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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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 1997

Mr. LEWIS of California, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following bill; which was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the

1 Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban
2 Development, and for sundry independent agencies, com-
3 missions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year end-
4 ing September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, namely:

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TITLE I

6

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

8

COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

9

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

10 For the payment of compensation benefits to or on
11 behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability ex-
12 aminations as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 107, chapters
13 11, 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61); pension benefits to or
14 on behalf of veterans as authorized by law (38 U.S.C.
15 chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61; 92 Stat. 2508); and bur-
16 ial benefits, emergency and other officers' retirement pay,
17 adjusted-service credits and certificates, payment of pre-
18 miums due on commercial life insurance policies guaran-
19 teed under the provisions of Article IV of the Soldiers'
20 and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended, and
21 for other benefits as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 107,
22 1312, 1977, and 2106, chapters 23, 51, 53, 55, and 61;
23 50 U.S.C. App. 540–548; 43 Stat. 122, 123; 45 Stat. 735;
24 76 Stat. 1198); \$19,932,997,000, to remain available
25 until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$26,380,000
26 of the amount appropriated shall be reimbursed to “Gen-

1 eral operating expenses” and “Medical care” for necessary
2 expenses in implementing those provisions authorized in
3 the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, and in
4 the Veterans’ Benefits Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C. chapters
5 51, 53, and 55), the funding source for which is specifi-
6 cally provided as the “Compensation and pensions” appro-
7 priation: *Provided further*, That such sums as may be
8 earned on an actual qualifying patient basis, shall be reim-
9 bursed to “Medical facilities revolving fund” to augment
10 the funding of individual medical facilities for nursing
11 home care provided to pensioners as authorized by the
12 Veterans’ Benefits Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C. chapter 55).

13 READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

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

23 VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

24 For military and naval insurance, national service life
25 insurance, servicemen’s indemnities, service-disabled vet-
26 erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as

1 authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 19; 70 Stat. 887; 72
2 Stat. 487, \$51,360,000, to remain available until ex-
3 pended.

4 VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND PROGRAM

5 ACCOUNT

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

21 EDUCATION LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

23 For the cost of direct loans, \$1,000, as authorized
24 by 38 U.S.C. 3698, as amended: *Provided*, That such
25 costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be
26 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act

1 of 1974, as amended: *Provided further*, That these funds
2 are available to subsidize gross obligations for the prin-
3 cipal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$3,000.

4 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
5 carry out the direct loan program, \$200,000; which may
6 be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for
7 “General operating expenses”.

8 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT
9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 For the cost of direct loans, \$44,000, as authorized
11 by 38 U.S.C. chapter 31, as amended: *Provided*, That such
12 costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be
13 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
14 of 1974, as amended: *Provided further*, That these funds
15 are available to subsidize gross obligations for the prin-
16 cipal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$2,278,000.

17 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
18 carry out the direct loan program, \$388,000, which may
19 be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for
20 “General operating expenses”.

21 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM
22 ACCOUNT
23 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

24 For administrative expenses to carry out the direct
25 loan program authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, sub-
26 chapter V, as amended, \$515,000, which may be trans-

1 ferred to and merged with the appropriation for “General
2 operating expenses”.

3 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

4 MEDICAL CARE

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For necessary expenses for the maintenance and op-
7 eration of hospitals, nursing homes, and domiciliary facili-
8 ties; for furnishing, as authorized by law, inpatient and
9 outpatient care and treatment to beneficiaries of the De-
10 partment of Veterans Affairs, including care and treat-
11 ment in facilities not under the jurisdiction of the Depart-
12 ment; and furnishing recreational facilities, supplies, and
13 equipment; funeral, burial, and other expenses incidental
14 thereto for beneficiaries receiving care in the Department;
15 administrative expenses in support of planning, design,
16 project management, real property acquisition and disposi-
17 tion, construction and renovation of any facility under the
18 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department; oversight,
19 engineering and architectural activities not charged to
20 project cost; repairing, altering, improving or providing fa-
21 cilities in the several hospitals and homes under the juris-
22 diction of the Department, not otherwise provided for, ei-
23 ther by contract or by the hire of temporary employees
24 and purchase of materials; uniforms or allowances there-
25 for, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; aid to State
26 homes as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 1741; administrative

1 and legal expenses of the Department for collecting and
2 recovering amounts owed the Department as authorized
3 under 38 U.S.C. chapter 17, and the Federal Medical
4 Care Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.; and not to
5 exceed \$8,000,000 to fund cost comparison studies as re-
6 ferred to in 38 U.S.C. 8110(a)(5); \$16,958,846,000, plus
7 reimbursements: *Provided*, That of the funds made avail-
8 able under this heading, \$565,000,000 is for the equip-
9 ment and land and structures object classifications only,
10 which amount shall not become available for obligation
11 until August 1, 1998, and shall remain available until Sep-
12 tember 30, 1999: *Provided further*, That funds under this
13 heading shall be available for medical examinations re-
14 quired for benefits claims under title 38, United States
15 Code: *Provided further*, That of the amount made available
16 under this heading, not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall be for
17 a study on the cost-effectiveness of contracting with local
18 hospitals in East Central Florida for the provision of non-
19 emergent inpatient health care needs of veterans.

20 In addition, contingent on enactment of legislation
21 establishing the Medical Collections Fund, such sums as
22 may be derived pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 1729(g) shall be
23 deposited to such Fund and may be transferred to this
24 account, to remain available until expended for the pur-
25 poses of this account.

1 MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

2 For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of
3 medical and prosthetic research and development as au-
4 thorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 73, to remain available until
5 September 30, 1999, \$267,000,000, plus reimbursements:
6 *Provided*, That of the funds made available under this
7 heading, \$20,000,000 shall be for medical research relat-
8 ing to Gulf War Illnesses afflicting Persian Gulf Veterans.

9 MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS

10 OPERATING EXPENSES

11 For necessary expenses in the administration of the
12 medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,
13 supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-
14 ministrative expenses in support of planning, design,
15 project management, architectural, engineering, real prop-
16 erty acquisition and disposition, construction and renova-
17 tion of any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use
18 of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including site ac-
19 quisition; engineering and architectural activities not
20 charged to project cost; and research and development in
21 building construction technology; \$60,160,000, plus reim-
22 bursements.

23 GENERAL POST FUND, NATIONAL HOMES

24 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

25 For the cost of direct loans, \$7,000, as authorized
26 by Public Law 102-54, section 8, which shall be trans-

1 ferred from the “General post fund”: *Provided*, That such
2 costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be
3 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
4 of 1974, as amended: *Provided further*, That these funds
5 are available to subsidize gross obligations for the prin-
6 cipal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$70,000.

7 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
8 the direct loan programs, \$54,000, which shall be trans-
9 ferred from the “General post fund”, as authorized by
10 Public Law 102–54, section 8.

11 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

12 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

13 For necessary operating expenses of the Department
14 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including
15 uniforms or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for
16 official reception and representation expenses; hire of pas-
17 senger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General
18 Services Administration for security guard services, and
19 the Department of Defense for the cost of overseas em-
20 ployee mail; \$853,385,000: *Provided*, That funds under
21 this heading shall be available to administer the Service
22 Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act: *Pro-*
23 *vided further*, That funds under this heading shall be avail-
24 able for the conduct of medical examinations requested by
25 the Veterans Benefits Administration in connection with

1 claims for benefits under title 38, United States Code:
2 *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available
3 under this heading may be used for the relocation of the
4 loan guaranty divisions of the Department of Veterans Af-
5 fairs Regional Office in St. Petersburg, Florida to the De-
6 partment of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Atlanta,
7 Georgia.

8 NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM

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

15 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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

19 CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR 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, or for any of the
23 purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406, 8102,
24 8103, 8106, 8108, 8109, 8110, and 8122 of title 38, Unit-
25 ed States Code, including planning, architectural and en-
26 gineering services, maintenance or guarantee period serv-

1 ices costs associated with equipment guarantees provided
2 under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility
3 and storm drainage system construction costs, and site ac-
4 quisition, where the estimated cost of a project is
5 \$4,000,000 or more or where funds for a project were
6 made available in a previous major project appropriation,
7 \$155,600,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
8 *vided*, That except for advance planning of projects funded
9 through the advance planning fund and the design of
10 projects funded through the design fund, none of these
11 funds shall be used for any project which has not been
12 considered and approved by the Congress in the budgetary
13 process: *Provided further*, That funds provided in this ap-
14 propriation for fiscal year 1998, for each approved project
15 shall be obligated (1) by the awarding of a construction
16 documents contract by September 30, 1998, and (2) by
17 the awarding of a construction contract by September 30,
18 1999: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall promptly
19 report in writing to the Comptroller General and to the
20 Committees on Appropriations any approved major con-
21 struction project in which obligations are not incurred
22 within the time limitations established above; and the
23 Comptroller General shall review the report in accordance
24 with the procedures established by section 1015 of the Im-
25 poundment Control Act of 1974 (title X of Public Law

1 93–344): *Provided further*, That no funds from any other
2 account except the “Parking revolving fund”, may be obli-
3 gated for constructing, altering, extending, or improving
4 a project which was approved in the budget process and
5 funded in this account until one year after substantial
6 completion and beneficial occupancy by the Department
7 of Veterans Affairs of the project or any part thereof with
8 respect to that part only.

