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**H.R. 5122 — John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, Conference Report (Hunter, R-CA)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Friday, September 29, 2006, subject to a closed rule (H.Res. 1062).

**Note:** The Senate-passed version of the bill contained a provision (sec. 1009) that would have required notice to Congress and the public on earmarks of funds available to the Department of Defense. The House bill contained no similar provision. This provision is NOT contained in the conference report.

**Overall Authorizations:** The conference report would provide budget authority of \$532.8 billion for the Department of Defense (DoD) and the national security functions of the Department of Energy (DoE) for FY2007. This amount *includes* \$70 billion in supplemental “bridge” funding to pay for ongoing combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

To view the RSC Legislative Bulletin for the version of H.R. 5122, as it came to the House floor, visit this webpage:

[http://www.house.gov/pence/rsc/doc/LB\\_051006\\_defenseauthfy07.doc](http://www.house.gov/pence/rsc/doc/LB_051006_defenseauthfy07.doc).

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** Yes, the bill creates several new programs.

**Military Chaplain Protections.** The original military chaplain language included in the House-passed version is *not* included in the Conference Report. However, the notes section of the bill (page 1222) includes a statement where the Conferees direct the Air Force and the Navy to rescind their interim guidelines regarding chaplains and reinstate the policies in place in 1999 and 2000, respectively (which are much less restrictive than the current interim guidelines).

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks?** The Conference Report includes the following regarding “airdropped” (not passed by either the House or the Senate) earmarks contained in the bill:

Pursuant to House Resolution 1000, entitled “Providing for earmarking reform in the House of Representatives,” adopted on September 14, 2006, the committee finds the following earmarks contained in this conference report:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Program/Project Title</u>	<u>Account/Line #</u>	<u>Amount</u> (dollars in millions)
Hunter, Duncan (CA) Bartlett, Roscoe (MD)	Low cost domestic titanium reduction to powder initiative	78045A RDA 183	\$5.0
Kline, John (MN)	Traumatic brain injury treatment and rehabilitation	Defense Health Program O&M	\$12.0
Warner, John (VA)	East Coast Asymmetric Warfare Initiative	RDDW 5Y 63828D8Z	\$4.0
Kingston, Jack (GA) Marshall, Jim (GA)	Construction Software Support Facility, Phase 2, Robbins AFB, Georgia	Air Force Construction and Land Acquisition Projects	\$7.0
Chafee, Lincoln (RI) Reed, Jack (RI)	Replace Vehicle Bridge, Increment 2, Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island	Navy Construction and Land Acquisition Projects	\$3.4

**Highlights Summary:** H.R. 5122 would authorize appropriations for FY2007 for the Department of Defense and the national security functions of the Department of Energy. The bill would also prescribe personnel strengths for all components of the U.S. armed forces. What follows are highlights of the three divisions (Dept. of Defense, Military Construction, and Dept. of Energy & Others) of the bill.

Division A = Department of Defense Authorizations

Division B = Military Construction Authorizations

Division C = Department of Energy National Security Authorizations and Other Authorizations

**Division A—Title I—Procurement**

- **Army.** Aircraft--\$3.45 billion; Missiles--\$1.33 billion; Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles--\$2.28 billion; Ammunition--\$1.98 billion; Other Procurement--\$7.69 billion.
- **Navy.** Aircraft--\$10.73 billion; Weapons (including missiles and torpedoes)--\$2.55 billion; Shipbuilding and Conversion--\$11.02 billion; Other Procurement--\$5.00 billion; Ammunition (Navy and Marine Corps)-- \$797.94 million.
- **Marine Corps.** \$1.25 billion

- **Air Force**. Aircraft--\$12.18 billion; Ammunition--\$1.07 billion; Missiles--\$4.17 billion; Other Procurement--\$15.44 billion.
- Requires modernization of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

### **Division A—Title II—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation**

- **Army**. \$10.87 billion
- **Navy**. \$17.38 billion
- **Air Force**. \$24.23 billion
- **Defense-Wide Activities**. \$21.11 billion (\$181.5 million reserved for Operational Test & Evaluation, Defense-Wide).
- **Defense Science and Technology**. Reserves \$11.66 billion of the above funds for the Defense Science and Technology Program.

