson Chapel (located on that real property) and the cemetery located adjacent to that real property.

(2) The State of Colorado may satisfy the condition specified in paragraph (1) with respect to Kit Carson Chapel by relocating the chapel to Fort Lyon National Cemetery, Colorado, or another appropriate location approved by the Secretary.

(c) PLAN REGARDING CONVEYANCE.—(1) The Secretary may not make the conveyance authorized by subsection (a) before the date on which the Secretary implements a plan providing the following:

(A) Notwithstanding sections 1720(a)(3) and 1741 of title 38, United States Code, that veterans who are receiving inpatient or institutional long-term care at Fort Lyon Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center as of the date of the enactment of this Act are provided appropriate inpatient or institutional long-term care under the same terms and conditions as such veterans are receiving inpatient or institutional long-term care as of that date.

(B) That the conveyance of the Fort Lyon Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center does not result in a reduction of health care services available to veterans in the catchment area of the Medical Center.

(C) Improvements in veterans' overall access to health care in the catchment area through, for example, the opening of additional outpatient clinics.

(2) The Secretary shall prepare the plan referred to in paragraph (1) in consultation with appropriate representatives of veterans service organizations and other appropriate organizations.

(3) The Secretary shall publish a copy of the plan referred to in paragraph (1) before implementation of the plan.

(d) ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION.—The Secretary may not make the conveyance authorized by subsection (a) until the Secretary completes the evaluation and performance of any environmental restoration activities required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.), and by any other provision of law.

(e) PERSONAL PROPERTY.—As part of the conveyance authorized by subsection (a), the Secretary may convey, without consideration, to the State of Colorado any furniture, fixtures, equipment, and other personal property associated with the property conveyed under that subsection that the Secretary determines is not required for purposes of the Department of Veterans Affairs health care facilities to be established by the Secretary in southern Colorado or for purposes of Fort Lyon National Cemetery.

(f) LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary. Any costs associated with the survey shall be borne by the State of Colorado.

(g) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require such other terms and conditions in connection with the conveyances authorized by subsections (a) and (e) as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

SEC. 247. EFFECT OF CLOSURE OF FORT LYON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER ON ADMINISTRATION OF HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS.

(a) PAYMENT FOR NURSING HOME CARE.—Notwithstanding any limitation under section 1720 or 1741 of title 38, United States Code, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may pay the State of Colorado, or any private nursing home care facility, for costs incurred in providing nursing home care to any veteran who is relocated from the Fort Lyon Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Colorado, to a facility of the State of Colorado or such private facility, as the case may be, as a result of the closure of the Fort Lyon Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

(b) OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE EXTENDED CARE SERVICES.—Nothing in section 246 or this section may be construed to alter or otherwise affect the obligation of the Secretary to meet the requirements of section 1710B(b) of title 38, United States Code, relating to staffing and levels of extended care services in fiscal years after fiscal year 1998.

(c) REPORT ON VETERANS HEALTH CARE IN SOUTHERN COLORADO.—Not later than one year after the conveyance, if any, authorized by section 246, the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs, acting through the Director of Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 19, shall submit to the Committees on Veterans Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the status of the health care system for veterans under that Network in southern Colorado. The report shall describe any improvements to the system in southern Colorado that have been put into effect in the period beginning on the date of the conveyance and ending on the date of the report.

TITLE III—COMPENSATION, INSURANCE, HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND MEMORIAL AFFAIRS PROVISIONS

Subtitle A—Compensation Program Changes

SEC. 301. STROKES AND HEART ATTACKS INCURRED OR AGGRAVATED BY MEMBERS OF RESERVE COMPONENTS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY WHILE PERFORMING INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING TO BE CONSIDERED TO BE SERVICE-CONNECTED.

(a) SCOPE OF TERM “ACTIVE MILITARY, NAVAL, OR AIR SERVICE”.—Section 101(24) is amended to read as follows:

“(24) The term ‘active military, naval, or air service’ includes—

“(A) active duty;

“(B) any period of active duty for training during which the individual concerned was disabled or died from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty; and

“(C) any period of inactive duty training during which the individual concerned was disabled or died—

“(i) from an injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty; or

“(ii) from an acute myocardial infarction, a cardiac arrest, or a cerebrovascular accident occurring during such training.”

(b) TRAVEL TO OR FROM TRAINING DUTY.—Section 106(d) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(1)” after “(d)”;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

(3) by inserting “or covered disease” after “injury” each place it appears;

(4) by designating the second sentence as paragraph (2);

(5) by designating the third sentence as paragraph (3); and

(6) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘covered disease’ means any of the following:

“(A) Acute myocardial infarction.

