Proposed Appropriations Language

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS LANGUAGE

EXPLORATION CAPABILITIES (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in the conduct and support of exploration capabilities research and development activities, including research, development, operations, support and services; maintenance; construction of facilities including repair, rehabilitation, revitalization and modification of facilities, construction of new facilities and additions to existing facilities, facility planning and design, and acquisition or condemnation of real property, as authorized by law; environmental compliance and restoration; space flight, spacecraft control and communications activities including operations, production, and services; program management; personnel and related costs, including uniforms or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; travel expenses; purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed \$35,000 for official reception and representation expenses; and purchase, lease, charter, maintenance and operation of mission and administrative aircraft, \$8,456,400,000, to remain available until September 30, 2006, of which amounts as determined by the Administrator for salaries and benefits; training, travel and awards; facility and related costs; information technology services; science, engineering, fabricating and testing services; and other administrative services may be transferred to ``Exploration, science and aeronautics" in accordance with section 312(b) of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended by Public Law 106-377.

EXPLORATION, SCIENCE AND AERONAUTICS (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in the conduct and support of exploration, science and aeronautics research and development activities, including research, development, operations, support and services; maintenance; construction of facilities including repair, rehabilitation, revitalization, and modification of facilities, construction of new facilities and additions to existing facilities, facility planning and design, and restoration, and acquisition or condemnation of real property, as authorized by law; environmental compliance and restoration; space flight, spacecraft control and communications activities including operations, production, and services; program management; personnel and related costs, including uniforms or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; travel expenses; purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed \$35,000 for official reception and representation expenses; and purchase, lease, charter, maintenance and operation of mission and administrative aircraft, \$7,760,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2006, of which amounts as determined by the Administrator for salaries and benefits; training, travel and awards; facility and related costs; information technology services; science, engineering, fabricating and testing services; and other administrative services may be transferred to ``Exploration capabilities" in accordance with section 312(b) of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended by Public Law 106-377.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$27,600,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of funds appropriated for ``exploration, science and aeronautics", or ``exploration capabilities" by this appropriations Act, when any activity has been initiated by the incurrence of obligations for construction of facilities or environmental compliance and restoration activities as authorized by law, such amount available for such activity shall remain available until expended. This provision does not apply to the amounts appropriated for institutional minor revitalization and construction of facilities, and institutional facility planning and design.

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Notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of funds appropriated for ``Exploration, science and aeronautics", or ``Exploration capabilities" by this appropriations Act, the amounts appropriated for construction of facilities shall remain available until September 30, 2007.

From amounts made available in this Act for these activities, the Administration may transfer amounts between Exploration, science and aeronautics" account and exploration systems of the ``Exploration capabilities" account.

Funds for announced prizes otherwise authorized shall remain available, without fiscal year limitation, until the prize is claimed or the offer is withdrawn.

The unexpired balances of prior appropriations to NASA for activities for which funds are provided under this Act may be transferred to the new account established for the appropriation that provides such activity under this Act. Balances so transferred may be merged with funds in the newly established account and thereafter may be accounted for as one fund under the same terms and conditions.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 417. Section 312 of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Act of 1958, as amended, is further amended--

- (1) by striking the second Sec. "312" and inserting "313";
- (2) by inserting the title, "Full Cost Appropriations Account Structure", before Sec. 313;
- (3) in subsection (a)--
- (A) by striking ``Human space flight" and inserting ``Exploration Capabilities";
- (B) by striking ``Science, aeronautics and technology" and inserting ``Exploration, science and aeronautics"; and
- (C) by striking ``2002" and inserting ``2004"; and
- (4) by striking subsection (c), and inserting the following new subsection:
- ``(c) The unexpired balances of prior appropriations to the Administration for activities authorized under this Act may be transferred to the new account established for such activity in subsection (a). Balances so transferred may be merged with funds in the newly established account and thereafter may be accounted for as one fund under the same terms and conditions".
- SEC. 427. Of the amounts available to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, such sums as maybe necessary for the benefit of the families of the astronauts who died on board the Space Shuttle Columbia on February 1, 2003, are available under the terms of section 203(c)(13) of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended, independent of the limitations established therein.