### **Division A—Title III—Operation and Maintenance**

- **Army**. \$24.41 billion
- **Navy**. \$31.15 billion
- **Marine Corps**. \$3.86 billion
- **Air Force**. \$31.08 billion
- **Defense-Wide Activities**. \$20.09 billion
- **Army Reserve**. \$2.26 billion
- **Naval Reserve**. \$1.27 billion
- **Marine Corps Reserve**. \$211.3 million
- **Air Force Reserve**. \$2.69 billion
- **Army National Guard**. \$4.77 billion
- **Air National Guard**. \$5.29 billion
- **U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces**. \$11.7 million
- **Army Environmental Restoration**. \$413.7 million
- **Navy Environmental Restoration**. \$304.4 million
- **Air Force Environmental Restoration**. \$423.9 million
- **Defense-wide Environmental Restoration**. \$18.4 million
- **Formerly Used Defense Sites Environmental Restoration**. \$282.8 million
- **Former Soviet Union Threat Reduction Programs**. \$372.12 million
- **Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid Programs**. \$63.2 million
- **Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense-Wide**. \$926.9 million
- **Defense Health Program**. \$20.89 billion
- **Defense Inspector General**. \$216.3 million
- **Animal Adoption**. Allows all animals used by the military, to be adopted at the end of their “useful working life.” Under current law, only dogs are allowed to be adopted after their useful life. This provision strikes the word “dog” and inserts the word “animal.” According to the bill, this is to allow for the adoption of horses.

## **Division A—Title IV—Military Personnel Authorizations**

Authorized personnel levels as of September 30, 2007:

- **Army**. 512,400
- **Navy**. 340,700
- **Marine Corps**. 180,000
- **Air Force**. 334,200
- **Army National Guard, Selected Reserve**. 350,000
- **Army Reserve, Selected Reserve**. 200,000
- **Naval Reserve, Selected Reserve**. 71,300
- **Marine Corps Reserve, Selected Reserve**. 39,600
- **Air National Guard, Selected Reserve**. 107,000
- **Air Force Reserve, Selected Reserve**. 74,900
- **Coast Guard Reserve, Selected Reserve**. 10,000
- **Army National Guard, Full-Time Duty**. 27,441
- **Army Reserve, Full-Time Duty**. 15,416
- **Naval Reserve, Full-Time Duty**. 12,564
- **Marine Corps Reserve, Full-Time Duty**. 2,261
- **Air National Guard, Full-Time Duty**. 13,291
- **Air Force Reserve, Full-Time Duty**. 2,707
- **Army National Guard, Dual-Status Military Technicians**. At least 26,050
- **Army Reserve, Dual-Status Military Technicians**. At least 7,912
- **Air National Guard, Dual-Status Military Technicians**. At least 23,255
- **Air Force Reserve, Dual-Status Military Technicians**. At least 10,124
- **Army Reserve, Non-Dual-Status Military Technicians**. No more than 595
- **Army National Guard, Non-Dual-Status Military Technicians**. No more than 1,600
- **Air Force Reserve, Non-Dual-Status Military Technicians**. No more than 90
- **Air National Guard, Non-Dual-Status Military Technicians**. No more than 350
- **Maximum numbers of reservists who may be serving at any time on full-time operational support duty:**
  - Army National Guard: 17,000
  - Army Reserve: 13,000
  - Naval Reserve: 6,200
  - Marine Corps Reserve: 3,000
  - Air National Guard: 16,000
  - Air Force Reserve: 14,000
- **Armed Forces Retirement Home**. \$54.8 million
- **Authorization of Appropriations for Military Personnel**. \$110.1 billion

## **Division A—Title V—Military Personnel Policy**

- **Recognition of Representative Montgomery**. Lists a number of findings outlining the career and service of former Representative G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery.