9 CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

10 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving
11 any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use
12 of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including plan-
13 ning, architectural and engineering services, maintenance
14 or guarantee period services costs associated with equip-
15 ment guarantees provided under the project, services of
16 claims analysts, offsite utility and storm drainage system
17 construction costs, and site acquisition, or for any of the
18 purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406, 8102,
19 8103, 8106, 8108, 8109, 8110, and 8122 of title 38, Unit-
20 ed States Code, where the estimated cost of a project is
21 less than \$4,000,000; \$175,000,000, to remain available
22 until expended, along with unobligated balances of pre-
23 vious “Construction, minor projects” appropriations which
24 are hereby made available for any project where the esti-
25 mated cost is less than \$4,000,000: *Provided*, That funds
26 in this account shall be available for (1) repairs to any

1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 SEC. 101. Any appropriation for fiscal year 1998 for
4 “Compensation and pensions”, “Readjustment benefits”,
5 and “Veterans insurance and indemnities” may be trans-
6 ferred to any other of the mentioned appropriations.

7 SEC. 102. Appropriations available to the Depart-
8 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998 for salaries
9 and expenses shall be available for services authorized by
10 5 U.S.C. 3109.

11 SEC. 103. No appropriations in this Act for the De-
12 partment of Veterans Affairs (except the appropriations
13 for “Construction, major projects”, “Construction, minor
14 projects”, and the “Parking revolving fund”) shall be
15 available for the purchase of any site for or toward the
16 construction of any new hospital or home.

17 SEC. 104. No appropriations in this Act for the De-
18 partment of Veterans Affairs shall be available for hos-
19 pitalization or examination of any persons (except bene-
20 ficiaries entitled under the laws bestowing such benefits
21 to veterans, and persons receiving such treatment under
22 5 U.S.C. 7901–7904 or 42 U.S.C. 5141–5204), unless re-
23 imbursement of cost is made to the “Medical care” ac-
24 count at such rates as may be fixed by the Secretary of
25 Veterans Affairs.

1 SEC. 105. Appropriations available to the Depart-
2 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998 for “Com-
3 pensation and pensions”, “Readjustment benefits”, and
4 “Veterans insurance and indemnities” shall be available
5 for payment of prior year accrued obligations required to
6 be recorded by law against the corresponding prior year
7 accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year 1997.

8 SEC. 106. Appropriations accounts available to the
9 Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998 shall
10 be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding
11 prior year appropriations accounts resulting from title X
12 of the Competitive Equality Banking Act, Public Law
13 100–86, except that if such obligations are from trust
14 fund accounts they shall be payable from “Compensation
15 and pensions”.

16 SEC. 107. Notwithstanding any other provision of
17 law, during fiscal year 1998, the Secretary of Veterans
18 Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance
19 Fund (38 U.S.C. 1920), the Veterans’ Special Life Insur-
20 ance Fund (38 U.S.C. 1923), and the United States Gov-
21 ernment Life Insurance Fund (38 U.S.C. 1955), reim-
22 burse the “General operating expenses” account for the
23 cost of administration of the insurance programs financed
24 through those accounts: *Provided*, That reimbursement
25 shall be made only from the surplus earnings accumulated

1 in an insurance program in fiscal year 1998, that are
2 available for dividends in that program after claims have
3 been paid and actuarially determined reserves have been
4 set aside: *Provided further*, That if the cost of administra-
5 tion of an insurance program exceeds the amount of sur-
6 plus earnings accumulated in that program, reimburse-
7 ment shall be made only to the extent of such surplus
8 earnings: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall deter-
9 mine the cost of administration for fiscal year 1998, which
10 is properly allocable to the provision of each insurance pro-
11 gram and to the provision of any total disability income
12 insurance included in such insurance program.

13 TITLE II

14 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN

15 DEVELOPMENT

16 PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

17 HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND

18 For activities and assistance to prevent the involun-
19 tary displacement of low-income families, the elderly and
20 the disabled because of the loss of affordable housing
21 stock, expiration of subsidy contracts (other than con-
22 tracts for which amounts are provided under the head
23 “Preserving Existing Housing Investment”) or expiration
24 of use restrictions, or other changes in housing assistance
25 arrangements, and for other purposes, \$10,393,000,000,

1 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the
2 total amount provided under this heading, \$9,200,000,000
3 shall be for assistance under the United States Housing
4 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437) for use in connection with
5 expiring or terminating section 8 subsidy contracts: *Pro-*
6 *vided further*, That the Secretary may determine not to
7 apply section 8(o)(6)(B) of the Act to housing vouchers
8 during fiscal year 1998: *Provided further*, That of the total
9 amount provided under this heading, \$850,000,000 shall
10 be for amendments to section 8 contracts other than con-
11 tracts for projects developed under section 202 of the
12 Housing Act of 1959, as amended: *Provided further*, That
13 of the total amount provided under this heading,
14 \$343,000,000 shall be for section 8 rental assistance
15 under the United States Housing Act including assistance
16 to relocate residents of properties (i) that are owned by
17 the Secretary and being disposed of or (ii) that are dis-
18 continuing section 8 project-based assistance; for the con-
19 version of section 23 projects to assistance under section
20 8; for funds to carry out the family unification program;
21 and for the relocation of witnesses in connection with ef-
22 forts to combat crime in public and assisted housing pur-
23 suant to a request from a law enforcement or prosecution
24 agency: *Provided further*, That of the total amount made
25 available in the preceding proviso, \$50,000,000 shall be

1 made available to nonelderly disabled families affected by
 2 the designation of a public housing development under sec-
 3 tion 7 of such Act or the establishment of preferences in
 4 accordance with section 651 of the Housing and Commu-
 5 nity Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13611).

6 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ASSISTED HOUSING
 7 (INCLUDING RESCISSION AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the
 9 amounts recaptured under this heading during fiscal year
 10 1998 and prior years, \$565,000,000, heretofore main-
 11 tained as section 8 reserves made available to housing
 12 agencies for tenant-based assistance under the section 8
 13 existing housing certificate and housing voucher pro-
 14 grams, are rescinded.

15 All balances remaining in the Preserving Existing
 16 Housing Investment Account for Preservation shall be
 17 transferred to and merged with the amounts previously
 18 provided for those purposes under this head.

19 PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND
 20 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

21 For the Public Housing Capital Fund Program under
 22 the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42
 23 U.S.C. 1437), \$2,500,000,000, to remain available until
 24 expended for modernization of existing public housing
 25 projects as authorized under section 14 of such Act: *Pro-*
 26 *vided*, That of the total amount, \$30,000,000 shall be for

1 carrying out activities under section 6(j) of such Act and
2 technical assistance for the inspection of public housing
3 units, contract expertise, and training and technical assist-
4 ance directly or indirectly, under grants, contracts, or co-
5 operative agreements, to assist in the oversight and man-
6 agement of public housing (whether or not the housing
7 is being modernized with assistance under this proviso)
8 or tenant-based assistance, including, but not limited to,
9 an annual resident survey, data collection and analysis,
10 training and technical assistance by or to officials and em-
11 ployees of the Department and of public housing agencies
12 and to residents in connection with the public housing pro-
13 gram and for lease adjustments to section 23 projects:
14 *Provided further*, That of the amount available under this
15 heading, \$5,000,000 shall be for the Tenant Opportunity
16 Program: *Provided further*, That all balances, as of Sep-
17 tember 30, 1997, of funds heretofore provided (other than
18 for Indian families) for the development or acquisition
19 costs of public housing, for modernization of existing pub-
20 lic housing projects, for public housing amendments, for
21 public housing modernization and development technical
22 assistance, for lease adjustments under the section 23 pro-
23 gram, and for the Family Investment Centers program,
24 shall be transferred to and merged with amounts made
25 available under this heading.

1 PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For payments to public housing agencies for operat-
4 ing subsidies for low-income housing projects as author-
5 ized by section 9 of the United States Housing Act of
6 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437g), \$2,900,000,000, to
7 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That all bal-
8 ances outstanding, as of September 30, 1997, of funds
9 heretofore provided (other than for Indian families) for
10 payments to public housing agencies for operating sub-
11 sidies for low-income housing projects, shall be transferred
12 to and merged with amounts made available under this
13 heading.

14 DRUG ELIMINATION GRANTS FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 For grants to public and Indian housing agencies for
17 use in eliminating crime in public housing projects author-
18 ized by 42 U.S.C. 11901–11908, for grants for federally
19 assisted low-income housing authorized by 42 U.S.C.
20 11909, and for drug information clearinghouse services
21 authorized by 42 U.S.C. 11921–11925, \$290,000,000, to
22 remain available until expended, of which \$10,000,000
23 shall be for grants, technical assistance, contracts and
24 other assistance training, program assessment, and execu-
25 tion for or on behalf of public housing agencies, resident
26 organizations, and Indian Tribes and their Tribally des-

1 ignated housing entities (including the cost of necessary
2 travel for participants in such training); \$10,000,000 shall
3 be used in connection with efforts to combat violent crime
4 in public and assisted housing under the Operation Safe
5 Home Program administered by the Inspector General of
6 the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
7 \$10,000,000 shall be provided to the Office of Inspector
8 General for Operation Safe Home: *Provided*, That the
9 term “drug-related crime”, as defined in 42 U.S.C.
10 11905(2), shall also include other types of crime as deter-
11 mined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That notwith-
12 standing section 5130(c) of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of
13 1988 (42 U.S.C. 11909(c)), the Secretary may determine
14 not to use any such funds to provide public housing youth
15 sports grants.