“(B) A cardiac arrest.

“(C) A cerebrovascular accident.”

SEC. 302. SPECIAL MONTHLY COMPENSATION FOR WOMEN VETERANS WHO LOSE A BREAST AS A RESULT OF A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY.

Section 1114(k) is amended—

(1) by striking “or has suffered” and inserting “has suffered”; and

(2) by inserting after “air and bone conduction,” the following: “or, in the case of a woman veteran, has suffered the anatomical loss of one or both breasts (including loss by mastectomy).”

SEC. 303. BENEFITS FOR PERSONS DISABLED BY PARTICIPATION IN COMPENSATED WORK THERAPY PROGRAM.

Section 1151(a)(2) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(A)” after “proximately caused”; and

(2) by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, or (B) by participation in a program (known as a ‘compensated work therapy program’) under section 1718 of this title”.

SEC. 304. REVISION TO LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS OF BENEFITS TO INCOMPETENT INSTITUTIONALIZED VETERANS.

Section 5503(b)(1) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) by striking “\$1,500” and inserting “the amount equal to five times the section 1114(j) rate”; and

(B) by striking “\$500” and inserting “one-half that amount”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘section 1114(j) rate’ means the monthly rate of compensation in effect under section 1114(j) of this title for a veteran with a service-connected disability rated as total.”

SEC. 305. REVIEW OF DOSE RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM OF THE DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY.

(a) REVIEW BY NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall enter into a contract with the National Academy of Sciences to carry out periodic reviews of the program of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency of the Department of Defense known as the “dose reconstruction program”.

(b) REVIEW ACTIVITIES.—The periodic reviews of the dose reconstruction program under the contract under subsection (a) shall consist of the periodic selection of random samples of doses reconstructed by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in order to determine—

(1) whether or not the reconstruction of the sampled doses is accurate;

(2) whether or not the reconstructed dosage number is accurately reported;

(3) whether or not the assumptions made regarding radiation exposure based upon the sampled doses are credible; and

(4) whether or not the data from nuclear tests used by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency as part of the reconstruction of the sampled doses is accurate.

(c) DURATION OF REVIEW.—The periodic reviews under the contract under subsection (a) shall occur over a period of 24 months.

(d) REPORT.—(1) Not later than 60 days after the conclusion of the period referred to in subsection (c), the National Academy of Sciences shall submit to Congress a report on its activities under the contract under this section.

(2) The report shall include the following:

(A) A detailed description of the activities of the National Academy of Sciences under the contract.

(B) Any recommendations that the National Academy of Sciences considers appropriate regarding a permanent system of review of the dose reconstruction program of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

Subtitle B—Life Insurance Matters

SEC. 311. PREMIUMS FOR TERM SERVICE DISABLED VETERANS’ INSURANCE FOR VETERANS OLDER THAN AGE 70.

(a) CAP ON PREMIUMS.—Section 1922 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) The premium rate of any term insurance issued under this section shall not exceed the renewal age 70 premium rate.”

(b) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2001, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report setting forth a plan to liquidate the unfunded liability under the life insurance program under section 1922 of title 38, United States Code, not later than October 1, 2011.

SEC. 312. INCREASE IN AUTOMATIC MAXIMUM COVERAGE UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS’ GROUP LIFE INSURANCE AND VETERANS’ GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.

(a) MAXIMUM UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS’ GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.—Section 1967 is amended in subsections (a), (c), and (d) by striking “\$200,000” each place it appears and inserting “\$250,000”.

(b) MAXIMUM UNDER VETERANS’ GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.—Section 1977(a) is amended by striking “\$200,000” each place it appears and inserting “\$250,000”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the first day of the first month that begins more than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 313. ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE FOR SERVICEMEMBERS’ GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Section 1965(5) is amended—

(1) by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (B);

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (D); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following new subparagraph (C):

“(C) a person who volunteers for assignment to a mobilization category in the Individual Ready Reserve, as defined in section 12304(i)(1) of title 10; and”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Sections 1967(a), 1968(a), and 1969(a)(2)(A) are amended by striking “section 1965(5)(B) of this title” each place it appears and inserting “subparagraph (B) or (C) of section 1965(5) of this title”.

Subtitle C—Housing and Employment Programs

SEC. 321. ELIMINATION OF REDUCTION IN ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING FOR DISABLED VETERANS FOR VETERANS HAVING JOINT OWNERSHIP OF HOUSING UNITS.

Section 2102 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) The amount of assistance afforded under subsection (a) for a veteran authorized assistance by section 2101(a) of this title shall not be reduced by reason that title to the housing unit, which is vested in the veteran, is also vested in any other person, if the veteran resides in the housing unit.”.

