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1 50 U.S.C. App. 540–548; 43 Stat. 122, 123; 45 Stat. 735;  
2 76 Stat. 1198); \$19,932,997,000, to remain available  
3 until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$26,380,000  
4 of the amount appropriated shall be reimbursed to “Gen-  
5 eral operating expenses” and “Medical care” for necessary  
6 expenses in implementing those provisions authorized in  
7 the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, and in  
8 the Veterans’ Benefits Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C. chapters  
9 51, 53, and 55), the funding source for which is specifi-  
10 cally provided as the “Compensation and pensions” appro-  
11 priation: *Provided further*, That such sums as may be  
12 earned on an actual qualifying patient basis, shall be reim-  
13 bursed to “Medical facilities revolving fund” to augment  
14 the funding of individual medical facilities for nursing  
15 home care provided to pensioners as authorized by the  
16 Veterans’ Benefits Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C. chapter 55).

17 READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

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

## 1 VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

2 For military and naval insurance, national service life  
3 insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled vet-  
4 erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as  
5 authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 19; 70 Stat. 887; 72  
6 Stat. 487, \$51,360,000, to remain available until ex-  
7 pended.

## 8 VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND PROGRAM

## 9 ACCOUNT

## 10 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

1           EDUCATION LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT  
2                           (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3           For the cost of direct loans, \$1,000, as authorized  
4 by 38 U.S.C. 3698, as amended: *Provided*, That such  
5 costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be  
6 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act  
7 of 1974, as amended: *Provided further*, That these funds  
8 are available to subsidize gross obligations for the prin-  
9 cipal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$3,000.

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

14           VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT  
15                           (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

23          In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
24 carry out the direct loan program, \$388,000, which may  
25 be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for  
26 “General operating expenses”.

1 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM  
2 ACCOUNT  
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 For administrative expenses to carry out the direct  
5 loan program authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, sub-  
6 chapter V, as amended, \$515,000, which may be trans-  
7 ferred to and merged with the appropriation for “General  
8 operating expenses”.

9 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION  
10 MEDICAL CARE  
11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 For necessary expenses for the maintenance and op-  
13 eration of hospitals, nursing homes, and domiciliary facili-  
14 ties; for furnishing, as authorized by law, inpatient and  
15 outpatient care and treatment to beneficiaries of the De-  
16 partment of Veterans Affairs, including care and treat-  
17 ment in facilities not under the jurisdiction of the Depart-  
18 ment; and furnishing recreational facilities, supplies, and  
19 equipment; funeral, burial, and other expenses incidental  
20 thereto for beneficiaries receiving care in the Department;  
21 administrative expenses in support of planning, design,  
22 project management, real property acquisition and disposi-  
23 tion, construction and renovation of any facility under the  
24 jurisdiction or for the use of the Department; oversight,  
25 engineering and architectural activities not charged to  
26 project cost; repairing, altering, improving or providing fa-

1 cilities in the several hospitals and homes under the juris-  
2 diction of the Department, not otherwise provided for, ei-  
3 ther by contract or by the hire of temporary employees  
4 and purchase of materials; uniforms or allowances there-  
5 for, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; aid to State  
6 homes as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 1741; administrative  
7 and legal expenses of the Department for collecting and  
8 recovering amounts owed the Department as authorized  
9 under 38 U.S.C. chapter 17, and the Federal Medical  
10 Care Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.; and not to  
11 exceed \$8,000,000 to fund cost comparison studies as re-  
12 ferred to in 38 U.S.C. 8110(a)(5); \$16,958,846,000 (in-  
13 creased by \$48,000,000), plus reimbursements: *Provided*,  
14 That of the funds made available under this heading,  
15 \$565,000,000 is for the equipment and land and struc-  
16 tures object classifications only, which amount shall not  
17 become available for obligation until August 1, 1998, and  
18 shall remain available until September 30, 1999: *Provided*  
19 *further*, That funds under this heading shall be available  
20 for medical examinations required for benefits claims  
21 under title 38, United States Code: *Provided further*, That  
22 of the amount made available under this heading, not to  
23 exceed \$5,000,000 shall be for a study on the cost-effec-  
24 tiveness of contracting with local hospitals in East Central

1 Florida for the provision of non-emergent inpatient health  
2 care needs of veterans.

3 In addition, contingent on enactment of legislation  
4 establishing the Medical Collections Fund, such sums as  
5 may be derived pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 1729(g) shall be  
6 deposited to such Fund and may be transferred to this  
7 account, to remain available until expended for the pur-  
8 poses of this account.