- **Test Preparation Guides.** Directs DoD to conduct a test of the utility of commercially available test preparation guides and education program designed to assist recruit candidates to achieve scores on military recruit qualification testing that better reflect the full potential of those candidates in terms of aptitude and mental category.
- **Governor's Authority over Active Guard and Reserve Duty.** Allows, with the consent of the DoD Secretary, the governor of a state or the commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, or the Virgin Islands, or the commanding general of the District of Columbia, to order a member of the National Guard to perform Active Guard and Reserve duty.
- **Flag Presentation for Prior Recipients of Medal of Honor.** Directs the President to provide for the presentation of the Medal of Honor Flag as expeditiously as possible after the date of enactment of this Act, to each living recipient of the Medal of Honor who was awarded the Medal before the date of enactment. In the case of posthumous presentations, the award is to be given to the next-of-kin.
- **Sexual Harassment.** Requires DoD to direct U.S. Military Academy to prescribe a policy on sexual harassment and sexual violence applicable to the cadets and other personnel of the Academy.
- **Military Chaplain Protections.** The original military chaplain language included in the House-passed version is *not* included in the Conference Report. However, the notes section of the bill (page 1222) includes a statement where the Conferees direct the Air Force and the Navy to rescind their interim guidelines regarding chaplains and reinstate the policies in place in 1999 and 2000, respectively (which are much less restrictive than the current interim guidelines).

### **Division A—Title VI—Compensation and Other Personnel Benefits**

- **Basic Pay for All Uniformed Services.** Increases basic pay by 2.2% for all members of the uniformed services, effective January 1, 2007, and provides incentives to retain junior officers and highly skilled enlisted members.
- **Health Care Pilot Program.** Establishes a pilot program for payment of a recruitment incentive bonus to increase participation in a critical health care specialties program, which provides health profession scholarships.
- **Golf Cart Pilot Project.** Directs DoD to conduct a pilot project at not less than three military golf courses, to evaluate the cost effectiveness and utility of making available at military golf courses, golf carts that are accessible for disabled persons authorized to use the courses.
- **New Bonuses for Retired Members.** Allows DoD to pay a bonus of not more than \$50,000, to a retired member, former member, or a member of a reserve component, of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps, who executes a written agreement to serve on active duty for a period specified in the agreement in an assignment intended to alleviate a high-demand, low-density military capability or in any other specialty designated by the Secretary as critical to meet wartime or peacetime requirements.
- **Bonuses.** Extends through December 31, 2007, dozens of bonus and special-pay authorities (for example: bonuses for reserve reenlistment, nurse anesthetists, dentists,

nuclear specialists, aviation officer retention, referrals of new recruits, and prior service enlistment).

### **Division A—Title VII—Health Care Provisions**

- **TRICARE**. Prohibits TRICARE premium, deductible, and copay increases from April 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. Adds to the list of covered procedures, “forensic examinations following a sexual assault or domestic violence.” Also adds to reimbursable providers under TRICARE, “licensed or certified mental health counselors.” Establishes a demonstration project on coverage of certain over-the-counter medications under the TRICARE pharmacy benefit program. Makes additional clarifications and updates to the TRICARE system.
- **Chiropractors**. Directs the Secretary of Defense to study whether chiropractic health care services should be made available to all current and former members of the Armed Forces and the reserves (as well as their eligible dependents).
- **Brain Injury in Iraq**. Directs the Secretary of Defense to study the effects of traumatic brain injury incurred by servicemembers serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.
- **Lane Evans**. Recognizes Representative Lane Evans upon his retirement from the U.S. House.

### **Division A—Title VIII—Acquisition Policy, Acquisition Management, and Related Matters**

- **Foreign Procurement**. Prohibits DoD from entering into a contract for the procurement of goods or services from any foreign person to which the government of a foreign country that is a member of the World Trade Organization has provided a subsidy under certain, specified conditions.
- **Contracting Integrity**. Directs DoD to establish a “Panel on Contracting Integrity,” which will, among other things, conduct reviews of progress made by DoD to eliminate areas of vulnerability of the defense contracting system that allow waste, fraud, and abuse.
- **Acquisition Contracts**. Prohibits DoD from entering into a contract for covered services if the amount of the contract exceeds 75 percent of the estimated value of any asset required for the provision of services under the contract or exceeds \$150 million in payments over the life of the contract assuming all options to extend the contract are exercised.
- **Buy American-made Products**. Prohibits DoD, unless otherwise specified, from using funds for the procurement of strategic materials critical to national security that is not reprocessed, reused, or produced in the U.S.

