

In the Senate of the United States,

July 22, 1997.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 2158) entitled “An Act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

- 1 *That the following sums are appropriated, out of any*
- 2 *money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the*
- 3 *Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban*
- 4 *Development, and for sundry independent agencies, com-*
- 5 *missions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending*
- 6 *September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, namely:*



1 *TITLE I*
2 *DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS*
3 *VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION*
4 *COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS*
5 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*
6 *For the payment of compensation benefits to or on be-*
7 *half of veterans and a pilot program for disability examina-*
8 *tions as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 107, chapters 11, 13,*
9 *18, 51, 53, 55, and 61); pension benefits to or on behalf*
10 *of veterans as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. chapters 15,*
11 *51, 53, 55, and 61; 92 Stat. 2508); and burial benefits,*
12 *emergency and other officers' retirement pay, adjusted-serv-*
13 *ice credits and certificates, payment of premiums due on*
14 *commercial life insurance policies guaranteed under the*
15 *provisions of Article IV of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil*
16 *Relief Act of 1940, as amended, and for other benefits as*
17 *authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106,*
18 *chapters 23, 51, 53, 55, and 61; 50 U.S.C. App. 540–548;*
19 *43 Stat. 122, 123; 45 Stat. 735; 76 Stat. 1198);*
20 *\$19,932,997,000, to remain available until expended: Pro-*
21 *vided, That not to exceed \$26,380,000 of the amount appro-*
22 *priated shall be reimbursed to "General operating expenses"*
23 *and "Medical care" for necessary expenses in implementing*
24 *those provisions authorized in the Omnibus Budget Rec-*
25 *onciliation Act of 1990, and in the Veterans' Benefits Act*
26 *of 1992 (38 U.S.C. chapters 51, 53, and 55), the funding*

1 source for which is specifically provided as the “Compensa-
2 tion and pensions” appropriation: Provided further, That
3 such sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying pa-
4 tient basis, shall be reimbursed to “Medical facilities revol-
5 ving fund” to augment the funding of individual medical
6 facilities for nursing home care provided to pensioners as
7 authorized by the Veterans’ Benefits Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C.
8 chapter 55).

9 *READJUSTMENT BENEFITS*

10 *For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation*
11 *benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by 38*
12 *U.S.C. chapters 21, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 39, 51, 53, 55, and*
13 *61, \$1,366,000,000, to remain available until expended:*
14 *Provided, That funds shall be available to pay any court*
15 *order, court award or any compromise settlement arising*
16 *from litigation involving the vocational training program*
17 *authorized by section 18 of Public Law 98–77, as amended.*

18 *VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES*

19 *For military and naval insurance, national service life*
20 *insurance, servicemen’s indemnities, service-disabled veter-*
21 *ans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as au-*
22 *thorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 19; 70 Stat. 887; 72 Stat.*
23 *487, \$51,360,000, to remain available until expended.*

1 VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND PROGRAM
2 ACCOUNT
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such sums
5 as may be necessary to carry out the program, as authorized
6 by 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, as amended: Provided, That such
7 costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be
8 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
9 of 1974, as amended: Provided further, That during fiscal
10 year 1998, within the resources available, not to exceed
11 \$300,000 in gross obligations for direct loans are authorized
12 for specially adapted housing loans.

13 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
14 the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$160,437,000,
15 which may be transferred to and merged with the appro-
16 priation for "General operating expenses".

17 EDUCATION LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT
18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 For the cost of direct loans, \$1,000, as authorized by
20 38 U.S.C. 3698, as amended: Provided, That such costs, in-
21 cluding the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined
22 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as
23 amended: Provided further, That these funds are available
24 to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of
25 direct loans not to exceed \$3,000.

1 *VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION*2 *MEDICAL CARE*3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

4 *For necessary expenses for the maintenance and oper-*
5 *ation of hospitals, nursing homes, and domiciliary facili-*
6 *ties; for furnishing, as authorized by law, inpatient and*
7 *outpatient care and treatment to beneficiaries of the De-*
8 *partment of Veterans Affairs, including care and treatment*
9 *in facilities not under the jurisdiction of the Department;*
10 *and furnishing recreational facilities, supplies, and equip-*
11 *ment; funeral, burial, and other expenses incidental thereto*
12 *for beneficiaries receiving care in the Department; adminis-*
13 *trative expenses in support of planning, design, project*
14 *management, real property acquisition and disposition,*
15 *construction and renovation of any facility under the juris-*
16 *isdiction or for the use of the Department; oversight, engineer-*
17 *ing and architectural activities not charged to project cost;*
18 *repairing, altering, improving or providing facilities in the*
19 *several hospitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the*
20 *Department, not otherwise provided for, either by contract*
21 *or by the hire of temporary employees and purchase of ma-*
22 *terials; uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by*
23 *5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; aid to State homes as authorized by*
24 *38 U.S.C. 1741; administrative and legal expenses of the*
25 *Department for collecting and recovering amounts owed the*
26 *Department as authorized under 38 U.S.C. chapter 17, and*

1 *the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 2651 et*
2 *seq.; and not to exceed \$8,000,000 to fund cost comparison*
3 *studies as referred to in 38 U.S.C. 8110(a)(5);*
4 *\$17,026,846,000, plus reimbursements: Provided, That of*
5 *the funds made available under this heading, \$550,000,000*
6 *is for the equipment and land and structures object classi-*
7 *fications only, which amount shall not become available for*
8 *obligation until August 1, 1998, and shall remain available*
9 *until September 30, 1999.*

10 *In addition, contingent on enactment of legislation es-*
11 *tablishing the Medical Collections Fund, such sums as may*
12 *be derived pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 1729(g) shall be deposited*
13 *to such Fund and may be transferred to this account, to*
14 *remain available until expended for the purposes of this ac-*
15 *count.*

16 *MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH*

17 *For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of*
18 *medical and prosthetic research and development as author-*
19 *ized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 73, to remain available until*
20 *September 30, 1999, \$267,000,000, plus reimbursements.*

21 *MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS*

22 *OPERATING EXPENSES*

23 *For necessary expenses in the administration of the*
24 *medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,*
25 *supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-*
26 *ministrative expenses in support of planning, design,*

1 *project management, architectural, engineering, real prop-*
2 *erty acquisition and disposition, construction and renova-*
3 *tion of any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use*
4 *of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including site acqui-*
5 *sition; engineering and architectural activities not charged*
6 *to project cost; and research and development in building*
7 *construction technology; \$60,160,000, plus reimbursements.*

8 *GENERAL POST FUND, NATIONAL HOMES*

9 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

10 *For the cost of direct loans, \$7,000, as authorized by*
11 *Public Law 102-54, section 8, which shall be transferred*
12 *from the “General post fund”: Provided, That such costs,*
13 *including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-*
14 *finied in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of*
15 *1974, as amended: Provided further, That these funds are*
16 *available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal*
17 *amount of direct loans not to exceed \$70,000.*

18 *In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out*
19 *the direct loan programs, \$54,000, which shall be trans-*
20 *ferred from the “General post fund”, as authorized by Pub-*
21 *lic Law 102-54, section 8.*

22 *DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION*

23 *GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES*

24 *For necessary operating expenses of the Department of*
25 *Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including uni-*

1 *forms or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for offi-*
2 *cial reception and representation expenses; hire of passenger*
3 *motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General Services*
4 *Administration for security guard services, and the Depart-*
5 *ment of Defense for the cost of overseas employee mail;*
6 *\$786,385,000: Provided, That funds under this heading*
7 *shall be available to administer the Service Members Occu-*
8 *pational Conversion and Training Act.*

9 *NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM*

10 *For necessary expenses for the maintenance and oper-*
11 *ation of the National Cemetery System, not otherwise pro-*
12 *vided for, including uniforms or allowances therefor;*
13 *cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase of three*
14 *passenger motor vehicles for use in cemeterial operations;*
15 *and hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$84,183,000.*

16 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

17 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-*
18 *eral in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as*
19 *amended, \$31,013,000.*

20 *CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS*

21 *(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)*

22 *For constructing, altering, extending and improving*
23 *any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use*
24 *of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or for any of the*
25 *purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406, 8102, 8103,*
26 *8106, 8108, 8109, 8110, and 8122 of title 38, United States*

1 Code, including planning, architectural and engineering
2 services, maintenance or guarantee period services costs as-
3 sociated with equipment guarantees provided under the
4 project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and storm
5 drainage system construction costs, and site acquisition,
6 where the estimated cost of a project is \$4,000,000 or more
7 or where funds for a project were made available in a pre-
8 vious major project appropriation, \$92,800,000, to remain
9 available until expended: Provided, That the \$32,100,000
10 provided under this heading in Public Law 104-204 for
11 a replacement hospital at Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield,
12 CA, shall not be obligated for that purpose but shall be
13 available instead to implement the decisions reached as a
14 result of the capital facility recommendations contained in
15 the final report entitled "Assessment of Veterans Health
16 Care Needs in Northern California," (Department of Veter-
17 ans Affairs Contract No. V101 (93)P-1444): Provided fur-
18 ther, That except for advance planning of projects funded
19 through the advance planning fund and the design of
20 projects funded through the design fund, none of these funds
21 shall be used for any project which has not been considered
22 and approved by the Congress in the budgetary process:
23 Provided further, That funds provided in this appropria-
24 tion for fiscal year 1998, for each approved project shall
25 be obligated (1) by the awarding of a construction docu-

1 ments contract by September 30, 1998, and (2) by the
2 awarding of a construction contract by September 30, 1999:
3 Provided further, That the Secretary shall promptly report
4 in writing to the Comptroller General and to the Commit-
5 tees on Appropriations any approved major construction
6 project in which obligations are not incurred within the
7 time limitations established above; and the Comptroller
8 General shall review the report in accordance with the pro-
9 cedures established by section 1015 of the Impoundment
10 Control Act of 1974 (title X of Public Law 93-344): Pro-
11 vided further, That no funds from any other account except
12 the “Parking revolving fund”, may be obligated for con-
13 structing, altering, extending, or improving a project which
14 was approved in the budget process and funded in this ac-
15 count until one year after substantial completion and bene-
16 ficial occupancy by the Department of Veterans Affairs of
17 the project or any part thereof with respect to that part
18 only.

19 CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

20 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving
21 any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use
22 of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including planning,
23 architectural and engineering services, maintenance or
24 guarantee period services costs associated with equipment
25 guarantees provided under the project, services of claims an-
26 alysts, offsite utility and storm drainage system construc-

1 *tion costs, and site acquisition, or for any of the purposes*
2 *set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406, 8102, 8103, 8106,*
3 *8108, 8109, 8110, and 8122 of title 38, United States Code,*
4 *where the estimated cost of a project is less than \$4,000,000;*
5 *\$166,300,000, to remain available until expended, along*
6 *with unobligated balances of previous “Construction, minor*
7 *projects” appropriations which are hereby made available*
8 *for any project where the estimated cost is less than*
9 *\$4,000,000: Provided, That funds in this account shall be*
10 *available for (1) repairs to any of the nonmedical facilities*
11 *under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department*
12 *which are necessary because of loss or damage caused by*
13 *any natural disaster or catastrophe, and (2) temporary*
14 *measures necessary to prevent or to minimize further loss*
15 *by such causes.*

16 *PARKING REVOLVING FUND*

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

22 *GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE*

23 *FACILITIES*

24 *For grants to assist States to acquire or construct*
25 *State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-*
26 *model, modify or alter existing hospital, nursing home and*

1 *domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing care*
2 *to veterans as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 8131–8137,*
3 *\$80,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

4 *GRANTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STATE VETERAN*
5 *CEMETERIES*

6 *For grants to aid States in establishing, expanding,*
7 *or improving State veteran cemeteries as authorized by 38*
8 *U.S.C. 2408, \$10,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
9 *pended.*

10 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*
11 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

12 *SEC. 101. Any appropriation for fiscal year 1998 for*
13 *“Compensation and pensions”, “Readjustment benefits”,*
14 *and “Veterans insurance and indemnities” may be trans-*
15 *ferred to any other of the mentioned appropriations.*

16 *SEC. 102. Appropriations available to the Department*
17 *of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998 for salaries and ex-*
18 *penses shall be available for services authorized by 5 U.S.C.*
19 *3109.*

20 *SEC. 103. No appropriations in this Act for the De-*
21 *partment of Veterans Affairs (except the appropriations for*
22 *“Construction, major projects”, “Construction, minor*
23 *projects”, and the “Parking revolving fund”) shall be avail-*
24 *able for the purchase of any site for or toward the construc-*
25 *tion of any new hospital or home.*

