

Sunstein be modified to provide that the vote on confirmation occur at 3:40 p.m., with the other provisions remaining in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Under the previous order, the question is, will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget?

The Senator from Minnesota is recognized.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 57, nays 40, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 274 Ex.]

#### YEAS—57

Akaka	Franken	Merkley
Baucus	Gillibrand	Mikulski
Bayh	Hagan	Murray
Bennet	Harkin	Nelson (FL)
Bennett	Hatch	Reed
Bingaman	Inouye	Reid
Brown	Johnson	Rockefeller
Burris	Kaufman	Schumer
Cantwell	Kerry	Shaheen
Cardin	Klobuchar	Snowe
Carper	Kohl	Specter
Casey	Landrieu	Stabenow
Collins	Lautenberg	Tester
Conrad	Leahy	Udall (CO)
Dodd	Levin	Udall (NM)
Dorgan	Lieberman	Voinovich
Durbin	Lugar	Warner
Feingold	McCaskey	Whitehouse
Feinstein	Menendez	Wyden

#### NAYS—40

Alexander	Ensign	Murkowski
Barrasso	Enzi	Nelson (NE)
Begich	Graham	Pryor
Bond	Grassley	Risch
Brownback	Gregg	Roberts
Bunning	Hutchison	Sanders
Burr	Inhofe	Sessions
Chambliss	Isakson	Shelby
Coburn	Johanns	Thune
Cochran	Kyl	Vitter
Corker	LeMieux	Webb
Cornyn	Lincoln	Wicker
Crapo	McCain	
DeMint	McConnell	

#### NOT VOTING—2

Boxer Byrd

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table.

The President shall be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate shall resume legislative session.

#### TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to consideration of H.R. 3288, which the clerk will report by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3288) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

*That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, namely:*

#### TITLE I

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

#### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

*For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary, \$100,975,000, of which not to exceed \$2,631,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Secretary; not to exceed \$986,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Deputy Secretary; not to exceed \$20,359,000 shall be available for the Office of the General Counsel; not to exceed \$10,107,000 shall be available for the Office of the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy; not to exceed \$10,559,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs; not to exceed \$2,400,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs; not to exceed \$26,265,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration; not to exceed \$2,123,000 shall be available for the Office of Public Affairs; not to exceed \$1,711,000 shall be available for the Office of the Executive Secretariat; not to exceed \$1,499,000 shall be available for the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization; not to exceed \$9,072,000 for the Office of Intelligence, Security, and Emergency Response; and not to exceed \$13,263,000 shall be available for the Office of the Chief Information Officer: Provided, That the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to transfer funds appropriated for any office of the Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office of the Secretary: Provided further, That no appropriation for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than 5 percent by all such transfers: Provided further, That notice of any change in funding greater than 5 percent shall be submitted for approval to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That not to exceed \$60,000 shall be for allocation within the Department for official reception and representation expenses as the Secretary may determine: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, excluding fees authorized in Public Law 107-71, there may be credited to this appropriation up to \$2,500,000 in funds received in user fees: Provided further, That none of the funds provided in this Act shall be available for the position of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.*

#### NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

*For capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure, \$1,100,000,000, to remain*

*available through September 30, 2012: Provided, That the Secretary of Transportation shall distribute funds provided under this heading as discretionary grants to be awarded to a State, local government, transit agency, or a collaboration among such entities on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region: Provided further, That projects eligible for funding provided under this heading shall include, but not be limited to, highway or bridge projects eligible under title 23, United States Code; public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code; passenger and freight rail transportation projects; and port infrastructure investments: Provided further, That in distributing funds provided under this heading, the Secretary shall take such measures so as to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of funds, an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural communities, and the investment in a variety of transportation modes: Provided further, That a grant funded under this heading shall be not less than \$10,000,000 and not greater than \$300,000,000: Provided further, That not more than 25 percent of the funds made available under this heading may be awarded to projects in a single State: Provided further, That the Federal share of the costs for which an expenditure is made under this heading shall be, at the option of the recipient, up to 80 percent: Provided further, That the Secretary shall give priority to projects that require a contribution of Federal funds in order to complete an overall financing package: Provided further, That not less than \$250,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading shall be for projects located in rural communities: Provided further, That for projects located in rural communities, the minimum grant size shall be \$1,000,000 and the Secretary may increase the Federal share of costs above 80 percent: Provided further, That projects conducted using funds provided under this heading must comply with the requirements of subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code: Provided further, That the Secretary shall publish criteria on which to base the competition for any grants awarded under this heading no sooner than 60 days after enactment of this Act, require applications for funding provided under this heading to be submitted so sooner than 120 days after the publication of such criteria, and announce all projects selected to be funded from funds provided under this heading no sooner than September 15, 2010: Provided further, That the Secretary may retain up to \$25,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading, and may transfer portions of those funds to the Administrators of the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration and the Federal Maritime Administration, to fund the award and oversight of grants made under this heading.*

#### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CAPITAL

*For necessary expenses for upgrading and enhancing the Department of Transportation's financial systems and re-engineering business processes, \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

#### OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

*For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights, \$9,667,000.*

#### TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT

*For necessary expenses for conducting transportation planning, research, systems development, development activities, and making grants, to remain available until expended, \$8,233,000.*

#### WORKING CAPITAL FUND

*Necessary expenses for operating costs and capital outlays of the Working Capital Fund, not to exceed \$147,500,000, shall be paid from appropriations made available to the Department of Transportation: Provided, That such services*

shall be provided on a competitive basis to entities within the Department of Transportation: Provided further, That the above limitation on operating expenses shall not apply to non-DOT entities: Provided further, That no funds appropriated in this Act to an agency of the Department shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund without the approval of the agency modal administrator: Provided further, That no assessments may be levied against any program, budget activity, subactivity or project funded by this Act unless notice of such assessments and the basis therefor are presented to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and are approved by such Committees.

#### MINORITY BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM

For the cost of guaranteed loans, \$353,000, as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 332: 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: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$18,367,000. In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, \$570,000.

#### MINORITY BUSINESS OUTREACH

For necessary expenses of Minority Business Resource Center outreach activities, \$3,074,000, to remain available until September 30, 2011: Provided, That notwithstanding 49 U.S.C. 332, these funds may be used for business opportunities related to any mode of transportation.

#### PAYMENTS TO AIR CARRIERS

##### (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

In addition to funds made available from any other source to carry out the essential air service program under 49 U.S.C. 41731 through 41742, \$125,000,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to remain available until expended: Provided, That, in determining between or among carriers competing to provide service to a community, the Secretary may consider the relative subsidy requirements of the carriers: Provided further, That, if the funds under this heading are insufficient to meet the costs of the essential air service program in the current fiscal year, the Secretary shall transfer such sums as may be necessary to carry out the essential air service program from any available amounts appropriated to or directly administered by the Office of the Secretary for such fiscal year.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

SEC. 101. The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to transfer the unexpended balances available for the bonding assistance program from "Office of the Secretary, Salaries and expenses" to "Minority Business Outreach".

SEC. 102. None of the funds made available in this Act to the Department of Transportation may be obligated for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to approve assessments or reimbursable agreements pertaining to funds appropriated to the modal administrations in this Act, except for activities underway on the date of enactment of this Act, unless such assessments or agreements have completed the normal reprogramming process for Congressional notification.

SEC. 103. None of the funds made available under this Act may be obligated or expended to establish or implement a program under which essential air service communities are required to assume subsidy costs commonly referred to as the EAS local participation program.

SEC. 104. The Secretary or his or her designee may engage in activities with States and State legislators to consider proposals related to the reduction of motorcycle fatalities.

#### FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS

##### (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND) (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Federal Aviation Administration, not otherwise provided for, including operations and research activities related to commercial space transportation, administrative expenses for research and development, establishment of air navigation facilities, the operation (including leasing) and maintenance of aircraft, subsidizing the cost of aeronautical charts and maps sold to the public, lease or purchase of passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, in addition to amounts made available by Public Law 108-176, \$9,359,131,000, of which \$5,277,648,000 shall be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, of which not to exceed \$7,305,902,000 shall be available for air traffic organization activities; not to exceed \$1,236,565,000 shall be available for aviation safety activities; not to exceed \$14,737,000 shall be available for commercial space transportation activities; not to exceed \$113,681,000 shall be available for financial services activities; not to exceed \$100,428,000 shall be available for human resources program activities; not to exceed \$341,977,000 shall be available for region and center operations and regional coordination activities; not to exceed \$196,063,000 shall be available for staff offices; and not to exceed \$49,778,000 shall be available for information services: Provided, That the Secretary utilize not less than \$18,500,000 of the funds provided for aviation safety activities to pay for staff increases in the Office of Aviation Flight Standards and the Office of Aircraft Certification: Provided further, That none of the funds provided for increases to the staffs of the aviation flight standards and aircraft certification offices shall be used for other purposes: Provided further, That not to exceed 2 percent of any budget activity, except for aviation safety budget activity, may be transferred to any budget activity under this heading: Provided further, That no transfer may increase or decrease any appropriation by more than 2 percent: Provided further, That any transfer in excess of 2 percent shall be treated as a reprogramming of funds under section 405 of this Act and shall not be available for obligation or expenditure except in compliance with the procedures set forth in that section: Provided further, That not later than March 31 of each fiscal year hereafter, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall transmit to Congress an annual update to the report submitted to Congress in December 2004 pursuant to section 221 of Public Law 108-176: Provided further, That the amount herein appropriated shall be reduced by \$100,000 for each day after March 31 that such report has not been submitted to the Congress: Provided further, That not later than March 31 of each fiscal year hereafter, the Administrator shall transmit to Congress a companion report that describes a comprehensive strategy for staffing, hiring, and training flight standards and aircraft certification staff in a format similar to the one utilized for the controller staffing plan, including stated attrition estimates and numerical hiring goals by fiscal year: Provided further, That the amount herein appropriated shall be reduced by \$100,000 per day for each day after March 31 that such report has not been submitted to Congress: Provided further, That funds may be used to enter into a grant agreement with a nonprofit standard-setting organization to assist in the development of aviation safety standards: Provided further, That none of the funds in this Act shall be available for new applicants for the second career training program: Provided further, That none of the funds in this Act shall be available for the Federal Aviation Administration to finalize or implement any regulation that would promulgate new aviation user fees not specifically authorized by law after the date of the enactment of

this Act: Provided further, That there may be credited to this appropriation funds received from States, counties, municipalities, foreign authorities, other public authorities, and private sources, for expenses incurred in the provision of agency services, including receipts for the maintenance and operation of air navigation facilities, and for issuance, renewal or modification of certificates, including airman, aircraft, and repair station certificates, or for tests related thereto, or for processing major repair or alteration forms: Provided further, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, not less than \$9,500,000 shall be for the contract tower cost-sharing program: Provided further, That none of the funds in this Act for aeronautical charting and cartography are available for activities conducted by, or coordinated through, the Working Capital Fund: Provided further, That not to exceed \$500,000 shall be paid from appropriations made available by this Act and provided to the Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General through reimbursement to conduct the annual audits of financial statements in accordance with section 3521 of title 31, United States Code, and \$120,000 shall be paid from appropriations made available by this Act and provided to that office through reimbursement to conduct the annual Enterprise Services Center Statement on Auditing Standards 70 audit.

#### FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

##### (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for acquisition, establishment, technical support services, improvement by contract or purchase, and hire of national airspace systems and experimental facilities and equipment, as authorized under part A of subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code, including initial acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant; engineering and service testing, including construction of test facilities and acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant; construction and furnishing of quarters and related accommodations for officers and employees of the Federal Aviation Administration stationed at remote localities where such accommodations are not available; and the purchase, lease, or transfer of aircraft from funds available under this heading, including aircraft for aviation regulation and certification; to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, \$2,942,352,000, of which \$2,472,352,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012, and of which \$470,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010: Provided, That there may be credited to this appropriation funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources, for expenses incurred in the establishment and modernization of air navigation facilities: Provided further, That upon initial submission to the Congress of the fiscal year 2011 President's budget, the Secretary of Transportation shall transmit to the Congress a comprehensive capital investment plan for the Federal Aviation Administration which includes funding for each budget line item for fiscal years 2011 through 2015, with total funding for each year of the plan constrained to the funding targets for those years as estimated and approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

#### RESEARCH, ENGINEERING, AND DEVELOPMENT

##### (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for research, engineering, and development, as authorized under part A of subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code, including construction of experimental facilities and acquisition of necessary sites by lease or grant, \$175,000,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to remain available until September 30, 2012: Provided, That there may be credited to this appropriation as offsetting collections, funds received from States,

counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources, which shall be available for expenses incurred for research, engineering, and development.

#### GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS

##### (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

##### (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

##### (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

For liquidation of obligations incurred for grants-in-aid for airport planning and development, and noise compatibility planning and programs as authorized under subchapter I of chapter 471 and subchapter I of chapter 475 of title 49, United States Code, and under other law authorizing such obligations; for procurement, installation, and commissioning of runway incursion prevention devices and systems at airports of such title; for grants authorized under section 41743 of title 49, United States Code; and for inspection activities and administration of airport safety programs, including those related to airport operating certificates under section 44706 of title 49, United States Code, \$3,000,000,000 to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to remain available until expended: Provided, That none of the funds under this heading shall be available for the planning or execution of programs the obligations for which are in excess of \$3,515,000,000 in fiscal year 2010, notwithstanding section 47117(g) of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That none of the funds under this heading shall be available for the replacement of baggage conveyor systems, reconfiguration of terminal baggage areas, or other airport improvements that are necessary to install bulk explosive detection systems: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, of funds limited under this heading, not more than \$93,422,000 shall be obligated for administration, not less than \$15,000,000 shall be available for the airport cooperative research program, not less than \$22,472,000 shall be for Airport Technology Research and \$8,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available and transferred to "Office of the Secretary, Salaries and Expenses" to carry out the Small Community Air Service Development Program.

##### (RESCISSION)

Of the amounts authorized for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and prior years under sections 48103 and 48112 of title 49, United States Code, \$392,960,000 are permanently rescinded.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 110. None of the funds in this Act may be used to compensate in excess of 600 technical staff-years under the federally funded research and development center contract between the Federal Aviation Administration and the Center for Advanced Aviation Systems Development during fiscal year 2010.

SEC. 111. None of the funds in this Act shall be used to pursue or adopt guidelines or regulations requiring airport sponsors to provide to the Federal Aviation Administration without cost building construction, maintenance, utilities and expenses, or space in airport sponsor-owned buildings for services relating to air traffic control, air navigation, or weather reporting: Provided, That the prohibition of funds in this section does not apply to negotiations between the agency and airport sponsors to achieve agreement on "below-market" rates for these items or to grant assurances that require airport sponsors to provide land without cost to the FAA for air traffic control facilities.

SEC. 112. The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration may reimburse amounts made available to satisfy 49 U.S.C. 41742(a)(1) from fees credited under 49 U.S.C. 45303: Provided, That during fiscal year 2010, 49 U.S.C. 41742(b) shall not apply, and any amount re-

maining in such account at the close of that fiscal year may be made available to satisfy section 41742(a)(1) for the subsequent fiscal year.

SEC. 113. Amounts collected under section 40113(e) of title 49, United States Code, shall be credited to the appropriation current at the time of collection, to be merged with and available for the same purposes of such appropriation.

SEC. 114. None of the funds limited by this Act for grants under the Airport Improvement Program shall be made available to the sponsor of a commercial service airport if such sponsor fails to agree to a request from the Secretary of Transportation for cost-free space in a non-revenue producing, public use area of the airport terminal or other airport facilities for the purpose of carrying out a public service air passenger rights and consumer outreach campaign.

SEC. 115. None of the funds in this Act shall be available for paying premium pay under subsection 5546(a) of title 5, United States Code, to any Federal Aviation Administration employee unless such employee actually performed work during the time corresponding to such premium pay.

SEC. 116. None of the funds in this Act may be obligated or expended for an employee of the Federal Aviation Administration to purchase a store gift card or gift certificate through use of a Government-issued credit card.

SEC. 117. The Secretary shall apportion to the sponsor of an airport that received scheduled or unscheduled air service from a large certified air carrier (as defined in part 241 of title 14 Code of Federal Regulations, or such other regulations as may be issued by the Secretary under the authority of section 41709) an amount equal to the minimum apportionment specified in 49 U.S.C. 47114(c), if the Secretary determines that airport had more than 10,000 passenger boardings in the preceding calendar year, based on data submitted to the Secretary under part 241 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

#### FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Not to exceed \$415,396,000, together with advances and reimbursements received by the Federal Highway Administration, shall be paid in accordance with law from appropriations made available by this Act to the Federal Highway Administration for necessary expenses for administration and operation. In addition, not to exceed \$3,524,000 shall be paid from appropriations made available by this Act and transferred to the Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General for costs associated with audits and investigations of projects and programs of the Federal Highway Administration, and not to exceed \$285,000 shall be paid from appropriations made available by this Act and provided to that office through reimbursement to conduct the annual audits of financial statements in accordance with section 3521 of title 31, United States Code. In addition, not to exceed \$3,124,000 shall be paid from appropriations made available by this Act and transferred to the Appalachian Regional Commission in accordance with section 104 of title 23, United States Code.

#### FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS) (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

None of the funds in this Act shall be available for the implementation or execution of programs, the obligations for which are in excess of \$41,107,000,000 for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs for fiscal year 2010: Provided, That within the \$41,107,000,000 obligation limitation on Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs, not more than \$429,800,000 shall be available for the implementation or execution of programs for transportation research (chapter 5 of title 23, United States Code; sections 111, 5505, and 5506 of title 49, United States Code; and title

5 of Public Law 109-59) for fiscal year 2010: Provided further, That this limitation on transportation research programs shall not apply to any authority previously made available for obligation: Provided further, That the Secretary may, as authorized by section 605(b) of title 23, United States Code, collect and spend fees to cover the costs of services of expert firms, including counsel, in the field of municipal and project finance to assist in the underwriting and servicing of Federal credit instruments and all or a portion of the costs to the Federal Government of servicing such credit instruments: Provided further, That such fees are available until expended to pay for such costs: Provided further, That such amounts are in addition to administrative expenses that are also available for such purpose, and are not subject to any obligation limitation or the limitation on administrative expenses under section 608 of title 23, United States Code.