### **Division A—Title IX—Department of Defense Organization and Management**

- **Extension of Space Pilot Program**. Extends until September 30, 2009, the current pilot program for space surveillance network services to non-United States government entities.

- **Establishment of New Science Office.** Establishes at DoD, the Operationally Responsive Space Program Office, which is to contribute to the development of low-cost, rapid reaction payloads, busses, spacelift, and launch control capabilities in order to fulfill joint military operational requirements for on-demand space support and reconstitution
- **Operationally Responsive Space Program Office.** Directs DoD to establish within the Department, a new office for the Operationally Responsive Space Program.

### **Division A—Title X—General Provisions**

- **FY2007 Transfer Authority.** Authorizes the Secretary of Defense, if acting in the national interest, to transfer up to **\$4.5 billion** in authorizations to any other authorization for FY2007, as long as the transfer is from a lower-priority authorization to a higher-priority authorization, the transfer is not used to provide authority to an item that has been denied authorization by Congress, and the Secretary “promptly” notifies Congress of the transfer. Treats any such transfer as an equivalent increase in the amount authorized for the account to which the amount is transferred.
- **Supplemental Appropriations.** Adjusts the amounts authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense for FY2006 in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2006 (Public Law 109-163) would be adjusted to align with the supplemental appropriations bills for the war on terrorism.
- **Reduction.** Reduces the authorizations in Titles I, II, and III of this act by a total of \$757.05 million, to reflect lower-than-expected inflation.
- **FY2006 Transfer Authority.** Increases FY2006 general transfer authority from \$3.5 billion to \$5.0 billion.
- **Foreign-Repaired Vessels.** Prohibits vessels from being overhauled, repaired, or maintained in a shipyard outside the U.S., other than in the case of emergency voyage repairs.
- **Future Guam Shipyard.** Directs the Navy to study and report to Congress on the options available with respect to the Guam Shipyard in Santa Rita, Guam, including an evaluation of the performance of the entities that operate the shipyard.
- **Counter-Drug Activities.** Extension through 2011 DoD’s authority to provide additional support for counterdrug activities of other governmental agencies.
- **Conferences.** Allows DoD to charge fees from any individual or commercial participant in a DoD conference, seminar, exhibition, symposium, or similar meeting, to help defray the costs of such conferences.
- **Fishing for Members of the Armed Forces.** Directs DoD to ensure that members of the Armed forces, retired members, disabled veterans, and persons assisting disabled veterans are able to utilize lands under the jurisdiction of DoD that are available for hunting or fishing.

### **Division A—Title XI—Civilian Personnel Matters**

- **Replacement of Household Goods.** Permits full replacement for household goods of civilian employees at DoD that were damaged or lost during transportation at government expense.

### **Division A—Title XII—Matters Relating to Foreign Nations**

- **Foreign Logistic Support.** Permits DoD to use up to \$100 million in funds to provide logistic support, supplies, and services to allied forces (foreign forces) participating in a combined operation with the Armed Forces. The bill outlines certain stipulations which must be met in order for a foreign military force to receive this assistance.
- **Lending Equipment to Iraq.** Permits DoD to lend certain, specified military equipment, to the military forces of nations participating in combined operations with the U.S. armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- **Fellowship Exchange Program.** Requires DoD to establish and conduct exchanges of senior defense officials and officers with the Republic of China on Taiwan at the level of Deputy Assistant Secretary or above.
- **Declaration of Policy with China.** Declares that it is the policy of the U.S. to deny the People’s Republic of China such defense goods and defense technology that could be used to threaten the U.S. or undermine the security of Taiwan or the stability of the Western Pacific Region. Also prohibits DoD from purchasing goods or services, by contract or otherwise, from any entity that knowingly transfers an item that is on the United States Munitions List to the People’s Republic of China.