1 *SEC. 104. No appropriations in this Act for the De-*
2 *partment of Veterans Affairs shall be available for hos-*
3 *pitalization or examination of any persons (except bene-*
4 *ficiaries entitled under the laws bestowing such benefits to*
5 *veterans, and persons receiving such treatment under 5*
6 *U.S.C. 7901–7904 or 42 U.S.C. 5141–5204), unless reim-*
7 *bursement of cost is made to the “Medical care” account*
8 *at such rates as may be fixed by the Secretary of Veterans*
9 *Affairs.*

10 *SEC. 105. Appropriations available to the Department*
11 *of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998 for “Compensation*
12 *and pensions”, “Readjustment benefits”, and “Veterans in-*
13 *surance and indemnities” shall be available for payment*
14 *of prior year accrued obligations required to be recorded*
15 *by law against the corresponding prior year accounts with-*
16 *in the last quarter of fiscal year 1997.*

17 *SEC. 106. Appropriations accounts available to the De-*
18 *partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998 shall be*
19 *available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding*
20 *prior year appropriations accounts resulting from title X*
21 *of the Competitive Equality Banking Act, Public Law 100–*
22 *86, except that if such obligations are from trust fund ac-*
23 *counts they shall be payable from “Compensation and pen-*
24 *sions”.*

1 *SEC. 107. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
2 *during fiscal year 1998, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
3 *shall, from the National Service Life Insurance Fund (38*
4 *U.S.C. 1920), the Veterans' Special Life Insurance Fund*
5 *(38 U.S.C. 1923), and the United States Government Life*
6 *Insurance Fund (38 U.S.C. 1955), reimburse the "General*
7 *operating expenses" account for the cost of administration*
8 *of the insurance programs financed through those accounts:*
9 *Provided, That reimbursement shall be made only from the*
10 *surplus earnings accumulated in an insurance program in*
11 *fiscal year 1998, that are available for dividends in that*
12 *program after claims have been paid and actuarially deter-*
13 *mined reserves have been set aside: Provided further, That*
14 *if the cost of administration of an insurance program ex-*
15 *ceeds the amount of surplus earnings accumulated in that*
16 *program, reimbursement shall be made only to the extent*
17 *of such surplus earnings: Provided further, That the Sec-*
18 *retary shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal*
19 *year 1998, which is properly allocable to the provision of*
20 *each insurance program and to the provision of any total*
21 *disability income insurance included in such insurance*
22 *program.*

23 *SEC. 108. Section 214(l)(1)(D) of the Immigration and*
24 *Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(l)(1)(D)) (as added by sec-*
25 *tion 220 of the Immigration and Nationality Technical*

1 *tion of use restrictions, or other changes in housing assist-*
2 *ance arrangements, and for other purposes,*
3 *\$10,119,000,000, to remain available until expended: Pro-*
4 *vided, That of the total amount provided under this head-*
5 *ing, \$8,666,000,000 shall be for assistance under the United*
6 *States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437) for use in*
7 *connection with expiring or terminating section 8 subsidy*
8 *contracts including, where appropriate, congregate care*
9 *services associated with the expiring or terminating con-*
10 *tracts: Provided further, That the Secretary may determine*
11 *not to apply section 8(o)(6)(B) of the Act to housing vouch-*
12 *ers during fiscal year 1998: Provided further, That of the*
13 *total amount provided under this heading, \$1,110,000,000*
14 *shall be for amendments to section 8 contracts other than*
15 *contracts for projects developed under section 202 of the*
16 *Housing Act of 1959, as amended: Provided further, That*
17 *of the total amount provided under this heading,*
18 *\$343,000,000 shall be for section 8 rental assistance under*
19 *the United States Housing Act including assistance to relo-*
20 *cate residents of properties (i) that are owned by the Sec-*
21 *retary and being disposed of or (ii) that are discontinuing*
22 *section 8 project-based assistance; for the conversion of sec-*
23 *tion 23 projects to assistance under section 8; for funds to*
24 *carry out the family unification program; and for the relo-*
25 *cation of witnesses in connection with efforts to combat*

1 *crime in public and assisted housing pursuant to a request*
2 *from a law enforcement or prosecution agency: Provided*
3 *further, That of the total amount made available in the pre-*
4 *ceding proviso, \$40,000,000 shall be made available to non-*
5 *elderly disabled families affected by the designation of a*
6 *public housing development under section 7 of such Act or*
7 *the establishment of preferences in accordance with section*
8 *651 of the Housing and Community Development Act of*
9 *1992 (42 U.S.C. 1361l).*

10 *PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND*
11 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

12 *For the Public Housing Capital Fund Program under*
13 *the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42*
14 *U.S.C. 1437), \$2,500,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
15 *pendent for modernization of existing public housing projects*
16 *as authorized under section 14 of such Act: Provided, That*
17 *of the total amount, \$30,000,000 shall be for carrying out*
18 *activities under section 6(j) of such Act and technical assist-*
19 *ance for the inspection of public housing units, contract ex-*
20 *pertise, and training and technical assistance directly or*
21 *indirectly, under grants, contracts, or cooperative agree-*
22 *ments, to assist in the oversight and management of public*
23 *housing (whether or not the housing is being modernized*
24 *with assistance under this proviso) or tenant-based assist-*
25 *ance, including, but not limited to, an annual resident sur-*
26 *vey, data collection and analysis, training and technical*

1 assistance by or to officials and employees of the Depart-
2 ment and of public housing agencies and to residents in
3 connection with the public housing program and for lease
4 adjustments to section 23 projects: Provided further, That
5 of the amount available under this heading, the Secretary
6 of Housing and Urban Development may use up to
7 \$60,000,000 for a public and assisted housing self-suffi-
8 ciency program of which up to \$5,000,000 may be used for
9 the Moving to Work Demonstration and up to \$5,000,000
10 may be used for the Tenant Opportunity Program: Pro-
11 vided further, That, for the self-sufficiency activities, the
12 Secretary may make grants to public housing agencies (in-
13 cluding Indian housing authorities), nonprofit corpora-
14 tions, and other appropriate entities for a supportive serv-
15 ices program to assist residents of public and assisted hous-
16 ing, former residents of such housing receiving tenant-based
17 assistance under section 8 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1437f),
18 and other low-income families and individuals to become
19 self-sufficient: Provided, That the program shall provide
20 supportive services, principally for the benefit of public
21 housing residents, to the elderly and the disabled, and to
22 families with children where the head of household would
23 benefit from the receipt of supportive services and is work-
24 ing, seeking work, or is preparing for work by participating
25 in job training or educational programs: Provided further,

1 *That the supportive services may include congregate services*
2 *for the elderly and disabled, service coordinators, and co-*
3 *ordinated educational, training, and other supportive serv-*
4 *ices, including academic skills training, job search assist-*
5 *ance, assistance related to retaining employment, voca-*
6 *tional and entrepreneurship development and support pro-*
7 *grams, transportation, and child care: Provided further,*
8 *That the Secretary shall require applications to dem-*
9 *onstrate firm commitments of funding or services from other*
10 *sources: Provided further, That the Secretary shall select*
11 *public and Indian housing agencies to receive assistance*
12 *under this head on a competitive basis, taking into account*
13 *the quality of the proposed program, including any innova-*
14 *tive approaches, the extent of the proposed coordination of*
15 *supportive services, the extent of commitments of funding*
16 *or services from other sources, the extent to which the pro-*
17 *posed program includes reasonably achievable, quantifiable*
18 *goals for measuring performance under the program over*
19 *a three-year period, the extent of success an agency has had*
20 *in carrying out other comparable initiatives, and other ap-*
21 *propriate criteria established by the Secretary: Provided*
22 *further, That all balances, as of September 30, 1997, of*
23 *funds heretofore provided (other than for Indian families)*
24 *for the development or acquisition costs of public housing,*
25 *for modernization of existing public housing projects, for*

1 *public housing amendments, for public housing moderniza-*
 2 *tion and development technical assistance, for lease adjust-*
 3 *ments under the section 23 program, and for the Family*
 4 *Investment Centers program, shall be transferred to and*
 5 *merged with amounts made available under this heading.*

6 *PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND*
 7 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

8 *For payments to public housing agencies for operating*
 9 *subsidies for low-income housing projects as authorized by*
 10 *section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, includ-*
 11 *ing the costs associated with congregate care and supportive*
 12 *services, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437g), \$2,900,000,000, to*
 13 *remain available until expended: Provided, That all bal-*
 14 *ances outstanding, as of September 30, 1997, of funds here-*
 15 *tofore provided (other than for Indian families) for pay-*
 16 *ments to public housing agencies for operating subsidies for*
 17 *low-income housing projects, shall be transferred to and*
 18 *merged with amounts made available under this heading.*

19 *DRUG ELIMINATION GRANTS FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING*
 20 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

21 *For grants to public and Indian housing agencies for*
 22 *use in eliminating crime in public housing projects author-*
 23 *ized by 42 U.S.C. 11901–11908, for grants for federally as-*
 24 *sisted low-income housing authorized by 42 U.S.C. 11909,*
 25 *and for drug information clearinghouse services authorized*
 26 *by 42 U.S.C. 11921–11925, \$290,000,000, to remain avail-*

1 *or lessen concentrations of very low-income families, and*
2 *tenant-based assistance in accordance with section 8 of the*
3 *United States Housing Act of 1937; and for providing re-*
4 *placement housing and assisting tenants to be displaced by*
5 *the demolition, \$550,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
6 *pended, of which the Secretary may use up to \$10,000,000*
7 *for technical assistance and contract expertise, to be pro-*
8 *vided directly or indirectly by grants, contracts or coopera-*
9 *tive agreements, including training and cost of necessary*
10 *travel for participants in such training, by or to officials*
11 *and employees of the Department and of public housing*
12 *agencies and to residents: Provided, That of the amount*
13 *made available under this head, \$50,000,000 shall be made*
14 *available, including up to \$10,000,000 for Heritage House*
15 *in Kansas City, Missouri, for the demolition of obsolete el-*
16 *derly public housing projects and the replacement, where*
17 *appropriate, and revitalization of the elderly public housing*
18 *as new communities for the elderly designed to meet the spe-*
19 *cial needs and physical requirements of the elderly: Pro-*
20 *vided further, That no funds appropriated in this title shall*
21 *be used for any purpose that is not provided for herein,*
22 *in the Housing Act of 1937, in the Appropriations Acts for*
23 *Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and*
24 *Independent Agencies, for the fiscal years 1993, 1994, 1995,*
25 *and 1997, and the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and*

1 *Appropriations Act of 1996: Provided further, That none*
2 *of such funds shall be used directly or indirectly by granting*
3 *competitive advantage in awards to settle litigation or pay*
4 *judgments, unless expressly permitted herein.*

5 *NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS*
6 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

7 *For the Native American Housing Block Grants pro-*
8 *gram, as authorized under title I of the Native American*
9 *Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996*
10 *(Public Law 104–330), \$485,000,000, to remain available*
11 *until expended, of which \$5,000,000 shall be used to support*
12 *the inspection of Indian housing units, contract expertise,*
13 *training, and technical assistance in the oversight and*
14 *management of Indian housing and tenant-based assist-*
15 *ance, including up to \$200,000 for related travel: Provided,*
16 *That of the amount available under this head, \$5,000,000*
17 *shall be made available for the credit subsidy cost of guar-*
18 *anteed loans, including the cost of modifying such loans,*
19 *as authorized under section 601 of the Native American*
20 *Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act: Provided*
21 *further, That these funds are available for the Secretary,*
22 *in conjunction with Native American groups, Indian tribes*
23 *and their tribally designated housing entities, for a dem-*
24 *onstration on ways to enhance economic growth, access to*
25 *private capital, and encourage the investment and partici-*
26 *pation of traditional financial institutions in tribal and*

1 *other Native American areas: Provided, further: That all*
2 *balances outstanding as of September 30, 1997, previously*
3 *appropriated under the headings “Annual Contributions*
4 *for Assisted Housing”, “Development of Additional New*
5 *Subsidized Housing”, “Preserving Existing Housing Devel-*
6 *opment”, “HOME Investment Partnerships Program”,*
7 *“Emergency Shelter Grants Program”, and “Homeless As-*
8 *sistance Funds”, identified for Indian Housing Authorities*
9 *and other agencies primarily serving Indians or Indian*
10 *areas, shall be transferred to and merged with amounts*
11 *made under this heading.*

12 *INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM*

13 *ACCOUNT*

14 *For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by sec-*
15 *tion 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act*
16 *of 1992 (106 Stat. 3739) \$6,000,000, to remain available*
17 *until expended: Provided, That such costs, including the*
18 *costs of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section*
19 *502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended:*
20 *Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize*
21 *total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed,*
22 *not to exceed \$73,800,000.*