#### (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION) (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For carrying out the provisions of title 23, United States Code, that are attributable to Federal-aid highways, not otherwise provided, including reimbursement for sums expended pursuant to the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 308, \$41,846,000,000 or so much thereof as may be available in and derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), to remain available until expended.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 120. (a) For fiscal year 2009, the Secretary of Transportation shall—

(1) not distribute from the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways amounts authorized for administrative expenses and programs by section 104(a) of title 23, United States Code; programs funded from the administrative take-down authorized by section 104(a)(1) of title 23, United States Code (as in effect on the date before the date of enactment of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users); the highway use tax evasion program; and the Bureau of Transportation Statistics;

(2) not distribute an amount from the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways that is equal to the unobligated balance of amounts made available from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) for Federal-aid highways and highway safety programs for previous fiscal years the funds for which are allocated by the Secretary;

(3) determine the ratio that—

(A) the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways, less the aggregate of amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2), bears to

(B) the total of the sums authorized to be appropriated for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs (other than sums authorized to be appropriated for provisions of law described in paragraphs (1) through (9) of subsection (b) and sums authorized to be appropriated for section 105 of title 23, United States Code, equal to the amount referred to in subsection (b)(10) for such fiscal year), less the aggregate of the amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection;

(4)(A) distribute the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways, less the aggregate amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2), for sections 1301, 1302, and 1934 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users; sections 117 (but individually for each project numbered 1 through 3676 listed in the table contained in section 1702 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) and section 144(g) of title 23, United States Code; and section 14501 of title 40, United States Code, so that the amount of obligation authority available for each of such sections is equal to the amount determined by multiplying

the ratio determined under paragraph (3) by the sums authorized to be appropriated for that section for the fiscal year; and

(B) distribute \$2,000,000,000 for section 105 of title 23, United States Code;

(5) distribute the obligation limitation provided for Federal-aid highways, less the aggregate amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) and amounts distributed under paragraph (4), for each of the programs that are allocated by the Secretary under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users and title 23, United States Code (other than to programs to which paragraphs (1) and (4) apply), by multiplying the ratio determined under paragraph (3) by the amounts authorized to be appropriated for each such program for such fiscal year; and

(6) distribute the obligation limitation provided for Federal-aid highways, less the aggregate amounts not distributed under paragraphs (1) and (2) and amounts distributed under paragraphs (4) and (5), for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs (other than the amounts apportioned for the equity bonus program, but only to the extent that the amounts apportioned for the equity bonus program for the fiscal year are greater than \$2,639,000,000, and the Appalachian development highway system program) that are apportioned by the Secretary under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users and title 23, United States Code, in the ratio that—

(A) amounts authorized to be appropriated for such programs that are apportioned to each State for such fiscal year, bear to

(B) the total of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for such programs that are apportioned to all States for such fiscal year.

(b) EXCEPTIONS FROM OBLIGATION LIMITATION.—The obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways shall not apply to obligations: (1) under section 125 of title 23, United States Code; (2) under section 147 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978; (3) under section 9 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1981; (4) under subsections (b) and (j) of section 131 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982; (5) under subsections (b) and (c) of section 149 of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987; (6) under sections 1103 through 1108 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991; (7) under section 157 of title 23, United States Code, as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; (8) under section 105 of title 23, United States Code, as in effect for fiscal years 1998 through 2004, but only in an amount equal to \$639,000,000 for each of those fiscal years; (9) for Federal-aid highway programs for which obligation authority was made available under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century or subsequent public laws for multiple years or to remain available until used, but only to the extent that the obligation authority has not lapsed or been used; (10) under section 105 of title 23, United States Code, but only in an amount equal to \$639,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 through 2010; and (11) under section 1603 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, to the extent that funds obligated in accordance with that section were not subject to a limitation on obligations at the time at which the funds were initially made available for obligation.

(c) REDISTRIBUTION OF UNUSED OBLIGATION AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary shall, after August 1 of such fiscal year, revise a distribution of the obligation limitation made available under subsection (a) if the amount distributed cannot be obligated during that fiscal year and redistribute sufficient amounts to those States able to obligate amounts in addition to those previously distributed during that fiscal year, giving priority to

those States having large unobligated balances of funds apportioned under sections 104 and 144 of title 23, United States Code.

(d) APPLICABILITY OF OBLIGATION LIMITATIONS TO TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PROGRAMS.—The obligation limitation shall apply to transportation research programs carried out under chapter 5 of title 23, United States Code, and title V (research title) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, except that obligation authority made available for such programs under such limitation shall remain available for a period of 3 fiscal years and shall be in addition to the amount of any limitation imposed on obligations for Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs for future fiscal years.

(e) REDISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN AUTHORIZED FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the distribution of obligation limitation under subsection (a), the Secretary shall distribute to the States any funds that—

(A) are authorized to be appropriated for such fiscal year for Federal-aid highways programs; and

(B) the Secretary determines will not be allocated to the States, and will not be available for obligation, in such fiscal year due to the imposition of any obligation limitation for such fiscal year.

(2) RATIO.—Funds shall be distributed under paragraph (1) in the same ratio as the distribution of obligation authority under subsection (a)(6).

(3) AVAILABILITY.—Funds distributed under paragraph (1) shall be available for any purposes described in section 133(b) of title 23, United States Code.

(f) SPECIAL LIMITATION CHARACTERISTICS.—Obligation limitation distributed for a fiscal year under subsection (a)(4) for the provision specified in subsection (a)(4) shall—

(1) remain available until used for obligation of funds for that provision; and

(2) be in addition to the amount of any limitation imposed on obligations for Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs for future fiscal years.

(g) HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT FLEXIBILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), obligation authority distributed for such fiscal year under subsection (a)(4) for each project numbered 1 through 3676 listed in the table contained in section 1702 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users may be obligated for any other project in such section in the same State.

(2) RESTORATION.—Obligation authority used as described in paragraph (1) shall be restored to the original purpose on the date on which obligation authority is distributed under this section for the next fiscal year following obligation under paragraph (1).

(h) LIMITATION ON STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the distribution of obligation authority under subsection (a)(4)(A) for each of the individual projects numbered greater than 3676 listed in the table contained in section 1702 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users.

SEC. 121. Notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, funds received by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics from the sale of data products, for necessary expenses incurred pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 111 may be credited to the Federal-aid highways account for the purpose of reimbursing the Bureau for such expenses: Provided, That such funds shall be subject to the obligation limitation for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction.

SEC. 122. There is hereby appropriated to the Secretary of Transportation \$165,000,000 for surface transportation priorities: Provided, That the amount provided by this section shall be made available for the programs, projects and

activities identified under this section in the committee report accompanying this Act: Provided further, That funds provided by this section, at the request of a State, shall be transferred by the Secretary to another Federal agency: Provided further, That the Federal share payable on account of any program, project, or activity carried out with funds set aside by this section shall be 100 percent: Provided further, That the sums set aside by this section shall remain available until expended: Provided further, That none of the funds set aside by this section shall be subject to any limitation on obligations for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs set forth in this Act or any other Act.

SEC. 123. There is hereby appropriated to the Secretary of Transportation \$1,400,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2012: Provided, That of the funds provided under this section, \$500,000,000 shall be made available to pay subsidy and administrative costs under chapter 6 of title 23, United States Code: Provided further, That after making the set-aside required under the preceding proviso, the funds provided under this section shall be apportioned to the States in the same ratio as the obligation limitation for fiscal year 2010 is distributed among the States in section 120(a)(6) of this Act, and made available for the restoration, repair, construction, and other activities eligible under paragraph (b) of section 133 of title 23, United States Code: Provided further, That funds apportioned under this section shall be administered as if apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code: Provided further, That the Federal share payable on account of any project or activity carried out with funds apportioned under this section shall be 80 percent: Provided further, That funding provided under this section shall be in addition to any and all funds provided for fiscal year 2010 in this or any other Act for “Federal-aid Highways” and shall not affect the distribution of funds provided for “Federal-aid Highways” in any other Act: Provided further, That the amounts made available under this section shall not be subject to any limitation on obligations for Federal-aid highways or highway safety construction programs set forth in any Act: Provided further, That section 1101(b) of Public Law 109–59 shall apply to funds apportioned under this heading.

SEC. 124. Not less than 15 days prior to waiving, under his or her statutory authority, any Buy America requirement for Federal-aid highway projects, the Secretary of Transportation shall make an informal public notice and comment opportunity on the intent to issue such waiver and the reasons therefor: Provided, That the Secretary shall provide an annual report to the Appropriations Committees of the Congress on any waivers granted under the Buy America requirements.

SEC. 125. (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), none of the funds made available, limited, or otherwise affected by this Act shall be used to approve or otherwise authorize the imposition of any toll on any segment of highway located on the Federal-aid system in the State of Texas that—

(1) as of the date of enactment of this Act, is not tolled;

(2) is constructed with Federal assistance provided under title 23, United States Code; and

(3) is in actual operation as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

(1) NUMBER OF TOLL LANES.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to any segment of highway on the Federal-aid system described in that subsection that, as of the date on which a toll is imposed on the segment, will have the same number of non-toll lanes as were in existence prior to that date.

(2) HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES.—A high-occupancy vehicle lane that is converted to a toll lane shall not be subject to this section, and shall not be considered to be a non-toll lane for

purposes of determining whether a highway will have fewer non-toll lanes than prior to the date of imposition of the toll, if—

(A) high-occupancy vehicles occupied by the number of passengers specified by the entity operating the toll lane may use the toll lane without paying a toll, unless otherwise specified by the appropriate county, town, municipal or other local government entity, or public toll road or transit authority; or

(B) each high-occupancy vehicle lane that was converted to a toll lane was constructed as a temporary lane to be replaced by a toll lane under a plan approved by the appropriate county, town, municipal or other local government entity, or public toll road or transit authority.

SEC. 126. Item 4866A in the table contained in section 1702 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Public Law 109-59) is amended by striking “Repair and restore” and inserting “Removal of and enhancements around”.

SEC. 127. Item 3923 in the table contained in section 1702 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Public Law 109-59) is amended by striking “to 4 lanes from I-10 to West U.S. 90”.

SEC. 128. Funds made available for “Brentwood Boulevard/SR 4 Improvements, Brentwood, CA” under section 129 of Public Law 110-161 shall be made available for “John Muir Parkway Project, Brentwood, CA”.

SEC. 129. The table contained in section 1702 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (119 Stat. 1256) is amended in item number 3138 by striking the project description and inserting “Elimination of highway-railway crossings and rehabilitation of rail along the KO railroad to Osborne”.

SEC. 130. Funds made available for “City of Tuscaloosa Downtown Revitalization Project—University Blvd and Greensboro Avenue, AL” under section 125 of Public Law 111-8 shall be made available for “City of Tuscaloosa Downtown Revitalization Project—University Blvd”.

SEC. 131. The table contained in section 1702 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (119 Stat. 1256) is amended by striking the project description for item number 4573 and inserting the following: “Design and construct interchange on I-15 in Mesquite”.

#### FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

##### MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)  
(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)  
(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in the implementation, execution and administration of motor carrier safety operations and programs pursuant to section 31104(I) of title 49, United States Code, and sections 4127 and 4134 of Public Law 109-59, \$238,500,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), together with advances and reimbursements received by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the sum of which shall remain available until expended: Provided, That none of the funds derived from the Highway Trust Fund in this Act shall be available for the implementation, execution or administration of programs, the obligations for which are in excess of \$238,500,000, for “Motor Carrier Safety Operations and Programs” of which \$8,543,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2012, is for the research and technology program and \$1,000,000 shall be available for commercial motor vehicle operator’s grants to carry out section 4134 of Public Law 109-59: Provided further, That an additional \$1,328,000 shall be appropriated from the General Fund for the execution and administration of motor carrier safety operations and pro-

grams: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds under this heading for outreach and education shall be available for transfer: Provided further, That the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration shall transmit to Congress bi-annual reports on the agency’s ability to meet its requirement to conduct compliance reviews on high-risk carriers.

#### MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY GRANTS (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION) (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS) (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND) (INCLUDING RESCISSION)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out sections 31102, 31104(a), 31106, 31107, 31109, 31309, 31313 of title 49, United States Code, and sections 4126 and 4128 of Public Law 109-59, \$310,070,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) and to remain available until expended: Provided, That none of the funds in this Act shall be available for the implementation or execution of programs, the obligations for which are in excess of \$310,070,000, for “Motor Carrier Safety Grants”; of which \$212,070,000 shall be available for the motor carrier safety assistance program to carry out sections 31102 and 31104(a) of title 49, United States Code; \$25,000,000 shall be available for the commercial driver’s license improvements program to carry out section 31313 of title 49, United States Code; \$32,000,000 shall be available for the border enforcement grants program to carry out section 31107 of title 49, United States Code; \$5,000,000 shall be available for the performance and registration information system management program to carry out sections 31106(b) and 31109 of title 49, United States Code; \$25,000,000 shall be available for the commercial vehicle information systems and networks deployment program to carry out section 4126 of Public Law 109-59; \$3,000,000 shall be available for the safety data improvement program to carry out section 4128 of Public Law 109-59; and \$8,000,000 shall be available for the commercial driver’s license information system modernization program to carry out section 31309(e) of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That of the funds made available for the motor carrier safety assistance program, \$29,000,000 shall be available for audits of new entrant motor carriers: Provided further, That \$1,530,000 in unobligated balances are permanently rescinded.

#### MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND) (RESCISSION)

Of the amounts made available under this heading in prior appropriations Acts, \$3,400,000 in unobligated balances are permanently rescinded.

#### NATIONAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY PROGRAM (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND) (RESCISSION)

Of the amounts made available under this heading in prior appropriations Acts, \$400,000 in unobligated balances are permanently rescinded.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION—FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 135. Funds appropriated or limited in this Act shall be subject to the terms and conditions stipulated in section 350 of Public Law 107-87 and section 6901 of Public Law 110-28, including that the Secretary submit a report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees annually on the safety and security of transportation into the United States by Mexico-domiciled motor carriers.

#### NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH

For expenses necessary to discharge the functions of the Secretary, with respect to traffic

and highway safety under subtitle C of title X of Public Law 109-59 and chapter 301 and part C of subtitle VI of title 49, United States Code, \$135,803,000, of which \$31,670,000 shall remain available through September 30, 2011: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be obligated or expended to plan, finalize, or implement any rulemaking to add to section 575.104 of title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations any requirement pertaining to a grading standard that is different from the three grading standards (treadwear, traction, and temperature resistance) already in effect.

#### OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION) (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS) (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 403, \$105,500,000 to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) and to remain available until expended: Provided, That none of the funds in this Act shall be available for the planning or execution of programs the total obligations for which, in fiscal year 2010, are in excess of \$105,500,000 for programs authorized under 23 U.S.C. 403: Provided further, That within the \$105,500,000 obligation limitation for operations and research, \$26,908,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2010 and shall be in addition to the amount of any limitation imposed on obligations for future years.

#### NATIONAL DRIVER REGISTER (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION) (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS) (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code, \$4,000,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) and to remain available until expended: Provided, That none of the funds in this Act shall be available for the implementation or execution of programs the total obligations for which, in fiscal year 2010, are in excess of \$4,000,000 for the National Driver Register authorized under such chapter.

#### NATIONAL DRIVER REGISTER MODERNIZATION

For an additional amount for the “National Driver Register” as authorized by chapter 303 of title 49, United States Code, \$3,350,000, to remain available through September 30, 2011: Provided, That the funding made available under this heading shall be used to carry out the modernization of the National Driver Register.

#### HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION) (LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS) (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 402, 405, 406, 408, and 410 and sections 2001(a)(11), 2009, 2010, and 2011 of Public Law 109-59, to remain available until expended, \$619,500,000 to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account): Provided, That none of the funds in this Act shall be available for the planning or execution of programs the total obligations for which, in fiscal year 2010, are in excess of \$619,500,000 for programs authorized under 23 U.S.C. 402, 405, 406, 408, and 410 and sections 2001(a)(11), 2009, 2010, and 2011 of Public Law 109-59, of which \$235,000,000 shall be for “Highway Safety Programs” under 23 U.S.C. 402; \$25,000,000 shall be for “Occupant Protection Incentive Grants” under 23 U.S.C. 405; \$124,500,000 shall be for “Safety Belt Performance Grants” under 23 U.S.C. 406, and such obligation limitation shall remain available until September 30, 2011 in accordance with subsection (f) of such section 406 and shall be in addition to the amount of any limitation imposed



on obligations for such grants for future fiscal years; \$34,500,000 shall be for “State Traffic Safety Information System Improvements” under 23 U.S.C. 408; \$139,000,000 shall be for “Alcohol-Impaired Driving Countermeasures Incentive Grant Program” under 23 U.S.C. 410; \$18,500,000 shall be for “Administrative Expenses” under section 2001(a)(11) of Public Law 109–59; \$29,000,000 shall be for “High Visibility Enforcement Program” under section 2009 of Public Law 109–59; \$7,000,000 shall be for “Motorcyclist Safety” under section 2010 of Public Law 109–59; and \$7,000,000 shall be for “Child Safety and Child Booster Seat Safety Incentive Grants” under section 2011 of Public Law 109–59: Provided further, That none of these funds shall be used for construction, rehabilitation, or remodeling costs, or for office furnishings and fixtures for State, local or private buildings or structures: Provided further, That not to exceed \$500,000 of the funds made available for section 410 “Alcohol-Impaired Driving Countermeasures Grants” shall be available for technical assistance to the States: Provided further, That not to exceed \$750,000 of the funds made available for the “High Visibility Enforcement Program” shall be available for the evaluation required under section 2009(f) of Public Law 109–59.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 140. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or limitation on the use of funds made available under section 403 of title 23, United States Code, an additional \$130,000 shall be made available to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, out of the amount limited for section 402 of title 23, United States Code, to pay for travel and related expenses for State management reviews and to pay for core competency development training and related expenses for highway safety staff.

SEC. 141. The limitations on obligations for the programs of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration set in this Act shall not apply to obligations for which obligation authority was made available in previous public laws for multiple years but only to the extent that the obligation authority has not lapsed or been used.

SEC. 142. Of the amounts made available under the heading “Operations and Research (Liquidation of Contract Authorization) (Limitation on Obligations) (Highway Trust Fund)” in prior appropriations Acts, \$2,299,000 in unobligated balances are rescinded.

SEC. 143. Of the amounts made available under the heading “Highway Traffic Safety Grants (Liquidation of Contract Authorization) (Limitation on Obligations) (Highway Trust Fund)” in prior appropriations Acts, \$14,004,000 in unobligated balances are rescinded.

#### FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION SAFETY AND OPERATIONS

For necessary expenses of the Federal Railroad Administration, not otherwise provided for, \$171,770,000, of which \$12,300,000 shall remain available until expended.

#### RAILROAD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses for railroad research and development, \$34,145,000, to remain available until expended.

#### RAILROAD REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT FINANCING PROGRAM

The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to issue to the Secretary of the Treasury notes or other obligations pursuant to section 512 of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (Public Law 94–210), as amended, in such amounts and at such times as may be necessary to pay any amounts required pursuant to the guarantee of the principal amount of obligations under sections 511 through 513 of such Act, such authority to exist as long as any such guaranteed obligation is outstanding: Provided, That pursuant to section 502 of such Act,

as amended, no new direct loans or loan guarantee commitments shall be made using Federal funds for the credit risk premium during fiscal year 2010.