SEC. 322. VETERANS EMPLOYMENT EMPHASIS UNDER FEDERAL CONTRACTS FOR RECENTLY SEPARATED VETERANS.

(a) EMPLOYMENT EMPHASIS.—Subsection (a) of section 4212 is amended in the first sentence by inserting “recently separated veterans,” after “veterans of the Vietnam era,”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Subsection (d)(1) of that section is amended by inserting “recently separated veterans,” after “veterans of the Vietnam era,” each place it appears in subparagraphs (A) and (B).

(c) RECENTLY SEPARATED VETERAN DEFINED.—Section 4211 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) The term ‘recently separated veteran’ means any veteran during the one-year period beginning on the date of such veteran’s discharge or release from active duty.”.

SEC. 323. EMPLOYERS REQUIRED TO GRANT LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN HONOR GUARDS FOR FUNERALS OF VETERANS.

(a) DEFINITION OF SERVICE IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.—Section 4303(13) is amended—

(1) by striking “and” after “National Guard duty”; and

(2) by inserting before the period at the end “, and a period for which a person is absent from employment for the purpose of performing funeral honors duty as authorized by section 12503 of title 10 or section 115 of title 32.”.

(b) REQUIRED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Section 4316 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e)(1) An employer shall grant an employee who is a member of a reserve component an authorized leave of absence from a position of employment to allow that employee to perform funeral honors duty as authorized by section 12503 of title 10 or section 115 of title 32.

“(2) For purposes of section 4312(e)(1) of this title, an employee who takes an authorized leave of absence under paragraph (1) is deemed to have notified the employer of the employee’s intent to return to such position of employment.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Subtitle D—Cemeteries and Memorial Affairs

SEC. 331. ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERMENT OF CERTAIN FILIPINO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II IN NATIONAL CEMETERIES.

(a) ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN COMMONWEALTH ARMY VETERANS.—Section 2402 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(8) Any individual whose service is described in section 107(a) of this title if such individual at the time of death—

“(A) was a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States; and

“(B) resided in the United States.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 107(a)(3) is amended to read as follows:

“(3) chapters 11, 13 (except section 1312(a)), 23, and 24 (to the extent provided for in section 2402(8)) of this title.”.

(c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to deaths occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 332. PAYMENT RATE OF CERTAIN BURIAL BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN FILIPINO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II.

(a) PAYMENT RATE.—Section 107 is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “Payments” and inserting “Subject to subsection (c), payments”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new section:

“(c)(1) In the case of an individual described in paragraph (2), the second sentence of subsection (a) shall not apply.

“(2) Paragraph (1) applies to any individual whose service is described in subsection (a) and who dies after the date of the enactment of this subsection if the individual, on the individual’s date of death—

“(A) is a citizen of, or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in, the United States;

“(B) is residing in the United States; and

“(C) either—

“(i) is receiving compensation under chapter 11 of this title; or

“(ii) if the individual’s service had been deemed to be active military, naval, or air service, would have been paid pension under section 1521 of this title without denial or discontinuance by reason of section 1522 of this title.”.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—No benefits shall accrue to any person for any period before the date of the enactment of this Act by reason of the amendments made by subsection (a).

SEC. 333. PLOT ALLOWANCE FOR BURIAL IN STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2303(b)(1)(A) is amended to read as follows: “(A) is used solely for the interment of persons who are (i) eligible for burial in a national cemetery, and (ii) members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces not otherwise eligible for such burial or former members of such a reserve component not otherwise eligible for such burial who are discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable, and”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the burial of persons dying on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

TITLE IV—OTHER MATTERS

SEC. 401. BENEFITS FOR THE CHILDREN OF WOMEN VIETNAM VETERANS WHO SUFFER FROM CERTAIN BIRTH DEFECTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 18 is amended by adding at the end the following new subchapter:

“SUBCHAPTER II—CHILDREN OF WOMEN VIETNAM VETERANS BORN WITH CERTAIN BIRTH DEFECTS

“§ 1811. Definitions

“In this subchapter:

“(1) The term ‘eligible child’ means an individual who—

“(A) is the child (as defined in section 1821(1) of this title) of a woman Vietnam veteran; and

“(B) was born with one or more covered birth defects.

“(2) The term ‘covered birth defect’ means a birth defect identified by the Secretary under section 1812 of this title.

“§ 1812. Covered birth defects

“(a) IDENTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall identify the birth defects of children of women Vietnam veterans that—

“(1) are associated with the service of those veterans in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era; and

“(2) result in permanent physical or mental disability.

“(b) LIMITATIONS.—(1) The birth defects identified under subsection (a) may not include birth defects resulting from the following:

“(A) A familial disorder.