1 *COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT*2 *HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS*

3 *For carrying out the Housing Opportunities for Per-*
4 *sons with AIDS program, as authorized by the AIDS Hous-*
5 *ing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901), \$204,000,000, to*
6 *remain available until expended.*

7 *CAPITAL GRANTS/CAPITAL LOANS PRESERVATION ACCOUNT*

8 *That of any amounts recaptured in excess of*
9 *\$250,000,000 from interest reduction payment contracts for*
10 *section 236 contracts recaptured during fiscal year 1998,*
11 *that excess amount shall be available for use in conjunction*
12 *with properties that are eligible for assistance under the*
13 *Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Home-*
14 *ownership Act of 1990 (LIHPRHA) or the Emergency Low*
15 *Income Housing Preservation Act of 1987 (ELIHPA) for*
16 *projects that are currently eligible for funding, as provided*
17 *under the VA/HUD Fiscal Year 1997 Appropriations Act:*
18 *Provided, That the queue shall be reordered so that one*
19 *project is funded per State using the current order of the*
20 *funding queue for reordering the queue and 3 projects per*
21 *HUD region with each project reordered (1) on the basis*
22 *of the lowest vacancy rates for the areas where each project*
23 *is located and, where necessary, (2) using the current order*
24 *of the funding queue for reordering the queue, where nec-*
25 *essary: Provided further, That an owner of eligible low-in-*
26 *come housing may prepay the mortgage or request vol-*

1 *untary termination of a mortgage insurance contract, so*
2 *long as said owner agrees not to raise rents for sixty days*
3 *after such prepayment: Provided further, that all appraisals*
4 *of each property in the queue shall be revised to reflect the*
5 *existing value of the property: Provided further, That, to*
6 *be eligible, each development shall have been determined to*
7 *have preservation equity at least equal to the lesser of*
8 *\$5,000 per unit or \$500,000 per project or the equivalent*
9 *of four times the most recently published monthly fair mar-*
10 *ket rent for the areas in which the project is located while*
11 *considering the appropriate unit size for all of the units*
12 *in the eligible project: Provided further, That the Secretary*
13 *may modify the regulatory agreement to permit owners and*
14 *priority purchasers to retain rental income in excess of the*
15 *basic rental charge for projects assisted under section 236*
16 *of the National Housing Act, for the purpose of preserving*
17 *the low- and moderate-income character of the housing: Pro-*
18 *vided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision*
19 *of law, subject to the availability of appropriated funds,*
20 *each low-income family or moderate income family who is*
21 *elderly or disabled or is residing in a low-vacancy area,*
22 *residing in the housing on the date of prepayment or vol-*
23 *untary termination, and whose rent, as a result of a rent*
24 *increase occurring no later than one year after the date of*
25 *the prepayment, exceeds 30 percent of adjusted income, shall*

1 be offered tenant-based assistance in accordance with sec-
2 tion 8 or any successor program, under which the family
3 shall pay no less for rent than it paid on such date: Pro-
4 vided further, That any family receiving tenant-based as-
5 sistance under the preceding proviso may elect (1) to re-
6 main in the unit of the housing and if the rent exceeds the
7 fair market rent or payment standard, if applicable, the
8 rent shall be deemed to be the applicable standard, so long
9 as the administering public housing agency finds that the
10 rent is reasonable in comparison with rents charged for
11 comparable unassisted housing units in the market or (2)
12 to move from the housing and the rent will be subject to
13 the fair market or the payment standard, as applicable,
14 under existing program rules and procedures: Provided fur-
15 ther, That the tenant-based assistance made available under
16 the preceding two provisos are in lieu of benefits provided
17 under subsections 223 (b), (c), and (d) of the Low-Income
18 Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of
19 1990: Provided further, That any sales shall be funded
20 using the capital grant available under subsections
21 220(d)(3)(A) of LIHPRHA: Provided further, That any ex-
22 tensions shall be funded using a non-interest-bearing cap-
23 ital (direct) loan by the Secretary not in excess of the
24 amount of the cost of rehabilitation approved in the plan
25 of action plus 65 percent of the property's preservation eq-

1 *uity and under such other terms and conditions as the Sec-*
2 *retary may prescribe: Provided further, That any capital*
3 *grant or capital loan, including rehabilitation costs, shall*
4 *be limited to four times the fair market rent for fiscal year*
5 *1998 for the area in which the project is located, using the*
6 *appropriate apartment sizes: Provided further, That section*
7 *241(f) of the National Housing Act is repealed and insur-*
8 *ance under such section shall not be offered as an incentive*
9 *under LIHPHRA and ELIPHA: Provided further, That*
10 *notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary*
11 *shall, at the request of an owner or a priority purchaser,*
12 *approve a one-time rent increase of up to 10 percent: Pro-*
13 *vided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of*
14 *law, priority purchasers may utilize assistance under the*
15 *Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME*
16 *Investment Partnerships Act or the Low Income Housing*
17 *Tax Credit: Provided further, That projects with approved*
18 *plans of action may submit revised plans of action which*
19 *conform to these requirements by March 15, 1998, and re-*
20 *tain the new priority for funding under these provisos.*

21 *COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS*

22 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

23 *For grants to States and units of general local govern-*
24 *ment and for related expenses, not otherwise provided for,*
25 *to carry out a community development grants program as*
26 *authorized by title I of the Housing and Community Devel-*

1 *opment Act of 1974, as amended (the “Act” herein) (42*
2 *U.S.C. 5301), \$4,600,000,000, to remain available until*
3 *September 30, 2000: Provided, That \$67,000,000 shall be*
4 *for grants to Indian tribes notwithstanding section*
5 *106(a)(1) of the Act; \$2,100,000 shall be available as a*
6 *grant to the Housing Assistance Council; \$1,500,000 shall*
7 *be available as a grant to the National American Indian*
8 *Housing Council; \$30,000,000 shall be for grants pursuant*
9 *to section 107 of such Act; \$12,000,000 shall be for the Com-*
10 *munity Outreach Partnership program; \$30,000,000 shall*
11 *be made available for “Capacity Building for Community*
12 *Development and Affordable Housing,” as authorized by*
13 *section 4 of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 (Public*
14 *Law 103–120) with not less than \$10,000,000 of the fund-*
15 *ing to be used in rural areas, including tribal areas: Pro-*
16 *vided further, That not to exceed 20 percent of any grant*
17 *made with funds appropriated herein (other than a grant*
18 *made available under the preceding proviso to the Housing*
19 *Assistance Council or the National American Indian Hous-*
20 *ing Council, or a grant using funds under section 107(b)(3)*
21 *of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974,*
22 *as amended) shall be expended for “Planning and Manage-*
23 *ment Development” and “Administration” as defined in*
24 *regulations promulgated by the Department.*

1 *Of the amount made available under this heading, not-*
2 *withstanding any other provision of law, \$35,000,000 shall*
3 *be available for youthbuild program activities authorized*
4 *by subtitle D of title IV of the Cranston-Gonzalez National*
5 *Affordable Housing Act, as amended, and such activities*
6 *shall be an eligible activity with respect to any funds made*
7 *available under this heading. Local youthbuild programs*
8 *that demonstrate an ability to leverage private and non-*
9 *profit funding shall be given a priority for youthbuild fund-*
10 *ing.*

11 *Of the amount made available under this heading, not-*
12 *withstanding any other provision of law, \$60,000,000 shall*
13 *be available for the lead-based paint hazard reduction pro-*
14 *gram as authorized under sections 1011 and 1053 of the*
15 *Residential Lead-Based Hazard Reduction Act of 1992.*

16 *Of the amounts made available under this heading,*
17 *\$30,000,000 shall be available for the New Approach Anti-*
18 *Drug program for competitive grants to entities managing*
19 *or operating public housing developments, federally assisted*
20 *multifamily housing developments, or other multifamily*
21 *housing development for low-income families supported by*
22 *non-Federal Governmental entities or similar housing de-*
23 *velopments supported by nonprofit private sources; to reim-*
24 *burse local law enforcement entities for additional police*
25 *presence in and around such housing developments; to pro-*

1 *vide or augment such security services by other entities or*
2 *employees of the recipient agency; to assist in the investiga-*
3 *tion and/or prosecution of drug related criminal activity*
4 *in and around such developments; and to provide assistance*
5 *for the development of capital improvements at such devel-*
6 *opments directly relating to the security of such develop-*
7 *ments: Provided, That such grants be made on a competitive*
8 *basis as specified in section 102 of the HUD Reform Act.*

9 *Of the amounts made available under this heading*
10 *\$42,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary, in con-*
11 *sultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, to make grants,*
12 *not to exceed \$7,000,000 each, for rural and tribal areas,*
13 *including at least one Native American area in Alaska, to*
14 *test out comprehensive approaches to developing a job base*
15 *through economic development, developing affordable low-*
16 *and moderate-income rental and homeownership housing,*
17 *and the investment of both private and nonprofit capital.*

18 *Of the amounts made available under this heading,*
19 *\$40,000,000 for the Economic Development Initiative*
20 *(EDI) to finance a variety of efforts, including those identi-*
21 *fied in the Senate committee report, that promote economic*
22 *revitalization that links people to jobs and supportive serv-*
23 *ices. Failure to fund any project identified for EDI funds*
24 *in the Senate committee report shall result in all funding*
25 *under this paragraph to be allocated as funding under the*

1 *Community Development Block Grant Program as author-*
2 *ized under title I of the Housing and Community Develop-*
3 *ment Act of 1974, as amended.*

4 *For the cost of guaranteed loans, \$29,000,000, as au-*
5 *thorized by section 108 of the Housing and Community De-*
6 *velopment Act of 1974: Provided, That such costs, including*
7 *the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in sec-*
8 *tion 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as*
9 *amended: Provided further, That these funds are available*
10 *to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to*
11 *be guaranteed, not to exceed \$1,261,000,000, notwithstand-*
12 *ing any aggregate limitation on outstanding obligations*
13 *guaranteed in section 108(k) of the Housing and Commu-*
14 *nity Development Act. In addition, for administrative ex-*
15 *penses to carry out the guaranteed loan program,*
16 *\$1,000,000, which shall be transferred to and merged with*
17 *the appropriation for departmental salaries and expenses.*

18 *EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND ENTERPRISE COMMUNITIES*

19 *For grants to Empowerment Zones and Enterprise*
20 *Communities, to be designated by the Secretary of Housing*
21 *and Urban Development, to continue efforts to stimulate*
22 *economic opportunity in America's distressed communities,*
23 *\$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

24 *HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM*

25 *For the HOME investment partnerships program, as*
26 *authorized under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National*

1 *Affordable Housing Act (Public Law 101–625), as amended,*
 2 *\$1,400,000,000, to remain available until expended: Pro-*
 3 *vided, That up to \$7,000,000 shall be available for the devel-*
 4 *opment and operation of integrated community develop-*
 5 *ment management information systems: Provided further,*
 6 *That \$20,000,000 shall be available for Housing Counseling*
 7 *under section 106 of the Housing and Urban Development*
 8 *Act of 1968.*

9 *SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM*

10 *(RESCISSION)*

11 *Of the funds made available under this heading in*
 12 *Public Law 102–389 and prior laws for the Supportive*
 13 *Housing Demonstration Program, as authorized by the*
 14 *Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, \$6,000,000*
 15 *of funds recaptured during fiscal year 1998 shall be re-*
 16 *scinded.*

17 *SHELTER PLUS CARE*

18 *(RESCISSION)*

19 *Of the funds made available under this heading in*
 20 *Public Law 102–389 and prior laws for the Shelter Plus*
 21 *Care program, as authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney*
 22 *Homeless Assistance Act, \$4,000,000 of funds recaptured*
 23 *during fiscal year 1998 shall be rescinded.*

24 *HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS*

25 *For the emergency shelter grants program (as author-*
 26 *ized under subtitle B of title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney*

1 *Homeless Assistance Act, as amended); the supportive hous-*
 2 *ing program (as authorized under subtitle C of title IV of*
 3 *such Act); the section 8 moderate rehabilitation single room*
 4 *occupancy program (as authorized under the United States*
 5 *Housing Act of 1937, as amended) to assist homeless indi-*
 6 *viduals pursuant to section 441 of the Stewart B. McKinney*
 7 *Homeless Assistance Act; and the shelter plus care program*
 8 *(as authorized under subtitle F of title IV of such Act),*
 9 *\$823,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided*
 10 *further, That any unobligated balances available or recap-*
 11 *tures in, or which become available in the Emergency Shel-*
 12 *ter Grants Program account, Supportive Housing Program*
 13 *account, Supplemental Assistance for Facilities to Assist the*
 14 *Homeless account, Shelter Plus Care account, Innovative*
 15 *Homeless Initiatives Demonstration Program account and*
 16 *Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation (SRO) account, shall be*
 17 *transferred to and merged with the amounts in this account*
 18 *and shall be used for purposes under this account.*