16 REVITALIZATION OF SEVERELY DISTRESSED PUBLIC
17 HOUSING (HOPE VI)

18 For grants to public housing agencies for assisting
19 in the demolition of obsolete public housing projects or
20 portions thereof, the revitalization (where appropriate) of
21 sites (including remaining public housing units) on which
22 such projects are located, replacement housing which will
23 avoid or lessen concentrations of very low-income families,
24 and tenant-based assistance in accordance with section 8
25 of the United States Housing Act of 1937; and for provid-
26 ing replacement housing and assisting tenants to be dis-

1 placed by the demolition, \$524,000,000, to remain avail-
2 able until expended, of which the Secretary may use up
3 to \$5,000,000 for technical assistance, to be provided di-
4 rectly or indirectly by grants, contracts or cooperative
5 agreements, including training and cost of necessary travel
6 for participants in such training, by or to officials and em-
7 ployees of the Department and of public housing agencies
8 and to residents: *Provided*, That no funds appropriated
9 in this title shall be used for any purpose that is not pro-
10 vided for herein, in the Housing Act of 1937, in the Ap-
11 propriations Acts for Veterans Affairs, Housing and
12 Urban Development, and Independent Agencies, for the
13 fiscal years 1993, 1994, and 1995, and the Omnibus Con-
14 solidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996:
15 *Provided further*, That none of such funds shall be used
16 directly or indirectly by granting competitive advantage in
17 awards to settle litigation or pay judgments, unless ex-
18 pressly permitted herein.

19 NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

21 For the Native American Housing Block Grants pro-
22 gram, as authorized under title I of the Native American
23 Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996
24 (Public Law 104–330), \$650,000,000, to remain available
25 until expended, of which \$5,000,000 shall be used to sup-
26 port the inspection of Indian housing units, contract ex-

1 pertise, training, and technical assistance in the oversight
2 and management of Indian housing and tenant-based as-
3 sistance, including up to \$200,000 for related travel: *Pro-*
4 *vided*, That all balances outstanding as of September 30,
5 1997, previously appropriated under the headings “An-
6 nual Contributions for Assisted Housing”, “Development
7 of Additional New Subsidized Housing”, “Preserving Ex-
8 isting Housing Development”, “HOME Investment Part-
9 nerships Program”, “Emergency Shelter Grants Pro-
10 gram”, and “Homeless Assistance Funds”, identified for
11 Indian Housing Authorities and other agencies primarily
12 serving Indians or Indian areas, shall be transferred to
13 and merged with amounts made under this heading.

14 INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM

15 ACCOUNT

16 For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by
17 section 184 of the Housing and Community Development
18 Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 3739) \$3,000,000, to remain avail-
19 able until expended: *Provided*, That such costs, including
20 the costs of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in
21 section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as
22 amended: *Provided further*, That these funds are available
23 to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to
24 be guaranteed, not to exceed \$36,900,000.

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
5 Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901),
6 \$204,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
7 *vided*, That of the amount made available under this head-
8 ing for non-formula allocation, the Secretary may des-
9 ignate, on a noncompetitive basis, one or more nonprofit
10 organizations that provide meals delivered to homebound
11 persons with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or a re-
12 lated disease to receive grants, not exceeding \$250,000 for
13 any grant, and the Secretary shall assess the efficacy of
14 providing such assistance to such persons.

15 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For grants to States and units of general local gov-
18 ernment and for related expenses, not otherwise provided
19 for, to carry out a community development grants pro-
20 gram as authorized by title I of the Housing and Commu-
21 nity Development Act of 1974, as amended (the “Act”
22 herein) (42 U.S.C. 5301), \$4,600,000,000, to remain
23 available until September 30, 2000: *Provided*, That
24 \$67,000,000 shall be for grants to Indian tribes notwith-
25 standing section 106(a)(1) of the Act; \$2,100,000 shall
26 be available as a grant to the Housing Assistance Council;

1 \$1,500,000 shall be available as a grant to the National
2 American Indian Housing Council; \$25,100,000 shall be
3 for grants pursuant to section 107 of such Act;
4 \$11,500,000 shall be for the Community Outreach Part-
5 nership program; \$16,700,000 shall be for grants pursu-
6 ant to section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program
7 Extension Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–120): *Provided*
8 *further*, That not to exceed 20 percent of any grant made
9 with funds appropriated herein (other than a grant made
10 available under the preceding proviso to the Housing As-
11 sistance Council or the National American Indian Housing
12 Council, or a grant using funds under section 107(b)(3)
13 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974,
14 as amended) shall be expended for “Planning and Man-
15 agement Development” and “Administration” as defined
16 in regulations promulgated by the Department.

17 Of the amount provided under this heading, the Sec-
18 retary of Housing and Urban Development may use up
19 to \$50,000,000 for grants to public housing agencies (in-
20 cluding Indian housing authorities), nonprofit corpora-
21 tions, and other appropriate entities for a supportive serv-
22 ices program to assist residents of public and assisted
23 housing, former residents of such housing receiving ten-
24 ant-based assistance under section 8 of such Act (42
25 U.S.C. 1437f), and other low-income families and individ-

1 uals to become self-sufficient: *Provided*, That the program
2 shall provide supportive services, principally for the benefit
3 of public housing residents, to the elderly and the disabled,
4 and to families with children where the head of household
5 would benefit from the receipt of supportive services and
6 is working, seeking work, or is preparing for work by par-
7 ticipating in job training or educational programs: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That the supportive services may include
9 congregate services for the elderly and disabled, service co-
10 ordinators, and coordinated educational, training, and
11 other supportive services, including academic skills train-
12 ing, job search assistance, assistance related to retaining
13 employment, vocational and entrepreneurship development
14 and support programs, transportation, and child care:
15 *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall require applica-
16 tions to demonstrate firm commitments of funding or serv-
17 ices from other sources: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
18 retary shall select public and Indian housing agencies to
19 receive assistance under this head on a competitive basis,
20 taking into account the quality of the proposed program,
21 including any innovative approaches, the extent of the pro-
22 posed coordination of supportive services, the extent of
23 commitments of funding or services from other sources,
24 the extent to which the proposed program includes reason-
25 ably achievable, quantifiable goals for measuring perform-

1 ance under the program over a three-year period, the ex-
2 tent of success an agency has had in carrying out other
3 comparable initiatives, and other appropriate criteria es-
4 tablished by the Secretary.

5 Of the amount provided under this heading,
6 \$50,000,000 shall be for Economic Development Grants.

7 Of the amount made available under this heading,
8 notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$30,000,000
9 shall be available for youthbuild program activities author-
10 ized by subtitle D of title IV of the Cranston-Gonzalez
11 National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, and such
12 activities shall be an eligible activity with respect to any
13 funds made available under this heading.

14 Of the amount made available under this heading,
15 notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$60,000,000
16 shall be available for the lead-based paint hazard reduc-
17 tion program as authorized under sections 1011 and 1053
18 of the Residential Lead-Based Hazard Reduction Act of
19 1992.

20 For the cost of guaranteed loans, \$29,000,000, as au-
21 thorized by section 108 of the Housing and Community
22 Development Act of 1974: *Provided*, That such costs, in-
23 cluding the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-
24 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of
25 1974, as amended: *Provided further*, That these funds are

1 available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of
2 which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$1,261,000,000,
3 notwithstanding any aggregate limitation on outstanding
4 obligations guaranteed in section 108(k) of the Housing
5 and Community Development Act. In addition, for admin-
6 istrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan pro-
7 gram, \$1,000,000, which shall be transferred to and
8 merged with the appropriation for departmental salaries
9 and expenses.

10 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

11 For the HOME investment partnerships program, as
12 authorized under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-
13 tional Affordable Housing Act (Public Law 101-625), as
14 amended, \$1,500,000,000, to remain available until ex-
15 pended: *Provided*, That up to \$7,000,000 shall be available
16 for the development and operation of integrated commu-
17 nity development management information systems: *Pro-*
18 *vided further*, That \$15,000,000 shall be available for
19 Housing Counseling under section 106 of the Housing and
20 Urban Development Act of 1968: *Provided further*, That
21 up to \$10,000,000 shall be available to carry out a dem-
22 onstration program in which the Secretary makes grants
23 to up to three non-profit community development financial
24 institutions (as defined in section 103(5) of the Commu-
25 nity Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act
26 of 1994), selected on a noncompetitive basis, to dem-

1 onstrate methods of expanding homeownership opportuni-
2 ties for low-wealth borrowers, including expanding the sec-
3 ondary market for non-conforming home mortgage loans
4 to low-wealth borrowers: *Provided further*, That grantees
5 shall have experience in working with lenders who make
6 non-conforming loans to low-income borrowers, have expe-
7 rience in expanding the secondary market for such loans,
8 have demonstrated success in carrying out such activities
9 with non-Federal funds, and have demonstrated the ability
10 to provide data on the performance of such loans sufficient
11 to allow analysis of the investment risk of such loans.