### **Division A—Title XIII—Cooperative Threat Reduction with States of the Former Soviet Union**

*From funds allocated for operation and maintenance above:*

- **Strategic Offensive Arms Elimination in Russia.** \$76.9 million
- **Nuclear Weapons Storage Security in Russia.** \$87.1 million
- **Biological Weapons Proliferation Prevention Activities in the Former Soviet Union.** \$68.36 million
- **Defense and Military Contacts.** \$8.0 million
- **Chemical Weapons Destruction in Russia.** \$42.7 million
- **Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation Prevention Activities in Former Soviet States.** \$37.49 million

### **Division A—Title XIV—Matters Related to Defense Against Terrorism and Related Security Matters**

- **Quarterly Reports.** Requires DoD to submit to Congress, quarterly reports, accounting for every reported incident involving the detonation or discovery of improvised explosive device during the preceding quarter that involved the U.S. or allied forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.



**Division A—Title XV—Authorization for Increased Costs Due to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom**

PROCUREMENT:

- **Army**. Aircraft--\$1.52 billion; Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles--\$3.02 billion; Ammunition--\$48.6 million; Other Procurement--\$4.64 billion; Missiles--\$3.2 million.
- **Navy**. Aircraft--\$389.5 million; Weapons--\$109.4 million; Other Procurement--\$14.6 million
- **Marine Corps**. Procurement--\$4.40 billion.
- **Navy and Marine Corps**. Ammunition--\$151.4 million
- **Air Force**. Aircraft--\$2.17 billion; Other--\$5.7 million
- **Defense-Wide Activities**. Procurement--\$127.6 million

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, and EVALUATION:

- **Army**. \$2.6 million
- **Navy**. \$7.9 million

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE:

- **Army**. \$28.05 billion
- **Navy**. \$2.01 billion
- **Marine Corps**. \$2.26 billion
- **Air Force**. \$2.48 billion
- **Defense-Wide Activities**. \$1.54 billion
- **Army National Guard**. \$221.5 million
- **Air National Guard**. \$2.0 million
- **Army Reserve**. \$500,000

OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS:

- **Defense Health Program**. \$869.2 million
- **Military Personnel**. \$8.11 billion
- **Classified Programs**. \$2.5 billion
- **Transfers**. Authorizes inter-account transfers within this title of up to \$2.5 billion.
- **Iraq Freedom Fund**. \$50.0 million
- **Iraq Security Forces Fund**. \$1.73 billion
- **Afghanistan Security Forces Fund**. \$1.45 billion

**Division B—Title XXI—Army**

Includes findings on Congressman Joel Hefley's career, and commends him.

*Authorization of Appropriations for Military Construction, Army.*

- **Military Construction**. \$3.52 billion
- **Architectural and Engineering Services**. \$219.8 million
- **Military Family Housing: Construction, Acquisition, Planning, Design, Improvement**. \$578.79 million

- **Military Family Housing: Support**. \$675.617 million

### **Division B—Title XXII—Navy**

*Authorization of Appropriations for Military Construction, Navy.*

- **Military Construction**. \$2.11 billion
- **Architectural and Engineering Services**. \$70.86 million
- **Military Family Housing: Construction, Acquisition, Planning, Design, Improvement**. \$308.96 million
- **Military Family Housing: Support**. \$509.13 million

### **Division B—Title XXIII—Air Force**

*Authorization of Appropriations for Military Construction, Air Force.*

- **Military Construction**. \$3.23 billion
- **Architectural and Engineering Services**. \$79 million
- **Military Family Housing: Construction, Acquisition, Planning, Design, Improvement**. \$1.17 billion
- **Military Family Housing: Support**. \$755.1 million

### **Division B—Title XXIV—Defense Agencies**

*Authorization of Appropriations for Military Construction, Defense Agencies.*

- **Military Construction**. \$7.16 billion
- **Architectural and Engineering Services**. \$172.95 million
- **Energy Conservation Projects**. \$55.0 million
- **Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)**. \$5.4 billion
- **Military Family Housing: Support**. \$48.5 million
- **Credit to the DoD Family Housing Improvement Fund**. \$2.5 million

### **Division B—Title XXV – North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program**

- **NATO Security Investment Program**. \$200.98 million

### **Division B—Title XXVI—Guard and Reserve Forces Facilities**

- **Army National Guard**. \$561.4 million
- **Army Reserve**. \$190.6 million
- **Naval and Marine Corps Reserve**. \$49.9 million
- **Air National Guard**. \$294.2 million
- **Air Force Reserve**. \$56.8 million

### **Division B—Title XXVII—Expiration and Extension of Authorizations**

- **Expiration of Authorizations.** Establishes an expiration date for all military construction, land acquisition, family housing, and NATO authorizations at the later of October 1, 2009 or the date of enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for FY2010.