19 *HOUSING PROGRAMS*

20 *HOUSING FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS*

21 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

22 *For assistance for the purchase, construction, acquisi-*
 23 *tion, or development of additional public and subsidized*
 24 *housing units for low income families under the United*
 25 *States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437),*
 26 *not otherwise provided for, \$839,000,000, to remain avail-*

1 able until expended: Provided, That of the total amount
2 provided under this heading, \$645,000,000 shall be for cap-
3 ital advances, including amendments to capital advance
4 contracts, for housing for the elderly, as authorized by sec-
5 tion 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended, and for
6 project rental assistance, and amendments to contracts for
7 project rental assistance, for the elderly under section
8 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959, and for supportive
9 services associated with the housing; and \$194,000,000 shall
10 be for capital advances, including amendments to capital
11 advance contracts, for supportive housing for persons with
12 disabilities, as authorized by section 811 of the Cranston-
13 Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, for project rent-
14 al assistance, for amendments to contracts for project rental
15 assistance, and supportive services associated with the hous-
16 ing for persons with disabilities as authorized by section
17 811 of such Act: Provided further, That the Secretary may
18 designate up to 25 percent of the amounts earmarked under
19 this paragraph for section 811 of such Act for tenant-based
20 assistance, as authorized under that section, including such
21 authority as may be waived under the next proviso, which
22 assistance is five years in duration: Provided further, That
23 the Secretary may waive any provision of section 202 of
24 the Housing Act of 1959 and section 811 of the National
25 Affordable Housing Act (including the provisions governing

1 *the terms and conditions of project rental assistance and*
2 *tenant-based assistance) that the Secretary determines is*
3 *not necessary to achieve the objectives of these programs,*
4 *or that otherwise impedes the ability to develop, operate or*
5 *administer projects assisted under these programs, and may*
6 *make provision for alternative conditions or terms where*
7 *appropriate: Provided further, That all obligated and unob-*
8 *ligated balances remaining in either the “Annual Contribu-*
9 *tions for Assisted Housing” account or the “Development*
10 *of Additional New Subsidized Housing” account for capital*
11 *advances, including amendments to capital advances, for*
12 *housing for the elderly, as authorized by section 202 of the*
13 *Housing Act of 1959, as amended, and for project rental*
14 *assistance, and amendments to contracts for project rental*
15 *assistance, for supportive housing for the elderly, under sec-*
16 *tion 202(c)(2) of such Act, shall be transferred to and*
17 *merged with the amounts for those purposes under this*
18 *heading; and, all obligated and unobligated balances re-*
19 *maining in either the “Annual Contributions for Assisted*
20 *Housing” account or the “Development of Additional New*
21 *Subsidized Housing” account for capital advances, includ-*
22 *ing amendments to capital advances, for supportive housing*
23 *for persons with disabilities, as authorized by section 811*
24 *of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act,*
25 *and for project rental assistance, and amendments to con-*

1 *tracts for project rental assistance, for supportive housing*
2 *for persons with disabilities, as authorized under section*
3 *811 of such Act, shall be transferred to and merged with*
4 *the amounts for those purposes under this heading.*

5 *OTHER ASSISTED HOUSING PROGRAMS*

6 *RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE*

7 *(RESCISSION)*

8 *The limitation otherwise applicable to the maximum*
9 *payments that may be required in any fiscal year by all*
10 *contracts entered into under section 236 of the National*
11 *Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1) is reduced in fiscal year*
12 *1998 by not more than \$7,350,000 in uncommitted balances*
13 *of authorizations provided for this purpose in appropria-*
14 *tion Acts: Provided, That up to \$125,000,000 of recaptured*
15 *budget authority shall be canceled.*

16 *FLEXIBLE SUBSIDY FUND*

17 *(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

18 *From the Rental Housing Assistance Fund, all uncom-*
19 *mited balances of excess rental charges as of September 30,*
20 *1997, and any collections made during fiscal year 1998,*
21 *shall be transferred to the Flexible Subsidy Fund, as author-*
22 *ized by section 236(g) of the National Housing Act, as*
23 *amended.*

1 *FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION*
2 *FHA—MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT*
3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

4 *During fiscal year 1998, commitments to guarantee*
5 *loans to carry out the purposes of section 203(b) of the Na-*
6 *tional Housing Act, as amended, shall not exceed a loan*
7 *principal of \$110,000,000,000.*

8 *During fiscal year 1998, obligations to make direct*
9 *loans to carry out the purposes of section 204(g) of the Na-*
10 *tional Housing Act, as amended, shall not exceed*
11 *\$200,000,000: Provided, That the foregoing amount shall be*
12 *for loans to nonprofit and governmental entities in connec-*
13 *tion with sales of single family real properties owned by*
14 *the Secretary and formerly insured under the Mutual Mort-*
15 *gage Insurance Fund.*

16 *For administrative expenses necessary to carry out the*
17 *guaranteed and direct loan program, \$333,421,000, to be*
18 *derived from the FHA-mutual mortgage insurance guaran-*
19 *teed loans receipt account, of which not to exceed*
20 *\$326,309,000 shall be transferred to the appropriation for*
21 *departmental salaries and expenses; and of which not to*
22 *exceed \$12,112,000 shall be transferred to the appropriation*
23 *for the Office of Inspector General.*

1 *FHA—GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT*
2 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

3 *For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by sec-*
4 *tions 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.*
5 *1715z-3 and 1735c), including the cost of loan guarantee*
6 *modifications (as that term is defined in section 502 of the*
7 *Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended),*
8 *\$81,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided,*
9 *That these funds are available to subsidize total loan prin-*
10 *cipal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, of up to*
11 *\$17,400,000,000: Provided further, That any amounts made*
12 *available in any prior appropriations Act for the cost (as*
13 *such term is defined in section 502 of the Congressional*
14 *Budget Act of 1974) of guaranteed loans that are obliga-*
15 *tions of the funds established under section 238 or 519 of*
16 *the National Housing Act that have not been obligated or*
17 *that are deobligated shall be available to the Secretary of*
18 *Housing and Urban Development in connection with the*
19 *making of such guarantees and shall remain available until*
20 *expended, notwithstanding the expiration of any period of*
21 *availability otherwise applicable to such amounts.*

22 *Gross obligations for the principal amount of direct*
23 *loans, as authorized by sections 204(g), 207(l), 238(a), and*
24 *519(a) of the National Housing Act, shall not exceed*
25 *\$120,000,000; of which not to exceed \$100,000,000 shall be*
26 *for bridge financing in connection with the sale of multi-*

1 *family real properties owned by the Secretary and formerly*
 2 *insured under such Act; and of which not to exceed*
 3 *\$20,000,000 shall be for loans to nonprofit and govern-*
 4 *mental entities in connection with the sale of single-family*
 5 *real properties owned by the Secretary and formerly in-*
 6 *sured under such Act.*

7 *In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to*
 8 *carry out the guaranteed and direct loan programs,*
 9 *\$222,305,000, of which \$218,134,000, including*
 10 *\$25,000,000 for the enforcement of housing standards on*
 11 *FHA-insured multifamily projects, shall be transferred to*
 12 *the appropriation for departmental salaries and expenses;*
 13 *and of which \$4,171,000 shall be transferred to the appro-*
 14 *priation for the Office of Inspector General.*

15 *GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION*
 16 *GUARANTEES OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES LOAN*
 17 *GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT*
 18 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

19 *During fiscal year 1998, new commitments to issue*
 20 *guarantees to carry out the purposes of section 306 of the*
 21 *National Housing Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1721(g)),*
 22 *shall not exceed \$130,000,000,000.*

23 *For administrative expenses necessary to carry out the*
 24 *guaranteed mortgage-backed securities program,*
 25 *\$9,383,000, to be derived from the Ginnie Mae-guarantees*
 26 *of mortgage-backed securities guaranteed loan receipt ac-*

1 *count, of which not to exceed \$9,383,000 shall be transferred*
2 *to the appropriation for salaries and expenses.*

3 *POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH*

4 *RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY*

5 *For contracts, grants, and necessary expenses of pro-*
6 *grams of research and studies relating to housing and*
7 *urban problems, not otherwise provided for, as authorized*
8 *by title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act of*
9 *1970, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 et seq.), including*
10 *carrying out the functions of the Secretary under section*
11 *1(a)(1)(i) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1968,*
12 *\$34,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999.*

13 *FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY*

14 *FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES*

15 *For contracts, grants, and other assistance, not other-*
16 *wise provided for, as authorized by title VIII of the Civil*
17 *Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing*
18 *Amendments Act of 1988, and section 561 of the Housing*
19 *and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended,*
20 *\$30,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999,*
21 *of which \$10,000,000 shall be to carry out activities pursu-*
22 *ant to such section 561. No funds made available under this*
23 *heading shall be used to lobby the executive or legislative*
24 *branches of the Federal Government in connection with a*
25 *specific contract, grant or loan.*

1 *MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION*

2 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

4 *For necessary administrative and non-administrative*
5 *expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-*
6 *ment, not otherwise provided for, including not to exceed*
7 *\$7,000 for official reception and representation expenses,*
8 *\$954,826,000, of which \$544,443,000 shall be provided from*
9 *the various funds of the Federal Housing Administration,*
10 *\$9,383,000 shall be provided from funds of the Government*
11 *National Mortgage Association, and \$1,000,000 shall be*
12 *provided from the “Community Development Grants Pro-*
13 *gram” account.*

14 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

15 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

16 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-*
17 *eral in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as*
18 *amended, \$57,850,000, of which \$16,283,000 shall be pro-*
19 *vided from the various funds of the Federal Housing Ad-*
20 *ministration and \$5,000,000 shall be provided from the*
21 *amount earmarked for Operation Safe Home in the “Drug*
22 *Elimination Grants for Low Income Housing” account.*

1 *OFFICE OF FEDERAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE OVERSIGHT*
2 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*
3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

4 *For carrying out the Federal Housing Enterprise Fi-*
5 *nancial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992, \$15,500,000, to*
6 *remain available until expended, to be derived from the*
7 *Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight Fund: Provided,*
8 *That not to exceed such amount shall be available from the*
9 *General Fund of the Treasury to the extent necessary to*
10 *incur obligations and make expenditures pending the re-*
11 *ceipt of collections to the Fund: Provided further, That the*
12 *General Fund amount shall be reduced as collections are*
13 *received during the fiscal year so as to result in a final*
14 *appropriation from the General Fund estimated at not*
15 *more than \$0.*

16 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*
17 *EXTENDERS*

18 *SEC. 201. (a) ONE-FOR-ONE REPLACEMENT OF PUB-*
19 *LIC AND INDIAN HOUSING.—Section 1002(d) of Public Law*
20 *104–19 is amended by striking “1997” and inserting*
21 *“1998”.*

22 *(b) STREAMLINING SECTION 8 TENANT-BASED ASSIST-*
23 *ANCE.—Section 203(d) of the Departments of Veterans Af-*
24 *fairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independ-*
25 *ent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 is amended by strik-*

1 *ing “fiscal years 1996 and 1997” and inserting “fiscal*
2 *years 1996, 1997, and 1998”.*

3 (c) *SECTION 8 RENT ADJUSTMENTS.—Section*
4 *8(c)(2)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 is*
5 *amended—*

6 (1) *in the third sentence, by striking “fiscal year*
7 *1997” and inserting “fiscal years 1997 and 1998”;*

8 (2) *in the last sentence, by striking “fiscal year*
9 *1997” and inserting “fiscal years 1997 and 1998”.*

10 (3) *in the fourth sentence, by striking “For” and*
11 *inserting “Except for assistance under the certificate*
12 *program, for”;*

13 (4) *after the fourth sentence, by inserting the fol-*
14 *lowing new sentence: “In the case of assistance under*
15 *the certificate program, 0.01 shall be subtracted from*
16 *the amount of the annual adjustment factor (except*
17 *that the factor shall not be reduced to less than 1.0),*
18 *and the adjusted rent shall not exceed the rent for a*
19 *comparable unassisted unit of similar quality, type,*
20 *and age in the market area.”; and*

21 (5) *in the last sentence, by—*

22 (A) *striking “sentence” and inserting “two*
23 *sentences”;* and

1 (B) inserting “, fiscal year 1996 prior to
2 April 26, 1996, and fiscal year 1997” after
3 “1995”.