12 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM

13 (RESCISSION)

14 Of the funds made available under this heading in
15 Public Law 102–389 and prior laws for the Supportive
16 Housing Demonstration Program, as authorized by the
17 Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act,
18 \$6,000,000 of funds recaptured during fiscal year 1998
19 shall be rescinded.

20 SHELTER PLUS CARE

21 (RESCISSION)

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

1 HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

2 For the emergency shelter grants program (as au-
3 thorized under subtitle B of title IV of the Stewart B.
4 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended); the
5 supportive housing program (as authorized under subtitle
6 C of title IV of such Act); the section 8 moderate rehabili-
7 tation single room occupancy program (as authorized
8 under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amend-
9 ed) to assist homeless individuals pursuant to section 441
10 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act; and
11 the shelter plus care program (as authorized under sub-
12 title F of title IV of such Act), \$823,000,000, to remain
13 available until expended.

14 HOUSING PROGRAMS

15 HOUSING FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 For assistance for the purchase, construction, acqui-
18 sition, or development of additional public and subsidized
19 housing units for low income families under the United
20 States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C.
21 1437), not otherwise provided for, \$839,000,000, to re-
22 main available until expended: *Provided*, That of the total
23 amount provided under this heading, \$645,000,000 shall
24 be for capital advances, including amendments to capital
25 advance contracts, for housing for the elderly, as author-
26 ized by section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amend-

1 ed, and for project rental assistance, and amendments to
2 contracts for project rental assistance, for supportive
3 housing for the elderly under section 202(c)(2) of the
4 Housing Act of 1959; and \$194,000,000 shall be for cap-
5 ital advances, including amendments to capital advance
6 contracts, for supportive housing for persons with disabil-
7 ities, as authorized by section 811 of the Cranston-Gon-
8 zalez National Affordable Housing Act, and for project
9 rental assistance, and amendments to contracts for project
10 rental assistance, for supportive housing for persons with
11 disabilities as authorized by section 811 of such Act: *Pro-*
12 *vided further*, That the Secretary may designate up to 25
13 percent of the amounts earmarked under this paragraph
14 for section 811 of such Act for tenant-based assistance,
15 as authorized under that section, including such authority
16 as may be waived under the next proviso, which assistance
17 is five years in duration: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
18 retary may waive any provision of section 202 of the
19 Housing Act of 1959 and section 811 of the National Af-
20 fordable Housing Act (including the provisions governing
21 the terms and conditions of project rental assistance and
22 tenant-based assistance) that the Secretary determines is
23 not necessary to achieve the objectives of these programs,
24 or that otherwise impedes the ability to develop, operate
25 or administer projects assisted under these programs, and

1 may make provision for alternative conditions or terms
2 where appropriate: *Provided further*, That all obligated
3 and unobligated balances remaining in either the “Annual
4 Contributions for Assisted Housing” account or the “De-
5 velopment of Additional New Subsidized Housing” ac-
6 count for capital advances, including amendments to cap-
7 ital advances, for housing for the elderly, as authorized
8 by section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended,
9 and for project rental assistance, and amendments to con-
10 tracts for project rental assistance, for supportive housing
11 for the elderly, under section 202(c)(2) of such Act, shall
12 be transferred to and merged with the amounts for those
13 purposes under this heading; and, all obligated and unobli-
14 gated balances remaining in either the “Annual Contribu-
15 tions for Assisted Housing” account or the “Development
16 of Additional New Subsidized Housing” account for cap-
17 ital advances, including amendments to capital advances,
18 for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as au-
19 thorized by section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzales National
20 Affordable Housing Act, and for project rental assistance,
21 and amendments to contracts for project rental assistance,
22 for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as au-
23 thorized under section 811 of such Act, shall be trans-
24 ferred to and merged with the amounts for those purposes
25 under this heading.

1 OTHER ASSISTED HOUSING PROGRAMS
2 RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE
3 (RESCISSION)

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

12 FLEXIBLE SUBSIDY FUND
13 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

14 From the Rental Housing Assistance Fund, all un-
15 committed balances of excess rental charges as of Septem-
16 ber 30, 1997, and any collections made during fiscal year
17 1998, shall be transferred to the Flexible Subsidy Fund,
18 as authorized by section 236(g) of the National Housing
19 Act, as amended.

20 FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION
21 FHA—MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM
22 ACCOUNT
23 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

24 During fiscal year 1998, commitments to guarantee
25 loans to carry out the purposes of section 203(b) of the

1 *vided*, That these funds are available to subsidize total
2 loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, of
3 up to \$17,400,000,000: *Provided further*, That any
4 amounts made available in any prior appropriations Act
5 for the cost (as such term is defined in section 502 of
6 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) of guaranteed
7 loans that are obligations of the funds established under
8 section 238 or 519 of the National Housing Act that have
9 not been obligated or that are deobligated shall be avail-
10 able to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
11 in connection with the making of such guarantees and
12 shall remain available until expended, notwithstanding the
13 expiration of any period of availability otherwise applicable
14 to such amounts.

15 Gross obligations for the principal amount of direct
16 loans, as authorized by sections 204(g), 207(l), 238(a),
17 and 519(a) of the National Housing Act, shall not exceed
18 \$120,000,000; of which not to exceed \$100,000,000 shall
19 be for bridge financing in connection with the sale of mul-
20 tifamily real properties owned by the Secretary and for-
21 merly insured under such Act; and of which not to exceed
22 \$20,000,000 shall be for loans to nonprofit and govern-
23 mental entities in connection with the sale of single-family
24 real properties owned by the Secretary and formerly in-
25 sured under such Act.

1 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
 2 carry out the guaranteed and direct loan programs,
 3 \$222,305,000, of which \$218,134,000, including
 4 \$25,000,000 for the enforcement of housing standards on
 5 FHA-insured multifamily projects, shall be transferred to
 6 the appropriation for departmental salaries and expenses;
 7 and of which \$4,171,000 shall be transferred to the appro-
 8 priation for the Office of Inspector General.

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

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

17 For administrative expenses necessary to carry out
 18 the guaranteed mortgage-backed securities program,
 19 \$9,383,000, to be derived from the Ginnie Mae-guarantees
 20 of mortgage-backed securities guaranteed loan receipt ac-
 21 count, of which not to exceed \$9,383,000 shall be trans-
 22 ferred to the appropriation for salaries and expenses.

23 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH
 24 RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

25 For contracts, grants, and necessary expenses of pro-
 26 grams of research and studies relating to housing and

1 urban problems, not otherwise provided for, as authorized
2 by title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act
3 of 1970, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 et seq.), includ-
4 ing carrying out the functions of the Secretary under sec-
5 tion 1(a)(1)(i) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1968,
6 \$39,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
7 1999.

8 FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

9 FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

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

21 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

22 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

23 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

24 For necessary administrative and non-administrative
25 expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-
26 opment, not otherwise provided for, including not to ex-

1 ceed \$7,000 for official reception and representation ex-
2 penses, \$1,005,826,000, of which \$544,443,000 shall be
3 provided from the various funds of the Federal Housing
4 Administration, \$9,383,000 shall be provided from funds
5 of the Government National Mortgage Association, and
6 \$1,000,000 shall be provided from the “Community Devel-
7 opment Grants Program” account.

8 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
11 General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978,
12 as amended, \$66,850,000, of which \$11,283,000 shall be
13 provided from the various funds of the Federal Housing
14 Administration and \$10,000,000 shall be provided from
15 the amount earmarked for Operation Safe Home in the
16 “Drug Elimination Grants for Low Income Housing” ac-
17 count.

18 OFFICE OF FEDERAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE OVERSIGHT
19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 For carrying out the Federal Housing Enterprise Fi-
22 nancial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992, \$16,312,000,
23 to remain available until expended, to be derived from the
24 Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight Fund: *Provided,*
25 That not to exceed such amount shall be available from
26 the General Fund of the Treasury to the extent necessary

1 to incur obligations and make expenditures pending the
2 receipt of collections to the Fund: *Provided further*, That
3 the General Fund amount shall be reduced as collections
4 are received during the fiscal year so as to result in a final
5 appropriation from the General Fund estimated at not
6 more than \$0.

7 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

8 SEC. 201. DELAY REISSUANCE OF VOUCHERS AND
9 CERTIFICATES.—

10 Section 403(c) of The Balanced Budget Downpay-
11 ment Act, I is amended—

12 (A) by striking “fiscal years 1996 and 1997”
13 and inserting “fiscal years 1996, 1997, and 1998”;
14 and

15 (B) by inserting before the semicolon the fol-
16 lowing: “and October 1, 1998 for assistance made
17 available during fiscal year 1998”.

18 SEC. 202. SECTION 8 RENT ADJUSTMENTS.—Section
19 8(c)(2)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 is
20 amended—

21 (1) in the third sentence, by striking “fiscal
22 year 1997” and inserting “fiscal years 1997 and
23 1998”; and

24 (2) in the last sentence, by striking “fiscal year
25 1997” and inserting “fiscal years 1997 and 1998”.