9 MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

10 For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of  
11 medical and prosthetic research and development as au-  
12 thorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 73, to remain available until  
13 September 30, 1999, \$267,000,000 (increased by  
14 \$25,000,000), plus reimbursements: *Provided*, That of the  
15 funds made available under this heading, \$20,000,000 (in-  
16 creased by \$5,000,000) shall be for medical research relat-  
17 ing to Gulf War Illnesses afflicting Persian Gulf Veterans.

18 MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS

19 OPERATING EXPENSES

20 For necessary expenses in the administration of the  
21 medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,  
22 supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-  
23 ministrative expenses in support of planning, design,  
24 project management, architectural, engineering, real prop-  
25 erty acquisition and disposition, construction and renova-  
26 tion of any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use

1 of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including site ac-  
2 quisition; engineering and architectural activities not  
3 charged to project cost; and research and development in  
4 building construction technology; \$60,160,000, plus reim-  
5 bursements.

6           GENERAL POST FUND, NATIONAL HOMES

7                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

20                   DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

21                           GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

22           For necessary operating expenses of the Department  
23 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including  
24 uniforms or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for  
25 official reception and representation expenses; hire of pas-

1 senger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General  
2 Services Administration for security guard services, and  
3 the Department of Defense for the cost of overseas em-  
4 ployee mail; \$853,385,000: *Provided*, That funds under  
5 this heading shall be available to administer the Service  
6 Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act: *Pro-*  
7 *vided further*, That funds under this heading shall be avail-  
8 able for the conduct of medical examinations requested by  
9 the Veterans Benefits Administration in connection with  
10 claims for benefits under title 38, United States Code:  
11 *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available  
12 under this heading may be used for the relocation of the  
13 loan guaranty divisions of the Department of Veterans Af-  
14 fairs Regional Office in St. Petersburg, Florida to the De-  
15 partment of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Atlanta,  
16 Georgia.

17 NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM

18 For necessary expenses for the maintenance and op-  
19 eration of the National Cemetery System, not otherwise  
20 provided for, including uniforms or allowances therefor;  
21 cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase of  
22 three passenger motor vehicles for use in cemeterial oper-  
23 ations; and hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$84,183,000.

## 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, \$31,013,000.

## 5 CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

6 For constructing, altering, extending and improving  
7 any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use  
8 of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or for any of the  
9 purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406, 8102,  
10 8103, 8106, 8108, 8109, 8110, and 8122 of title 38, Unit-  
11 ed States Code, including planning, architectural and en-  
12 gineering services, maintenance or guarantee period serv-  
13 ices costs associated with equipment guarantees provided  
14 under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility  
15 and storm drainage system construction costs, and site ac-  
16 quisition, where the estimated cost of a project is  
17 \$4,000,000 or more or where funds for a project were  
18 made available in a previous major project appropriation,  
19 \$159,600,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
20 *vided*, That except for advance planning of projects funded  
21 through the advance planning fund and the design of  
22 projects funded through the design fund, none of these  
23 funds shall be used for any project which has not been  
24 considered and approved by the Congress in the budgetary  
25 process: *Provided further*, That funds provided in this ap-  
26 propriation for fiscal year 1998, for each approved project

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

20 CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

21 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving  
22 any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use  
23 of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including plan-  
24 ning, architectural and engineering services, maintenance  
25 or guarantee period services costs associated with equip-  
26 ment guarantees provided under the project, services of

1 claims analysts, offsite utility and storm drainage system  
2 construction costs, and site acquisition, or for any of the  
3 purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406, 8102,  
4 8103, 8106, 8108, 8109, 8110, and 8122 of title 38, Unit-  
5 ed States Code, where the estimated cost of a project is  
6 less than \$4,000,000; \$176,500,000, to remain available  
7 until expended, along with unobligated balances of pre-  
8 vious “Construction, minor projects” appropriations which  
9 are hereby made available for any project where the esti-  
10 mated cost is less than \$4,000,000: *Provided*, That funds  
11 in this account shall be available for (1) repairs to any  
12 of the nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for  
13 the use of the Department which are necessary because  
14 of loss or damage caused by any natural disaster or catas-  
15 trophe, and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent  
16 or to minimize further loss by such causes.