#### RAIL LINE RELOCATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

For necessary expenses of carrying out section 20154 of title 49, United States Code, \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

#### RAILROAD SAFETY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

For necessary expenses of carrying out section 20158 of title 49, United States Code, \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That to be eligible for assistance under this heading, an entity need not have developed plans required under subsection 20156(e)(2) of title 49, United States Code, and section 20157 of such title.

#### OPERATING GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make quarterly grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for the operation of intercity passenger rail, as authorized by section 101 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (division B of Public Law 110–432), \$553,348,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary shall not make the grants for the third and fourth quarter of the fiscal year available to the Corporation until an Inspector General who is a member of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency determines that the Corporation and the Corporation's Inspector General have agreed upon a set of policies and procedures for interacting with each other that are consistent with the letter and the spirit of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended: Provided further, That 1 year after such determination is made, the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency shall appoint another member to evaluate the current operational independence of the Amtrak Inspector General: Provided further, That the Corporation shall reimburse each Inspector General for all costs incurred in conducting the determination and the evaluation required by the preceding two provisos: Provided further, That the amounts available under this paragraph shall be available for the Secretary to approve funding to cover operating losses for the Corporation only after receiving and reviewing a grant request for each specific train route: Provided further, That each such grant request shall be accompanied by a detailed financial analysis, revenue projection, and capital expenditure projection justifying the Federal support to the Secretary's satisfaction: Provided further, That not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Corporation shall transmit to the Secretary, the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a plan to achieve savings through operating efficiencies including, but not limited to, modifications to food and beverage service and first class service: Provided further, That the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation shall provide semiannual reports to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the estimated savings accrued as a result of all operational reforms instituted by the Corporation: Provided further, That not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Corporation shall transmit, in electronic format, to the Secretary, the Inspector General of Department of Transportation, the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation the annual budget and business plan and the 5-year financial plan for fiscal year 2010 required under section 204 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008: Provided further, That the plan shall also include a separate accounting of ridership, reve-

nues, and capital and operating expenses for the Northeast Corridor; commuter service; long-distance Amtrak service; State-supported service; each intercity train route, including Auto-train; and commercial activities including contract operations: Provided further, That the business plan shall include a description of the capital investments to be funded, along with cost estimates and an estimated timetable for completion of the projects covered by this business plan: Provided further, That the Corporation shall provide semiannual reports in electronic format regarding the pending business plan, which shall describe the work completed to date, any changes to the business plan, and the reasons for such changes, and shall identify all sole source contract awards which shall be accompanied by a justification as to why said contract was awarded on a sole source basis: Provided further, That the Corporation's business plan and all subsequent supplemental plans shall be displayed on the Corporation's website within a reasonable timeframe following their submission to the appropriate entities: Provided further, That none of the funds under this heading may be obligated or expended until the Corporation agrees to continue abiding by the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2, 5, 9, and 11 of the summary of conditions for the direct loan agreement of June 28, 2002, in the same manner as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act: Provided further, That concurrent with the President's budget request for fiscal year 2011, the Corporation shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a budget request for fiscal year 2011 in similar format and substance to those submitted by executive agencies of the Federal Government.

#### CAPITAL AND DEBT SERVICE GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation for capital investments as authorized by section 101(c) of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (division B of Public Law 110–432), \$1,001,625,000, to remain available until expended, of which not to exceed \$264,000,000 shall be for debt service obligations as authorized by section 102 of such Act: Provided, That of the funding provided under this heading, not less than \$144,000,000 shall be for bringing the stations on the Corporation's rail system into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act: Provided further, That grants shall be provided to the Corporation only on a reimbursable basis: Provided further, That the Secretary may retain up to one-half of 1 percent of the funds provided under this heading to fund the costs of project management oversight of capital projects funded by grants provided under this heading, as authorized by subsection 101(d) of division B of Public Law 110–432: Provided further, That the Secretary shall approve funding for capital expenditures, including advance purchase orders of materials, for the Corporation only after receiving and reviewing a request for each specific capital project justifying the Federal support to the Secretary's satisfaction: Provided further, That none of the funds under this heading may be used to subsidize operating losses of the Corporation: Provided further, That none of the funds under this heading may be used for capital projects not approved by the Secretary of Transportation or on the Corporation's fiscal year 2010 business plan: Provided further, That, the business plan shall be accompanied by a comprehensive fleet plan for all Amtrak rolling stock which shall address the Corporation's detailed plans and timeframes for the maintenance, refurbishment, replacement and expansion of the Amtrak fleet: Provided further, That said fleet plan shall establish year-specific goals and milestones and discuss potential, current, and preferred financing options for all such activities.

## CAPITAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIGH SPEED RAIL CORRIDORS AND INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE

To enable the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for high-speed rail projects as authorized under section 26106 of title 49, United States Code, capital investment grants to support intercity passenger rail service as authorized under section 24406 of title 49, United States Code, and congestion grants as authorized under section 24105 of title 49, United States Code, and to enter into cooperative agreements for these purposes as authorized, \$1,200,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That none of the funds provided under this heading may be used for planning activities: Provided further, That not less than 75 percent of the funds provided under this heading shall be for cooperative agreements that lead to the development of entire segments or phases of intercity or high-speed rail corridors: Provided further, That the Secretary shall issue interim guidance to applicants covering application procedures and administer the grants provided under this heading pursuant to that guidance until final regulations are issued: Provided further, That the Secretary shall not award grants under this heading sooner than 2 weeks after he has submitted to the Congress a national rail plan as required by section 103(j) of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That the Federal share payable of the costs for which a grant or cooperative agreements is made under this heading shall not exceed 80 percent: Provided further, That in addition to the provisions of title 49, United States Code, that apply to each of the individual programs funded under this heading, subsections 24402(a)(2), 24402(f), 24402(i), and 24403(a) and (c) of title 49, United States Code, shall also apply to the provision of funds provided under this heading: Provided further, That a project need not be in a State rail plan developed under Chapter 227 of title 49, United States Code, to be eligible for assistance under this heading: Provided further, That the Secretary shall give priority to applications under section 24406 of title 49, United States Code, to projects that improve the safety and reliability of intercity passenger trains, involve a commitment by freight railroads to an enforceable on-time performance of passenger trains of 80 percent or greater, involve a commitment by freight railroads of financial resources commensurate with the benefit expected to their operations, improve or extend service on a route that requires little or no Federal assistance for its operations, or involve a commitment by States or railroads of financial resources to improve the safety of highway/rail grade crossings over which the passenger service operates: Provided further, That the Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration may retain up to \$50,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading for the purposes of conducting research, development and demonstration of technologies and undertaking analyses supporting development of high-speed rail in the United States, including implementation of the Rail Cooperative Research Program authorized by section 24910 of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That in lieu of the provisions of the subsection 24403(b) of title 49, United States Code, the Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration may retain up to \$30,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading to fund the award and oversight by the Administrator of grants and cooperative agreements for intercity and high speed rail.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 151. The Secretary may purchase promotional items of nominal value for use in public outreach activities to accomplish the purposes of 49 U.S.C. 20134: Provided, That the Secretary shall prescribe guidelines for the administration of such purchases and use.

SEC. 152. Hereafter, notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds provided in this Act for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation shall immediately cease to be available to said Corporation in the event that the Corporation contracts to have services provided at or from any location outside the United States. For purposes of this section, the word "services" shall mean any service that was, as of July 1, 2006, performed by a full-time or part-time Amtrak employee whose base of employment is located within the United States.

SEC. 153. The Secretary of Transportation may receive and expend cash, or receive and utilize spare parts and similar items, from non-United States Government sources to repair damages to or replace United States Government owned automated track inspection cars and equipment as a result of third party liability for such damages, and any amounts collected under this section shall be credited directly to the Safety and Operations account of the Federal Railroad Administration, and shall remain available until expended for the repair, operation and maintenance of automated track inspection cars and equipment in connection with the automated track inspection program.

SEC. 154. The Federal Railroad Administrator shall submit a quarterly report on April 1, 2009, and quarterly reports thereafter, to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations detailing the Administrator's efforts at improving the on-time performance of Amtrak intercity rail service operating on non-Amtrak owned property. Such reports shall compare the most recent actual on-time performance data to pre-established on-time performance goals that the Administrator shall set for each rail service, identified by route. Such reports shall also include whatever other information and data regarding the on-time performance of Amtrak trains the Administrator deems to be appropriate. The amounts made available in this title under the heading "Office of the Secretary, Salaries and Expenses" shall be reduced \$100,000 for each day after the first day of each quarter that the quarterly reports required by this section are not submitted to the Congress.

SEC. 155. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds provided in Public Law 111–8 for "Lincoln Avenue Grade Separation, Port of Tacoma, Washington" shall be made available for this project as therein described.

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES  
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary administrative expenses of the Federal Transit Administration's programs authorized by chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, \$97,478,000: Provided, That of the funds available under this heading, not to exceed \$1,809,000 shall be available for travel: Provided further, That none of the funds provided or limited in this Act may be used to create a permanent office of transit security under this heading: Provided further, That \$75,000 shall be paid from appropriations made available by this Act and provided to the Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General through reimbursement to conduct the annual audits of financial statements in accordance with section 3521 of title 31, United States Code: Provided further, That upon submission to the Congress of the fiscal year 2010 President's budget, the Secretary of Transportation shall transmit to Congress the annual report on new starts, including proposed allocations of funds for fiscal year 2011.

FORMULA AND BUS GRANTS  
(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORITY)  
(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)  
(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

For payment of obligations incurred in carrying out the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5305, 5307, 5308, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316, 5317, 5320, 5335, 5339,

and 5340 and section 3038 of Public Law 105–178, as amended, \$9,400,000,000 to be derived from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund and to remain available until expended: Provided, That funds available for the implementation or execution of programs authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5305, 5307, 5308, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316, 5317, 5320, 5335, 5339, and 5340 and section 3038 of Public Law 105–178, as amended, shall not exceed total obligations of \$8,343,171,000 in fiscal year 2010.

## RESEARCH AND UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTERS

For necessary expenses to carry out 49 U.S.C. 5306, 5312–5315, 5322, and 5506, \$67,670,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That \$10,000,000 is available to carry out the transit cooperative research program under section 5313 of title 49, United States Code, \$4,300,000 is available for the National Transit Institute under section 5315 of title 49, United States Code, and \$7,000,000 is available for university transportation centers program under section 5506 of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That \$50,170,000 is available to carry out national research programs under sections 5312, 5313, 5314, and 5322 of title 49, United States Code: Provided further, That of the funds available to carry out section 5312 of title 49, United States Code, \$5,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary to develop standards for asset management plans, provide technical assistance to recipients engaged in the development or implementation of an asset management plan, improve data collection through the National Transit Database, and conduct a pilot program designed to identify the best practices of asset management.

## CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS

For necessary expenses to carry out section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, \$2,307,343,000, to remain available until expended, of which no less than \$200,000,000 is for section 5309(e) of such title: Provided, That \$2,000,000 shall be transferred to the Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General from funds set aside for the execution of oversight contracts pursuant to section 5327(c) of title 49, United States Code, for costs associated with audits and investigations of transit-related issues, including reviews of new fixed guideway systems.

## GRANTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTIONS

For grants to public transit agencies for capital investments that will reduce the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of their public transportation systems, \$100,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2012: Provided, That priority shall be given to projects based on the total energy savings that are projected to result from the investments, and the projected energy savings as a percentage of the total energy usage of the public transit agency: Provided further, That the Secretary shall public criteria on which to base the competition for any grants awarded under this heading no sooner than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, require applications for funding provided under this heading to be submitted no sooner than 120 days after the publication of such criteria, and announce all projects selected to be funded from funds provided under this heading no sooner than September 15, 2010.

## GRANTS TO THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

For grants to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority as authorized under section 601 of Public Law 110–432, \$150,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2012: Provided, That the Secretary shall approve grants for capital and preventive maintenance expenditures for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority only after receiving and reviewing a request for each specific project: Provided further, That prior to approving such grants, the Secretary shall determine that the

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority has placed the highest priority on those investments that will improve the safety of the system, including but not limited to fixing the track signal system, replacing the 1000 series cars, installing guarded turnouts, buying equipment for wayside worker protection, and installing rollback protection on cars that are not equipped with this safety feature.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 160. The limitations on obligations for the programs of the Federal Transit Administration shall not apply to any authority under 49 U.S.C. 5338, previously made available for obligation, or to any other authority previously made available for obligation.

SEC. 161. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated or limited by this Act under “Federal Transit Administration, Capital Investment Grants” and for bus and bus facilities under “Federal Transit Administration, Formula and Bus Grants” for projects specified in this Act or identified in reports accompanying this Act not obligated by September 30, 2012, and other recoveries, shall be directed to projects eligible to use the funds for the purposes for which they were originally provided.

SEC. 162. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any funds appropriated before October 1, 2009, under any section of chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, that remain available for expenditure, may be transferred to and administered under the most recent appropriation heading for any such section.

SEC. 163. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, unobligated funds made available for new fixed guideway system projects under the heading “Federal Transit Administration, Capital investment grants” in any appropriations Act prior to this Act may be used during this fiscal year to satisfy expenses incurred for such projects.

SEC. 164. None of the funds provided or limited under this Act may be used to issue a final regulation under section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, except that the Federal Transit Administration may continue to review comments received on the proposed rule (Docket No. FTA-2006-25737).

SEC. 165. Funds made available for Alaska or Hawaii ferry boats or ferry terminal facilities pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5309(m)(2)(B) may be used to construct new vessels and facilities, or to improve existing vessels and facilities, including both the passenger and vehicle-related elements of such vessels and facilities, and for repair facilities: Provided, That not more than \$4,000,000 of the funds made available pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5309(m)(2)(B) may be used by the City and County of Honolulu to operate a passenger ferry boat service demonstration project to test the viability of different intra-island ferry boat routes and technologies.

SEC. 166. Hereafter, the local share of the costs of the Woodward Avenue Corridor projects funded under section 5309 shall include, at the option of the project sponsor, any portion of the corridor advanced with 100 percent non-Federal funds.

SEC. 167. The Secretary of Transportation shall provide recommendations to Congress, including legislative proposals, on how to strengthen its role in regulating the safety of transit agencies operating heavy rail on fixed guideway: Provided, That the Secretary shall include actions the Department of Transportation will take and what additional legislative authorities it may need in order to fully implement recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board directed at the Federal Transit Administration, including but not limited to recommendations related to crashworthiness, emergency access and egress, event recorders, and hours of service: Provided further, That the Secretary shall transmit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropria-

tions a report outlining these recommendations and a plan for their implementation by the Department of Transportation no later than 45 days after enactment of this Act.

SEC. 168. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Transportation shall not reallocate any funding made available for items 523, 267, and 131 of section 3044 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Public Law 109-59).

SEC. 169. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the limitation on the total estimated amount of future obligations of the Government and contingent commitments to incur obligations covered by all outstanding letters of intent, full funding grant agreements, and early systems work agreements under subsection 5338(g) of title 49, United States Code, may not be more than the sum of the amount authorized under sections 5338(a)(3) and 5338(c) of title 49, United States Code, for such projects, less an amount equivalent to the last 5 fiscal years of funding allocated under subsections 5309(m)(1)(A) and 5309(m)(2)(A)(ii) of title 49, United States Code, for such projects, less an amount the Secretary of Transportation reasonably estimates is necessary for grants under section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, for those of such projects that are not covered by a letter or agreement.

SEC. 170. None of the funds provided or limited under this Act may be used to enforce regulations related to charter bus service under part 604 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, in the State of Washington.

SEC. 171. Hereafter, for interstate multi-modal projects which are in Interstate highway corridors, the Secretary shall base the rating under section 5309(d) of title 49, United States Code, of the non-New Starts share of the public transportation element of the project on the percentage of non-New Starts funds in the unified finance plan for the multi-modal project: Provided, That the Secretary shall base the accounting of local matching funds on the total amount of all local funds incorporated in the unified finance plan for the multi-modal project for the purposes of funding under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code and title 23, United States Code: Provided further, That the Secretary shall evaluate the justification for the project under section 5309(d) of title 49, United States Code, including cost effectiveness, on the public transportation costs and public transportation benefits.

#### SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to the Corporation, 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 Government Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the Corporation's budget for the current fiscal year.

#### OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE (HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND)

For necessary expenses for operations, maintenance, and capital asset renewal of those portions of the Saint Lawrence Seaway owned, operated, and maintained by the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, \$32,324,000, to be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, pursuant to Public Law 99-662.

#### MARITIME ADMINISTRATION MARITIME SECURITY PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to maintain and preserve a U.S.-flag merchant fleet to serve the national security needs of the United States, \$174,000,000, to remain available until expended.

#### OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

For necessary expenses of operations and training activities authorized by law,

\$154,900,000, of which \$11,240,000 shall remain available until expended for maintenance and repair of training ships at State Maritime Schools Academies, and of which \$15,000,000 shall remain available until expended for capital improvements at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and of which \$59,057,000 shall be available for operations at the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Provided, That amounts apportioned for the United States Merchant Marine Academy shall be available only upon allotments made personally by the Secretary of Transportation and not a designee: Provided further, That the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and the Director of the Office of Resource Management of the United States Merchant Marine Academy may not be allotment holders for the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and the Administrator of Maritime Administration shall hold all allotments made by the Secretary of Transportation under the previous proviso: Provided further, That 50 percent of the funding made available for the United States Merchant Marine Academy under this heading shall be available only after the Secretary, in consultation with the Superintendent and the Maritime Administration, completes a plan detailing by program or activity and by object class how such funding will be expended at the Academy, and this plan is submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

#### SHIP DISPOSAL

For necessary expenses related to the disposal of obsolete vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet of the Maritime Administration, \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended.

#### ASSISTANCE TO SMALL SHIPYARDS

To make grants to qualified shipyards as authorized under section 3508 of Public Law 110-417 or section 54101 of title 46, United States Code, \$17,500,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That to be considered for assistance, a qualified shipyard shall submit an application for assistance no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act: Provided further, That from applications submitted under the previous proviso, the Secretary of Transportation shall make grants no later than 120 days after enactment of this Act in such amounts as the Secretary determines: Provided further, That not to exceed 2 percent of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available for necessary costs of grant administration.

#### MARITIME GUARANTEED LOAN (TITLE XI) PROGRAM ACCOUNT

#### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized, \$14,000,000, of which \$10,000,000 shall remain available until expended: 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 not to exceed \$4,000,000 shall be available for administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for “Operations and Training”, Maritime Administration.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 175. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Maritime Administration is authorized to furnish utilities and services and make necessary repairs in connection with any lease, contract, or occupancy involving Government property under control of the Maritime Administration, and payments received therefor shall be credited to the appropriation charged with the cost thereof: Provided, That rental payments under any such lease, contract, or occupancy for items other than such utilities, services, or repairs shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.



SEC. 176. Section 51314 of title 46, United States Code, is amended in subsection (b) by inserting at the end “Such fees shall be credited to the Maritime Administration’s Operations and Training appropriation, to remain available until expended, for those expenses directly related to the purposes of the fees. Fees collected in excess of actual expenses may be refunded to the Midshipmen through a mechanism approved by the Secretary. The Academy shall maintain a separate and detailed accounting of fee revenue and all associated expenses.”

PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY  
ADMINISTRATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES  
(PIPELINE SAFETY FUND)  
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary administrative expenses of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, \$19,968,000, of which \$639,000 shall be derived from the Pipeline Safety Fund: Provided, That \$1,000,000 shall be transferred to “Pipeline Safety” in order to fund “Pipeline safety information grants to communities” as authorized in section 60130 of title 49, United States Code.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY

For expenses necessary to discharge the hazardous materials safety functions of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, \$35,500,000, of which \$1,699,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012: Provided, That up to \$800,000 in fees collected under 49 U.S.C. 5108(g) shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury as offsetting receipts: Provided further, That there may be credited to this appropriation, to be available until expended, funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred for training, for reports publication and dissemination, and for travel expenses incurred in performance of hazardous materials exemptions and approvals functions.

PIPELINE SAFETY  
(PIPELINE SAFETY FUND)  
(OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND)

For expenses necessary to conduct the functions of the pipeline safety program, for grants-in-aid to carry out a pipeline safety program, as authorized by 49 U.S.C. 60107, and to discharge the pipeline program responsibilities of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, \$105,239,000, of which \$18,905,000 shall be derived from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and shall remain available until September 30, 2012; and of which \$86,334,000 shall be derived from the Pipeline Safety Fund, of which \$47,332,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012: Provided, That not less than \$1,043,000 of the funds provided under this heading shall be for the one-call State grant program.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANTS  
(EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND)

For necessary expenses to carry out 49 U.S.C. 5128(b), \$188,000, to be derived from the Emergency Preparedness Fund, to remain available until September 30, 2011: Provided, That not more than \$28,318,000 shall be made available for obligation in fiscal year 2010 from amounts made available by 49 U.S.C. 5116(I) and 5128(b)-(c): Provided further, That none of the funds made available by 49 U.S.C. 5116(I), 5128(b), or 5128(c) shall be made available for obligation by individuals other than the Secretary of Transportation, or his or her designee.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY  
ADMINISTRATION  
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, \$13,179,000, of which \$6,036,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012: Provided,

That there may be credited to this appropriation, to be available until expended, funds received from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred for training.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General to carry out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$75,389,000: Provided, That the Inspector General shall have all necessary authority, in carrying out the duties specified in the Inspector General Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 3), to investigate allegations of fraud, including false statements to the government (18 U.S.C. 1001), by any person or entity that is subject to regulation by the Department: Provided further, That the funds made available under this heading shall be used to investigate, pursuant to section 41712 of title 49, United States Code: (1) unfair or deceptive practices and unfair methods of competition by domestic and foreign air carriers and ticket agents; and (2) the compliance of domestic and foreign air carriers with respect to item (1) of this proviso.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Surface Transportation Board, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$28,332,000: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, not to exceed \$1,250,000 from fees established by the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board shall be credited to this appropriation as offsetting collections and used for necessary and authorized expenses under this heading: Provided further, That the sum herein appropriated from the general fund shall be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis as such offsetting collections are received during fiscal year 2010, to result in a final appropriation from the general fund estimated at no more than \$27,082,000.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

SEC. 180. During the current fiscal year applicable appropriations to the Department of Transportation shall be available for maintenance and operation of aircraft; hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft; purchase of liability insurance for motor vehicles operating in foreign countries on official department business; and uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901–5902).

SEC. 181. Appropriations contained in this Act for the Department of Transportation shall be available for services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for an Executive Level IV.

SEC. 182. None of the funds in this Act shall be available for salaries and expenses of more than 110 political and Presidential appointees in the Department of Transportation: Provided, That none of the personnel covered by this provision may be assigned on temporary detail outside the Department of Transportation.

SEC. 183. None of the funds in this Act shall be used to implement section 404 of title 23, United States Code.

SEC. 184. (a) No recipient of funds made available in this Act shall disseminate personal information (as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2725(3)) obtained by a State department of motor vehicles in connection with a motor vehicle record as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2725(1), except as provided in 18 U.S.C. 2721 for a use permitted under 18 U.S.C. 2721.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary shall not withhold funds provided in this Act for any grantee if a State is in noncompliance with this provision.

SEC. 185. Funds received by the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and Federal Railroad Administration from States, counties, municipalities, other pub-

lic authorities, and private sources for expenses incurred for training may be credited respectively to the Federal Highway Administration’s “Federal-Aid Highways” account, the Federal Transit Administration’s “Research and University Research Centers” account, and to the Federal Railroad Administration’s “Safety and Operations” account, except for State rail safety inspectors participating in training pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 20105.

SEC. 186. Funds provided or limited in this Act under the appropriate accounts within the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration and the Federal Transit Administration shall be for the eligible programs, projects and activities in the corresponding amounts identified in the committee report accompanying this Act for “Ferry Boats and Ferry Terminal Facilities”, “Federal Lands”, “Interstate Maintenance Discretionary”, “Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program”, “Delta Region Transportation Development Program”, “Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program”, “Rail-highway crossing hazard eliminations”, “Capital Investment Grants”, “Alternatives analysis”, and “Bus and bus facilities”.

SEC. 187. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, rule or regulation, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to allow the issuer of any preferred stock heretofore sold to the Department to redeem or repurchase such stock upon the payment to the Department of an amount determined by the Secretary.

SEC. 188. None of the funds in this Act to the Department of Transportation may be used to make a grant unless the Secretary of Transportation notifies the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations not less than 3 full business days before any discretionary grant award, letter of intent, or full funding grant agreement totaling \$1,000,000 or more is announced by the department or its modal administrations from: (1) any discretionary grant program of the Federal Highway Administration including the emergency relief program; (2) the airport improvement program of the Federal Aviation Administration; (3) any grant from the Federal Railroad Administration; or (4) any program of the Federal Transit Administration other than the formula grants and fixed guideway modernization programs: Provided, That the Secretary gives concurrent notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations for any “quick release” of funds from the emergency relief program: Provided further, That no notification shall involve funds that are not available for obligation.

SEC. 189. Rebates, refunds, incentive payments, minor fees and other funds received by the Department of Transportation from travel management centers, charge card programs, the subleasing of building space, and miscellaneous sources are to be credited to appropriations of the Department of Transportation and allocated to elements of the Department of Transportation using fair and equitable criteria and such funds shall be available until expended.

SEC. 190. Amounts made available in this or any other Act that the Secretary determines represent improper payments by the Department of Transportation to a third-party contractor under a financial assistance award, which are recovered pursuant to law, shall be available—

(1) to reimburse the actual expenses incurred by the Department of Transportation in recovering improper payments; and

(2) to pay contractors for services provided in recovering improper payments or contractor support in the implementation of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002: Provided, That amounts in excess of that required for paragraphs (1) and (2)—

(A) shall be credited to and merged with the appropriation from which the improper payments were made, and shall be available for the purposes and period for which such appropriations are available; or

(B) if no such appropriation remains available, shall be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts: Provided further, That prior to the transfer of any such recovery to an appropriations account, the Secretary shall notify to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of the amount and reasons for such transfer: Provided further, That for purposes of this section, the term "improper payments", has the same meaning as that provided in section 2(d)(2) of Public Law 107-300.

SEC. 191. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if any funds provided in or limited by this Act are subject to a reprogramming action that requires notice to be provided to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, said reprogramming action shall be approved or denied solely by the Committees on Appropriations: Provided, That the Secretary may provide notice to other congressional committees of the action of the Committees on Appropriations on such reprogramming but not sooner than 30 days following the date on which the reprogramming action has been approved or denied by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

SEC. 192. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act may be used by the Surface Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation to charge or collect any filing fee for rate complaints filed with the Board in an amount in excess of the amount authorized for district court civil suit filing fees under section 1914 of title 28, United States Code.

SEC. 193. Notwithstanding section 3324 of Title 31, United States Code, in addition to authority provided by section 327 of title 49, United States Code, the Department's Working Capital fund is hereby authorized to provide payments in advance to vendors that are necessary to carry out the Federal transit pass transportation fringe benefit program under Executive Order 13150 and section 3049 of Public Law 109-59: Provided, that the Department shall include adequate safeguards in the contract with the vendors to ensure timely and high quality performance under the contract.

SEC. 194. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 127(a)(11) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by striking "that portion of the Maine Turnpike designated Route 95 and 495, and that portion of Interstate Route 95 from the southern terminus of the Maine Turnpike to the New Hampshire State line, laws (including regulations)" and inserting "all portions of the Interstate Highway System in the State, laws (including regulations)".

(b) PERIOD OF EFFECTIVENESS.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall be in effect during the 1-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) REVERSION.—Effective as of the date that is 366 days after the date of enactment of this Act, section 127(a)(11) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by striking "all portions of the Interstate Highway System in the State, laws (including regulations)" and inserting "that portion of the Maine Turnpike designated Route 95 and 495, and that portion of Interstate Route 95 from the southern terminus of the Maine Turnpike to the New Hampshire State line, laws (including regulations)".

SEC. 195. The Secretary shall initiate an independent and comprehensive study and analysis to supplement that authorized under section 108, division C, of Public Law 111-8: Provided, That the Department of Transportation shall work with and coordinate with the Departments of Energy, Commerce and Agriculture to develop a comprehensive understanding of the full value of river flow support to users in the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers: Provided further, That subjects of analysis shall include energy (including hydropower and generation cooling), and water transport (including water-compelled rates, projected total transportation congestion considerations, transportation energy efficiency,

air quality and carbon emissions) and water users (including the number and distribution of people, households, municipalities, and business throughout the Missouri and Mississippi River basins who use river water for multiple purposes): Provided further, That in addition to understanding current value, the Department is directed to work with appropriate Federal partners to develop recommendations on how to minimize impediments to growth and maximize water value of benefits related to energy production and efficiency, congestion relief, trade and transport efficiency, and air quality: Provided further, That the Department of Transportation shall provide its analysis and recommendations to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the White House, and the Congress: Provided further, That \$2,000,000 is available until expended for such purposes.

SEC. 196. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds made available under section 330 of the Fiscal Year 2002 Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Public Law 107-87) for the Las Vegas, Nevada Monorail Project, funds made available under section 115 of the Fiscal Year 2004 Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act (Public Law 108-199) for the North Las Vegas Intermodal Transit Hub, and funds made available for the CATRAIL RTC Rail Project, Nevada in the Fiscal Year 2005 Transportation, Treasury, Independent Agencies and General Government Appropriations Act (Public Law 108-447), as well as any unexpended funds in the Federal Transit Administration grant numbers NV-03-0024 and NV-03-0027, shall be made available until expended to the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada for bus and bus-related projects and bus rapid transit projects: Provided, That the funds made available for a project in accordance with this section shall be administered under the terms and conditions set forth in 49 U.S.C. 5307, to the extent applicable.

This title may be cited as the "Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2010".

## TITLE II

### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

#### MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

##### EXECUTIVE DIRECTION

For necessary salaries and expenses for Executive Direction, \$25,969,000, of which not to exceed \$4,619,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary; not to exceed \$1,703,000 shall be available for the Office of Hearings and Appeals; not to exceed \$778,000 shall be available for the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization; not to exceed \$727,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the Chief Financial Officer; not to exceed \$1,474,000 shall be available for the immediate Office of the General Counsel; not to exceed \$2,912,000 shall be available to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations; not to exceed \$3,110,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs; not to exceed \$1,218,000 shall be available for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration; not to exceed \$2,125,000 shall be available to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing; not to exceed \$1,781,000 shall be available to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development; not to exceed \$3,497,000 shall be available to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner; not to exceed \$1,097,000 shall be available to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research; and not to exceed \$928,000 shall be available to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity: Provided, That the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to transfer funds ap-

propriated for any office funded under this heading to any other office funded under this heading following the written notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That no appropriation for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than 5 percent by all such transfers: Provided further, That notice of any change in funding greater than 5 percent shall be submitted for prior approval to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That the Secretary shall provide the Committees on Appropriations quarterly written notification regarding the status of pending congressional reports: Provided further, That the Secretary shall provide all signed reports required by Congress electronically: Provided further, That not to exceed \$25,000 of the amount made available under this paragraph for the immediate Office of the Secretary shall be available for official reception and representation expenses as the Secretary may determine.

#### ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

For necessary salaries and expenses for administration, operations and management for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$537,897,000, of which not to exceed \$76,958,000 shall be available for the personnel compensation and benefits of the Office of Administration; not to exceed \$11,277,000 shall be available for the personnel compensation and benefits of the Office of Departmental Operations and Coordination; not to exceed \$51,275,000 shall be available for the personnel compensation and benefits of the Office of Field Policy and Management; not to exceed \$14,649,000 shall be available for the personnel compensation and benefits of the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer; not to exceed \$35,197,000 shall be available for the personnel compensation and benefits of the remaining staff in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer; not to exceed \$89,062,000 shall be available for the personnel compensation and benefits of the remaining staff in the Office of the General Counsel; not to exceed \$3,296,000 shall be available for the personnel compensation and benefits of the Office of Departmental Equal Employment Opportunity; not to exceed \$1,393,000 shall be available for the personnel compensation and benefits for the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives; not to exceed \$2,400,000 shall be available for the personnel compensation and benefits for the Office of Sustainability; not to exceed \$2,520,000 shall be available for the personnel compensation and benefits for the Office of Strategic Planning and Management; and not to exceed \$249,870,000 shall be available for non-personnel expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Provided, That, funds provided under this heading may be used for necessary administrative and non-administrative expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, not otherwise provided for, including purchase of uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; hire of passenger motor vehicles; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated under this heading may be used for advertising and promotional activities that support the housing mission area: Provided further, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to transfer funds appropriated for any office included in Administration, Operations and Management to any other office included in Administration, Operations and Management only after such transfer has been submitted to, and received prior written approval by, the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That no appropriation for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than 10 percent by all such transfers.

PERSONNEL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS  
PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

For necessary personnel compensation and benefits expenses of the Office of Public and Indian Housing, \$197,074,000.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary personnel compensation and benefits expenses of the Office of Community Planning and Development mission area, \$98,989,000.

HOUSING

For necessary personnel compensation and benefits expenses of the Office of Housing, \$374,887,000.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT NATIONAL  
MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION

For necessary personnel compensation and benefits expenses of the Office of the Government National Mortgage Association, \$11,095,000, to be derived from the GNMA guarantees of mortgage backed securities guaranteed loan receipt account.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

For necessary personnel compensation and benefits expenses of the Office of Policy Development and Research, \$21,138,000.

FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

For necessary personnel compensation and benefits expenses of the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, \$71,800,000.

OFFICE OF HEALTHY HOMES AND LEAD HAZARD  
CONTROL

PERSONNEL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

For necessary personnel compensation and benefits expenses of the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, \$7,151,000.

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING  
TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE  
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For activities and assistance for the provision of tenant-based rental assistance authorized under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) ("the Act" herein), not otherwise provided for, \$14,137,200,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2009 (in addition to the \$4,000,000,000 previously appropriated under this heading that will become available on October 1, 2009), and \$4,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2010: Provided, That of the amounts made available under this heading are provided as follows:

(1) \$16,339,200,000 shall be available for renewals of expiring section 8 tenant-based annual contributions contracts (including renewals of enhanced vouchers under any provision of law authorizing such assistance under section 8(t) of the Act) and including renewal of other special purpose vouchers initially funded in fiscal year 2008 and 2009 (such as Family Unification, Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers and Non-elderly Disabled Vouchers): Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, from amounts provided under this paragraph and any carryover, the Secretary for the calendar year 2010 funding cycle shall provide renewal funding for each public housing agency based on voucher management system (VMS) leasing and cost data for the most recent Federal fiscal year and by applying the most recent Annual Adjustment Factor as established by the Secretary, and by making any necessary adjustments for the costs associated with deposits to family self-sufficiency program escrow accounts or first-time renewals including tenant protection or HOPE VI vouchers: Provided further, That none of the funds provided under this paragraph may be used to fund a total number of unit months under lease which exceeds a public housing agency's authorized level of units under contract: Provided further, That the Secretary shall, to the extent necessary to stay

within the amount specified under this paragraph (except as otherwise modified under this Act), pro rate each public housing agency's allocation otherwise established pursuant to this paragraph: Provided further, That except as provided in the last two provisos, the entire amount specified under this paragraph (except as otherwise modified under this Act) shall be obligated to the public housing agencies based on the allocation and pro rata method described above, and the Secretary shall notify public housing agencies of their annual budget not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act: Provided further, That the Secretary may extend the 60-day notification period with the prior written approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That public housing agencies participating in the Moving to Work demonstration shall be funded pursuant to their Moving to Work agreements and shall be subject to the same pro rata adjustments under the previous provisos: Provided further, That up to \$150,000,000 shall be available only: (1) to adjust the allocations for public housing agencies, after application for an adjustment by a public housing agency that experienced a significant increase, as determined by the Secretary, in renewal costs of tenant-based rental assistance resulting from unforeseen circumstances or from portability under section 8(r) of the Act; (2) for adjustments for public housing agencies with voucher leasing rates at the end of the calendar year that exceed the average leasing for the 12-month period used to establish the allocation; (3) for adjustments for the costs associated with VASH vouchers; or (4) for vouchers that were not in use during the 12-month period in order to be available to meet a commitment pursuant to section 8(o)(13) of the Act;

(2) \$103,000,000 shall be for section 8 rental assistance for relocation and replacement of housing units that are demolished or disposed of pursuant to the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134), conversion of section 23 projects to assistance under section 8, the family unification program under section 8(c) of the Act, 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, enhanced vouchers under any provision of law authorizing such assistance under section 8(t) of the Act, HOPE VI vouchers, mandatory and voluntary conversions, and tenant protection assistance including replacement and relocation assistance or for project based assistance to prevent the displacement of unassisted elderly tenants currently residing in section 202 properties financed between 1959 and 1974 that are refinanced pursuant to Public Law 106-569, as amended, or under the authority as provided under this Act: Provided, That the Secretary shall may provide replacement vouchers for all units that were occupied within the previous 24 months that cease to be available as assisted housing, subject only to the availability of funds;

(3) \$1,550,000,000 shall be for administrative and other expenses of public housing agencies in administering the section 8 tenant-based rental assistance program, of which up to \$50,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary to allocate to public housing agencies that need additional funds to administer their section 8 programs, including fees associated with section 8 tenant protection rental assistance, the administration of disaster related vouchers, Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers, and other incremental vouchers: Provided, That no less than \$1,500,000,000 of the amount provided in this paragraph shall be allocated to public housing agencies for the calendar year 2010 funding cycle based on section 8(q) of the Act (and related Appropriation Act provisions) as in effect immediately before the enactment of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-276): Provided further, That if

the amounts made available under this paragraph are insufficient to pay the amounts determined under the previous proviso, the Secretary may decrease the amounts allocated to agencies by a uniform percentage applicable to all agencies receiving funding under this paragraph or may, to the extent necessary to provide full payment of amounts determined under the previous proviso, utilize unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryovers, remaining from funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development under this heading, for fiscal year 2009 and prior fiscal years, notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts were appropriated: Provided further, That amounts provided under this paragraph shall be only for activities related to the provision of tenant-based rental assistance authorized under section 8, including related development activities;

(4) \$50,000,000 shall be available for family self-sufficiency coordinators under section 23 of the Act;

(5) \$20,000,000 for incremental voucher assistance through the Family Unification Program: Provided, That the assistance made available under this paragraph shall continue to remain available for family unification upon turnover: Provided further, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall make such funding available, notwithstanding section 204 (competition provision) of this title, to entities with demonstrated experience and resources for supportive services;

(6) \$75,000,000 for incremental rental voucher assistance for use through a supported housing program administered in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs as authorized under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937: Provided, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall make such funding available, notwithstanding section 204 (competition provision) of this title, to public housing agencies that partner with eligible VA Medical Centers or other entities as designated by the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, based on geographical need for such assistance as identified by the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, public housing agency administrative performance, and other factors as specified by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Provided further, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may waive, or specify alternative requirements for (in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs), any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development administers in connection with the use of funds made available under this paragraph (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment), upon a finding by the Secretary that any such waivers or alternative requirements are necessary for the effective delivery and administration of such voucher assistance: Provided further, That assistance made available under this paragraph shall continue to remain available for homeless veterans upon turn-over; and

(7) up to \$50,000,000 provided under this heading maybe transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Transformation Initiative".

HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND

Unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development under this heading, the heading "Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing" and the heading "Project-Based Rental Assistance", for fiscal year 2010 and prior years may be used for renewal of or amendments to section 8 project-based contracts and for performance-based contract administrators, notwithstanding the purposes for which such funds were appropriated: Provided, That

any obligated balances of contract authority from fiscal year 1974 and prior that have been terminated shall be permanently cancelled.

#### PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND

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 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) (the "Act") \$2,500,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, during fiscal year 2010 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may not delegate to any Department official other than the Deputy Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing any authority under paragraph (2) of section 9(j) regarding the extension of the time periods under such section: Provided further, That for purposes of such section 9(j), the term "obligate" means, with respect to amounts, that the amounts are subject to a binding agreement that will result in outlays, immediately or in the future: Provided further, That up to \$15,345,000 shall be to support the ongoing Public Housing Financial and Physical Assessment activities of the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC): Provided further, That no funds may be used under this heading for the purposes specified in section 9(k) of the Act: Provided further, That of the total amount provided under this heading, not to exceed \$20,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to make grants, notwithstanding section 204 of this Act, to public housing agencies for emergency capital needs including safety and security measures necessary to address crime and drug-related activity as well as needs resulting from unforeseen or unpreventable emergencies and natural disasters excluding Presidentially declared emergencies and natural disasters under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) occurring in fiscal year 2010: Provided further, That of the amounts provided under this heading \$50,000,000 shall be for grants to be competitively awarded to public housing agencies for the construction, rehabilitation or purchase of facilities to be used to provide early education, adult education, job training or other appropriate services to public housing residents: Provided further, That grantees shall demonstrate an ability to leverage other Federal, State, local or private resources for the construction, rehabilitation or acquisition of such facilities, and that selected grantees shall demonstrate a capacity to pay the long-term costs of operating such facilities: Provided further, That of the total amount provided under this heading, \$40,000,000 shall be for supportive services, service coordinators and congregate services as authorized by section 34 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437z-6) and the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.): Provided further, That of the total amount provided under this heading up to \$8,820,000 is to support the costs of administrative and judicial receiverships: Provided further, That from the funds made available under this heading, the Secretary shall provide bonus awards in fiscal year 2010 to public housing agencies that are designated high performers.

#### PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

For 2010 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 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(e)), \$4,750,000,000: Provided, That, in fiscal year 2009 and all fiscal years hereafter, no amounts under this heading in any appropriations Act may be used for payments to public housing agencies for the costs of operation and management of public housing for any year prior to the current year of such Act: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading, up to \$15,000,000 may be

transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Transformation Initiative".

#### CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS

For competitive grants under the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative for transformation, rehabilitation and replacement housing needs of both public and HUD-assisted housing and to transform neighborhoods of poverty into functioning, sustainable mixed income neighborhoods with appropriate services, public assets, transportation and access to jobs, and schools, including public schools, community schools, and charter schools, \$250,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013: Provided, That grant funds may be used for resident and community services, community development and affordable housing needs in the community, and for conversion of vacant or foreclosed properties to affordable housing: Provided further, That grantees shall undertake comprehensive local planning with input from residents and the community, and that grantees shall provide a match in State, local, other Federal or private funds: Provided further, That grantees may include local governments, public housing authorities, and nonprofits: Provided further, That for-profit developers may apply jointly with a public entity: Provided further, That of the amounts provided, not less than \$165,000,000 shall be awarded to public housing authorities: Provided further, That such grantees shall create partnerships with other local organizations including assisted housing owners, service agencies and resident organizations: Provided further, That the Secretary shall consult with the Secretaries of Education, Labor, Transportation, Health and Human Services, Agriculture, and Commerce and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to coordinate and leverage other appropriate Federal resources: Provided further, That within 60 days of the enactment of this Act, HUD shall submit a plan to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, for approval, describing an array of performance measures that HUD will use in identifying functioning, sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods and a plan for how HUD will work with other agencies: Provided further, That no more than ten percent of funds made available under this heading may be provided for planning grants to assist communities in developing comprehensive strategies for implementing this program in conjunction with community notice and input: Provided further, That the Secretary shall develop and publish guidelines for the use of such competitive funds, including but not limited to eligible activities, program requirements, protections and services for affected residents, and performance metrics.

#### NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS

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) (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), \$670,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That, notwithstanding the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to determine the amount of the allocation under title I of such Act for each Indian tribe, the Secretary shall apply the formula under section 302 of such Act with the need component based on single-race Census data and with the need component based on multi-race Census data, and the amount of the allocation for each Indian tribe shall be the greater of the two resulting allocation amounts: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading, \$3,500,000 shall be contracted for assistance for a national organization representing Native American housing interests for providing training and technical assistance to Indian housing authorities and tribally designated housing entities as authorized under NAHASDA; and \$4,250,000 shall be to support the inspection of Indian housing units, contract expertise, training, and technical assistance in the training,

oversight, and management of such Indian housing and tenant-based assistance, including up to \$300,000 for related travel: Provided further, That of the amount provided under this heading, \$2,000,000 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 \$18,000,000.

#### NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT

For the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program, as authorized under title VIII of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), \$13,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That of this amount, \$300,000 shall be for training and technical assistance activities, including up to \$100,000 for related travel by Hawaii-based HUD employees.

#### INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND

##### PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z), \$7,000,000, 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: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, up to \$919,000,000: Provided further, That up to \$750,000 shall be for administrative contract expenses including management processes and systems to carry out the loan guarantee program.

#### NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by section 184A of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z), \$1,044,000, 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: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$41,504,255.

#### 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 et seq.), \$320,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2011, except that amounts allocated pursuant to section 854(c)(3) of such Act shall remain available until September 30, 2012: Provided, That the Secretary shall renew all expiring contracts for permanent supportive housing 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.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (INCLUDING TRANSFER 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, \$4,450,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2012, unless otherwise specified: Provided, That of the total amount provided, \$3,992,000,000 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 et seq.): Provided further, That unless explicitly provided for under this heading (except for planning grants provided in the second paragraph and amounts made available

under the third paragraph), not to exceed 20 percent of any grant made with funds appropriated under this heading shall be expended for planning and management development and administration: Provided further, That \$65,000,000 shall be for grants to Indian tribes notwithstanding section 106(a)(1) of such Act, of which, notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 204 of this Act), up to \$3,960,000 may be used for emergencies that constitute imminent threats to health and safety.

Of the amount made available under this heading, \$171,000,000 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 explanatory statement accompanying this Act: Provided, That none of the funds provided under this paragraph may be used for program operations: Provided further, That, for fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009, no unobligated funds for EDI grants may be used for any purpose except acquisition, planning, design, purchase of equipment, revitalization, redevelopment or construction.

Of the amount made available under this heading, \$22,000,000 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 amounts made available under this paragraph shall be provided in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act.

The referenced explanatory statement under this heading in title II of division K of Public Law 110-161 is deemed to be amended by striking "Old Town Boys and Girls Club, Albuquerque, NM, for renovation of the existing Old Town Boys and Girls Club accompanied by construction of new areas for the Club" and inserting "Old Town Boys and Girls Club, Albuquerque, NM, for renovation of the Heights Boys and Girls Club".

The referenced explanatory statement under this heading in division I of Public Law 111-8 is deemed to be amended with respect to "Hawaii County Office of Housing and Community Development, HI" by striking "Senior Housing Renovation Project" and inserting "Transitional Housing Project".

The referenced explanatory statement under the heading "Community Development Fund" in title II of division K of Public Law 110-161 is deemed to be amended with respect to "Emergency Housing Consortium in San Jose, CA" by striking "for construction of the Sobrato Transitional Center, a residential facility for homeless individuals and families" and inserting "for improvements to homeless services and prevention facilities".

Of the amounts made available under this heading, \$150,000,000 shall be made available for a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning: Provided, That \$100,000,000 shall be for Regional Integrated Planning Grants to support the linking of transportation and land use planning: Provided further, That not less than \$25,000,000 of the funding made available for Regional Integrated Planning Grants shall be awarded to metropolitan areas of less than 500,000: Provided further, That \$40,000,000 shall be for Community Challenge Planning Grants to foster reform and reduce barriers to achieve affordable, economically vital, and sustainable communities: Provided further, That before funding is made available for Regional Integrated Planning Grants or Community Challenge Planning Grants, the Secretary, in coordination with the

Secretary of Transportation, shall submit a plan to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Banking and Urban Affairs, and the House Committee on Financial Services establishing grant criteria as well as performance measures by which the success of grantees will be measured: Provided further, That the Secretary will consult with the Secretary of Transportation in selecting grant recipients: Provided further, That up to \$10,000,000 shall be for a joint Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of Transportation research effort that shall include a rigorous evaluation of the Regional Integrated Planning Grants and Community Challenge Planning Grants programs: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading, \$25,000,000 shall be made available for the Rural Innovation Fund for grants to Indian tribes, State housing finance agencies, State community and/or economic development agencies, local rural non-profits and community development corporations to address the problems of concentrated rural housing distress and community poverty: Provided further, That of the funding made available under the previous proviso, \$10,000,000 shall be made available to promote economic development and entrepreneurship for federally recognized Indian Tribes, through activities including the capitalization of revolving loan programs and business planning and development, funding is also made available for technical assistance to increase capacity through training and outreach activities: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading, \$25,000,000 is for grants pursuant to section 107 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5307).

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN GUARANTEES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Subject to section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, during fiscal year 2010, commitments to guarantee loans under section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, any part of which is guaranteed, shall not exceed a total principal amount of \$275,000,000, notwithstanding any aggregate limitation on outstanding obligations guaranteed in subsection (k) of such section 108: Provided, That the Secretary shall collect fees from borrowers, notwithstanding subsection (m) of such section 108, to result in a credit subsidy cost of zero, and such fees shall be collected in accordance with section 502(7) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

#### HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

For the HOME investment partnerships program, as authorized under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, \$1,825,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2012: Provided, That, funds provided in prior appropriations Acts for technical assistance, that were made available for Community Housing Development Organizations technical assistance, and that still remain available, may be used for HOME technical assistance notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts were appropriated.

#### SELF-HELP AND ASSISTED HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

For the Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program, as authorized under section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996, as amended, \$85,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2012: Provided, That of the total amount provided under this heading, \$27,000,000 shall be made available to the Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program as authorized under section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996, as amended: Provided further, That \$50,000,000 shall be made available for the second, third and fourth capacity building activities authorized under section 4(a) of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993

(42 U.S.C. 9816 note), of which not less than \$5,000,000 may be made available for rural capacity building activities: Provided further, That \$8,000,000 shall be made available for capacity building activities as authorized in sections 6301 through 6305 of Public Law 110-246.

#### HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the emergency shelter grants program as authorized under subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento 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 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; and the shelter plus care program as authorized under subtitle F of title IV of such Act, \$1,875,000,000, of which \$1,870,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012, and of which \$5,000,000 shall remain available until expended for rehabilitation projects with 10-year grant terms: Provided, That not less than 30 percent of funds made available, excluding amounts provided for renewals under the Shelter Plus Care Program and emergency shelter grants, shall be used for permanent housing for individuals and families: Provided further, That all funds awarded for services shall be matched by not less than 25 percent in funding by each grantee: Provided further, That for all match requirements applicable to funds made available under this heading for this fiscal year and prior years, a grantee may use (or could have used) as a source of match funds other funds administered by the Secretary and other Federal agencies unless there is (or was) a specific statutory prohibition on any such use of any such funds: Provided further, That the Secretary shall renew on an annual basis expiring contracts or amendments to contracts funded under the shelter plus care program if the program is determined to be needed under the applicable continuum of care and meets appropriate program requirements and financial standards, as determined by the Secretary: 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 \$6,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available for the national homeless data analysis project: Provided further, That up to \$12,750,000 of the funds made available under this heading may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Transformation Initiative": Provided further, That all balances for Shelter Plus Care renewals previously funded from the Shelter Plus Care Renewal account and transferred to this account shall be available, if recaptured, for Shelter Plus Care renewals in fiscal year 2010.

#### HOUSING PROGRAMS

##### PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For activities and assistance for the provision of project-based subsidy contracts under the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) ("the Act"), not otherwise provided for, \$7,700,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2009, and \$400,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available on October 1, 2010: Provided, That the amounts made available under this heading are provided as follows:

(1) Up to \$7,868,000,000 shall be available for expiring or terminating section 8 project-based



subsidy contracts (including section 8 moderate rehabilitation contracts), for amendments to section 8 project-based subsidy contracts (including section 8 moderate rehabilitation contracts), for contracts entered into pursuant to section 441 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11401), for renewal of section 8 contracts for units in projects that are subject to approved plans of action under the Emergency Low Income Housing Preservation Act of 1987 or the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990, and for administrative and other expenses associated with project-based activities and assistance funded under this paragraph.

(2) Not less than \$232,000,000 but not to exceed \$258,000,000 shall be available for performance-based contract administrators for section 8 project-based assistance: Provided, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may also use such amounts for performance-based contract administrators for the administration of: interest reduction payments pursuant to section 236(a) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1(a)); rent supplement payments pursuant to section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s); section 236(f)(2) rental assistance payments (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1(f)(2)); project rental assistance contracts for the elderly under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701g); project rental assistance contracts for supportive housing for persons with disabilities under section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013(d)(2)); project assistance contracts pursuant to section 202(h) of the Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86-372; 73 Stat. 667); and loans under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86-372; 73 Stat. 667).

(3) Not to exceed \$20,000,000 provided under this heading may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Transformation Initiative".

(4) Amounts recaptured under this heading, the heading "Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing", or the heading "Housing Certificate Fund" may be used for renewals of or amendments to section 8 project-based contracts or for performance-based contract administrators, notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts were appropriated.

#### HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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 for the elderly under section 202(c)(2) of such Act, including amendments to contracts for such assistance and renewal of expiring contracts for such assistance for up to a 1-year term, and for supportive services associated with the housing, \$785,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013, of which up to \$542,000,000 shall be for capital advance and project-based rental assistance awards: Provided, That amounts for project rental assistance contracts are to remain available for the liquidation of valid obligations for 10 years following the date of such obligation: Provided further, That of the amount provided under this heading, up to \$90,000,000 shall be for service coordinators and the continuation of existing congregate service grants for residents of assisted housing projects, and of which up to \$25,000,000 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 and for substantial and emergency capital repairs as determined by the Secretary: Provided further, That of the amount made available under this heading, \$20,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development only for making competitive grants to private nonprofit organizations and consumer coopera-

tives for covering costs of architectural and engineering work, site control, and other planning relating to the development of supportive housing for the elderly that is eligible for assistance under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q): Provided further, That amounts under this heading shall be available for Real Estate Assessment Center inspections and inspection-related activities associated with section 202 capital advance projects: Provided further, That the Secretary may waive the provisions of section 202 governing the terms and conditions of project rental assistance, except that the initial contract term for such assistance shall not exceed 5 years in duration.

#### HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For capital advance contracts, 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 (42 U.S.C. 8013), for project rental assistance for supportive housing for persons with disabilities under section 811(d)(2) of such Act, including amendments to contracts for such assistance and renewal of expiring contracts for such assistance for up to a 1-year term, and for supportive services associated with the housing for persons with disabilities as authorized by section 811(b)(1) of such Act, and for tenant-based rental assistance contracts entered into pursuant to section 811 of such Act, \$265,000,000, of which up to \$129,000,000 shall be for capital advances and project-based rental assistance contracts, to remain available until September 30, 2013: Provided, That amounts for project rental assistance contracts are to remain available for the liquidation of valid obligations for 10 years following the date of such obligation: Provided further, That, of the amount provided under this heading, \$87,100,000 shall be for amendments or renewal of tenant-based assistance contracts entered into prior to fiscal year 2005 (only one amendment authorized for any such contract): Provided further, That all tenant-based assistance made available under this heading shall continue to remain available only to persons with disabilities: Provided further, That the Secretary may waive the provisions of section 811 governing the terms and conditions of project rental assistance and tenant-based assistance, except that the initial contract term for such assistance shall not exceed 5 years in duration: Provided further, That amounts made available under this heading shall be available for Real Estate Assessment Center inspections and inspection-related activities associated with section 811 Capital Advance Projects.

#### HOUSING COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

For contracts, grants, and other assistance excluding loans, as authorized under section 106 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, \$100,000,000, including up to \$2,500,000 for administrative contract services, to remain available until September 30, 2011: Provided, That funds shall be used for providing counseling and advice to tenants and homeowners, both current and prospective, with respect to property maintenance, financial management/literacy, and such other matters as may be appropriate to assist them in improving their housing conditions, meeting their financial needs, and fulfilling the responsibilities of tenancy or homeownership; for program administration; and for housing counselor training: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this heading, not less than \$15,000,000 shall be awarded to HUD-certified housing counseling agencies located in the 100 metropolitan statistical areas with the highest rate of home foreclosures for the purpose of assisting homeowners with inquiries regarding mortgage-modification assistance and mortgage scams.

#### ENERGY INNOVATION FUND

For an Energy Innovation Fund to enable the Federal Housing Administration and the new Office of Sustainability to catalyze innovations in the residential energy efficiency sector that have promise of replicability and help create a standardized home energy efficient retrofit market, \$75,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013: Provided, That \$20,000,000 shall be for the Energy Efficient Mortgage Innovation pilot program, directed at the single family housing market: Provided further, That \$20,000,000 shall be for the Multifamily Energy Pilot, directed at the multifamily housing market: Provided further, That \$35,000,000 shall be for the Local Initiatives Fund so as to leverage additional public and private sector capital to stimulate the development of model residential energy efficient retrofits in ten or more communities: Provided further, That selected communities shall have demonstrated capacity to conduct energy efficient retrofit activities, and no community shall receive more than \$10,000,000.