1 SEC. 203. The part of the HUD 1996 Community
2 Development Block Grant to the State of Illinois which
3 is administered by the State of Illinois Department of
4 Commerce and Community Affairs (grant number B-96-
5 DC-170001) and which, in turn, was granted by the Illi-
6 nois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to
7 the city of Oglesby, Illinois, located in LaSalle County, Illi-
8 nois (State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Com-
9 munity Affairs grant number 96-24104), for the purpose
10 of providing infrastructure for a warehouse in Oglesby, Il-
11 linois, is exempt from the provisions of section 104(g)(2),
12 (g)(3), and (g)(4) of title I of the Housing and Community
13 Development Act of 1974 as amended.

14 SEC. 204. ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS.—Sec-
15 tion 8(c)(2)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
16 is amended by inserting the following new sentences at
17 the end: “In establishing annual adjustment factors for
18 units in new construction and substantial rehabilitation
19 projects, the Secretary shall take into account the fact
20 that debt service is a fixed expense. The immediately fore-
21 going sentence shall be effective only during fiscal year
22 1998.”.

23 SEC. 205. MINIMUM RENTS.—Section 402(a) of The
24 Balanced Budget Downpayment Act, I (Public Law 104-

1 99; 110 Stat. 40) is amended by inserting “and fiscal year
2 1998” after “fiscal year 1997”.

3 SEC. 206. HOME PROGRAM FORMULA.—The first
4 sentence of section 217(b)(3) of the Cranston-Gonzalez
5 National Affordable Housing Act is amended by striking
6 “only those jurisdictions that are allocated an amount of
7 \$500,000 or greater shall receive an allocation” and in-
8 serting in lieu thereof the following: “jurisdictions that are
9 allocated an amount of \$500,000 or more, and participat-
10 ing jurisdictions (other than consortia that fail to renew
11 the membership of all of their member jurisdictions) that
12 are allocated an amount less than \$500,000, shall receive
13 an allocation”.

14 TITLE III—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

15 AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

16 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

17 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
18 of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including
19 the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign coun-
20 tries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of
21 national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United
22 States and its territories and possessions; rent of office
23 and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one for
24 replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles;
25 and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign coun-

1 tries, when required by law of such countries;
2 \$26,897,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
3 *vided*, That where station allowance has been authorized
4 by the Department of the Army for officers of the Army
5 serving the Army at certain foreign stations, the same al-
6 lowance shall be authorized for officers of the Armed
7 Forces assigned to the Commission while serving at the
8 same foreign stations, and this appropriation is hereby
9 made available for the payment of such allowance: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That when traveling on business of the Com-
11 mission, officers of the Armed Forces serving as members
12 or as Secretary of the Commission may be reimbursed for
13 expenses as provided for civilian members of the Commis-
14 sion: *Provided further*, That the Commission shall reim-
15 burse other Government agencies, including the Armed
16 Forces, for salary, pay, and allowances of personnel as-
17 signed to it.

18 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
19 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
20 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
21 FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

22 For grants, loans, and technical assistance to qualify-
23 ing community development lenders, and administrative
24 expenses of the Fund, \$125,000,000, to remain available
25 until September 30, 1999, of which \$20,000,000 may be

1 used for the cost of direct loans, and up to \$1,000,000
2 may be used for administrative expenses to carry out the
3 direct loan program: *Provided*, That the cost of direct
4 loans, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be
5 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
6 of 1974: *Provided further*, That these funds are available
7 to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of
8 direct loans not to exceed \$53,000,000: *Provided further*,
9 That not more than \$40,000,000 of the funds made avail-
10 able under this heading may be used for programs and
11 activities authorized in section 114 of the Community De-
12 velopment Banking and Financial Institutions Act of
13 1994.

14 CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

15 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

16 For necessary expenses of the Consumer Product
17 Safety Commission, including hire of passenger motor ve-
18 hicles, services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at
19 rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equiv-
20 alent to the maximum rate payable under 5 U.S.C. 5376,
21 purchase of nominal awards to recognize non-Federal offi-
22 cials' contributions to Commission activities, and not to
23 exceed \$500 for official reception and representation ex-
24 penses, \$44,000,000.

1 CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
2 NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS
3 OPERATING EXPENSES
4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 For necessary expenses for the Corporation for Na-
6 tional and Community Service (referred to in the matter
7 under this heading as the “Corporation”) in carrying out
8 programs, activities, and initiatives under the National
9 and Community Service Act of 1990 (referred to in the
10 matter under this heading as the “Act”) (42 U.S.C. 12501
11 et seq.), \$400,500,000, to remain available until Septem-
12 ber 30, 1999: *Provided*, That not more than \$29,000,000
13 shall be available for administrative expenses authorized
14 under section 501(a)(4) of the Act (42 U.S.C.
15 12671(a)(4)): *Provided further*, That not more than
16 \$2,500 shall be for official reception and representation
17 expenses: *Provided further*, That not more than
18 \$69,000,000, to remain available without fiscal year limi-
19 tation, shall be transferred to the National Service Trust
20 account for educational awards authorized under subtitle
21 D of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.), of which
22 not to exceed \$10,000,000 shall be available for national
23 service scholarships for high school students performing
24 community service: *Provided further*, That not more than
25 \$201,000,000 of the amount provided under this heading
26 shall be available for grants under the National Service

1 Trust program authorized under subtitle C of title I of
2 the Act (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.) (relating to activities
3 including the Americorps program): *Provided further*,
4 That not more than \$5,500,000 of the funds made avail-
5 able under this heading shall be made available for the
6 Points of Light Foundation for activities authorized under
7 title III of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12661 et seq.): *Provided*
8 *further*, That no funds shall be available for national serv-
9 ice programs run by Federal agencies authorized under
10 section 121(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12571(b)): *Provided*
11 *further*, That to the maximum extent feasible, funds ap-
12 propriated under subtitle C of title I of the Act shall be
13 provided in a manner that is consistent with the rec-
14 ommendations of peer review panels in order to ensure
15 that priority is given to programs that demonstrate qual-
16 ity, innovation, replicability, and sustainability: *Provided*
17 *further*, That not more than \$18,000,000 of the funds
18 made available under this heading shall be available for
19 the Civilian Community Corps authorized under subtitle
20 E of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12611 et seq.): *Provided*
21 *further*, That not more than \$43,000,000 shall be available
22 for school-based and community-based service-learning
23 programs authorized under subtitle B of title I of the Act
24 (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.): *Provided further*, That not
25 more than \$30,000,000 shall be available for quality and

1 innovation activities authorized under subtitle H of title
2 I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12853 et seq.): *Provided further*,
3 That not more than \$5,000,000 shall be available for au-
4 dits and other evaluations authorized under section 179
5 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12639): *Provided further*, That to
6 the maximum extent practicable, the Corporation shall in-
7 crease significantly the level of matching funds and in-
8 kind contributions provided by the private sector, shall ex-
9 pand 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
14 General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978,
15 as amended, \$2,000,000.

16 COURT OF VETERANS APPEALS

17 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

18 For necessary expenses for the operation of the Unit-
19 ed States Court of Veterans Appeals as authorized by 38
20 U.S.C. sections 7251–7298, \$9,319,000, of which
21 \$790,000, shall be available for the purpose of providing
22 financial assistance as described, and in accordance with
23 the process and reporting procedures set fourth, under
24 this heading in 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
6 National 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
15 development activities, which shall include research and
16 development activities under the Comprehensive Environ-
17 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
18 1980 (CERCLA), as amended; necessary expenses for per-
19 sonnel and related costs and travel expenses, including
20 uniforms, or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5
21 U.S.C. 5901–5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C.
22 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per
23 diem rate equivalent to the rate for GS–18; procurement
24 of laboratory equipment and supplies; other operating ex-
25 penses in support of research and development; construc-
26 tion, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of

1 facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project,
2 \$656,223,000, which shall remain available until Septem-
3 ber 30, 1999: *Provided*, That \$35,000,000 of the funds
4 appropriated under this heading shall be transferred to
5 the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
6 to conduct and administer a comprehensive, peer-reviewed
7 particulate matter research program.

8 ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

9 For environmental programs and management, in-
10 cluding necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for
11 personnel and related costs and travel expenses, including
12 uniforms, or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5
13 U.S.C. 5901–5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C.
14 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per
15 diem rate equivalent to the rate for GS–18; hire of pas-
16 senger motor vehicles; hire, maintenance, and operation
17 of aircraft; purchase of reprints; library memberships in
18 societies or associations which issue publications to mem-
19 bers only or at a price to members lower than to subscrib-
20 ers who are not members; construction, alteration, repair,
21 rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed
22 \$75,000 per project; and not to exceed \$6,000 for official
23 reception and representation expenses, \$1,763,352,000,
24 which shall remain available until September 30, 1999.

1 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

2 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
3 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector
4 General Act of 1978, as amended, and for construction,
5 alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facili-
6 ties, not to exceed \$75,000 per project, \$28,501,000, to
7 remain available until September 30, 1999.

8 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

9 For construction, repair, improvement, extension, al-
10 teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities of,
11 or for use by, the Environmental Protection Agency,
12 \$182,120,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
13 *vided*, That the Environmental Protection Agency is au-
14 thorized to establish and construct a consolidated research
15 facility at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, at a
16 maximum total construction cost of \$272,700,000, and to
17 obligate such monies as are made available by this Act
18 for this purpose.