“(B) A birth-related injury.

“(C) A fetal or neonatal infirmity with well-established causes.

“(2) In any case where affirmative evidence establishes that a covered birth defect of a child of a woman Vietnam veteran results from a cause other than the active military, naval, or air service of that veteran in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era, no benefits or assistance may be provided the child under this subchapter.

“§ 1813. Health care

“(a) NEEDED CARE.—The Secretary shall provide an eligible child such health care as the Secretary determines is needed by the child for that child’s covered birth defects or any disability that is associated with those birth defects.

“(b) AUTHORITY FOR CARE TO BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY OR BY CONTRACT.—The Secretary may provide health care under this section directly or by contract or other arrangement with a health care provider.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the definitions in section 1803(c) of this title shall apply with respect to the provision of health care under this section, except that for such purposes—

“(1) the reference to ‘specialized spina bifida clinic’ in paragraph (2) of that section shall be treated as a reference to a specialized clinic treating the birth defect concerned under this section; and

“(2) the reference to ‘vocational training under section 1804 of this title’ in paragraph (8) of that section shall be treated as a reference to vocational training under section 1814 of this title.

“§ 1814. Vocational training

“(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may provide a program of vocational training to an eligible child if the Secretary determines that the achievement of a vocational goal by the child is reasonably feasible.

“(b) APPLICABLE PROVISIONS.—Subsections (b) through (e) of section 1804 of this title shall apply with respect to any program of vocational training provided under subsection (a).

“§ 1815. Monetary allowance

“(a) MONETARY ALLOWANCE.—The Secretary shall pay a monthly allowance to any eligible child for any disability resulting from the covered birth defects of that child.

“(b) SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES.—(1) The amount of the monthly allowance

paid under this section shall be based on the degree of disability suffered by the child concerned, as determined in accordance with a schedule for rating disabilities resulting from covered birth defects that is prescribed by the Secretary.

“(2) In prescribing a schedule for rating disabilities for the purposes of this section, the Secretary shall establish four levels of disability upon which the amount of the allowance provided by this section shall be based. The levels of disability established may take into account functional limitations, including limitations on cognition, communication, motor abilities, activities of daily living, and employability.

“(c) AMOUNT OF MONTHLY ALLOWANCE.—The amount of the monthly allowance paid under this section shall be as follows:

“(1) In the case of a child suffering from the lowest level of disability prescribed in the schedule for rating disabilities under subsection (b), \$100.

“(2) In the case of a child suffering from the lower intermediate level of disability prescribed in the schedule for rating disabilities under subsection (b), the greater of—

“(A) \$214; or

“(B) the monthly amount payable under section 1805(b)(3) of this title for the lowest level of disability prescribed for purposes of that section.

“(3) In the case of a child suffering from the higher intermediate level of disability prescribed in the schedule for rating disabilities under subsection (b), the greater of—

“(A) \$743; or

“(B) the monthly amount payable under section 1805(b)(3) of this title for the intermediate level of disability prescribed for purposes of that section.

“(4) In the case of a child suffering from the highest level of disability prescribed in the schedule for rating disabilities under subsection (b), the greater of—

“(A) \$1,272; or

“(B) the monthly amount payable under section 1805(b)(3) of this title for the highest level of disability prescribed for purposes of that section.

“(d) INDEXING TO SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT INCREASES.—Amounts under paragraphs (1), (2)(A), (3)(A), and (4)(A) of subsection (c) shall be subject to adjustment from time to time under section 5312 of this title.

“§ 1816. Regulations

“The Secretary shall prescribe regulations for purposes of the administration of this subchapter.”.

(b) CONSOLIDATION OF PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO BOTH SUBCHAPTERS.—Chapter 18 is further amended by adding after subchapter II, as added by subsection (a), the following new subchapter:

“SUBCHAPTER III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

“§ 1821. Definitions

“In this chapter:

“(1) The term ‘child’ means an individual, regardless of age or marital status, who—

“(A) is the natural child of a Vietnam veteran; and

“(B) was conceived after the date on which that veteran first entered the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era.

“(2) The term ‘Vietnam veteran’ means an individual who performed active military, naval, or air service in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era, without regard to the characterization of that individual’s service.

“(3) The term ‘Vietnam era’ with respect to—

“(A) subchapter I of this chapter, means the period beginning on January 9, 1962, and ending on May 7, 1975; and

“(B) subchapter II of this chapter, means the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975.

“§ 1822. Applicability of certain administrative provisions

“(a) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO COMPENSATION.—The provisions of this title specified in subsection (b) apply with respect to benefits and assistance under this chapter in the same manner as those provisions apply to compensation paid under chapter II of this title.