17 **PARKING REVOLVING FUND**

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

23 **GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE**  
24 **FACILITIES**

25 For grants to assist States to acquire or construct  
26 State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-

1 model, modify or alter existing hospital, nursing home and  
2 domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing care  
3 to veterans as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 8131–8137,  
4 \$54,500,000, to remain available until expended.

5 GRANTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STATE VETERAN  
6 CEMETERIES

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

11 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS  
12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

17 SEC. 102. Appropriations available to the Depart-  
18 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998 for salaries  
19 and expenses shall be available for services authorized by  
20 5 U.S.C. 3109.

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

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

10       SEC. 105. Appropriations available to the Depart-  
11       ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998 for “Com-  
12       pensation and pensions”, “Readjustment benefits”, and  
13       “Veterans insurance and indemnities” shall be available  
14       for payment of prior year accrued obligations required to  
15       be recorded by law against the corresponding prior year  
16       accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year 1997.

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

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

23        SEC. 108. (a) This section is enacted contingent on  
24 the enactment of legislation establishing the Medical Col-  
25 lections Fund.

1 (b) If the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines  
2 that the total amount to be recovered for fiscal year 1998  
3 for deposit to the Medical Collections Fund under the pro-  
4 visions of the legislation establishing such Fund will be  
5 less than the amount contained in the latest Congressional  
6 Budget Office baseline estimate (computed under section  
7 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Con-  
8 trol Act of 1985) for the amount of such recoveries for  
9 that fiscal year by at least \$25,000,000, the Secretary  
10 shall promptly certify to the Secretary of the Treasury the  
11 amount of the shortfall (as estimated by the Secretary of  
12 Veterans Affairs) that is in excess of \$25,000,000. Upon  
13 receipt of such a certification, the Secretary of the Treas-  
14 ury shall, not later than 30 days after receiving the certifi-  
15 cation, deposit in the Medical Collections Fund, from any  
16 unobligated amounts in the Treasury, an amount equal  
17 to the amount certified by the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
18 fairs.

19 (c) If a deposit is made under subsection (b) and the  
20 Secretary of Veterans Affairs subsequently determines  
21 that the actual amount recovered for fiscal year 1998 for  
22 deposit to the Medical Collections Fund—

23 (1) is greater than the amount estimated by the  
24 Secretary that was used for purposes of the certifi-  
25 cation by the Secretary under subsection (b), the

1 Secretary shall pay into the General Fund of the  
2 Treasury, from amounts available for medical care,  
3 an amount equal to the difference between the  
4 amount actually recovered and the amount so esti-  
5 mated (but not in excess of the amount of the de-  
6 posit under subsection (b) pursuant to such certifi-  
7 cation); or

8 (2) is less than the amount estimated by the  
9 Secretary that was used for purposes of the certifi-  
10 cation by the Secretary under subsection (b), the  
11 Secretary shall promptly certify to the Secretary of  
12 the Treasury the amount of the shortfall.

13 (d) Upon receipt of a certification from the Secretary  
14 of Veterans Affairs under subsection (c)(2), the Secretary  
15 of the Treasury shall, not later than 30 days after receiv-  
16 ing the certification, deposit in the Medical Collections  
17 Fund, from any unobligated amounts in the Treasury, an  
18 amount equal to the amount certified by the Secretary of  
19 Veterans Affairs.