19 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SUPERFUND

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 For necessary expenses to carry out the Comprehen-
22 sive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-
23 ity Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, including sec-
24 tions 111 (c)(3), (c)(5), (c)(6), and (e)(4) (42 U.S.C.
25 9611), and for construction, alteration, repair, rehabilita-
26 tion, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000

1 per project; not to exceed \$1,500,699,000, to remain avail-
2 able until expended, consisting of \$1,250,699,000, as au-
3 thorized by section 517(a) of the Superfund Amendments
4 and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), as amended by
5 Public Law 101-508, and \$250,000,000 as a payment
6 from general revenues to the Hazardous Substance
7 Superfund as authorized by section 517(b) of SARA, as
8 amended by Public Law 101-508: *Provided*, That funds
9 appropriated under this heading may be allocated to other
10 Federal agencies in accordance with section 111(a) of
11 CERCLA: *Provided further*, That \$11,641,000 of the
12 funds appropriated under this heading shall be transferred
13 to the “Office of Inspector General” appropriation to re-
14 main available until September 30, 1999: *Provided further*,
15 That notwithstanding section 111(m) of CERCLA or any
16 other provision of law, \$80,000,000 of the funds appro-
17 priated under this heading shall be available to the Agency
18 for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to carry out
19 activities described in sections 104(i), 111(c)(4), and
20 111(c)(14) of CERCLA and section 118(f) of SARA: *Pro-*
21 *vided further*, That \$35,000,000 of the funds appropriated
22 under this heading shall be transferred to the “Science
23 and Technology” appropriation to remain available until
24 September 30, 1999: *Provided further*, That \$85,000,000
25 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be for

1 Brownfields assessments, training and administrative ex-
2 penses only: *Provided further*, That none of the funds ap-
3 propriated under this heading shall be available for the
4 Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to
5 issue in excess of 40 toxicological profiles pursuant to sec-
6 tion 104(i) of CERCLA during fiscal year 1998.

7 LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 For necessary expenses to carry out leaking under-
10 ground storage tank cleanup activities authorized by sec-
11 tion 205 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthoriza-
12 tion Act of 1986, and for construction, alteration, repair,
13 rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed
14 \$75,000 per project, \$60,000,000, to remain available
15 until expended: *Provided*, That no more than \$9,100,000
16 shall be available for administrative expenses.

17 OIL SPILL RESPONSE

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 For expenses necessary to carry out the Environ-
20 mental Protection Agency's responsibilities under the Oil
21 Pollution Act of 1990, \$15,000,000, to be derived from
22 the Oil Spill Liability trust fund, and to remain available
23 until expended: *Provided*, That not more than \$9,000,000
24 of these funds shall be available for administrative ex-
25 penses.

1 STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

2 For environmental programs and infrastructure as-
3 sistance, including capitalization grants for State revolv-
4 ing funds and performance partnership grants,
5 \$3,026,182,000, to remain available until expended, of
6 which \$1,250,000,000 shall be for making capitalization
7 grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds under
8 Title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as
9 amended, and \$750,000,000 shall be for capitalization
10 grants for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds
11 under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as
12 amended; \$50,000,000 for architectural, engineering,
13 planning, design, construction and related activities in
14 connection with the construction of high priority water
15 and wastewater facilities in the area of the United States-
16 Mexico Border, after consultation with the appropriate
17 border commission; \$50,000,000 for grants to the State
18 of Texas, which shall be matched by an equal amount of
19 State funds from State resources, for the purpose of im-
20 proving wastewater treatment for colonias; \$15,000,000
21 for grants to the State of Alaska to address drinking water
22 and wastewater infrastructure needs of rural and Alaska
23 Native Villages as provided by section 303 of Public Law
24 104-182; \$160,925,000 for making grants for the con-
25 struction of wastewater and water treatment facilities and

1 the development of groundwater in accordance with the
2 terms and conditions specified for such grants in the re-
3 port accompanying this Act; and \$750,257,000 for grants
4 to States, federally recognized tribes, and air pollution
5 control agencies for multi-media or single media pollution
6 prevention, control and abatement and related activities
7 pursuant to the provisions set forth under this heading
8 in Public Law 104–134 and for making grants under sec-
9 tion 103 of the Clean Air Act for particulate matter mon-
10 itoring and data collection activities: *Provided*, That, be-
11 ginning in fiscal year 1998 and thereafter from funds ap-
12 propriated under this heading, the Administrator is au-
13 thorized to make grants to federally recognized Indian
14 governments for the development of multi-media environ-
15 mental programs: *Provided further*, That, hereafter, the
16 funds available under this heading for grants to States,
17 federally recognized tribes, and air pollution control agen-
18 cies for multi-media or single media pollution prevention,
19 control, and abatement and related activities may also be
20 used for the direct implementation by the Federal Govern-
21 ment of a program required by law in the absence of an
22 acceptable State or tribal program.

23 WORKING CAPITAL FUND

24 Under this heading in Public Law 104–204, delete
25 the following: the phrases, “franchise fund pilot to be
26 known as the”; “as authorized by section 403 of Public

1 Law 103–356,”; and “as provided in such section”; and
2 the final proviso. After the phrase, “to be available”, in-
3 sert “without fiscal year limitation”.

4 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

5 OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

6 For necessary expenses of the Office of Science and
7 Technology Policy, in carrying out the purposes of the Na-
8 tional Science and Technology Policy, Organization, and
9 Priorities Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6601 and 6671), hire
10 of passenger motor vehicles, and services as authorized by
11 5 U.S.C. 3109, not to exceed \$2,500 for official reception
12 and representation expenses, and rental of conference
13 rooms in the District of Columbia, \$4,932,000.

14 COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND OFFICE OF
15 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

16 For necessary expenses to continue functions as-
17 signed to the Council on Environmental Quality and Office
18 of Environmental Quality pursuant to the National Envi-
19 ronmental Policy Act of 1969, the Environmental Quality
20 Improvement Act of 1970, and Reorganization Plan No.
21 1 of 1977, \$2,506,000: *Provided*, That notwithstanding
22 section 202 of the National Environmental Policy Act of
23 1970, the Council shall consist of one member, appointed
24 by the President, by and with the advice and consent of
25 the Senate, serving as Chairman and exercising all powers,
26 functions, and duties of the Council.

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

4 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
5 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector
6 General Act of 1978, as amended, \$34,365,000, to be de-
7 rived from the Bank Insurance Fund, the Savings Asso-
8 ciation Insurance Fund, and the FSLIC Resolution Fund.

9 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
10 DISASTER RELIEF

11 For necessary expenses in carrying out the Robert
12 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
13 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), \$500,000,000, and, notwith-
14 standing 42 U.S.C. 5203, to remain available until ex-
15 pended.

16 DISASTER ASSISTANCE DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

17 For the cost of direct loans, \$1,495,000, as author-
18 ized by section 319 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
19 lief and Emergency Assistance Act: *Provided*, That such
20 costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be
21 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
22 of 1974, as amended: *Provided further*, That these funds
23 are available to subsidize gross obligations for the prin-
24 cipal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$25,000,000.

25 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
26 the direct loan program, \$341,000.

1 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

2 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
3 including hire and purchase of motor vehicles as author-
4 ized by 31 U.S.C. 1343; uniforms, or allowances therefor,
5 as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; services as author-
6 ized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not
7 to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for GS–
8 18; expenses of attendance of cooperating officials and in-
9 dividuals at meetings concerned with the work of emer-
10 gency preparedness; transportation in connection with the
11 continuity of Government programs to the same extent
12 and in the same manner as permitted the Secretary of
13 a Military Department under 10 U.S.C. 2632; and not to
14 exceed \$2,500 for official reception and representation ex-
15 penses, \$171,773,000.

16 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

17 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
18 General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978,
19 as amended, \$4,803,000.

20 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE

21 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
22 to carry out activities under the National Flood Insurance
23 Act of 1968, as amended, and the Flood Disaster Protec-
24 tion Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.),
25 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency As-
26 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), the Earthquake

1 Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, as amended (42 U.S.C.
2 7701 et seq.), the Federal Fire Prevention and Control
3 Act of 1974, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.), the
4 Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C.
5 App. 2061 et seq.), sections 107 and 303 of the National
6 Security Act of 1947, as amended (50 U.S.C. 404–405),
7 and Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, \$321,646,000:
8 *Provided*, That for purposes of pre-disaster mitigation
9 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5131 (b) and (c) and 42 U.S.C.
10 5196 (e) and (i), \$50,000,000 of the funds made available
11 under this heading shall be available until expended for
12 project grants for State and local governments, and
13 \$60,000,000 of the funds made available under this head-
14 ing shall be available until expended for planning and con-
15 struction costs of a full-scale windstorm simulation center
16 in conjunction with the Partnership for Natural Disaster
17 Reduction.

18 EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM

19 To carry out an emergency food and shelter program
20 pursuant to title III of Public Law 100–77, as amended,
21 \$100,000,000: *Provided*, That total administrative costs
22 shall not exceed three and one-half percent of the total
23 appropriation.