“(b) SPECIFIED PROVISIONS.—The provisions of this title referred to in subsection (a) are the following:

“(1) Section 5101(c).

“(2) Subsections (a), (b)(2), (g), and (i) of section 5110.

“(3) Section 5111.

“(4) Subsection (a) and paragraphs (1), (6), (9), and (10) of subsection (b) of section 5112.

“§ 1823. Treatment of receipt of monetary allowance and other benefits

“(a) COORDINATION WITH OTHER BENEFITS PAID TO THE RECIPIENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, receipt by an individual of a monetary allowance under this chapter shall not impair, infringe, or otherwise affect the right of the individual to receive any other benefit to which the individual is otherwise entitled under any law administered by the Secretary.

“(b) COORDINATION WITH BENEFITS BASED ON RELATIONSHIP OF RECIPIENTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, receipt by an individual of a monetary allowance under this chapter shall not impair, infringe, or otherwise affect the right of any other individual to receive any benefit to which such other individual is entitled under any law administered by the Secretary based on the relationship of such other individual to the individual who receives such monetary allowance.

“(c) MONETARY ALLOWANCE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS INCOME OR RESOURCES FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a monetary allowance paid an individual under this chapter shall not be considered as income or resources in determining eligibility for, or the amount of benefits under, any Federal or federally assisted program.

“§ 1824. Nonduplication of benefits

“(a) MONETARY ALLOWANCE.—In the case of an eligible child under subchapter II of this chapter whose only covered birth defect is spina bifida, a monetary allowance shall be paid under subchapter I of this chapter. In the case of an eligible child under subchapter II of this chapter who has spina bifida and one or more additional covered birth defects, a monetary allowance shall be paid under subchapter II of this chapter.

“(b) VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION.—An individual may only be provided one program of vocational training under this chapter.”.

(c) REPEAL OF RECODIFIED PROVISIONS.—The following provisions are repealed:

(1) Section 1801.

(2) Subsections (c) and (d) of section 1805.

(3) Section 1806.

(d) DESIGNATION OF SUBCHAPTER I.—Chapter 18 is further amended by inserting before section 1802 the following:

“SUBCHAPTER I—CHILDREN OF VIETNAM VETERANS BORN WITH SPINA BIFIDA”.

(e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section 1802 is amended by striking “this chapter” and inserting “this subchapter”.

(2) Section 1805(a) is amended by striking “this chapter” and inserting “this section”.

(f) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) The chapter heading of chapter 18 is amended to read as follows:

“CHAPTER 18—BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN OF VIETNAM VETERANS”.

(2) The tables of chapters before part I, and at the beginning of part II, are each amended by striking the item relating to chapter 18 and inserting the following new item:

“18. Benefits for Children of Vietnam Veterans 1802”.

(3) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 18 is amended—

(A) by inserting at the beginning the following:

“SUBCHAPTER I—CHILDREN OF VIETNAM VETERANS BORN WITH SPINA BIFIDA”;

(B) by striking the items relating to sections 1801 and 1806; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER II—CHILDREN OF WOMEN VIETNAM VETERANS BORN WITH CERTAIN BIRTH DEFECTS

“1811. Definitions.

“1812. Covered birth defects.

“1813. Health care.

“1814. Vocational training.

“1815. Monetary allowance.

“1816. Regulations.

“SUBCHAPTER III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

“1821. Definitions.

“1822. Applicability of certain administrative provisions.

“1823. Treatment of receipt of monetary allowance and other benefits.

“1824. Nonduplication of benefits.”.

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall take effect on the first day of the first month beginning more than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall identify birth defects under section 1812 of title 38, United States Code (as added by subsection (a) of this section), and shall prescribe the regulations required by subchapter II of chapter 18 of that title (as so added), not later than the effective date specified in paragraph (1).

SEC. 402. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN EXPIRING AUTHORITIES.

(a) ENHANCED LOAN ASSET SALE AUTHORITY.—Section 3720(h)(2) is amended by striking “December 31, 2002” and inserting “December 31, 2008”.

(b) HOME LOAN FEES.—Section 3729 is amended by striking everything after the section heading and inserting the following:

“(a) REQUIREMENT OF FEE.—(1) Except as provided in subsection (c), a fee shall be collected from each person obtaining a housing loan guaranteed, insured, or made under this chapter, and each person assuming a loan to which section 3714 of this title applies. No such loan may be guaranteed, insured, made, or assumed until the fee payable under this section has been remitted to the Secretary.

“(2) The fee may be included in the loan and paid from the proceeds thereof.