#### OTHER ASSISTED HOUSING PROGRAMS

##### RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE

For amendments to contracts under section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s) and section 236(f)(2) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1) in State-aided, non-insured rental housing projects, \$40,000,000, to remain available until expended.

#### RENT SUPPLEMENT (RESCISSION)

Of the amounts recaptured from terminated contracts under section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s) and section 236 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1) \$27,600,000 are rescinded hereby permanently cancelled: Provided, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

#### PAYMENT TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING FEES TRUST FUND

For necessary expenses as authorized by the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.), up to \$16,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$7,000,000 is to be derived from the Manufactured Housing Fees Trust Fund: Provided, That not to exceed the total amount appropriated under this heading 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 pursuant to section 620 of such Act: Provided further, That the amount made available under this heading from the general fund shall be reduced as such collections are received during fiscal year 2010 so as to result in a final fiscal year 2010 appropriation from the general fund estimated at not more than \$9,000,000 and fees pursuant to such section 620 shall be modified as necessary to ensure such a final fiscal year 2010 appropriation: Provided further, That for the dispute resolution and installation programs, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may assess and collect fees from any program participant: Provided further, That such collections shall be deposited into the Fund, and the Secretary, as provided herein, may use such collections, as well as fees collected under section 620, for necessary expenses of such Act: Provided further, That notwithstanding the requirements of section 620 of such Act, the Secretary may carry out responsibilities of the Secretary under such Act through the use of approved service providers that are paid directly by the recipients of their services.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION  
MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM  
ACCOUNT  
(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

During fiscal year 2010, commitments to guarantee single family loans insured under the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund shall not exceed a loan principal of \$400,000,000,000: Provided, That for the cost of new guaranteed loans, as authorized by section 255 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-20), \$288,000,000; and, in addition, to the extent that new guaranteed loan commitments under section 255 will and do exceed \$30,000,000,000, an additional \$26,600 shall be available for each \$1,000,000 in such additional commitments (including a pro rata amount for any new guaranteed loan commitment amount below \$1,000,000): Provided further, That the Secretary shall reduce the principal limit factors applicable to mortgage loans insured under such section 255 in fiscal year 2010 by 5 percent from what was assumed for calculating the subsidy rates published in the President's budget for fiscal year 2010: Provided further, That during fiscal year 2010, obligations to make direct loans to carry out the purposes of section 204(g) of the National Housing Act, as amended, shall not exceed \$50,000,000: Provided further, 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 contract expenses, of the federal housing administration \$188,900,000, of \$70,794,000 may be transferred to the Working capital fund, and of which up to \$7,500,000 shall be for education and outreach of FHA single family loan products: Provided further, That to the extent guaranteed loan commitments exceed \$200,000,000,000 on or before April 1, 2010, 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 \$30,000,000.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by sections 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-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, \$8,600,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That commitments to guarantee loans shall not exceed \$15,000,000,000 in total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed.

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 \$20,000,000, which 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.

GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION  
GUARANTEES OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES  
LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

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 \$500,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2011.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

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 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 et seq.), including carrying out the functions of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under section 1(a)(1)(I) of

Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1968, \$48,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2011.

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, \$72,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2011, of which \$42,500,000 shall be to carry out activities pursuant to such section 561 of which up to \$2,000,000 shall be made available to carryout authorized activities to protect the public from mortgage rescue scams: Provided, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, the Secretary may assess and collect fees to cover the costs of the Fair Housing Training Academy, and may use such funds to provide such training: Provided further, 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: Provided further, That of the funds made available under this heading, \$500,000 shall be available to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for the creation and promotion of translated materials and other programs that support the assistance of persons with limited English proficiency in utilizing the services provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND  
HEALTHY HOMES

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION

For the Lead Hazard Reduction Program, as Authorized by section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, \$140,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2011, of which not less than \$20,000,000 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 diseases and hazards: Provided, That for purposes of environmental review, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and other provisions of the law that further the purposes of such Act, a grant under the Healthy Homes Initiative, Operation Lead Elimination Action Plan (LEAP), or the Lead Technical Studies program under this heading or under prior appropriations Acts for such purposes under this heading, shall be considered to be funds for a special project for purposes of section 305(c) of the Multifamily Housing Property Disposition Reform Act of 1994: Provided further, That of the total amount made available under this heading, \$48,000,000 shall be made available on a competitive basis for areas with the highest lead paint abatement needs: Provided further, That each recipient of funds provided under the second proviso shall make a matching contribution in an amount not less than 25 percent: Provided further, That the Secretary may waive the matching requirement cited in the preceding proviso on a case by case basis if the Secretary determines that such a waiver is necessary to advance the purposes of this program: Provided further, That each applicant shall submit a detailed plan and strategy that demonstrates adequate capacity that is acceptable to the Secretary to carry out the proposed use of funds pursuant to a notice of funding availability: Provided further, That amounts made available under this heading in this or prior appropriations Acts, and that still remain available, may be used for any purpose under this heading notwithstanding the purpose for which such amounts were appropriated if a program competition is undersubscribed and there are other program competitions under this head-

ing that are oversubscribed: Provided further, That of the total amount made available under this heading, \$250,000 shall be allocated through the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control to conduct communications and outreach to potential applicants to the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant program.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

For additional capital for the Working Capital Fund (42 U.S.C. 3535) for the maintenance of infrastructure for Department-wide information technology systems, for the continuing operation and maintenance of both Department-wide and program-specific information systems, and for program-related maintenance activities, \$200,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2011: Provided, That any amounts transferred to this Fund under this Act shall remain available until expended: Provided further, That any amounts transferred to this Fund from amounts appropriated by previously enacted appropriations Acts or from within this Act may be used for the purposes specified under this Fund, in addition to the purposes for which such amounts were appropriated: Provided further, That up to \$15,000,000 may be transferred to this account from all other accounts in this title (except for the Office of the Inspector General account) that make funds available for salaries and expenses.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$126,000,000: Provided, That the Inspector General shall have independent authority over all personnel issues within this office.

TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for combating mortgage fraud, \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended.

In addition, of the amounts made available in this Act under each of the following headings under this title, the Secretary may transfer to, and merge with, this account up to 1 percent from each such account, and such transferred amounts shall be available until September 30, 2013, for (1) research, evaluation, and program metrics; (2) program demonstrations; (3) technical assistance and capacity building; and (4) information technology: "Public Housing Capital Fund", "Choice Neighborhoods Initiative", "Energy Innovation Fund", "Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS", "Community Development Fund", "HOME Investment Partnerships Program", "Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program", "Housing for the Elderly", "Housing for Persons With Disabilities", "Housing Counseling Assistance", "Payment to Manufactured Housing Fees Trust Fund", "Mutual Mortgage Insurance Program Account", "General and Special Risk Program Account", "Research and Technology", "Lead Hazard Reduction", "Rental Housing Assistance", and "Fair Housing Activities": Provided, That of the amounts made available under this paragraph, not less than \$100,000,000 shall be available for information technology modernization, including development and deployment of a Next Generation of Voucher Management System and development and deployment of modernized Federal Housing Administration systems: Provided further, That not more than 25 percent of the funds made available for information technology modernization may be obligated until the Secretary submits to the Committees on Appropriations a plan for expenditure that (1) identifies for each modernization project (a) the functional and performance capabilities to be delivered and the mission benefits to be realized, (b) the estimated lifecycle cost, and (c) key milestones to be met; (2) demonstrates that each modernization project is (a) compliant with the department's enterprise architecture, (b) being

managed in accordance with applicable lifecycle management policies and guidance, (c) subject to the department's capital planning and investment control requirements, and (d) supported by an adequately staffed project office; and (3) has been reviewed by the Government Accountability Office: Provided further, That of the amounts made available under this paragraph, not less than \$40,000,000 shall be available for technical assistance and capacity building: Provided further, That technical assistance activities shall include, technical assistance for HUD programs, including HOME, Community Development Block Grant, homeless programs, HOPE VI, Choice Neighborhoods, Public Housing, the Housing Choice Voucher Program, Fair Housing Initiative Program, Housing Counseling, Health Homes, Sustainable Communities, Energy Innovation Fund and other technical assistance as determined by the Secretary: Provided further, That of the amounts made available for research, evaluation and program metrics and program demonstrations, the Secretary shall include an assessment of the housing needs of Native Americans: Provided further, That of the amounts made available for research, evaluation and program metrics and program demonstrations, the Secretary shall include planning, demonstrations, or evaluations related to pre-purchase housing counseling and the Moving-to-Work demonstration program: Provided further, That the Secretary shall submit a plan to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations for approval detailing how the funding provided under this heading will be allocated to each of the four categories identified under this heading and for what projects or activities funding will be used: Provided further, That following the initial approval of this plan, the Secretary may amend the plan with the approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

**GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)**

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 (42 U.S.C. 1437 note) shall be rescission or in the case of cash, shall be remitted to the Treasury, and such amounts of budget authority or cash recaptured and not rescission 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 rescission or remitted to the Treasury to provide project owners with incentives to refinance their project at a lower interest rate.

SEC. 202. None of the amounts made available under this Act may be used during fiscal year 2010 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.

SEC. 203. (a) 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 2010 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 2010 under such clause (ii) because the areas in the State outside of the metropolitan statistical areas that qualify under clause (1) in fiscal year 2010 do not have the number of cases of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) required under such clause.

(b) 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 (1) of such section 854(c)(1)(A) in fiscal year 2010, in proportion to AIDS cases among cities and States that qualify under clauses (1) and (ii) of such section and States deemed eligible under subsection (a).

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the amount allocated for fiscal year 2010 under section 854(c) of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12903(c)), to the City of New York, New York, on behalf of the New York-Wayne-White Plains, New York-New Jersey Metropolitan Division (hereafter "metropolitan division") of the New York-Newark-Edison, NY-NJ-PA Metropolitan Statistical Area, shall be adjusted by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by: (1) allocating to the City of Jersey City, New Jersey, the proportion of the metropolitan area's or division's amount that is based on the number of cases of AIDS reported in the portion of the metropolitan area or division that is located in Hudson County, New Jersey, and adjusting for the proportion of the metropolitan division's high incidence bonus if this area in New Jersey also has a higher than average per capita incidence of AIDS; and (2) allocating to the City of Paterson, New Jersey, the proportion of the metropolitan area's or division's amount that is based on the number of cases of AIDS reported in the portion of the metropolitan area or division that is located in Bergen County and Passaic County, New Jersey, and adjusting for the proportion of the metropolitan division's high incidence bonus if this area in New Jersey also has a higher than average per capita incidence of AIDS. The recipient cities shall use amounts allocated under this subsection to carry out eligible activities under section 855 of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12904) in their respective portions of the metropolitan division that is located in New Jersey.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the amount allocated for fiscal year 2010 under section 854(c) of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12903(c)) to areas with a higher than average per capita incidence of AIDS, shall be adjusted by the Secretary on the basis of area incidence reported over a 3 year period.

SEC. 204. Except as explicitly provided in law, any grant, cooperative agreement or other assistance made pursuant to title II of this Act shall be made on a competitive basis and in accordance with section 102 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 3545).

SEC. 205. 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 the Federal National Mortgage Association, Government National Mortgage Corporation, Federal Home Loan 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. 1811–1).

SEC. 206. Unless otherwise provided for in this Act or through a reprogramming of funds, no part of any appropriation for the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be avail-

able for any program, project or activity in excess of amounts set forth in the budget estimates submitted to Congress.

SEC. 207. Corporations and agencies of the Department of Housing and Urban Development which are subject to the Government Corporation Control Act, are hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to each such corporation or agency and in accordance with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of such Act as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for 2010 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. 208. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall provide quarterly reports to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations regarding all uncommitted, unobligated, recaptured and excess funds in each program and activity within the jurisdiction of the Department and shall submit additional, updated budget information to these Committees upon request.

SEC. 209. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the amount allocated for fiscal year 2010 under section 854(c) of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12903(c)), to the City of Wilmington, Delaware, on behalf of the Wilmington, Delaware-Maryland-New Jersey Metropolitan Division (hereafter "metropolitan division"), shall be adjusted by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by allocating to the State of New Jersey the proportion of the metropolitan division's amount that is based on the number of cases of AIDS reported in the portion of the metropolitan division that is located in New Jersey, and adjusting for the proportion of the metropolitan division's high incidence bonus if this area in New Jersey also has a higher than average per capita incidence of AIDS. The State of New Jersey shall use amounts allocated to the State under this subsection to carry out eligible activities under section 855 of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12904) in the portion of the metropolitan division that is located in New Jersey.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall allocate to Wake County, North Carolina, the amounts that otherwise would be allocated for fiscal year 2010 under section 854(c) of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12903(c)) to the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, on behalf of the Raleigh-Cary, North Carolina Metropolitan Statistical Area. Any amounts allocated to Wake County shall be used to carry out eligible activities under section 855 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12904) within such metropolitan statistical area.

(c) Notwithstanding section 854(c) of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12903(c)), the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may adjust the allocation of the amounts that otherwise would be allocated for fiscal year 2010 under section 854(c) of such Act, upon the written request of an applicant, in conjunction with the State(s), for a formula allocation on behalf of a metropolitan statistical area, to designate the State or States in which the metropolitan statistical area is located as the eligible grantee(s) of the allocation. In the case that a metropolitan statistical area involves more than one State, such amounts allocated to each State shall be in proportion to the number of cases of AIDS reported in the portion of the metropolitan

statistical area located in that State. Any amounts allocated to a State under this section shall be used to carry out eligible activities within the portion of the metropolitan statistical area located in that State.

SEC. 210. The President's formal budget request for fiscal year 2011, as well as the Department of Housing and Urban Development's congressional budget justifications to be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall use the identical account and sub-account structure provided under this Act.

SEC. 211. A public housing agency or such other entity that administers Federal housing assistance for the Housing Authority of the county of Los Angeles, California, the States of Alaska, Iowa, and Mississippi shall not be required to include a resident of public housing or a recipient of assistance provided under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 on the board of directors or a similar governing board of such agency or entity as required under section (2)(b) of such Act. Each public housing agency or other entity that administers Federal housing assistance under section 8 for the Housing Authority of the county of Los Angeles, California and the States of Alaska, Iowa and Mississippi that chooses not to include a resident of Public Housing or a recipient of section 8 assistance on the board of directors or a similar governing board shall establish an advisory board of not less than six residents of public housing or recipients of section 8 assistance to provide advice and comment to the public housing agency or other administering entity on issues related to public housing and section 8. Such advisory board shall meet not less than quarterly.

SEC. 212. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, subject to the conditions listed in subsection (b), for fiscal years 2009 and 2010, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may authorize the transfer of some or all project-based assistance, debt and statutorily required low-income and very low-income use restrictions, associated with one or more multifamily housing project to another multifamily housing project or projects.

(b) The transfer authorized in subsection (a) is subject to the following conditions:

(1) The number of low-income and very low-income units and the net dollar amount of Federal assistance provided by the transferring project shall remain the same in the receiving project or projects.

(2) The transferring project shall, as determined by the Secretary, be either physically obsolete or economically non-viable.

(3) The receiving project or projects shall meet or exceed applicable physical standards established by the Secretary.

(4) The owner or mortgagor of the transferring project shall notify and consult with the tenants residing in the transferring project and provide a certification of approval by all appropriate local governmental officials.

(5) The tenants of the transferring project who remain eligible for assistance to be provided by the receiving project or projects shall not be required to vacate their units in the transferring project or projects until new units in the receiving project are available for occupancy.

(6) The Secretary determines that this transfer is in the best interest of the tenants.

(7) If either the transferring project or the receiving project or projects meets the condition specified in subsection (c)(2)(A), any lien on the receiving project resulting from additional financing obtained by the owner shall be subordinate to any FHA-insured mortgage lien transferred to, or placed on, such project by the Secretary.

(8) If the transferring project meets the requirements of subsection (c)(2)(E), the owner or mortgagor of the receiving project or projects shall execute and record either a continuation of the existing use agreement or a new use

agreement for the project where, in either case, any use restrictions in such agreement are of no lesser duration than the existing use restrictions.

(9) Any financial risk to the FHA General and Special Risk Insurance Fund, as determined by the Secretary, would be reduced as a result of a transfer completed under this section.

(10) The Secretary determines that Federal liability with regard to this project will not be increased.

(c) For purposes of this section—

(1) the terms “low-income” and “very low-income” shall have the meanings provided by the statute and/or regulations governing the program under which the project is insured or assisted;

(2) the term “multifamily housing project” means housing that meets one of the following conditions—

(A) housing that is subject to a mortgage insured under the National Housing Act;

(B) housing that has project-based assistance attached to the structure including projects undergoing mark to market debt restructuring under the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Housing Act;

(C) housing that is assisted under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 as amended by section 801 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act;

(D) housing that is assisted under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as such section existed before the enactment of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act; or

(E) housing or vacant land that is subject to a use agreement;

(3) the term “project-based assistance” means—

(A) assistance provided under section 8(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937;

(B) assistance for housing constructed or substantially rehabilitated pursuant to assistance provided under section 8(b)(2) of such Act (as such section existed immediately before October 1, 1983);

(C) rent supplement payments under section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965;

(D) interest reduction payments under section 236 and/or additional assistance payments under section 236(f)(2) of the National Housing Act; and

(E) assistance payments made under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959;

(4) the term “receiving project or projects” means the multifamily housing project or projects to which some or all of the project-based assistance, debt, and statutorily required use low-income and very low-income restrictions are to be transferred;

(5) the term “transferring project” means the multifamily housing project which is transferring some or all of the project-based assistance, debt and the statutorily required low-income and very low-income use restrictions to the receiving project or projects; and

(6) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

SEC. 213. The funds made available for Native Alaskans under the heading “Native American Housing Block Grants” in title III of this Act shall be allocated to the same Native Alaskan housing block grant recipients that received funds in fiscal year 2005.

SEC. 214. No funds provided under this title may be used for an audit of the Government National Mortgage Association that makes applicable requirements under the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.).

SEC. 215. (a) No assistance shall be provided under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) to any individual who—

(1) is enrolled as a student at an institution of higher education (as defined under section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002));

(2) is under 24 years of age;

(3) is not a veteran;

(4) is unmarried;

(5) does not have a dependent child;

(6) is not a person with disabilities, as such term is defined in section 3(b)(3)(E) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(3)(E)) and was not receiving assistance under such section 8 as of November 30, 2005; and

(7) is not otherwise individually eligible, or has parents who, individually or jointly, are not eligible, to receive assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f).

(b) For purposes of determining the eligibility of a person to receive assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), any financial assistance (in excess of amounts received for tuition) that an individual receives under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), from private sources, or an institution of higher education (as defined under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), shall be considered income to that individual, except for a person over the age of 23 with dependent children.