1 NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE FUND
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For activities under the National Flood Insurance
4 Act of 1968, the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973,
5 and the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994,
6 not to exceed \$21,610,000 for salaries and expenses asso-
7 ciated with flood mitigation and flood insurance oper-
8 ations, and not to exceed \$78,464,000 for flood mitigation,
9 including up to \$20,000,000 for expenses under section
10 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act, which amount
11 shall be available for transfer to the National Flood Miti-
12 gation Fund until September 30, 1999. In fiscal year
13 1998, no funds in excess of (1) \$47,000,000 for operating
14 expenses, (2) \$375,165,000 for agents' commissions and
15 taxes, and (3) \$50,000,000 for interest on Treasury bor-
16 rowings shall be available from the National Flood Insur-
17 ance Fund without prior notice to the Committees on Ap-
18 propriations. For fiscal year 1998, flood insurance rates
19 shall not exceed the level authorized by the National Flood
20 Insurance Reform Act of 1994.

21 Section 1309(a)(2) of the National Flood Insurance
22 Act (42 U.S.C. 4016 (a)(2)), as amended by Public Law
23 104-208, is further amended by striking the date "1997"
24 and inserting in lieu thereof the date "1998".

1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

2 The Director of the Federal Emergency Management
3 Agency shall promulgate through rulemaking a methodol-
4 ogy for assessment and collection of fees to be assessed
5 and collected beginning in fiscal year 1998 applicable to
6 persons subject to the Federal Emergency Management
7 Agency's radiological emergency preparedness regulations.
8 The aggregate charges assessed pursuant to this section
9 during fiscal year 1998 shall approximate, but not be less
10 than, 100 per centum of the amounts anticipated by the
11 Federal Emergency Management Agency to be obligated
12 for its radiological emergency preparedness program for
13 such fiscal year. The methodology for assessment and col-
14 lection of fees shall be fair and equitable, and shall reflect
15 the full amount of costs of providing radiological emer-
16 gency planning, preparedness, response and associated
17 services. Such fees shall be assessed in a manner that re-
18 flects the use of agency resources for classes of regulated
19 persons and the administrative costs of collecting such
20 fees. Fees received pursuant to this section shall be depos-
21 ited in the general fund of the Treasury as offsetting re-
22 ceipts. Assessment and collection of such fees are only au-
23 thorized during fiscal year 1998.

1 GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
2 CONSUMER INFORMATION CENTER FUND

3 For necessary expenses of the Consumer Information
4 Center, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109,
5 \$2,419,000, to be deposited into the Consumer Informa-
6 tion Center Fund: *Provided*, That the appropriations, rev-
7 enues and collections deposited into the fund shall be
8 available for necessary expenses of Consumer Information
9 Center activities in the aggregate amount of \$7,500,000.
10 Appropriations, revenues, and collections accruing to this
11 fund during fiscal year 1998 in excess of \$7,500,000 shall
12 remain in the fund and shall not be available for expendi-
13 ture except as authorized in appropriations Acts: *Provided*
14 *further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law,
15 the Consumer Information Center may accept and deposit
16 to this account, during fiscal year 1998 and hereafter,
17 gifts for the purpose of defraying its costs of printing,
18 publishing, and distributing consumer information and
19 educational materials and undertaking other consumer in-
20 formation activities; may expend those gifts for those pur-
21 poses, in addition to amounts appropriated or otherwise
22 made available; and the balance shall remain available for
23 expenditure for such purpose.

1 NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
2 HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT

3 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
4 in the conduct and support of human space flight research
5 and development activities, including research, develop-
6 ment, operations, and services; maintenance; construction
7 of facilities including repair, rehabilitation, and modifica-
8 tion of real and personal property, and acquisition or con-
9 demnation of real property, as authorized by law; space
10 flight, spacecraft control and communications activities in-
11 cluding operations, production, and services; and pur-
12 chase, lease, charter, maintenance and operation of mis-
13 sion and administrative aircraft, \$5,426,500,000, to re-
14 main available until September 30, 1999.

15 SCIENCE, AERONAUTICS AND TECHNOLOGY

16 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
17 in the conduct and support of science, aeronautics and
18 technology research and development activities, including
19 research, development, operations, and services; mainte-
20 nance; construction of facilities including repair, rehabili-
21 tation, and modification of real and personal property, and
22 acquisition or condemnation of real property, as author-
23 ized by law; space flight, spacecraft control and commu-
24 nications activities including operations, production, and
25 services; and purchase, lease, charter, maintenance and
26 operation of mission and administrative aircraft,

1 \$5,690,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
2 1999.

3 MISSION SUPPORT

4 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
5 in carrying out mission support for human space flight
6 programs and science, aeronautical, and technology pro-
7 grams, including research operations and support; space
8 communications activities including operations, production
9 and services; maintenance; construction of facilities in-
10 cluding repair, rehabilitation, and modification of facili-
11 ties, minor construction of new facilities and additions to
12 existing facilities, facility planning and design, environ-
13 mental compliance and restoration, and acquisition or con-
14 demnation of real property, as authorized by law; program
15 management; personnel and related costs, including uni-
16 forms or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C.
17 5901–5902; travel expenses; purchase, lease, charter,
18 maintenance, and operation of mission and administrative
19 aircraft; not to exceed \$35,000 for official reception and
20 representation expenses; and purchase (not to exceed 33
21 for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehi-
22 cles; \$2,513,200,000, to remain available until September
23 30, 1999.

1 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

2 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
3 General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978,
4 as amended, \$18,300,000.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS
6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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, when any activity has been initiated
11 by the incurrence of obligations for construction of facili-
12 ties as authorized by law, such amount available for such
13 activity shall remain available until expended. This provi-
14 sion does not apply to the amounts appropriated in “Mis-
15 sion support” pursuant to the authorization for repair, re-
16 habilitation and modification of facilities, minor construc-
17 tion of new facilities and additions to existing facilities,
18 and facility planning and design.

19 Notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of
20 funds appropriated for “Human space flight”, “Science,
21 aeronautics and technology”, or “Mission support” by this
22 appropriations Act, the amounts appropriated for con-
23 struction of facilities shall remain available until Septem-
24 ber 30, 2000.

25 Notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of
26 funds appropriated for “Mission support” and “Office of

1 Inspector General”, amounts made available by this Act
2 for personnel and related costs and travel expenses of the
3 National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall re-
4 main available until September 30, 1998 and may be used
5 to enter into contracts for training, investigations, costs
6 associated with personnel relocation, and for other serv-
7 ices, to be provided during the next fiscal year.

8 Upon the determination by the Administrator that
9 such action is necessary, the Administrator may, with the
10 approval of the Office of Management and Budget, trans-
11 fer not to exceed \$150,000,000 of funds made available
12 in this Act to the National Aeronautics and Space Admin-
13 istration for “Science, aeronautics and technology” and
14 “Mission support” to “Human space flight” for the Inter-
15 national Space Station program, to be merged with and
16 to be available for the same purposes, and for the same
17 time period, as the appropriation to which transferred:
18 *Provided*, That such authority may not be used unless for
19 higher priority items than those for which originally ap-
20 propriated: *Provided further*, That the Administrator shall
21 notify the Congress promptly of all transfers made pursu-
22 ant to this authority.

1 NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

2 CENTRAL LIQUIDITY FACILITY

3 During fiscal year 1998, gross obligations of the Cen-
4 tral Liquidity Facility for the principal amount of new di-
5 rect loans to member credit unions, as authorized by the
6 National Credit Union Central Liquidity Facility Act (12
7 U.S.C. 1795), shall not exceed \$600,000,000: *Provided*,
8 That administrative expenses of the Central Liquidity Fa-
9 cility in fiscal year 1998 shall not exceed \$203,000.

10 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

11 RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

12 For necessary expenses in carrying out the National
13 Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C.
14 1861–1875), and the Act to establish a National Medal
15 of Science (42 U.S.C. 1880-1881); services as authorized
16 by 5 U.S.C. 3109; maintenance and operation of aircraft
17 and purchase of flight services for research support; acqui-
18 sition of aircraft; \$2,537,700,000, of which not to exceed
19 \$228,530,000 shall remain available until expended for
20 Polar research and operations support, and for reimburse-
21 ment to other Federal agencies for operational and science
22 support and logistical and other related activities for the
23 United States Antarctic program; the balance to remain
24 available until September 30, 1999: *Provided*, That re-
25 ceipts for scientific support services and materials fur-

1 nished by the National Research Centers and other Na-
2 tional Science Foundation supported research facilities
3 may be credited to this appropriation: *Provided further*,
4 That to the extent that the amount appropriated is less
5 than the total amount authorized to be appropriated for
6 included program activities, all amounts, including floors
7 and ceilings, specified in the authorizing Act for those pro-
8 gram activities or their subactivities shall be reduced pro-
9 portionally.

10 MAJOR RESEARCH EQUIPMENT

11 For necessary expenses of major construction
12 projects pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act
13 of 1950, as amended, \$175,000,000, to remain available
14 until expended.

15 EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

16 For necessary expenses in carrying out science and
17 engineering education and human resources programs and
18 activities pursuant to the National Science Foundation
19 Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1861–1875), includ-
20 ing services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 and rental
21 of conference rooms in the District of Columbia,
22 \$632,500,000, to remain available until September 30,
23 1999: *Provided*, That to the extent that the amount of
24 this appropriation is less than the total amount authorized
25 to be appropriated for included program activities, all
26 amounts, including floors and ceilings, specified in the au-

1 authorizing Act for those program activities or their sub-
2 activities shall be reduced proportionally.