“(b) DETERMINATION OF FEE.—(1) The amount of the fee shall be determined from the loan fee table in paragraph (2). The fee is expressed as a percentage of the total amount of the loan guaranteed, insured, or made, or, in the case of a loan assumption, the unpaid principal balance of the loan on the date of the transfer of the property.

“(2) The loan fee table referred to in paragraph (1) is as follows:

“LOAN FEE TABLE

“LOAN FEE TABLE—Continued

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Type of loan	Active duty veteran	Reservist	Other obligor
(A)(i) Initial loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 0-down, or any other initial loan described in section 3710(a) other than with 5-down or 10-down (closed before October 1, 2008)	2.00	2.75	NA
(A)(ii) Initial loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 0-down, or any other initial loan described in section 3710(a) other than with 5-down or 10-down (closed on or after October 1, 2008)	1.25	2.00	NA

Type of loan	Active duty veteran	Reservist	Other obligor
(B)(i) Subsequent loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 0-down, or any other subsequent loan described in section 3710(a) (closed before October 1, 2008)	3.00	3.00	NA
(B)(ii) Subsequent loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 0-down, or any other subsequent loan described in section 3710(a) (closed on or after October 1, 2008)	1.25	2.00	NA
(C)(i) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 5-down (closed before October 1, 2008)	1.50	2.25	NA

Type of loan	Active duty veteran	Reservist	Other obligor
(C)(ii) Loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 5-down (closed on or after October 1, 2008)	.75	1.50	NA
(D)(i) Initial loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 10-down (closed before October 1, 2008)	1.25	2.00	NA
(D)(ii) Initial loan described in section 3710(a) to purchase or construct a dwelling with 10-down (closed on or after October 1, 2008)	.50	1.25	NA
(E) Interest rate reduction refinancing loan	0.50	0.50	NA
(F) Direct loan under section 3711	1.00	1.00	NA

"LOAN FEE TABLE—Continued

Type of loan	Active duty veteran	Reservist	Other obligor
(G) Manufactured home loan under section 3712 (other than an interest rate reduction refinancing loan)	1.00	1.00	NA
(H) Loan to Native American veteran under section 3762 (other than an interest rate reduction refinancing loan)	1.25	1.25	NA
(I) Loan assumption under section 3714	0.50	0.50	0.50
(J) Loan under section 3733(a) ..	2.25	2.25	2.25

"(3) Any reference to a section in the 'Type of loan' column in the loan fee table in paragraph (2) refers to a section of this title.

"(4) For the purposes of paragraph (2):

"(A) The term 'active duty veteran' means any veteran eligible for the benefits of this chapter other than a Reservist.

"(B) The term 'Reservist' means a veteran described in section 3701(b)(5)(A) of this title.

"(C) The term 'other obligor' means a person who is not a veteran, as defined in section 101 of this title or other provision of this chapter.

"(D) The term 'initial loan' means a loan to a veteran guaranteed under section 3710 or made under section 3711 of this title if the veteran has never obtained a loan guaranteed under section 3710 or made under section 3711 of this title.

"(E) The term 'subsequent loan' means a loan to a veteran, other than an interest rate reduction refinancing loan, guaranteed under section 3710 or made under section 3711 of this title if the veteran has previously obtained a loan guaranteed under section 3710 or made under section 3711 of this title.

"(F) The term 'interest rate reduction refinancing loan' means a loan described in section 3710(a)(8), 3710(a)(9)(B)(i), 3710(a)(11), 3712(a)(1)(F), or 3762(h) of this title.

"(G) The term '0-down' means a downpayment, if any, of less than 5 percent of the total purchase price or construction cost of the dwelling.

"(H) The term '5-down' means a downpayment of at least 5 percent or more, but less

than 10 percent, of the total purchase price or construction cost of the dwelling.

"(I) The term '10-down' means a downpayment of 10 percent or more of the total purchase price or construction cost of the dwelling.

"(c) WAIVER OF FEE.—A fee may not be collected under this section from a veteran who is receiving compensation (or who, but for the receipt of retirement pay, would be entitled to receive compensation) or from a surviving spouse of any veteran (including a person who died in the active military, naval, or air service) who died from a service-connected disability."

(c) PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO LIQUIDATION SALES ON DEFAULTED HOME LOANS GUARANTEED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Section 3732(c)(11) is amended by striking "October 1, 2002" and inserting "October 1, 2008".

(d) INCOME VERIFICATION AUTHORITY.—Section 5317(g) is amended by striking "September 30, 2002" and inserting "September 30, 2008".

(e) LIMITATION ON PENSION FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF MEDICAID-COVERED NURSING HOME CARE.—Section 5503(f)(7) is amended by striking "September 30, 2002" and inserting "September 30, 2008".