### **Division B—Title XXVIII—Military Construction General Provisions**

- **Military Construction.** Increases from \$45 million to \$50 million, the maximum annual amount authorized to be obligated for emergency military construction.
- **Cancellation Ceiling.** Requires a notice and wait period for the Secretary of Defense before awarding an energy savings performance contract that contains a cancellation ceiling in excess of \$7 million.
- **Extension of Pilot Projects.** Extends from 2007 to 2011, three current pilot projects for acquisition and construction of military unaccompanied housing. Also allows for six pilot projects (up from three in current law).
- **Term of Leases for Structures in Foreign Countries.** Increase to 10 years (up from five), the maximum length of a lease term the secretary of a military branch can enter into for certain structures and real properties located in foreign countries.
- **Land Conveyances.** Authorizes several land conveyances to localities.

### **Division C—Title XXXI—Department of Energy National Security Programs**

#### *Authorization of Appropriations for the National Nuclear Security Administration.*

- **Weapons Activities.** \$6.47 billion
- **Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation.** \$1.7 billion
- **Naval Reactors.** \$795.13 million
- **Office of Administrator for Nuclear Security.** \$386.57 million
- **New Plant Projects.** Authorizes funds to be used for plant projects as follows:
  - \$4.9 million for Project 07-D-140, project engineering and design, various locations;
  - \$14.8 million for the Radioactive Liquid Waste Facility upgrade at Los Alamos National Laboratory;
  - \$14.5 million for the Heating Systems Modernization, Facilities and Infrastructure Recapitalization Program;
  - \$4.22 million for a Physical Science Facility at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; and
  - \$1.48 million for project engineering and design at the Materials Research Technology Complex.

#### *Authorization of Appropriations for Environmental and Other Activities.*

- **Defense Environmental Cleanup.** \$5.44 billion
- **Other Defense Activities for National Security.** \$717.79 million

- **Defense Nuclear Waste Disposal.** \$358.08 million

*Other provisions:*

- **National Nuclear Security Complex.** Directs the Secretaries of Defense and Energy to develop a plan to transform the nuclear weapons complex so as to achieve a “responsive infrastructure” by 2030. Outlines specific requirements for the plan.
- **Consolidation of Counterintelligence Programs.** Transfers the functions, personnel, funds, assets, and other resources of the Office of Defense Nuclear Counterintelligence of the National Nuclear Security Administration to the Secretary of Energy.

### **Division C—Title XXXII—Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board**

- **Authorized Appropriations.** \$22.3 million

### **Division C—Title XXXIII—National Defense Stockpile**

- **Authorization of Appropriations.** Authorizes \$52.1 million from the National Defense Stockpile Transaction Fund for the operation and maintenance of the National Defense Stockpile for FY2007. Permits the use of additional funds for “extraordinary or emergency conditions” 45 days after a notification to Congress.

### **Division C—Title XXXIV—Naval Petroleum Reserves**

- **Authorized Appropriations.** \$18.8 million

### **Division C—Title XXXV—Maritime Administration**

*Authorization of Appropriations for the Maritime Administration under the Department of Transportation.*

- **Operations and Training Activities.** \$116.4 million
- **Reimbursements.** \$19.5 million
- **Assistance to Small Shipyards and Maritime Communities.** \$15.0 million
- **Disposal of Obsolete Vessels.** \$25.7 million
- **Administrative Expenses.** \$3.3 million

*Other provisions:*

- **Vessel Transfer Authority.** Allows the Secretary of Transportation to transfer without reimbursement to any other department, a vessel under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, upon request of the secretary of the department that has requested the vessel.

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