3 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

4 For salaries and expenses necessary in carrying out
5 the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended
6 (42 U.S.C. 1861–1875); services authorized by 5 U.S.C.
7 3109; hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed
8 \$9,000 for official reception and representation expenses;
9 uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C.
10 5901–5902; rental of conference rooms in the District of
11 Columbia; reimbursement of the General Services Admin-
12 istration for security guard services and headquarters relo-
13 cation; \$136,950,000: *Provided*, That contracts may be
14 entered into under “Salaries and expenses” in fiscal year
15 1998 for maintenance and operation of facilities, and for
16 other services, to be provided during the next fiscal year.

17 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

18 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
19 General as authorized by the Inspector General Act of
20 1978, as amended, \$4,850,000, to remain available until
21 September 30, 1999.

22 NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

23 PAYMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT

24 CORPORATION

25 For payment to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Cor-
26 poration for use in neighborhood reinvestment activities,

1 as authorized by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corpora-
2 tion Act (42 U.S.C. 8101–8107), \$70,000,000.

3 SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

4 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

5 For necessary expenses of the Selective Service Sys-
6 tem, including expenses of attendance at meetings and of
7 training for uniformed personnel assigned to the Selective
8 Service System, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 4101–4118 for
9 civilian employees; and not to exceed \$1,000 for official
10 reception and representation expenses; \$23,413,000: *Pro-*
11 *vided*, That during the current fiscal year, the President
12 may exempt this appropriation from the provisions of 31
13 U.S.C. 1341, whenever he deems such action to be nec-
14 essary in the interest of national defense: *Provided further*,
15 That none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be
16 expended for or in connection with the induction of any
17 person into the Armed Forces of the United States.

18 TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

19 SEC. 401. Where appropriations in titles I, II, and
20 III of this Act are expendable for travel expenses and no
21 specific limitation has been placed thereon, the expendi-
22 tures for such travel expenses may not exceed the amounts
23 set forth therefore in the budget estimates submitted for
24 the appropriations: *Provided*, That this provision does not
25 apply to accounts that do not contain an object classifica-

1 tion for travel: *Provided further*, That this section shall
2 not apply to travel performed by uncompensated officials
3 of local boards and appeal boards of the Selective Service
4 System; to travel performed directly in connection with
5 care and treatment of medical beneficiaries of the Depart-
6 ment of Veterans Affairs; to travel performed in connec-
7 tion with major disasters or emergencies declared or deter-
8 mined by the President under the provisions of the Robert
9 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
10 Act; to travel performed by the Offices of Inspector Gen-
11 eral in connection with audits and investigations; or to
12 payments to interagency motor pools where separately set
13 forth in the budget schedules: *Provided further*, That if
14 appropriations in titles I, II, and III exceed the amounts
15 set forth in budget estimates initially submitted for such
16 appropriations, the expenditures for travel may cor-
17 respondingly exceed the amounts therefore set forth in the
18 estimates in the same proportion.

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

1 SEC. 403. Funds of the Department of Housing and
2 Urban Development subject to the Government Corpora-
3 tion Control Act or section 402 of the Housing Act of
4 1950 shall be available, without regard to the limitations
5 on administrative expenses, for legal services on a contract
6 or fee basis, and for utilizing and making payment for
7 services and facilities of Federal National Mortgage Asso-
8 ciation, Government National Mortgage Association, Fed-
9 eral Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Financ-
10 ing Bank, Federal Reserve banks or any member thereof,
11 Federal Home Loan banks, and any insured bank within
12 the meaning of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
13 Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1811–1831).

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

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

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

21 (A) such certification is accompanied by,
22 or is part of, a voucher or abstract which de-
23 scribes the payee or payees and the items or
24 services for which such expenditure is being
25 made, or

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

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

8 SEC. 406. None of the funds provided in this Act to
9 any department or agency may be expended for the trans-
10 portation of any officer or employee of such department
11 or agency between his domicile and his place of employ-
12 ment, with the exception of any officer or employee au-
13 thorized such transportation under 31 U.S.C. 1344 or 5
14 U.S.C. 7905.

15 SEC. 407. None of the funds provided in this Act may
16 be used for payment, through grants or contracts, to re-
17 cipients that do not share in the cost of conducting re-
18 search resulting from proposals not specifically solicited
19 by the Government: *Provided*, That the extent of cost
20 sharing by the recipient shall reflect the mutuality of in-
21 terest of the grantee or contractor and the Government
22 in the research.

23 SEC. 408. None of the funds in this Act may be used,
24 directly or through grants, to pay or to provide reimburse-
25 ment for payment of the salary of a consultant (whether

1 retained by the Federal Government or a grantee) at more
2 than the daily equivalent of the rate paid for level IV of
3 the Executive Schedule, unless specifically authorized by
4 law.

5 SEC. 409. None of the funds provided in this Act
6 shall be used to pay the expenses of, or otherwise com-
7 pensate, non-Federal parties intervening in regulatory or
8 adjudicatory proceedings. Nothing herein affects the au-
9 thority of the Consumer Product Safety Commission pur-
10 suant to section 7 of the Consumer Product Safety Act
11 (15 U.S.C. 2056 et seq.).

12 SEC. 410. Except as otherwise provided under exist-
13 ing law or under an existing Executive Order issued pur-
14 suant to an existing law, the obligation or expenditure of
15 any appropriation under this Act for contracts for any
16 consulting service shall be limited to contracts which are
17 (1) a matter of public record and available for public in-
18 spection, and (2) thereafter included in a publicly available
19 list of all contracts entered into within twenty-four months
20 prior to the date on which the list is made available to
21 the public and of all contracts on which performance has
22 not been completed by such date. The list required by the
23 preceding sentence shall be updated quarterly and shall
24 include a narrative description of the work to be per-
25 formed under each such contract.

1 SEC. 411. Except as otherwise provided by law, no
2 part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be
3 obligated or expended by any executive agency, as referred
4 to in the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41
5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), for a contract for services unless such
6 executive agency (1) has awarded and entered into such
7 contract in full compliance with such Act and the regula-
8 tions promulgated thereunder, and (2) requires any report
9 prepared pursuant to such contract, including plans, eval-
10 uations, studies, analyses and manuals, and any report
11 prepared by the agency which is substantially derived from
12 or substantially includes any report prepared pursuant to
13 such contract, to contain information concerning (A) the
14 contract pursuant to which the report was prepared, and
15 (B) the contractor who prepared the report pursuant to
16 such contract.

17 SEC. 412. Except as otherwise provided in section
18 406, none of the funds provided in this Act to any depart-
19 ment or agency shall be obligated or expended to provide
20 a personal cook, chauffeur, or other personal servants to
21 any officer or employee of such department or agency.

22 SEC. 413. None of the funds provided in this Act to
23 any department or agency shall be obligated or expended
24 to procure passenger automobiles as defined in 15 U.S.C.

1 2001 with an EPA estimated miles per gallon average of
2 less than 22 miles per gallon.

3 SEC. 414. None of the funds appropriated in title I
4 of this Act shall be used to enter into any new lease of
5 real property if the estimated annual rental is more than
6 \$300,000 unless the Secretary submits, in writing, a re-
7 port to the Committees on Appropriations of the Congress
8 and a period of 30 days has expired following the date
9 on which the report is received by the Committees on Ap-
10 propriations.

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

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

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

1 SEC. 417. Such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
2 year 1998 pay raises for programs funded by this Act shall
3 be absorbed within the levels appropriated in this Act.

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

11 SEC. 419. Corporations and agencies of the Depart-
12 ment of Housing and Urban Development which are sub-
13 ject to the Government Corporation Control Act, as
14 amended, are hereby authorized to make such expendi-
15 tures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority
16 available to each such corporation or agency and in accord
17 with law, and to make such contracts and commitments
18 without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by
19 section 104 of the Act as may be necessary in carrying
20 out the programs set forth in the budget for 1998 for such
21 corporation or agency except as hereinafter provided: *Pro-*
22 *vided*, That collections of these corporations and agencies
23 may be used for new loan or mortgage purchase commit-
24 ments only to the extent expressly provided for in this Act
25 (unless such loans are in support of other forms of assist-

1 ance provided for in this or prior appropriations Acts), ex-
2 cept that this proviso shall not apply to the mortgage in-
3 surance or guaranty operations of these corporations, or
4 where loans or mortgage purchases are necessary to pro-
5 tect the financial interest of the United States Govern-
6 ment.

7 SEC. 420. Notwithstanding section 320(g) of the
8 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(g)),
9 funds made available pursuant to authorization under
10 such section for fiscal year 1998 and prior fiscal years
11 may be used for implementing comprehensive conservation
12 and management plans.

13 SEC. 421. Such funds as may be necessary to carry
14 out the orderly termination of the Office of Consumer Af-
15 fairs shall be made available from funds appropriated to
16 the Department of Health and Human Services for fiscal
17 year 1998.

18 This Act may be cited as the “Departments of Veter-
19 ans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and
20 Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998”.

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