SEC. 216. Notwithstanding the limitation in the first sentence of section 255(g) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z–g), the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may, until September 30, 2010, insure and enter into commitments to insure mortgages under section 255(g) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z–20).

SEC. 217. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in fiscal year 2010, in managing and disposing of any multifamily property that is owned or has a mortgage held by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary shall maintain any rental assistance payments under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and other programs that are attached to any dwelling units in the property. To the extent the Secretary determines, in consultation with the tenants and the local government, that such a multifamily property owned or held by the Secretary is not feasible for continued rental assistance payments under such section 8 or other programs, based on consideration of (1) the costs of rehabilitating and operating the property and all available Federal, State, and local resources, including rent adjustments under section 524 of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (“MAHRAA”) and (2) environmental conditions that cannot be remedied in a cost-effective fashion, 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. The Secretary shall also take appropriate steps to ensure that project-based contracts remain in effect prior to foreclosure, subject to the exercise of contractual abatement remedies to assist relocation of tenants for imminent major threats to health and safety. After disposition of any multifamily property described under this section, the contract and allowable rent levels on such properties shall be subject to the requirements under section 524 of MAHRAA.

SEC. 218. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall report quarterly to the House of Representatives and Senate Committees on Appropriations on HUD's use of all sole source contracts, including terms of the contracts, cost, and a substantive rationale for using a sole source contract.

SEC. 219. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the recipient of a grant under section 202b of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q) after December 26, 2000, in accordance with the unnumbered paragraph at the end of section 202(b) of such Act, may, at its option, establish a single-asset nonprofit entity to own the project and may lend the grant funds to such entity, which may be a private nonprofit organization described in section 831 of the American

Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000.

SEC. 220. (a) The amounts provided under the subheading "Program Account" under the heading "Community Development Loan Guarantees" may be used to guarantee, or make commitments to guarantee, notes, or other obligations issued by any State on behalf of non-entitlement communities in the State in accordance with the requirements of section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974: Provided, That, any State receiving such a guarantee or commitment shall distribute all funds subject to such guarantee to the units of general local government in non-entitlement areas that received the commitment.

(b) Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall promulgate regulations governing the administration of the funds described under subsection (a).

SEC. 221. Section 24 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v) is amended—

(1) in subsection (m)(1), by striking "2009" and inserting "2010"; and

(2) in subsection (o), by striking "September 30, 2009" and inserting "September 30, 2010".

SEC. 222. Public housing agencies that own and operate 400 or fewer public housing units may elect to be exempt from any asset management requirement imposed by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in connection with the operating fund rule: Provided, That an agency seeking a discontinuance of a reduction of subsidy under the operating fund formula shall not be exempt from asset management requirements.

SEC. 223. With respect to the use of amounts provided in this Act and in future Acts for the operation, capital improvement and management of public housing as authorized by sections 9(d) and 9(e) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(d) and (e)), the Secretary shall not impose any requirement or guideline relating to asset management that restricts or limits in any way the use of capital funds for central office costs pursuant to section 9(g)(1) or 9(g)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(g)(1), (2)): Provided, That a public housing agency may not use capital funds authorized under section 9(d) for activities that are eligible under section 9(e) for assistance with amounts from the operating fund in excess of the amounts permitted under section 9(g)(1) or 9(g)(2).

SEC. 224. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall report quarterly to the House of Representatives and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the status of all section 8 project-based housing, including the number of all project-based units by region as well as an analysis of all federally subsidized housing being refinanced under the Mark-to-Market program. The Secretary shall in the report identify all existing units maintained by region as section 8 project-based units and all project-based units that have opted out of section 8 or have otherwise been eliminated as section 8 project-based units. The Secretary shall identify in detail and by project all the efforts made by the Department to preserve all section 8 project-based housing units and all the reasons for any units which opted out or otherwise were lost as section 8 project-based units. Such analysis shall include a review of the impact of the loss of any subsidized units in that housing marketplace, such as the impact of cost and the loss of available subsidized, low-income housing in areas with scarce housing resources for low-income families.

SEC. 225. No official or employee of the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be designated as an allotment holder unless the Office of the Chief Financial Officer has determined that such allotment holder has implemented an adequate system of funds control and has received training in funds control procedures and directives. The Chief Financial Of-

ficer shall ensure that, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, a trained allotment holder shall be designated for each HUD subaccount under the headings "Executive Direction" and heading "Administration, Operations, and Management" as well as each account receiving appropriations for "personnel compensation and benefits" within the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SEC. 226. Payment of attorney fees in program-related litigation must be paid from individual program office personnel benefits and compensation funding. The annual budget submission for program office personnel benefit and compensation funding must include program-related litigation costs for attorney fees as a separate line item request.

SEC. 227. The Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall for Fiscal Year 2010 and subsequent fiscal years, notify the public through the Federal Register and other means, as determined appropriate, of the issuance of a notice of the availability of assistance or notice of funding availability (NOFA) for any program or discretionary fund administered by the Secretary that is to be competitively awarded. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for Fiscal Year 2010 and subsequent fiscal years, the Secretary may make the NOFA available only on the Internet at the appropriate government website or websites or through other electronic media, as determined by the Secretary.

#### PREPAYMENT AND REFINANCING

SEC. 228. (a) APPROVAL OF PREPAYMENT OF DEBT.—Upon request of the project sponsor of a project assisted with a loan under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (as in effect before the enactment of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act), for which the Secretary's consent to prepayment is required, the Secretary shall approve the prepayment of any indebtedness to the Secretary relating to any remaining principal and interest under the loan as part of a prepayment plan under which—

(1) the project sponsor agrees to operate the project until the maturity date of the original loan under terms at least as advantageous to existing and future tenants as the terms required by the original loan agreement or any project-based rental assistance payments contract under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (or any other project-based rental housing assistance programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the rent supplement program under section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s)) or any successor project-based rental assistance program, except as provided by subsection (a)(2)(B); and

(2) the prepayment may involve refinancing of the loan if such refinancing results—

(A) in a lower interest rate on the principal of the loan for the project and in reductions in debt service related to such loan; or

(B) in the case of a project that is assisted with a loan under such section 202 carrying an interest rate of 6 percent or lower, a transaction under which—

(i) the project owner shall address the physical needs of the project;

(ii) the prepayment plan for the transaction, including the refinancing, shall meet a cost benefit analysis, as established by the Secretary, that the benefit of the transaction outweighs the cost of the transaction including any increases in rent charged to unassisted tenants;

(iii) the overall cost for providing rental assistance under section 8 for the project (if any) is not increased, except, upon approval by the Secretary to—

(1) mark-up-to-market contracts pursuant to section 524(a)(3) of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act (42 U.S.C. 1437f note), as such section is carried out by the Secretary for properties owned by non-profit organizations; or

(II) mark-up-to-budget contracts pursuant to section 524(a)(4) of the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act (42 U.S.C. 1437f note), as such section is carried out by the Secretary for properties owned by eligible owners (as such term is defined in section 202(k) of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q(k)));

(iv) the project owner may charge tenants rent sufficient to meet debt service payments and operating cost requirements, as approved by the Secretary, if project-based rental assistance is not available or is insufficient for the debt service and operating cost of the project after refinancing. Such approval by the Secretary—

(I) shall be the basis for the owner to agree to terminate the project-based rental assistance contract that is insufficient for the debt service and operating cost of the project after refinancing; and

(II) shall be an eligibility event for the project for purposes of section 8(t) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(t));

(v) units to be occupied by tenants assisted under section 8(t) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(t)) shall, upon termination of the occupancy of such tenants, become eligible for project-based assistance under section 8(o)(13) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)) without regard to the percentage limitations provided in such section; and

(vi) there shall be a use agreement of 20 years from the date of the maturity date of the original 202 loan for all units, including units to be occupied by tenants assisted under section 8(t) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(t)).

#### USE OF SURPLUS FEDERAL PROPERTY FOR THE HOMELESS

SEC. 229. No property identified by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development as surplus Federal property for use to assist the homeless shall be made available to any homeless group unless the group is a member in good standing under any of HUD's homeless assistance programs or is in good standing with any other program which receives funds from any other Federal or State agency or entity: Provided, That an exception may be made for an entity not involved with Federal homeless programs to use surplus Federal property for the homeless only after the Secretary or another responsible Federal agency has fully and comprehensively reviewed all relevant finances of the entity, the track record of the entity in assisting the homeless, the ability of the entity to manage the property, including all costs, the ability of the entity to administer homeless programs in a manner that is effective to meet the needs of the homeless population that is expected to use the property and any other related issues that demonstrate a commitment to assist the homeless: Provided further, That the Secretary shall not require the entity to have cash in hand in order to demonstrate financial ability but may rely on the entity's prior demonstrated fundraising ability or commitments for in-kind donations of goods and services: Provided further, That the Secretary shall make all such information and its decision regarding the award of the surplus property available to the committees of jurisdiction, including a full justification of the appropriateness of the use of the property to assist the homeless as well as the appropriateness of the group seeking to obtain the property to use such property to assist the homeless: Provided further, That, this section shall apply to properties in fiscal year 2009 and 2010 made available as surplus Federal property for use to assist the homeless.

SEC. 230. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall increase, pursuant to this section, the number of Moving-to-Work agencies authorized under section 204, title II, of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies



Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104-134; 110 Stat. 1321) by adding to the program three Public Housing Agencies that meet the following requirements: is a High Performing Agency under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS). No PHA shall be granted this designation through this section that administers in excess of 5,000 aggregate housing vouchers and public housing units. No PHA granted this designation through this section shall receive more funding under sections 8 or 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 than they otherwise would have received absent this designation. In addition to other reporting requirements, all Moving-to-Work agencies shall report financial data to the Department of Housing and Urban Development as specified by the Secretary, so that the effect of Moving-to-Work policy changes can be measured.

SEC. 231. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in determining the market value of any multifamily real property or multifamily loan for any noncompetitive sale to a State or local government, the Secretary shall in fiscal year 2010 consider, but not be limited to, industry standard appraisal practices, including the cost of repairs needed to bring the property into such condition as to satisfy minimum State and local code standards and the cost of maintaining the affordability restrictions imposed by the Secretary on the multifamily real property or multifamily loan.

SEC. 232. The Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to transfer up to 5 percent of funds appropriated for any account under this title under the heading "Personnel Compensation and Benefits" to any other account under this title under the heading "Personnel Compensation and Benefits" only after such transfer has been submitted to, and received prior written approval by, the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided, That, no appropriation for any such account shall be increased or decreased by more than 10 percent by all such transfers.

SEC. 233. The Disaster Housing Assistance Programs, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, shall be considered a "program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development" under section 904 of the McKinney Act for the purpose of income verifications and matching.

This title may be cited as the "Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010".

### TITLE III RELATED AGENCIES ACCESS BOARD

For expenses necessary for the Access Board, as authorized by section 502 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, \$7,400,000: Provided, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, there may be credited to this appropriation funds received for publications and training expenses.

### FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Federal Maritime Commission as authorized by section 201(d) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. App. 1111), including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109; hire of passenger motor vehicles as authorized by 31 U.S.C. 1343(b); and uniforms or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902, \$24,558,000: Provided, That not to exceed \$2,000 shall be available for official reception and representation expenses.

### NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation to carry out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amend-

ed, \$19,000,000: Provided, That the Inspector General shall have all necessary authority, in carrying out the duties specified in the Inspector General Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 3), to investigate allegations of fraud, including false statements to the government (18 U.S.C. 1001), by any person or entity that is subject to regulation by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation: Provided further, That the Inspector General may enter into contracts and other arrangements for audits, studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies and with private persons, subject to the applicable laws and regulations that govern the obtaining of such services within the National Railroad Passenger Corporation: Provided further, That the Inspector General may select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees as may be necessary for carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Office of Inspector General, subject to the applicable laws and regulations that govern such selections, appointments, and employment within Amtrak: Provided further, That concurrent with the President's budget request for fiscal year 2011, the Inspector General shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a budget request for fiscal year 2011 in similar format and substance to those submitted by executive agencies of the Federal Government.

### NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the National Transportation Safety Board, including hire of passenger motor vehicles and aircraft; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for a GS-15; uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901-5902) \$96,900,000, of which not to exceed \$2,000 may be used for official reception and representation expenses: Provided, That of funds provided under this heading, \$2,416,000 shall remain available through September 30, 2011: Provided further, That of the funds provided, up to \$100,000 shall be provided through reimbursement to the Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General to audit the National Transportation Safety Board's financial statements. The amounts made available to the National Transportation Safety Board in this Act include amounts necessary to make lease payments due in fiscal year 2010 only, on an obligation incurred in fiscal year 2001 for a capital lease.

### 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), \$133,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 shall be for a multi-family rental housing program: Provided, That section 605(a) of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 8104) is amended by adding at the end of the first sentence, prior to the period, "except that the board-appointed officers may be paid salary at a rate not to exceed level II of the Executive Schedule": Provided further, That in addition, \$45,000,000 shall be made available until expended for capital grants to build, rehabilitate or finance the creation of affordable housing units, including necessary administrative expenses: Provided further, That in addition, \$65,000,000 shall be made available until expended to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation for mortgage foreclosure mitigation activities, under the following terms and conditions:

(1) The Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation ("NRC"), shall make grants to counseling intermediaries approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (with match to be determined by the NRC based on af-

fordability and the economic conditions of an area; a match also may be waived by the NRC based on the aforementioned conditions) to provide mortgage foreclosure mitigation assistance primarily to States and areas with high rates of defaults and foreclosures to help eliminate the default and foreclosure of mortgages of owner-occupied single-family homes that are at risk of such foreclosure. Other than areas with high rates of defaults and foreclosures, grants may also be provided to approved counseling intermediaries based on a geographic analysis of the Nation by the NRC which determines where there is a prevalence of mortgages that are risky and likely to fail, including any trends for mortgages that are likely to default and face foreclosure. A State Housing Finance Agency may also be eligible where the State Housing Finance Agency meets all the requirements under this paragraph. A HUD-approved counseling intermediary shall meet certain mortgage foreclosure mitigation assistance counseling requirements, as determined by the NRC, and shall be approved by HUD or the NRC as meeting these requirements.

(2) Mortgage foreclosure mitigation assistance shall only be made available to homeowners of owner-occupied homes with mortgages in default or in danger of default. These mortgages shall likely be subject to a foreclosure action and homeowners will be provided such assistance that shall consist of activities that are likely to prevent foreclosures and result in the long-term affordability of the mortgage retained pursuant to such activity or another positive outcome for the homeowner. No funds made available under this paragraph may be provided directly to lenders or homeowners to discharge outstanding mortgage balances or for any other direct debt reduction payments.

(3) The use of Mortgage Foreclosure Mitigation Assistance by approved counseling intermediaries and State Housing Finance Agencies shall involve a reasonable analysis of the borrower's financial situation, an evaluation of the current value of the property that is subject to the mortgage, counseling regarding the assumption of the mortgage by another non-Federal party, counseling regarding the possible purchase of the mortgage by a non-Federal third party, counseling and advice of all likely restructuring and refinancing strategies or the approval of a work-out strategy by all interested parties.

(4) NRC may provide up to 15 percent of the total funds under this paragraph to its own charter members with expertise in foreclosure prevention counseling, subject to a certification by the NRC that the procedures for selection do not consist of any procedures or activities that could be construed as an unacceptable conflict of interest or have the appearance of impropriety.

(5) HUD-approved counseling entities and State Housing Finance Agencies receiving funds under this paragraph shall have demonstrated experience in successfully working with financial institutions as well as borrowers facing default, delinquency and foreclosure as well as documented counseling capacity, outreach capacity, past successful performance and positive outcomes with documented counseling plans (including post mortgage foreclosure mitigation counseling), loan workout agreements and loan modification agreements. NRC may use other criteria to demonstrate capacity in underserved areas.

(6) Of the total amount made available under this paragraph, up to \$3,000,000 may be made available to build the mortgage foreclosure and default mitigation counseling capacity of counseling intermediaries through NRC training courses with HUD-approved counseling intermediaries and their partners, except that private financial institutions that participate in NRC training shall pay market rates for such training.

(7) Of the total amount made available under this paragraph, up to 4 percent may be used for associated administrative expenses for the NRC to carry out activities provided under this section.

(8) Mortgage foreclosure mitigation assistance grants may include a budget for outreach and advertising, and training, as determined by the NRC.

(9) The NRC shall continue to report bi-annually to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations as well as the Senate Banking Committee and House Financial Services Committee on its efforts to mitigate mortgage default.

UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON  
HOMELESSNESS  
OPERATING EXPENSES

For necessary expenses (including payment of salaries, authorized travel, hire of passenger motor vehicles, the rental of conference rooms, and the employment of experts and consultants under section 3109 of title 5, United States Code) of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness in carrying out the functions pursuant to title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended, \$2,680,000.

TITLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

SEC. 401. Such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2010 pay raises for programs funded in this Act shall be absorbed within the levels appropriated in this Act or previous appropriations Acts.

SEC. 402. 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 intervening in regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings funded in this Act.

SEC. 403. None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year, nor may any be transferred to other appropriations, unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 404. The expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for any consulting service through procurement contract pursuant to section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, 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. 405. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, none of the funds provided in this Act, provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agencies or entities funded in this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure in fiscal year 2010, or provided from any accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees and available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a reprogramming of funds that: (1) creates a new program; (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity; (3) increases funds or personnel for any program, project, or activity for which funds have been denied or restricted by the Congress; (4) proposes to use funds directed for a specific activity by either the House or Senate Committees on Appropriations for a different purpose; (5) augments existing programs, projects, or activities in excess of \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less; (6) reduces existing programs, projects, or activities by \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less; or (7) creates, reorganizes, or restructures a branch, division, office, bureau, board, commission, agency, administration, or department different from the budget justifications submitted to the Committees on Appropriations or the table accompanying the explanatory statement accompanying this Act, whichever is more detailed, unless prior approval is received from the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided, That not later than 60 days

after the date of enactment of this Act, each agency funded by this Act shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and of the House of Representatives to establish the baseline for application of reprogramming and transfer authorities for the current fiscal year: Provided further, That the report shall include: (1) a table for each appropriation with a separate column to display the President's budget request, adjustments made by Congress, adjustments due to enacted rescissions, if appropriate, and the fiscal year enacted level; (2) a delineation in the table for each appropriation both by object class and program, project, and activity as detailed in the budget appendix for the respective appropriation; and (3) an identification of items of special congressional interest: Provided further, That the amount appropriated or limited for salaries and expenses for an agency shall be reduced by \$100,000 per day for each day after the required date that the report has not been submitted to the Congress.

SEC. 406. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, not to exceed 50 percent of unobligated balances remaining available at the end of fiscal year 2010 from appropriations made available for salaries and expenses for fiscal year 2010 in this Act, shall remain available through September 30, 2011, for each such account for the purposes authorized: Provided, That a request shall be submitted to the House and Senate 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 under section 405 of this Act.