(f) ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MENTALLY ILL VETERANS.—Section 7321(d)(2) is amended by striking "three" and inserting "six".

(g) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CORPORATIONS.—Section 7368 is amended by striking "December 31, 2000" and inserting "December 31, 2003".

SEC. 403. PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) INAPPLICABILITY OF PRIOR REPORTS TERMINATION PROVISION TO CERTAIN REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Section 3003(a)(1) of the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 (31 U.S.C. 1113 note) does not apply to any report required to be submitted under any of the following: sections 503(c), 529, 541(c), 542(c), 3036, and 7312(d) of title 38, United States Code.

(b) REPEAL OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TERMINATED BY PRIOR LAW.—Sections 8111A(f) and 8201(h) are repealed.

(c) SUNSET OF CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) ANNUAL REPORT ON EQUITABLE RELIEF CASES.—Section 503(c) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "No report shall be required under this subsection after December 31, 2004."

(2) BIENNIAL REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR.—Section 541(c)(1) is amended by inserting "through 2003" after "each odd-numbered year".

(3) BIENNIAL REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN VETERANS.—Section 542(c)(1) is amended by inserting "through 2004" after "each even-numbered year".

(4) BIENNIAL REPORTS ON MONTGOMERY GI BILL.—Subsection (d) of section 3036 is amended to read as follows:

"(d) No report shall be required under this section after January 1, 2005."

(5) ANNUAL REPORT OF SPECIAL MEDICAL ADVISORY GROUP.—Section 7312(d) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "No report shall be required under this subsection after December 31, 2004."

(d) COST INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED WITH EACH REPORT REQUIRED BY CONGRESS.—(1)(A) Chapter 1 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"§ 116. Reports to Congress: cost information

"Whenever the Secretary submits to Congress, or any committee of Congress, a report that is required by law or by a joint explanatory statement of a committee of con-

ference of the Congress, the Secretary shall include with the report—

"(1) a statement of the cost of preparing the report; and

"(2) a brief explanation of the methodology used in preparing that cost statement."

(B) The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"116. Reports to Congress: cost information."

(2) Section 116 of title 38, United States Code, as added by paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall apply with respect to any report submitted by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs after the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 404. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) TITLE 38.—Title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Section 1116(a)(2)(F) is amended by inserting "of disability" after "to a degree"

(2) Section 1318(b)(3) is amended by striking "not later than" and inserting "not less than".

(3) Section 1712(a)(4)(A) is amended by striking "subsection (a) of this section (other than paragraphs (3)(B) and (3)(C) of that subsection)" and inserting "this subsection".

(4) Section 1720A(c)(1) is amended by striking "for such disability" and all that follows through "to such member" and inserting "for such disability. Care and services provided to a member so transferred".

(5) Section 2402(7) is amended by striking "chapter 67 of title 10" and inserting "chapter 1223 of title 10".

(6) Section 3012(g)(2) is amended by striking "subparagraphs" both places it appears and inserting "subparagraph".

(7) Section 3684(c) is amended by striking "calendar" and inserting "calendar".

(8) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 41 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 4110A the following new item:

"4110B. Coordination and nonduplication."

(9) The text of section 4213 is amended to read as follows:

"(a) Amounts and periods of time specified in subsection (b) shall be disregarded in determining eligibility under any of the following:

"(1) Any public service employment program.

"(2) Any emergency employment program.

"(3) Any job training program assisted under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

"(4) Any employment or training program carried out under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.).

"(5) Any other employment or training (or related) program financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

"(b) Subsection (a) applies with respect to the following amounts and periods of time:

"(1) Any amount received as pay or allowances by any person while serving on active duty.

"(2) Any period of time during which such person served on active duty.

"(3) Any amount received under chapters 11, 13, 30, 31, 32, and 36 of this title by an eligible veteran.

"(4) Any amount received by an eligible person under chapters 13 and 35 of this title.

"(5) Any amount received by an eligible member under chapter 106 of title 10."

(10) Section 7603(a)(1) is amended by striking "subsection" and inserting "subchapter".

(b) OTHER LAWS.—

(1) Effective November 30, 1999, and as if included therein as originally enacted, section 208(c)(2) of the Veterans Millennium Health

Care and Benefits Act (Public Law 106-117; 113 Stat. 1568) is amended by striking "subsection (c)(1)" and inserting "subsection (c)(3)".

(2) Effective November 21, 1977, and as if included therein as originally enacted, section 402(e) of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-114; 111 Stat. 2294) is amended by striking "second sentence" and inserting "third sentence".