4 (d) *PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING RENTS, INCOME*
5 *ADJUSTMENTS AND PREFERENCES.—*

6 (1) *Section 402(a) of The Balanced Budget*
7 *Downpayment Act, I is amended by striking “fiscal*
8 *year 1997” and insert in lieu thereof “fiscal year*
9 *1998”.*

10 (2) *Section 402(f) of The Balanced Budget*
11 *Downpayment Act, I is amended by striking “fiscal*
12 *years 1996 and 1997” and inserting in lieu thereof*
13 *“fiscal years 1997 and 1998”.*

14 *DELAY REISSUANCE OF VOUCHERS AND CERTIFICATES*
15 *SEC. 202. Section 403(c) of The Balanced Budget*
16 *Downpayment Act, I is amended—*

17 (1) *by striking “fiscal years 1996 and 1997” and*
18 *inserting “fiscal years 1996, 1997, and 1998”; and*

19 (2) *by inserting before the semicolon the follow-*
20 *ing: “and October 1, 1998 for assistance made avail-*
21 *able during fiscal year 1998”.*

22 *FINANCING ADJUSTMENT FACTORS*

23 *SEC. 203. Fifty per centum of the amounts of budget*
24 *authority, or in lieu thereof 50 per centum of the cash*
25 *amounts associated with such budget authority, that are re-*
26 *captured from projects described in section 1012(a) of the*

1 *Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments*
2 *Act of 1988 (Public Law 100–628, 102 Stat. 3224, 3268)*
3 *shall be rescinded, or in the case of cash, shall be remitted*
4 *to the Treasury, and such amounts of budget authority or*
5 *cash recaptured and not rescinded or remitted to the Treas-*
6 *ury shall be used by State housing finance agencies or local*
7 *governments or local housing agencies with projects ap-*
8 *proved by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-*
9 *ment for which settlement occurred after January 1, 1992,*
10 *in accordance with such section. Notwithstanding the pre-*
11 *vious sentence, the Secretary may award up to 15 percent*
12 *of the budget authority or cash recaptured and not re-*
13 *scinded or remitted to the Treasury to provide project own-*
14 *ers with incentives to refinance their project at a lower in-*
15 *terest rate.*

16 *ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS*

17 *SEC. 204. Section 8(c)(2)(A) of the United States*
18 *Housing Act of 1937 is amended by inserting the following*
19 *new sentences at the end: “In establishing annual adjust-*
20 *ment factors for units in new construction and substantial*
21 *rehabilitation projects, the Secretary shall take into account*
22 *the fact that debt service is a fixed expense. The imme-*
23 *diately foregoing sentence shall be effective only during fis-*
24 *cal year 1998.”.*

1 *COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT*

2 *SEC. 205. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
3 *the \$7,100,000 appropriated for an industrial park at 18th*
4 *Street and Indiana Avenue shall be made available by the*
5 *Secretary instead to 18th and Vine for rehabilitation and*
6 *infrastructure development associated with the “Negro*
7 *Leagues Baseball Museum” and the Jazz Museum.*

8 *FAIR HOUSING AND FREE SPEECH*

9 *SEC. 206. None of the amounts made available under*
10 *this Act may be used during fiscal year 1998 to investigate*
11 *or prosecute under the Fair Housing Act any otherwise law-*
12 *ful activity engaged in by one or more persons, including*
13 *the filing or maintaining of a nonfrivolous legal action,*
14 *that is engaged in solely for the purpose of achieving or*
15 *preventing action by a government official or entity, or a*
16 *court of competent jurisdiction.*

17 *REQUIREMENT FOR HUD TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC NOTICE AND*
18 *COMMENT RULEMAKING*

19 *SEC. 207. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
20 *for fiscal year 1998 and for all fiscal years thereafter, the*
21 *Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall main-*
22 *tain all current requirements under part 10 of the Depart-*
23 *ment of Housing and Urban Development’s regulations (24*
24 *CRS part 10) with respect to the Department’s policies and*
25 *procedures for the promulgation and issuance of rules, in-*

1 *cluding the use of public participation in the rulemaking*
 2 *process.*

3 *BROWNFIELDS AS ELIGIBLE CDBG ACTIVITY*

4 *SEC. 208. States and entitlement communities may*
 5 *use funds allocated under the community development block*
 6 *grant program under title I of the Housing and Community*
 7 *Development Act of 1974 for remediation and development*
 8 *activities related to brownfields projects in conjunction with*
 9 *the appropriate environmental regulatory agencies.*

10 *PARTIAL PAYMENT OF CLAIMS ON HEALTH CARE*

11 *FACILITIES*

12 *SEC. 209. Section 541(a) of the National Housing Act*
 13 *is amended—*

14 *(1) in the section heading, by adding “AND*
 15 *HEALTH CARE FACILITIES” AT THE END; AND*

16 *(2) in subsection (a)—*

17 *(A) by inserting “or a health care facility*
 18 *(including a nursing home, intermediate care fa-*
 19 *ility, or board and care home (as those terms*
 20 *are defined in section 232), a hospital (as that*
 21 *term is defined in section 242), or a group prac-*
 22 *tice facility (as that term is defined in section*
 23 *1106)” after “1978”; and*

24 *(B) by inserting “or for keeping the health*
 25 *care facility operational to serve community*
 26 *needs,” after “character of the project,”.*

1 *FHA MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE CREDIT DEMONSTRATIONS*

2 *SEC. 210. Section 542 of the Housing and Community*
3 *Development Act of 1992 is amended—*

4 *(1) in subsection (b)(5) by adding before the pe-*
5 *riod at the end of the first sentence “, and not more*
6 *than an additional 15,000 units over fiscal year*
7 *1998”; and*

8 *(2) in the first sentence of subsection (c)(4) in-*
9 *serting after “fiscal year 1997” the following: “and*
10 *not more than an additional 15,000 units during fis-*
11 *cal year 1998.”.*

12 *CALCULATION OF DOWNPAYMENT*

13 *SEC. 211. Section 203(b) of the National Housing Act*
14 *is amended by striking “fiscal year 1997” in paragraph*
15 *(10)(A) and inserting in lieu thereof “fiscal year 1997 and*
16 *thereafter”.*

17 *SECTION 8 MARK-TO-MARKET MULTIFAMILY HOUSING*

18 *REFORM*

19 *SEC. 212. Subtitle B, the Multifamily Assisted Hous-*
20 *ing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997”, of title II of*
21 *S. 947, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, as passed by the*
22 *Senate on June 25, 1997, is incorporated by reference in*
23 *this bill, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing*
24 *and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appro-*
25 *priations Bill, 1998.*

HOPE VI NOFA

1
2 *SEC. 213. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
3 *including the July 22, 1996 Notice of Funding Availability*
4 *(61 Fed. Reg. 38024), the demolition of units at develop-*
5 *ments funded under the Notice of Funding Availability*
6 *shall be at the option of the New York City Housing Author-*
7 *ity and the assistance awarded shall be allocated by the*
8 *public housing agency among other eligible activities under*
9 *the HOPE VI program and without the development costs*
10 *limitations of the Notice, provided that the public housing*
11 *agency shall not exceed the total cost limitations for the*
12 *public housing agency, as provided by the Department of*
13 *Housing and Urban Development.*

ENHANCED DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

14
15 *SEC. 214. Section 204 of the Department of Veterans*
16 *Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and inde-*
17 *pendent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997 is amended by*
18 *inserting after “owned by the Secretary” the following:*
19 *“, including, for fiscal year 1998, the provision of grants*
20 *and loans from the General Insurance Fund (12 U.S.C.*
21 *1735c) for the necessary costs of rehabilitation or demoli-*
22 *tion.*

HOME PROGRAM FORMULA

23
24 *SEC. 215. The first sentence of section 217(b)(3) of the*
25 *Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act is*
26 *amended by striking “only those jurisdictions that are allo-*

1 cated an amount of \$500,000 or greater shall receive an
2 allocation” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “ju-
3 risdictions that are allocated an amount of \$500,000 or
4 more, and participating jurisdictions (other than consortia
5 that fail to renew the membership of all of their member
6 jurisdictions) that are allocated an amount less than
7 \$500,000, shall receive an allocation”.

8 *INDIAN HOUSING REFORM*

9 *SEC. 216. Upon a finding by the Secretary of Housing*
10 *and Urban Development that any person has substantially,*
11 *significantly, or materially violated the requirements of any*
12 *activity under the Native American Housing Block Grants*
13 *Program under title I of the Native American Self-Deter-*
14 *mination Act of 1996 or any associated activity under the*
15 *jurisdiction of the Department of Housing and Urban De-*
16 *velopment, the Secretary shall bar that person from any*
17 *such participation in programs under that title thereafter*
18 *and shall require reimbursement for any losses or costs asso-*
19 *ciated with these violations.*

20 *TITLE III—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES*

21 *AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION*

22 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

23 *For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of*
24 *the American Battle Monuments Commission, including the*
25 *acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries;*
26 *purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of national*

1 *cemeteries and monuments outside of the United States and*
2 *its territories and possessions; rent of office and garage*
3 *space in foreign countries; purchase (one for replacement*
4 *only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; and insurance*
5 *of official motor vehicles in foreign countries, when required*
6 *by law of such countries; \$23,897,000, to remain available*
7 *until expended: Provided, That where station allowance has*
8 *been authorized by the Department of the Army for officers*
9 *of the Army serving the Army at certain foreign stations,*
10 *the same allowance shall be authorized for officers of the*
11 *Armed Forces assigned to the Commission while serving at*
12 *the same foreign stations, and this appropriation is hereby*
13 *made available for the payment of such allowance: Provided*
14 *further, That when traveling on business of the Commission,*
15 *officers of the Armed Forces serving as members or as Sec-*
16 *retary of the Commission may be reimbursed for expenses*
17 *as provided for civilian members of the Commission: Pro-*
18 *vided further, That the Commission shall reimburse other*
19 *Government agencies, including the Armed Forces, for sal-*
20 *ary, pay, and allowances of personnel assigned to it.*

21 *CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD*

22 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

23 *For necessary expenses in carrying out activities pur-*
24 *suant to section 112(r)(6) of the Clean Air Act, including*
25 *hire of passenger vehicles, and for services authorized by*

1 *5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed*
2 *the per diem equivalent to the maximum rate payable for*
3 *senior level positions under 5 U.S.C. 5376, \$4,000,000.*

4 *CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION*
5 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

6 *For necessary expenses of the Consumer Product Safety*
7 *Commission, including hire of passenger motor vehicles,*
8 *services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for*
9 *individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to*
10 *the maximum rate payable under 5 U.S.C. 5376, purchase*
11 *of nominal awards to recognize non-Federal officials' con-*
12 *tributions to Commission activities, and not to exceed \$500*
13 *for official reception and representation expenses,*
14 *\$45,000,000.*

15 *CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE*
16 *NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS*
17 *OPERATING EXPENSES*
18 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

19 *For necessary expenses for the Corporation for Na-*
20 *tional and Community Service (referred to in the matter*
21 *under this heading as the "Corporation") in carrying out*
22 *programs, activities, and initiatives under the National*
23 *and Community Service Act of 1990 (referred to in the mat-*
24 *ter under this heading as the "Act") (42 U.S.C. 12501 et*
25 *seq.), \$420,500,000, to remain available until September*
26 *30, 1999: Provided, That not more than \$25,000,000 shall*

1 *be available for administrative expenses authorized under*
2 *section 501(a)(4) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12671(a)(4)): Pro-*
3 *vided further, That not more than \$2,500 shall be for offi-*
4 *cial reception and representation expenses: Provided fur-*
5 *ther, That not more than \$59,000,000, to remain available*
6 *without fiscal year limitation, shall be transferred to the*
7 *National Service Trust account for educational awards au-*
8 *thorized under subtitle D of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C.*
9 *12601 et seq.): Provided further, That not more than*
10 *\$215,000,000 of the amount provided under this heading*
11 *shall be available for grants under the National Service*
12 *Trust program authorized under subtitle C of title I of the*
13 *Act (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.) (relating to activities includ-*
14 *ing the Americorps program), of which not more than*
15 *\$40,000,000 may be used to administer, reimburse, or sup-*
16 *port any national service program authorized under section*
17 *121(d)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12581(d)(2)): Provided*
18 *further, That not more than \$5,500,000 of the funds made*
19 *available under this heading shall be made available for the*
20 *Points of Light Foundation for activities authorized under*
21 *title III of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12661 et seq.): Provided fur-*
22 *ther, That no funds shall be available for national service*
23 *programs run by Federal agencies authorized under section*
24 *121(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12571(b)): Provided further,*
25 *That to the maximum extent feasible, funds appropriated*