SEC. 407. All Federal agencies and departments that are funded under this Act shall issue a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on all sole source contracts by no later than July 30, 2010. Such report shall include the contractor, the amount of the contract and the rationale for using a sole source contract.

SEC. 408. (a) None of the funds made available in this 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. 409. No funds in this Act may be used to support any Federal, State, or local projects that seek to use the power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is employed only for a public use: Provided, That for purposes of this section, public use shall not be construed to include economic development that primarily benefits private entities: Provided further, That any use of funds for mass transit, railroad, airport, seaport or highway projects as well as utility projects which benefit or serve the general public (including energy-related, communication-related, water-related and wastewater-related infrastructure), other structures designated for use by the general public or which have other common-carrier or public-utility functions that serve the general public and are subject to regulation and oversight by the government, and

projects for the removal of an immediate threat to public health and safety or brownfield as defined in the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Public Law 107-118) shall be considered a public use for purposes of eminent domain.

SEC. 410. None of the funds made available in this Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government, except pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided in, this Act or any other appropriations Act.

SEC. 411. 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. 412. 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. 413. No funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act shall be made available to any person or entity that has been convicted of violating the Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 10a-10c).

SEC. 414. All departments, agencies or other Federal entities funded under this Act shall notify the Senate and House of Representatives Committees on Appropriations no later than 7 days before any public or internet announcement by the Department or Administration regarding any new program or activity, including any changes to existing or proposed programs or activities.

This Act may be cited as the "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I am very pleased that the Senate is now considering the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill for the coming year.

I will be making my opening remarks here, as I believe Senator BOND will as well, and I know a number of Senators have been talking about amendments to this bill. I wish to ask our colleagues if they do have amendments to get them to the floor this afternoon and at least get them filed to help us work with them and to begin to consider them. As we know, we have had the last vote today, but we wish to have some of these amendments offered over Friday and Monday so that we can move expeditiously to this important appropriations bill and be moving quickly by Monday afternoon. I do know some Senators on both sides have some amendments, which they have talked to us about. Again, although this is the last vote, I would ask Senators who do have amendments to help us work through this process by getting your amendments to the floor.

As we begin consideration of this important bill, it is important to note

that it has already been supported by broad bipartisan majorities. The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee has 20 Members. That is one-fifth of the Senate. It is one of the largest subcommittees in the Senate. But despite the diversity of issues of our very large subcommittee, back on July 29 we voted unanimously to report the bill to the full Appropriations Committee, and the next day, the members of the committee voted unanimously to report the bill to the Senate.

This bill does have broad bipartisan support because it addresses the very real housing and transportation needs of American families across all regions of the Nation. It has bipartisan support because it touches the lives of all of our constituents in ways that they can appreciate each day—whether it is a parent who commutes every day and needs safe roads or new public transportation options so they can spend more time with their families, or a young family searching for safe and affordable communities to raise their children, or perhaps a recently laid-off worker who needs help to afford their rent or stay off the street. This bill has real impact on American families that are struggling in these troubling economic times—the hard-working Americans who are not only losing their jobs but also their homes and their financial security.

Six months ago, this Congress passed a recovery package. It is now creating jobs and rebuilding infrastructure and laying a strong foundation for our long-term economic growth. It is a good start. The bill before us now builds on that and strengthens that effort. It makes needed and very serious investments in our transportation infrastructure as well as in housing and services to support our Nation's most vulnerable. It also ensures that the Federal agencies that so many communities count on have the resources they need to keep our commuters safe and keep communities moving and prospering.

Our bill takes a very balanced approach. It addresses the most critical needs we face in both transportation and housing while remaining financially responsible and staying within the constraints of our budget resolution.

I have been very fortunate to be joined by my ranking member, Senator BOND, in crafting this package. Senator BOND's very long service on the Appropriations Committee, as well as his work on the Public Works Committee, has made him one of our leading experts in the areas of both transportation and housing. Throughout his career, Senator BOND has demonstrated tireless leadership and a commitment to the mission of HUD. I couldn't have a better or more experienced partner in this effort, and I want to take a moment of time from the Senate to thank Senator BOND for his years of partnership and for being here with me on the floor this afternoon as we present our bill to the Senate.

This bill provides over \$75 billion in budgetary resources for the Department of Transportation to support continued investment in transportation infrastructure, including our bridges and our ports, our public transportation, our airports, our rail, and the Nation's highway system. It provides \$11 billion to support and expand public transit, which continues to see record growth in ridership, as well as \$1.2 billion to invest in intercity and high-speed rail so that we can expand options for our commuters and ease congestion on our roads and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

It also includes \$1.1 billion to continue the highly competitive surface grants program that was initiated earlier this year as part of our recovery package. That program, which provides matching funds to projects making a significant impact on communities and regions, generated tremendous interest from our State and local authorities.

The bill also supports the FAA's efforts to develop its next generation air transportation system to support projected growth in air travel in the coming year, and it invests \$3.5 billion in capital improvements at all of our airports across the country.

This bill also includes targeted increases to address critical problems with our transportation safety. It has an increase above the President's budget to hire 236 more air safety inspectors and 50 more air traffic controllers.

At present, our FAA inspectors cannot spend enough time out in the field directly observing air carrier operations firsthand. These new positions that are in this bill will help correct that problem and improve FAA oversight.

The bill also includes \$50 million for a new program in railroad safety technology, including Positive Train Control, as well as \$150 million for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to make sure tragedies like the one we saw earlier this summer never happen again.

In addition to those important investments in transportation, the bill we now have before us represents a very firm commitment to providing critical housing and support services to families who have been affected by this economic crisis. This bill provides nearly \$46 billion in budgetary resources for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including \$100 million for HUD's housing counseling program to help our families in this country make responsible decisions when they purchase a home, to help them avoid the scams and aggressive lending tactics we have seen, and to help families facing foreclosure stay in their homes.

These funds are going to be an important tool in our efforts to counter foreclosures. This counseling will help us avoid problems in the future by preparing homeowners for the changing housing market.

The bill also provides more than \$18 billion for tenant-based rental assistance or section 8, including an increase

of over \$1 billion for the renewal of section 8 vouchers. The bill also provides an increased funding for the operation of public housing for a total level of \$4.75 billion. These funds will help ensure our Nation's low-income families, who are always among the hardest hit during tough economic times, continue to have access to safe and affordable housing.

Senator BOND and I are particularly proud that this bill includes \$5 million for vouchers for the joint HUD-Veterans Affairs supportive housing program. That will provide an additional 10,000 homeless veterans and their families with housing and supportive services.

While this program has helped contribute to an overall reduction in homelessness among our veterans, we have seen disturbing increases over the past several years in the number of homeless female veterans, many of whom have children. To me, that is unacceptable. So the new funding in this bill will provide help to make sure those who have already given so much to their country through their military service are now not forced to live on the street.

In addition to supporting our Nation's heroes, this bill also addresses the needs of some of our most vulnerable citizens by providing increased funding to support housing for the elderly, disabled, those suffering from AIDS, youth who are aging out of our foster care, and the Nation's homeless.

The bill also focuses on strengthening communities at a time when the economy threatens programs that are at the backbone of many of our towns and cities. We provide almost \$4 billion for the Community Development Block Grant Program. That will help support investments in public infrastructure, housing rehabilitation, construction, and public services. That is assistance that is very critical to our States and our local governments right now.

The bill also supports innovative approaches to revitalize the Nation's public housing. The new Choice Neighborhoods Program included in this bill builds on the success of HOPE VI, for which my colleagues, Senator BOND and Senator MIKULSKI, deserve a great deal of credit.

In summary, this bill provides assistance to those who need it most, and it directs resources in a responsible and fiscally prudent way. It is a bill that truly addresses the needs of families in every region of this country. These are families who are looking for us at the Federal level to step up and provide solutions to everything from congestion to transportation safety to foreclosures to affordable housing. That is why it is a bill that has attracted widespread bipartisan support. It helps commuters, homeowners, the most vulnerable in our society, and our economy, so I urge all Senators to support this bill, and I urge them to help us move it rapidly to final passage.

Again, I ask our colleagues, if you have an amendment please get it to the

floor this afternoon, get it filed and help us bring it up so we can move this bill along, get to conference with the House, and get this bill to the President so these investments can truly help our families.

I thank my colleagues and yield the floor to my partner, Senator BOND.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, as ranking member on the HUD, Transportation, and related agencies fiscal year appropriations bill, I have been very pleased to be able to work with Chair MURRAY and her great staff. It has been a real pleasure. I agree with all she said, except I cannot do anything but thank her for the very kind and generous words she had. She mentioned a long-time experience. Normally back home we refer to experience as something you get when you are expected to get something else. But working on this committee I have found the experience to be a very pleasant one.

Originally I worked with Senator MIKULSKI. We alternated as chair and ranking member. I think we did a wonderful job. She was a great partner.

I couldn't ask for any better partner to have than Senator MURRAY. She has been very helpful and very gracious to us.

I have to say this is a very complicated bill. We could not do it without excellent staff work. I thank the staff. There are some new people on with big challenges ahead, but it is an excellent staff, and I am extremely grateful for all that they have taught me over the years.

This is a bill about which everybody can say we could do it better, but I am proud to support it and urge my colleagues to support it. The legislation has a number of extremely important programs which, in today's economy, are critical to helping families overwhelmed by the national financial crisis. It is especially pleasing that we have been able to provide funding for the Nation's most vulnerable—to our homeless, to low-income families and seniors, and to the disabled. Our committee has increased investment in HUD community development programs to provide assistance needed the most.

The chair mentioned the VASH Program. This was an idea we had several years ago. It has gained great support from the Veterans' Administration, from HUD, and everybody who has looked at the appalling problem of men and women who risk their lives, make great contributions to defend our country, and come home without adequate housing, often supportive housing they need. This program has been able to bring together the support services along with the housing that enables these veterans not just to have a shelter over their heads but to be able to get their lives back on track after going through the rigors and horrors of war. It is certainly a program with which I am delighted to be associated, and I thank the chair for her work on it.

We have also provided assistance in critical areas such as section 8, public housing, community development block grants, the HOME program for the homeless, housing for seniors, housing for persons with disabilities, the Lead Hazard Reduction Program—which Senator MIKULSKI has been a champion of—and early childhood development capital funding, among others.

As I noted in the committee markup of July 1, our biggest concern remains the solvency of the highway trust fund. This is a problem that must be addressed. We hope to work with Chair BOXER of the EPW Committee to deal with the serious problem they have because everybody knows—and I think almost everyone in this body has talked to me about it—how good roads and bridges are critical to attracting and sustaining business, job creation, and economic growth in our communities. We cannot afford an interruption in providing these much needed funds to the States.

Transportation infrastructure work creates jobs, but most importantly it makes a long-term investment in our communities as a key component in our economic recovery. When I had the pleasure of serving Missourians as Governor, one of my top priorities was economic development. So I asked a good team I had there to figure out what makes economic development work, and they got maps out in Missouri and studied everything. The funniest thing we found, the communities that were growing had the best roads available. People have to have transportation if they are going to get to work and if what they produce at work is going to be shipped out. This is a critical element for economic recovery and the strength of our Nation.

Another area I think is absolutely important is the FAA safety inspectors. I don't think it was planned, but it was certainly fortuitous that I attended a local civic club lunch over August where the main speaker was a representative of the FAA in St. Louis. He went through some of the good safety record but went through the horrendous crash that I think shocked all of us. It happened in Buffalo this past winter. He went through all of the problems.

I said: Don't you have safety inspectors?

He said: The problem is, we don't have enough of them.

Yes, these are things that should have been identified. Think of the loss of life in that tragic crash because we didn't have enough safety inspectors to blow the whistle on things and people who should not have been entrusted with the lives of American citizens.

As we looked at this, I, once again, became an even stronger believer in the need for these safety inspectors. We have to have air traffic controllers. These people are all critically important to the traveling public, and nobody I know of in this body, except

maybe a few friends from surrounding States, has not flown on a very regular basis. Even they fly, and our families fly. So that is extremely important.

Talking about challenges, as I have mentioned on this floor many times before, I have been very much concerned about the rapid growth of the FAA Single Family Mortgage Insurance Program. FHA's share of the market has grown dramatically, from 2 percent in 2006 to nearly 24 percent at the end of 2008. Before we pat ourselves on the back and say what a great achievement that is, let's take a look at it.

This year the freeze in the private mortgage markets has driven FHA's market share to 63 percent. As I have said many times before, longstanding management and resource challenges and a substantial growth in risky lending due to political pressures has turned FHA into a powder keg, and I fear it is going to explode and leave taxpayers on the hook for another multihundreds of billions of dollars of losses.

Given the continuing challenges in the housing market and continuing job losses, I believe it is highly likely that the FHA will not meet its statutory 2 percent capital reserve when its latest actuarial study is released in the coming weeks. That is the safety net that keeps it from going in the hole and avoiding a bailout. Frankly, I believe this is the tip of the iceberg for the FHA. That is why we must address FHA's problems now because Americans have been signaling that the taxpayer credit card is maxed out and we don't want to put any more on the Federal debt and thus Americans' credit cards.

To address these FHA challenges, I am pleased we were able to include in this bill \$20 million for FHA antifraud activities, as well as \$6 million in additional funding for the HUD IG to combat predatory lending. The legislation also provides funding for HUD to modernize the FHA information technology systems in order to track effectively its mortgage and associated obligations.

Too many times I have gone to them and said: Well, what is your portfolio? They say: Well, we do not know.

That is scary because we as taxpayers are on the hook for it. If they go bad, that is on us and on future generations. We believe very strongly HUD and the IG must work together and leverage these funds to fight mortgage fraud and predatory lending.

I have been very much encouraged based on my discussions with HUD Secretary Shawn Donovan and HUD IG Ken Donahue. They understood the problem. They are willing to work with us.

However, they need more resources and a sustained focus to effectively combat predatory lending and mortgage fraud. It can and must be done. We have heard too many stories of people who have been in the business, a very questionable business, of making

predatory loans, of misrepresenting the terms of the loans and the impact on the potential home buyer.

These people's handiwork can be seen in the number of home loans going bad. They pushed the American dream very hard, not telling the potential homeowner what the downside was. For too many Americans this American dream has turned into the American nightmare. We have to put a stop to it.

We make a strong contribution in this bill toward giving the able leaders in HUD, FHA, and in the IG the resources to deal with it.

Again, I thank my chair and her very good staff for all the hard work. While it is not perfect, it is very good legislation. I look forward to joining with my partner, Senator MURRAY, in supporting this legislation.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington State.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I thank Senator BOND, who has been, as I said, a good partner working with me on this critical bill.

Again, we are on the floor this afternoon. We are ready and able to go to work if our colleagues would come and file their amendments. I think Senator BOND and I would be happy to move to third reading and pass the bill if nobody comes.

Mr. BOND. I agree with the chair. If somebody has a good amendment, we would sure like to see it and get started on it. Because the sooner you get here, the better consideration and, I might hasten to add, possibly the more favorable consideration you will receive.

I know there are some potentially good ideas lurking out there. So bring the good ideas now. If you have some ideas that are not so good, you can wait to the end and we will see if we can close it out.

Mrs. MURRAY. I assure my colleagues the Senator gets grouchy the longer he is out here.

Mr. BOND. There is a declining level of tolerance, I have noticed, sometimes when people are on the floor. So I join and urge the request to all our colleagues to come and offer such amendments as they choose to offer.

Mrs. MURRAY. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to be able to speak as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The remarks of Mr. ISAKSON are printed in today's RECORD under "Morning Business.")

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, today the Senate begins consideration of the fiscal year 2010 transportation and housing and urban development appropriations bill. This bill includes total resources of \$122 billion; a level of funding that is \$1.2 billion below the administration's request. The programs funded by this bill are critical to our ongoing efforts both to support the economic recovery and to provide a safety net to the most vulnerable who have been impacted by the economic downturn. Specifically, this bill provides critical funding to our States and local communities for transportation infrastructure investments and for ensuring the safety of our transportation system. This bill also provides housing and services to our most vulnerable constituents and supports the efforts of our local communities as they continue to address the impacts of the foreclosure crisis.

The two managers of this bill, Senators MURRAY and BOND, have worked diligently to offer a strong bipartisan bill that tackles lingering major economic issues, and they have succeeded in doing so with limited resources. The committee supported their recommendations unanimously, and the bill was reported out of the Appropriations Committee on July 30 by a recorded vote of 30 to 0.

Members of the Senate have had the entire month of August to review the committee's recommendations. This bill is the fifth fiscal year 2010 Appropriations Bill to be considered by the Senate, and while we are making steady progress, we have much work ahead of us. Therefore, given that Members have had the last month to review the bill, if a Member has an amendment, I encourage them to come to the floor today and offer it. We have seven remaining bills ready for immediate consideration after this one. I therefore encourage my colleagues not to delay action on this bill.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from West Virginia is recognized.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, we are in morning business, are we not?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. We are in morning business.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. I thank the Presiding Officer. I ask unanimous consent that the statement I am about to make about Senator Kennedy be placed in the RECORD along with the other statements that were made about him so that it can be a grouping.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The remarks of Mr. ROCKEFELLER are printed in today's RECORD under

"Remembering Senator Edward M. Kennedy.")

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The remarks of Mrs. SHAHEEN are printed in today's RECORD under "Remembering Senator Edward M. Kennedy.")

#### DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TO FLIGHT 93

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, the Senate this week, and the whole world—or at least the United States of America, and I wish the whole world—were remembering back to what happened on 9/11/2001 in the United States. Yesterday, most appropriately in this Capitol, just outside of the Rotunda, the Senate and the House jointly dedicated an outstanding memorial to those passengers on United Flight 93, where 33 passengers risked and lost their lives but turned what was the worst day in American history—in terms of the defeat—into the first victory of the war on terror.

On that plane were many Americans who at the last minute had changed their flights. They weren't originally scheduled to take that plane but changed it for various reasons. Maybe it was fate. Don't know what it was. But one of the individuals on that flight was Georgine Corrigan. Georgine Corrigan lived in Honolulu. Georgine Corrigan was really a world renowned antiques dealer. Georgine Corrigan was the sister of Robert Marisay. Robert Marisay lives in Woodstock, GA. Yesterday, for the first time in my life, I had the occasion to meet him as he traveled to Washington to see the unveiling of that remarkable marker now hanging in the Capitol.

In the few moments I had to share with him, he shared with me his love for his sister but also his profound pride in what those people on that plane had done that day. Many of us who are here today in the Capitol may not, in fact, have been here in this Capitol today had they not been able to take that plane down and take it away from the terrorists who had hijacked it.

So as we remember the tragedy of 9/11, as we recommit ourselves as Americans to never, ever having an incident like that happen again, it is important that we remember each and every individual who lost their life in the tragedies of 9/11, whether it was in New York City, at the Pentagon, or in Shanksville, PA. It was a tragic day in our country, a day that opened with great hope, with blue skies on a warm autumn day with a crisp autumn