In lieu of the House amendment to the title of the bill, amend the title so as to read: "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rates of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, to improve procedures for the adjustment of rates of pay for nurses employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to make other improvements in veterans educational assistance, health care, and benefits programs, and for other purposes.".

VETERANS BENEFITS ACT OF 2000

SPECTER (AND ROCKEFELLER) AMENDMENTS NOS. 4315-4316

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for Mr. SPECTER and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) proposed two amendments to the bill (H.R. 4850) to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to enhance programs providing compensation and life insurance benefits for veterans, and for other purposes; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 4315

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.

(a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, effective on December 1, 2000, increase the dollar amounts in effect for the payment of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by the Secretary, as specified in subsection (b).

(b) AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.—The dollar amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are the following:

(1) COMPENSATION.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1114 of title 38, United States Code.

(2) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under sections 1115(1) of such title.

(3) CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.—The dollar amount in effect under section 1162 of such title.

(4) NEW DIC RATES.—The dollar amounts in effect under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1311(a) of such title.

(5) OLD DIC RATES.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1311(a)(3) of such title.

(6) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES WITH MINOR CHILDREN.—The dollar amount in effect under section 1311(b) of such title.

(7) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR DISABILITY.—The dollar amounts in effect under sections 1311(c) and 1311(d) of such title.

(8) DIC FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—The dollar amounts in effect under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.

(c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—(1) The increase under subsection (a) shall be made in the dollar amounts specified in subsection (b) as in effect on November 30, 2000.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), each such amount shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1, 2000, as a result of a determination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

(3) Each dollar amount increased pursuant to paragraph (2) shall, if not a whole dollar amount, be rounded down to the next lower whole dollar amount.

(d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust administratively, consistent with the increases made under subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation payable to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public Law 85-857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.

At the same time as the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be published by reason of a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 2001, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall publish in the Federal Register the amounts specified in subsection (b) of section 2, as increased pursuant to that section.

AMENDMENT No. 4316

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2000, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.".

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Alex Mitrakos, a detailee to the VA-HUD subcommittee be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of H.R. 4635, the VA-HUD appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask consent that Peter Washburn, a fellow in the Environment Committee, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of H.R. 4635.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WARNER. I ask unanimous consent that Patricia Lewis of the Senate Armed Services Committee be granted privileges of the floor during consideration of the conference report accompanying H.R. 4205.

Mr. CLELAND. I ask unanimous consent that Tricia Heller and Geoff Gauger be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of the Department of Defense authorization conference report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. INHOFE. I ask unanimous consent that Kyndra Jordan, who is a correspondent in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the debate on the Defense authorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HIGH STEENS AREA OF SOUTHEASTERN OREGON

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I will not speak but a minute, along with my colleague, Senator WYDEN. He and I come to the floor to celebrate what Senator CRAIG will do later this evening by unanimous consent, and that is passage of H.R. 4828. It has to do with the high Steens area of southeastern Oregon. It is a beautiful and pristine area.

What we have done is truly bipartisan and truly historic in that the Sierra Club and the Oregon Cattlemen's Association enthusiastically support it. They support it because this has been a product of dialog and not Executive dictate. This has come about because people of good will have said: How can we protect the environment and protect the people as well? We have accomplished that in this bill. We are creating 170,000 acres of wilderness and providing other places for people to pursue their ranching lifestyles, and we are preserving the economy of Harney County.

I thank all of my colleagues—my colleague in the Senate, Senator WYDEN; Congressman WALDEN; all of the Oregon Congressmen, Republicans and Democrats alike; and the Governor of Oregon as well; and Secretary Bruce Babbitt who worked with us in good faith to make this possible. I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, my friend and colleague, Senator SMITH, has said it extremely well, and I know our colleague Senator REED is waiting to speak, so I, too, will be very brief.

My view is that this Steens legislation is a monumental wilderness triumph. This legislation creates for the first time in statute cow-free wilderness. In the past, wilderness designations allowed the continuation of historic grazing practices, but because the ranchers in the Steens recognize the delicate nature of this ecosystem and because they were willing to work with Democrats and Republicans in our congressional delegation, Congressman GREG WALDEN, Congressman PETER DEFazio, and so many of our colleagues, we were able to build a coalition for a truly historic approach to protecting our wilderness.

We were able to find acceptable alternative grazing sites. Almost 100,000 acres of the total wilderness designation is now going to be by law cow free. In my view, this is just an example, a precedent of how communities can work together to protect our treasures.

All across this country when there are debates about national monuments, the sides go into opposing and what amounts to warring camps, the decibel level gets very high, and there is an awful lot of finger pointing and accusations.

In Oregon, we did it differently. We came up with an Oregon solution. Like Senator SMITH, I am very proud of