1 *under subtitle C of title I of the Act shall be provided in*
2 *a manner that is consistent with the recommendations of*
3 *peer review panels in order to ensure that priority is given*
4 *to programs that demonstrate quality, innovation,*
5 *replicability, and sustainability: Provided further, That not*
6 *more than \$18,000,000 of the funds made available under*
7 *this heading shall be available for the Civilian Community*
8 *Corps authorized under subtitle E of title I of the Act (42*
9 *U.S.C. 12611 et seq.): Provided further, That not more than*
10 *\$43,000,000 shall be available for school-based and commu-*
11 *nity-based service-learning programs authorized under sub-*
12 *title B of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.): Pro-*
13 *vided further, That not more than \$30,000,000 shall be*
14 *available for quality and innovation activities authorized*
15 *under subtitle H of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12853 et*
16 *seq.): Provided further, That \$20,000,000 shall be available*
17 *for the America Reads Initiative: Provided further, That*
18 *not more than \$5,000,000 shall be available for audits and*
19 *other evaluations authorized under section 179 of the Act*
20 *(42 U.S.C. 12639): Provided further, That no funds from*
21 *any other appropriation, or from funds otherwise made*
22 *available to the Corporation, shall be used to pay for per-*
23 *sonnel compensation and benefits, travel, or any other ad-*
24 *ministrative expense for the Board of Directors, the Office*
25 *of the Chief Executive Officer, the Office of the Managing*

1 *Director, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, the Office*
2 *of National and Community Service Programs, the Civilian*
3 *Community Corps, or any field office or staff of the Cor-*
4 *poration working on the National and Community Service*
5 *or Civilian Community Corps programs: Provided further,*
6 *That to the maximum extent practicable, the Corporation*
7 *shall increase significantly the level of matching funds and*
8 *in-kind contributions provided by the private sector, shall*
9 *expand significantly the number of educational awards pro-*
10 *vided under subtitle D of title I, and shall reduce the total*
11 *Federal costs per participant in all programs.*

12 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

13 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-*
14 *eral in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as*
15 *amended, \$3,000,000.*

16 *COURT OF VETERANS APPEALS*

17 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

18 *For necessary expenses for the operation of the United*
19 *States Court of Veterans Appeals as authorized by 38*
20 *U.S.C. sections 7251–7298, \$9,320,000, of which \$790,000,*
21 *shall be available for the purpose of providing financial as-*
22 *sistance as described, and in accordance with the process*
23 *and reporting procedures set fourth, under this heading in*
24 *Public Law 102–229.*

1 *DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL*
2 *CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY*
3 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

4 *For necessary expenses, as authorized by law, for*
5 *maintenance, operation, and improvement of Arlington Na-*
6 *tional Cemetery and Soldiers' and Airmen's Home Na-*
7 *tional Cemetery, including the purchase of two passenger*
8 *motor vehicles for replacement only, and not to exceed*
9 *\$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses,*
10 *\$11,815,000, to remain available until expended.*

11 *ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY*
12 *SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY*
13 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

14 *For science and technology, including research and de-*
15 *velopment activities, which shall include research and devel-*
16 *opment activities under the Comprehensive Environmental*
17 *Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980*
18 *(CERCLA), as amended; necessary expenses for personnel*
19 *and related costs and travel expenses, including uniforms,*
20 *or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–*
21 *5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates*
22 *for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent*
23 *to the rate for GS–18; procurement of laboratory equipment*
24 *and supplies; other operating expenses in support of re-*
25 *search and development; construction, alteration, repair, re-*
26 *habilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed*

1 \$75,000 per project, \$600,000,000, which shall remain
2 available until September 30, 1999.

3 ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

4 For environmental programs and management, in-
5 cluding necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for
6 personnel and related costs and travel expenses, including
7 uniforms, or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C.
8 5901–5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but
9 at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate
10 equivalent to the rate for GS–18; hire of passenger motor
11 vehicles; hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft; pur-
12 chase of reprints; library memberships in societies or asso-
13 ciations which issue publications to members only or at a
14 price to members lower than to subscribers who are not
15 members; construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation,
16 and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per
17 project; and not to exceed \$6,000 for official reception and
18 representation expenses, \$1,801,000,000, which shall re-
19 main available until September 30, 1999.

20 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

21 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-
22 eral in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General
23 Act of 1978, as amended, and for construction, alteration,
24 repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to
25 exceed \$75,000 per project, \$28,500,000, to remain available
26 until September 30, 1999.

1 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

2 *For construction, repair, improvement, extension, al-*
3 *teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities of,*
4 *or for use by, the Environmental Protection Agency,*
5 *\$19,420,000, to remain available until expended.*

6 *HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SUPERFUND*7 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

8 *For necessary expenses to carry out the Comprehensive*
9 *Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act*
10 *of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, including sections 111*
11 *(c)(3), (c)(5), (c)(6), and (e)(4) (42 U.S.C. 9611), and for*
12 *construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renova-*
13 *tion of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project; not to*
14 *exceed \$1,400,000,000 (of which \$100,000,000 shall not be-*
15 *come available under September 1, 1998), to remain avail-*
16 *able until expended, consisting of \$1,150,000,000, as au-*
17 *thorized by section 517(a) of the Superfund Amendments*
18 *and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), as amended by*
19 *Public Law 101–508, and \$250,000,000 as a payment from*
20 *general revenues to the Hazardous Substance Superfund as*
21 *authorized by section 517(b) of SARA, as amended by Pub-*
22 *lic Law 101–508: Provided, That funds appropriated under*
23 *this heading may be allocated to other Federal agencies in*
24 *accordance with section 111(a) of CERCLA: Provided fur-*
25 *ther, That \$11,641,000 of the funds appropriated under this*
26 *heading shall be transferred to the “Office of Inspector Gen-*

1 eral” appropriation to remain available until September
2 30, 1999: Provided further, That notwithstanding section
3 111(m) of CERCLA or any other provision of law,
4 \$68,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading
5 shall be available to the Agency for Toxic Substances and
6 Disease Registry to carry out activities described in sections
7 104(i), 111(c)(4), and 111(c)(14) of CERCLA and section
8 118(f) of SARA: Provided further, That \$35,000,000 of the
9 funds appropriated under this heading shall be transferred
10 to the “Science and Technology” appropriation to remain
11 available until September 30, 1999: Provided further, That
12 none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be
13 available for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease
14 Registry to issue in excess of 40 toxicological profiles pursu-
15 ant to section 104(i) of CERCLA during fiscal year 1998.

16 LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM
17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 For necessary expenses to carry out leaking under-
19 ground storage tank cleanup activities authorized by section
20 205 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
21 of 1986, and for construction, alteration, repair, rehabilita-
22 tion, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per
23 project, \$65,000,000, to remain available until expended:
24 Provided, That no more than \$7,500,000 shall be available
25 for administrative expenses.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

1
2
3 *For expenses necessary to carry out the Environmental*
4 *Protection Agency's responsibilities under the Oil Pollution*
5 *Act of 1990, \$15,000,000, to be derived from the Oil Spill*
6 *Liability trust fund, and to remain available until ex-*
7 *pended: Provided, That not more than \$8,500,000 of these*
8 *funds shall be available for administrative expenses.*

STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

9
10 *For environmental programs and infrastructure as-*
11 *sistance, including capitalization grants for State revolving*
12 *funds and performance partnership grants, \$3,047,000,000,*
13 *to remain available until expended, of which*
14 *\$1,350,000,000 shall be for making capitalization grants for*
15 *the Clean Water State Revolving Funds under title VI of*
16 *the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, and*
17 *\$725,000,000 shall be for capitalization grants for the*
18 *Drinking Water State Revolving Funds under section 1452*
19 *of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended; \$100,000,000*
20 *for architectural, engineering, planning, design, construc-*
21 *tion and related activities in connection with the construc-*
22 *tion of high priority water and wastewater facilities in the*
23 *area of the United States-Mexico Border, after consultation*
24 *with the appropriate border commission; \$50,000,000 for*
25 *grants to the State of Texas for the purpose of improving*
26 *wastewater treatment for colonias; \$15,000,000 for grants*

1 *to the State of Alaska to address drinking water and*
2 *wastewater infrastructure needs of rural and Alaska Native*
3 *Villages as provided by section 303 of Public Law 104–182;*
4 *\$82,000,000 for making grants for the construction of*
5 *wastewater and water treatment facilities and groundwater*
6 *protection infrastructure in accordance with the terms and*
7 *conditions specified for such grants in the report accom-*
8 *panying this Act; and \$725,000,000 for grants to States,*
9 *federally recognized tribes, and air pollution control agen-*
10 *cies for multi-media or single media pollution prevention,*
11 *control and abatement and related activities pursuant to*
12 *the provisions set forth under this heading in Public Law*
13 *104–134, including grants under section 103 of the Clean*
14 *Air Act for particulate matter monitoring and data collec-*
15 *tion activities: Provided, That notwithstanding any other*
16 *provision of law, hereafter, States may combine the assets*
17 *of State Revolving Funds (SRFs) established under section*
18 *1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, and title*
19 *VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended,*
20 *as security for bond issues to enhance the lending capacity*
21 *of one or both SRFs, but not to acquire the State match*
22 *for either SRF program provided that revenues from the*
23 *bonds are allocated for the purposes of the Safe Drinking*
24 *Water Act and title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Con-*
25 *trol Act, respectively, in the same portion as the funds are*

1 *used as security for the bonds: Provided further, That, here-*
2 *after from funds appropriated under this heading, the Ad-*
3 *ministrator is authorized to make grants to federally recog-*
4 *nized Indian governments for the development of multi-*
5 *media environmental programs: Provided further, That,*
6 *hereafter, the funds available under this heading for grants*
7 *to States, federally recognized tribes, and air pollution con-*
8 *trol agencies for multi-media or single media pollution pre-*
9 *vention, control and abatement and related activities may*
10 *also be used for the direct implementation by the Federal*
11 *Government of a program required by law in the absence*
12 *of an acceptable State or tribal program: Provided further,*
13 *That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Ad-*
14 *ministrator is authorized to make a grant of \$4,326,000*
15 *under title II of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act,*
16 *as amended, from funds appropriated in prior years under*
17 *section 205 of the Act for the State of Florida and available*
18 *due to deobligation, to the appropriate instrumentality for*
19 *wastewater treatment works in Monroe County, Florida.*

20 *WORKING CAPITAL FUND*

21 *Under this heading in Public Law 104–204, delete the*
22 *following: the phrases, “franchise fund pilot to be known*
23 *as the”; “as authorized by section 403 of Public Law 103–*
24 *356,”; and “as provided in such section”; and the final pro-*
25 *viso. After the phrase, “to be available”, insert “without fis-*
26 *cal year limitation”.*

1 *EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT*2 *OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY*

3 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Science and*
4 *Technology Policy, in carrying out the purposes of the Na-*
5 *tional Science and Technology Policy, Organization, and*
6 *Priorities Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6601 and 6671), hire of*
7 *passenger motor vehicles, and services as authorized by 5*
8 *U.S.C. 3109, not to exceed \$2,500 for official reception and*
9 *representation expenses, and rental of conference rooms in*
10 *the District of Columbia, \$4,932,000.*

11 *COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND OFFICE OF*12 *ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY*

13 *For necessary expenses to continue functions assigned*
14 *to the Council on Environmental Quality and Office of En-*
15 *vironmental Quality pursuant to the National Environ-*
16 *mental Policy Act of 1969, the Environmental Quality Im-*
17 *provement Act of 1970, and Reorganization Plan No. 1 of*
18 *1977, \$2,436,000: Provided, That, notwithstanding any*
19 *other provision of law, no funds other than those appro-*
20 *priated under this heading, shall be used for or by the Coun-*
21 *cil on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental*
22 *Quality.*

1 *FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION*
2 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*
3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

4 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-*
5 *eral in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General*
6 *Act of 1978, as amended, \$34,265,000, to be derived from*
7 *the Bank Insurance Fund, the Savings Association Insur-*
8 *ance Fund, and the FSLIC Resolution Fund.*

9 *FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY*
10 *DISASTER RELIEF*

11 *For necessary expenses in carrying out the Robert T.*
12 *Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42*
13 *U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), \$320,000,000, and, notwithstanding*
14 *42 U.S.C. 5203, to remain available until expended: Pro-*
15 *vided, That none of the funds appropriated for the Federal*
16 *Emergency Management Agency may be used to perform*
17 *repair, replacement, reconstruction, or restoration activities*
18 *with respect to (1) trees and other natural features belong-*
19 *ing to State and local governments that are located within*
20 *parks and recreational facilities, as well as on the grounds*
21 *of other publicly-owned property; or (2) parks, recreational*
22 *areas, marinas, golf courses, stadiums, arenas or other simi-*
23 *lar facilities which generate any portion of their oper-*
24 *ational revenue through user fees, rents, admission charges,*
25 *or similar fees.*

1 *DISASTER ASSISTANCE DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

2 *For the cost of direct loans, \$1,495,000, as authorized*
3 *by section 319 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and*
4 *Emergency Assistance Act: Provided, That such costs, in-*
5 *cluding the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined*
6 *in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as*
7 *amended: Provided further, That these funds are available*
8 *to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of*
9 *direct loans not to exceed \$25,000,000.*

10 *In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out*
11 *the direct loan program, \$341,000.*

12 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

13 *For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in-*
14 *cluding hire and purchase of motor vehicles as authorized*
15 *by 31 U.S.C. 1343; uniforms, or allowances therefor, as au-*
16 *thorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; services as authorized by*
17 *5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed*
18 *the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for GS–18; expenses*
19 *of attendance of cooperating officials and individuals at*
20 *meetings concerned with the work of emergency prepared-*
21 *ness; transportation in connection with the continuity of*
22 *Government programs to the same extent and in the same*
23 *manner as permitted the Secretary of a Military Depart-*
24 *ment under 10 U.S.C. 2632; and not to exceed \$2,500 for*
25 *official reception and representation expenses,*
26 *\$171,773,000.*

1 \$100,000,000: *Provided, That total administrative costs*
2 *shall not exceed three and one-half percent of the total ap-*
3 *propriation.*

4 NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE FUND

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 *For activities under the National Flood Insurance Act*
7 *of 1968, the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, and the*
8 *National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, not to exceed*
9 *\$21,610,000 for salaries and expenses associated with flood*
10 *mitigation and flood insurance operations, and not to ex-*
11 *ceed \$78,464,000 for flood mitigation, including up to*
12 *\$20,000,000 for expenses under section 1366 of the National*
13 *Flood Insurance Act, which amount shall be available for*
14 *transfer to the National Flood Mitigation Fund until Sep-*
15 *tember 30, 1999. In fiscal year 1998, no funds in excess*
16 *of (1) \$47,000,000 for operating expenses, (2) \$375,165,000*
17 *for agents' commissions and taxes, and (3) \$50,000,000 for*
18 *interest on Treasury borrowings shall be available from the*
19 *National Flood Insurance Fund without prior notice to the*
20 *Committees on Appropriations. For fiscal year 1998, flood*
21 *insurance rates shall not exceed the level authorized by the*
22 *National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994.*

23 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

24 *The Director of the Federal Emergency Management*
25 *Agency shall promulgate through rulemaking a methodology*
26 *for assessment and collection of fees to be assessed and col-*

1 lected beginning in fiscal year 1998 applicable to persons
2 subject to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's ra-
3 diological emergency preparedness regulations. The aggre-
4 gate charges assessed pursuant to this section during fiscal
5 year 1998 shall approximate, but not be less than, 100 per
6 centum of the amounts anticipated by the Federal Emer-
7 gency Management Agency to be obligated for its radiologi-
8 cal emergency preparedness program for such fiscal year.
9 The methodology for assessment and collection of fees shall
10 be fair and equitable, and shall reflect the full amount of
11 costs of providing radiological emergency planning, pre-
12 paredness, response and associated services. Such fees shall
13 be assessed in a manner that reflects the use of agency re-
14 sources for classes of regulated persons and the administra-
15 tive costs of collecting such fees. Fees received pursuant to
16 this section shall be deposited in the general fund of the
17 Treasury as offsetting receipts. Assessment and collection of
18 such fees are only authorized during fiscal year 1998.

19 *GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION*

20 *CONSUMER INFORMATION CENTER FUND*

21 *For necessary expenses of the Consumer Information*
22 *Center, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109,*
23 *\$2,419,000, to be deposited into the Consumer Information*
24 *Center Fund: Provided, That the appropriations, revenues*
25 *and collections deposited into the fund shall be available*

1 *for necessary expenses of Consumer Information Center ac-*
2 *tivities in the aggregate amount of \$7,500,000. Appropria-*
3 *tions, revenues, and collections accruing to this fund during*
4 *fiscal year 1998 in excess of \$7,500,000 shall remain in*
5 *the fund and shall not be available for expenditure except*
6 *as authorized in appropriations Acts: Provided further,*
7 *That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the*
8 *Consumer Information Center may accept and deposit to*
9 *this account, during fiscal year 1998 and hereafter, gifts*
10 *for the purpose of defraying its costs of printing, publishing,*
11 *and distributing consumer information and educational*
12 *materials and undertaking other consumer information ac-*
13 *tivities; may expend those gifts for those purposes, in addi-*
14 *tion to amounts appropriated or otherwise made available;*
15 *and the balance shall remain available for expenditure for*
16 *such purpose.*

17 *NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION*

18 *HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT*

19 *For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in*
20 *the conduct and support of human space flight research and*
21 *development activities, including research, development, op-*
22 *erations, and services; maintenance; construction of facili-*
23 *ties including repair, rehabilitation, and modification of*
24 *real and personal property, and acquisition or condemna-*
25 *tion of real property, as authorized by law; space flight,*

1 *spacecraft control and communications activities including*
2 *operations, production, and services; and purchase, lease,*
3 *charter, maintenance and operation of mission and admin-*
4 *istrative aircraft, \$5,326,500,000, to remain available until*
5 *September 30, 1999: Provided, That of the amount appro-*
6 *priated or otherwise made available by this heading,*
7 *\$1,000,000 may be available for the Neutral Buoyancy*
8 *Simulator program.*

9 *SCIENCE, AERONAUTICS AND TECHNOLOGY*

10 *For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in*
11 *the conduct and support of science, aeronautics and tech-*
12 *nology research and development activities, including re-*
13 *search, development, operations, and services; maintenance;*
14 *construction of facilities including repair, rehabilitation,*
15 *and modification of real and personal property, and acqui-*
16 *sition or condemnation of real property, as authorized by*
17 *law; space flight, spacecraft control and communications*
18 *activities including operations, production, and services;*
19 *and purchase, lease, charter, maintenance and operation of*
20 *mission and administrative aircraft, \$5,642,000,000, to re-*
21 *main available until September 30, 1999.*

22 *MISSION SUPPORT*

23 *For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in*
24 *carrying out mission support for human space flight pro-*
25 *grams and science, aeronautical, and technology programs,*
26 *including research operations and support; space commu-*

1 *nications activities including operations, production and*
2 *services; maintenance; construction of facilities including*
3 *repair, rehabilitation, and modification of facilities, minor*
4 *construction of new facilities and additions to existing fa-*
5 *cilities, facility planning and design, environmental com-*
6 *pliance and restoration, and acquisition or condemnation*
7 *of real property, as authorized by law; program manage-*
8 *ment; personnel and related costs, including uniforms or*
9 *allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902;*
10 *travel expenses; purchase, lease, charter, maintenance, and*
11 *operation of mission and administrative aircraft; not to ex-*
12 *ceed \$35,000 for official reception and representation ex-*
13 *penses; and purchase (not to exceed 33 for replacement only)*
14 *and hire of passenger motor vehicles; \$2,503,200,000, to re-*
15 *main available until September 30, 1999.*

16 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

17 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-*
18 *eral in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as*
19 *amended, \$18,300,000.*

20 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*

21 *Notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of*
22 *funds appropriated for “Human space flight”, “Science,*
23 *aeronautics and technology”, or “Mission support” by this*
24 *appropriations Act, when any activity has been initiated*
25 *by the incurrence of obligations for construction of facilities*
26 *as authorized by law, such amount available for such activ-*

1 *ity shall remain available until expended. This provision*
2 *does not apply to the amounts appropriated in “Mission*
3 *support” pursuant to the authorization for repair, rehabili-*
4 *tation and modification of facilities, minor construction of*
5 *new facilities and additions to existing facilities, and facil-*
6 *ity planning and design.*

7 *Notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of*
8 *funds appropriated for “Human space flight”, “Science,*
9 *aeronautics and technology”, or “Mission support” by this*
10 *appropriations Act, the amounts appropriated for construc-*
11 *tion of facilities shall remain available until September 30,*
12 *2000.*

13 *Notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of*
14 *funds appropriated for “Mission support” and “Office of*
15 *Inspector General”, amounts made available by this Act for*
16 *personnel and related costs and travel expenses of the Na-*
17 *tional Aeronautics and Space Administration shall remain*
18 *available until September 30, 1998 and may be used to*
19 *enter into contracts for training, investigations, costs asso-*
20 *ciated with personnel relocation, and for other services, to*
21 *be provided during the next fiscal year.*

22 *Of the funds provided to the National Aeronautics and*
23 *Space Administration in this Act, the Administrator shall*
24 *by November 1, 1998, make available no less than \$400,000*
25 *for a study by the National Research Council, with an in-*

1 *terim report to be completed by June 1, 1998, that evalu-*
2 *ates, in terms of the potential impact on the Space Station's*
3 *assembly schedule, budget, and capabilities, the engineering*
4 *challenges posed by extravehicular activity (EVA) require-*
5 *ments, United States and non-United States space launch*
6 *requirements, the potential need to upgrade or replace*
7 *equipment and components after assembly complete, and*
8 *the requirement to decommission and disassemble the facil-*
9 *ity.*

10 *NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION*

11 *CENTRAL LIQUIDITY FACILITY*

12 *During fiscal year 1998, gross obligations of the*
13 *Central Liquidity Facility for the principal amount of new*
14 *direct loans to member credit unions, as authorized by the*
15 *National Credit Union Central Liquidity Facility Act (12*
16 *U.S.C. 1795), shall not exceed \$600,000,000: Provided, That*
17 *administrative expenses of the Central Liquidity Facility*
18 *in fiscal year 1998 shall not exceed \$203,000.*

19 *NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION*

20 *RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES*

21 *For necessary expenses in carrying out the National*
22 *Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C.*
23 *1861–1875), and the Act to establish a National Medal of*
24 *Science (42 U.S.C. 1880–1881); services as authorized by*
25 *5 U.S.C. 3109; maintenance and operation of aircraft and*

1 *purchase of flight services for research support; acquisition*
2 *of aircraft; \$2,524,700,000, of which not to exceed*
3 *\$228,530,000 shall remain available until expended for*
4 *Polar research and operations support, and for reimburse-*
5 *ment to other Federal agencies for operational and science*
6 *support and logistical and other related activities for the*
7 *United States Antarctic program; the balance to remain*
8 *available until September 30, 1999: Provided, That receipts*
9 *for scientific support services and materials furnished by*
10 *the National Research Centers and other National Science*
11 *Foundation supported research facilities may be credited to*
12 *this appropriation: Provided further, That to the extent that*
13 *the amount appropriated is less than the total amount au-*
14 *thorized to be appropriated for included program activities,*
15 *all amounts, including floors and ceilings, specified in the*
16 *authorizing Act for those program activities or their sub-*
17 *activities shall be reduced proportionally: Provided further,*
18 *That \$40,000,000 of the funds available under this heading*
19 *shall be made available for a comprehensive research initia-*
20 *tive on plant genomes, including the corn genome: Provided*
21 *further, That \$359,000,000 of the funds available under this*
22 *heading shall not be made available for initiatives in*
23 *Knowledge and Distributed Intelligence and Life and*
24 *Earth's Environment until the agency submits appropriate*

1 milestones to be achieved by the initiatives in fiscal year
2 1998.

3 *MAJOR RESEARCH EQUIPMENT*

4 *For necessary expenses of major construction projects*
5 *pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act of 1950,*
6 *as amended, \$85,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
7 *pended.*

8 *EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES*

9 *For necessary expenses in carrying out science and en-*
10 *gineering education and human resources programs and ac-*
11 *tivities pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act*
12 *of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1861–1875), including*
13 *services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 and rental of con-*
14 *ference rooms in the District of Columbia, \$625,500,000,*
15 *to remain available until September 30, 1999: Provided,*
16 *That to the extent that the amount of this appropriation*
17 *is less than the total amount authorized to be appropriated*
18 *for included program activities, all amounts, including*
19 *floors and ceilings, specified in the authorizing Act for those*
20 *program activities or their subactivities shall be reduced*
21 *proportionally.*

22 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

23 *For salaries and expenses necessary in carrying out*
24 *the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended*
25 *(42 U.S.C. 1861–1875); services authorized by 5 U.S.C.*
26 *3109; hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed \$9,000*

1 *for official reception and representation expenses; uniforms*
2 *or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–*
3 *5902; rental of conference rooms in the District of Colum-*
4 *bia; reimbursement of the General Services Administration*
5 *for security guard services and headquarters relocation;*
6 *\$136,950,000: Provided, That contracts may be entered into*
7 *under “Salaries and expenses” in fiscal year 1998 for*
8 *maintenance and operation of facilities, and for other serv-*
9 *ices, to be provided during the next fiscal year.*

10 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

11 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-*
12 *eral as authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978,*
13 *as amended, \$4,850,000, to remain available until Septem-*
14 *ber 30, 1999.*

15 *NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION*

16 *PAYMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT*
17 *CORPORATION*

18 *For payment to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Cor-*
19 *poration for use in neighborhood reinvestment activities, as*
20 *authorized by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation*
21 *Act (42 U.S.C. 8101–8107), \$50,000,000.*

22 *SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM*

23 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

24 *For necessary expenses of the Selective Service System,*
25 *including expenses of attendance at meetings and of train-*
26 *ing for uniformed personnel assigned to the Selective Serv-*

1 *ice System, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 4101–4118 for civil-*
2 *ian employees; and not to exceed \$1,000 for official recep-*
3 *tion and representation expenses; \$23,413,000: Provided,*
4 *That during the current fiscal year, the President may ex-*
5 *empt this appropriation from the provisions of 31 U.S.C.*
6 *1341, whenever he deems such action to be necessary in the*
7 *interest of national defense: Provided further, That none of*
8 *the funds appropriated by this Act may be expended for*
9 *or in connection with the induction of any person into the*
10 *Armed Forces of the United States.*

11 *TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS*

12 *SEC. 401. Where appropriations in titles I, II, and*
13 *III of this Act are expendable for travel expenses and no*
14 *specific limitation has been placed thereon, the expenditures*
15 *for such travel expenses may not exceed the amounts set*
16 *forth therefore in the budget estimates submitted for the ap-*
17 *propriations: Provided, That this provision does not apply*
18 *to accounts that do not contain an object classification for*
19 *travel: Provided further, That this section shall not apply*
20 *to travel performed by uncompensated officials of local*
21 *boards and appeal boards of the Selective Service System;*
22 *to travel performed directly in connection with care and*
23 *treatment of medical beneficiaries of the Department of Vet-*
24 *erans Affairs; to travel performed in connection with major*
25 *disasters or emergencies declared or determined by the*

1 *President under the provisions of the Robert T. Stafford*
2 *Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; to travel*
3 *performed by the Offices of Inspector General in connection*
4 *with audits and investigations; or to payments to inter-*
5 *agency motor pools where separately set forth in the budget*
6 *schedules: Provided further, That if appropriations in titles*
7 *I, II, and III exceed the amounts set forth in budget esti-*
8 *mates initially submitted for such appropriations, the ex-*
9 *penditures for travel may correspondingly exceed the*
10 *amounts therefore set forth in the estimates in the same pro-*
11 *portion.*

12 *SEC. 402. Appropriations and funds available for the*
13 *administrative expenses of the Department of Housing and*
14 *Urban Development and the Selective Service System shall*
15 *be available in the current fiscal year for purchase of uni-*
16 *forms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C.*
17 *5901–5902; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and services*
18 *as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109.*

19 *SEC. 403. Funds of the Department of Housing and*
20 *Urban Development subject to the Government Corporation*
21 *Control Act or section 402 of the Housing Act of 1950 shall*
22 *be available, without regard to the limitations on adminis-*
23 *trative expenses, for legal services on a contract or fee basis,*
24 *and for utilizing and making payment for services and fa-*
25 *cilities of Federal National Mortgage Association, Govern-*

1 *ment National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan*
2 *Mortgage Corporation, Federal Financing Bank, Federal*
3 *Reserve banks or any member thereof, Federal Home Loan*
4 *banks, and any insured bank within the meaning of the*
5 *Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, as amended*
6 *(12 U.S.C. 1811–1831).*

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

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

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

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

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

21 *(2) unless such expenditure is subject to audit by*
22 *the General Accounting Office or is specifically ex-*
23 *empt by law from such audit.*

24 *SEC. 406. None of the funds provided in this Act to*
25 *any department or agency may be expended for the trans-*

1 *portation of any officer or employee of such department or*
2 *agency between his domicile and his place of employment,*
3 *with the exception of any officer or employee authorized*
4 *such transportation under 31 U.S.C. 1344 or 5 U.S.C.*
5 *7905.*

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

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

20 *SEC. 409. None of the funds provided in this Act shall*
21 *be used to pay the expenses of, or otherwise compensate,*
22 *non-Federal parties intervening in regulatory or adjudica-*
23 *tory proceedings. Nothing herein affects the authority of the*
24 *Consumer Product Safety Commission pursuant to section*

1 7 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2056 et
2 seq.).

3 *SEC. 410. Except as otherwise provided under existing*
4 *law or under an existing Executive Order issued pursuant*
5 *to an existing law, the obligation or expenditure of any ap-*
6 *propriation under this Act for contracts for any consulting*
7 *service shall be limited to contracts which are (1) a matter*
8 *of public record and available for public inspection, and*
9 *(2) thereafter included in a publicly available list of all con-*
10 *tracts entered into within twenty-four months prior to the*
11 *date on which the list is made available to the public and*
12 *of all contracts on which performance has not been com-*
13 *pleted by such date. The list required by the preceding sen-*
14 *tence shall be updated quarterly and shall include a nar-*
15 *rative description of the work to be performed under each*
16 *such contract.*

17 *SEC. 411. Except as otherwise provided by law, no*
18 *part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be*
19 *obligated or expended by any executive agency, as referred*
20 *to in the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41*
21 *U.S.C. 401 et seq.), for a contract for services unless such*
22 *executive agency (1) has awarded and entered into such*
23 *contract in full compliance with such Act and the regula-*
24 *tions promulgated thereunder, and (2) requires any report*
25 *prepared pursuant to such contract, including plans, eval-*

1 uations, studies, analyses and manuals, and any report
2 prepared by the agency which is substantially derived from
3 or substantially includes any report prepared pursuant to
4 such contract, to contain information concerning (A) the
5 contract pursuant to which the report was prepared, and
6 (B) the contractor who prepared the report pursuant to such
7 contract.

8 *SEC. 412. Except as otherwise provided in section 406,*
9 *none of the funds provided in this Act to any department*
10 *or agency shall be obligated or expended to provide a per-*
11 *sonal cook, chauffeur, or other personal servants to any offi-*
12 *cer or employee of such department or agency.*

13 *SEC. 413. None of the funds provided in this Act to*
14 *any department or agency shall be obligated or expended*
15 *to procure passenger automobiles as defined in 15 U.S.C.*
16 *2001 with an EPA estimated miles per gallon average of*
17 *less than 22 miles per gallon.*

18 *SEC. 414. None of the funds appropriated in title I*
19 *of this Act shall be used to enter into any new lease of real*
20 *property if the estimated annual rental is more than*
21 *\$300,000 unless the Secretary submits, in writing, a report*
22 *to the Committees on Appropriations of the Congress and*
23 *a period of 30 days has expired following the date on which*
24 *the report is received by the Committees on Appropriations.*

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

5 *(b) In providing financial assistance to, or entering*
6 *into any contract with, any entity using funds made avail-*
7 *able in this Act, the head of each Federal agency, to the*
8 *greatest extent practicable, shall provide to such entity a*
9 *notice describing the statement made in subsection (a) by*
10 *the Congress.*

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

15 *SEC. 417. Such sums as may be necessary for fiscal*
16 *year 1998 pay raises for programs funded by this Act shall*
17 *be absorbed within the levels appropriated in this Act.*

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

1 *SEC. 419. Corporations and agencies of the Depart-*
2 *ment of Housing and Urban Development which are subject*
3 *to the Government Corporation Control Act, as amended,*
4 *are hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the*
5 *limits of funds and borrowing authority available to each*
6 *such corporation or agency and in accord with law, and*
7 *to make such contracts and commitments without regard*
8 *to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of the*
9 *Act as may be necessary in carrying out the programs set*
10 *forth in the budget for 1998 for such corporation or agency*
11 *except as hereinafter provided: Provided, That collections*
12 *of these corporations and agencies may be used for new loan*
13 *or mortgage purchase commitments only to the extent ex-*
14 *pressly provided for in this Act (unless such loans are in*
15 *support of other forms of assistance provided for in this or*
16 *prior appropriations Acts), except that this proviso shall*
17 *not apply to the mortgage insurance or guaranty operations*
18 *of these corporations, or where loans or mortgage purchases*
19 *are necessary to protect the financial interest of the United*
20 *States Government.*

21 *SEC. 420. Notwithstanding section 320(g) of the Fed-*
22 *eral Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(g)), funds*
23 *made available pursuant to authorization under such sec-*
24 *tion for fiscal year 1998 and prior fiscal years may be used*

1 *for implementing comprehensive conservation and manage-*
2 *ment plans.*

3 *SEC. 421. Such funds as may be necessary to carry*
4 *out the orderly termination of the Office of Consumer Af-*
5 *fairs shall be made available from funds appropriated to*
6 *the Department of Health and Human Services for fiscal*
7 *year 1998.*

8 *AMERICORPS STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT*

9 *SEC. 422. Notwithstanding any other provision of*
10 *law, the term “qualified student loan” with respect to na-*
11 *tional service education awards shall mean any loan made*
12 *directly to a student and certified through an institution*
13 *of higher education as necessary to assist the student in*
14 *paying the cost of attendance, in addition to other mean-*
15 *ings under section 148(b)(7) of the National and Commu-*
16 *nity Service Act.*

17 *SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING CATASTROPHIC*

18 *NATURAL DISASTERS*

19 *SEC. 423. (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—*

20 *(1) catastrophic natural disasters are occurring*
21 *with great frequency, a trend that is likely to con-*
22 *tinue for several decades according to prominent sci-*
23 *entists;*

24 *(2) estimated damage to homes, buildings, and*
25 *other structures from catastrophic natural disasters*
26 *has totaled well over \$100,000,000,000 during the last*

1 decade, not including the indirect costs of the disas-
2 ters such as lost productivity and economic decline;

3 (3) the lack of adequate planning for cata-
4 strophic natural disasters, coupled with inadequate
5 private insurance, has led to increasing reliance on
6 the Federal Government to provide disaster relief, in-
7 cluding the appropriation of \$40,000,000,000 in sup-
8 plemental funding since 1989;

9 (4) in the foreseeable future, a strong likelihood
10 exists that the United States will experience a
11 megacatastrophe, the impact of which would cause
12 widespread economic disruption for homeowners and
13 businesses and enormous cost to the Federal Govern-
14 ment; and

15 (5) the Federal Government has failed to antici-
16 pate catastrophic natural disasters and take com-
17 prehensive action to reduce their impact.

18 (b) *SENSE OF THE SENATE.*—It is the sense of the Sen-
19 ate that Congress should consider legislation that embodies
20 the following principles:

21 (1) Persons who live in areas at risk of natural
22 disaster should assume a practical level of personal
23 responsibility for the risks through private insurance.

24 (2) The insurance industry, in partnership with
25 the Federal Government and other private sector enti-

1 *ties, should establish new mechanisms for the spread-*
2 *ing of the risk of catastrophes that minimize the in-*
3 *volvement and liability of the Federal Government.*

4 *(3) A partnership should be formed between the*
5 *private sector and government at all levels to encour-*
6 *age better disaster preparation and respond quickly to*
7 *the physical and financial impacts of catastrophic*
8 *natural disasters.*

9 *SEC. 424. It is the sense of the Senate that Congress*
10 *should appropriate for the Department of Veterans Affairs*
11 *for discretionary activities in each of fiscal years 1999*
12 *through 2002 an amount equal to the amount required by*
13 *the Department in such fiscal year for such activities.*

14 *SEC. 425. (a) Not later than 60 days after enactment*
15 *of this Act, the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs shall*
16 *hold one or more hearings to consider legislation which*
17 *would add the following diseases at the end of section*
18 *1112(c)(2) of title 38, United States Code:*

19 *(1) Lung cancer.*

20 *(2) Bone cancer.*

21 *(3) Skin cancer.*

22 *(4) Colon cancer.*

23 *(5) Kidney cancer.*

24 *(6) Posterior subcapsular cataracts.*

25 *(7) Non-malignant thyroid nodular disease.*

1 (8) *Ovarian cancer.*

2 (9) *Parathyroid adenoma.*

3 (10) *Tumors of the brain and central nervous*
4 *system.*

5 (11) *Rectal cancer.*

6 (b) *Not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act,*
7 *the Congressional Budget Office shall provide to the Senate*
8 *Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Senate Appropria-*
9 *tions Committee an estimate of the cost of the provision con-*
10 *tained in subsection (a).*

11 *This Act may be cited as the "Departments of Veterans*
12 *Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Inde-*
13 *pendent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998".*

Attest:

Secretary.

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