1 TITLE II  
2 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
3 DEVELOPMENT  
4 PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING  
5 HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND

6 For activities and assistance to prevent the involun-  
7 tary displacement of low-income families, the elderly and  
8 the disabled because of the loss of affordable housing  
9 stock, expiration of subsidy contracts (other than con-  
10 tracts for which amounts are provided under the head  
11 “Preserving Existing Housing Investment”) or expiration  
12 of use restrictions, or other changes in housing assistance  
13 arrangements, and for other purposes, \$10,393,000,000,  
14 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the  
15 total amount provided under this heading, \$9,200,000,000  
16 shall be for assistance under the United States Housing  
17 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437) for use in connection with  
18 expiring or terminating section 8 subsidy contracts: *Pro-*  
19 *vided further*, That the Secretary may determine not to  
20 apply section 8(o)(6)(B) of the Act to housing vouchers  
21 during fiscal year 1998: *Provided further*, That of the total  
22 amount provided under this heading, \$850,000,000 shall  
23 be for amendments to section 8 contracts other than con-  
24 tracts for projects developed under section 202 of the  
25 Housing Act of 1959, as amended: *Provided further*, That

1 of the total amount provided under this heading,  
2 \$343,000,000 shall be for section 8 rental assistance  
3 under the United States Housing Act including assistance  
4 to relocate residents of properties (1) that are owned by  
5 the Secretary and being disposed of or (2) that are dis-  
6 continuing section 8 project-based assistance; for the con-  
7 version of section 23 projects to assistance under section  
8 8; for funds to carry out the family unification program;  
9 and for the relocation of witnesses in connection with ef-  
10 forts to combat crime in public and assisted housing pur-  
11 suant to a request from a law enforcement or prosecution  
12 agency: *Provided further*, That of the total amount made  
13 available in the preceding proviso, \$50,000,000 shall be  
14 made available to nonelderly disabled families affected by  
15 the designation of a public housing development under sec-  
16 tion 7 of such Act or the establishment of preferences in  
17 accordance with section 651 of the Housing and Commu-  
18 nity Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 1361l).

19 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ASSISTED HOUSING  
20 (INCLUDING RESCISSION AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the  
22 amounts recaptured under this heading during fiscal year  
23 1998 and prior years, \$565,000,000, heretofore main-  
24 tained as section 8 reserves made available to housing  
25 agencies for tenant-based assistance under the section 8

1 existing housing certificate and housing voucher pro-  
2 grams, are rescinded.

3 All balances remaining in the Preserving Existing  
4 Housing Investment Account for Preservation shall be  
5 transferred to and merged with the amounts previously  
6 provided for those purposes under this head.

7 PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND  
8 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 For the Public Housing Capital Fund Program under  
10 the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42  
11 U.S.C. 1437), \$2,500,000,000, to remain available until  
12 expended for modernization of existing public housing  
13 projects as authorized under section 14 of such Act: *Pro-*  
14 *vided*, That of the total amount, \$30,000,000 shall be for  
15 carrying out activities under section 6(j) of such Act and  
16 technical assistance for the inspection of public housing  
17 units, contract expertise, and training and technical assist-  
18 ance directly or indirectly, under grants, contracts, or co-  
19 operative agreements, to assist in the oversight and man-  
20 agement of public housing (whether or not the housing  
21 is being modernized with assistance under this proviso)  
22 or tenant-based assistance, including, but not limited to,  
23 an annual resident survey, data collection and analysis,  
24 training and technical assistance by or to officials and em-  
25 ployees of the Department and of public housing agencies  
26 and to residents in connection with the public housing pro-

1 gram and for lease adjustments to section 23 projects:  
2 *Provided further*, That of the amount available under this  
3 heading, \$5,000,000 shall be for the Tenant Opportunity  
4 Program: *Provided further*, That all balances, as of Sep-  
5 tember 30, 1997, of funds heretofore provided (other than  
6 for Indian families) for the development or acquisition  
7 costs of public housing, for modernization of existing pub-  
8 lic housing projects, for public housing amendments, for  
9 public housing modernization and development technical  
10 assistance, for lease adjustments under the section 23 pro-  
11 gram, and for the Family Investment Centers program,  
12 shall be transferred to and merged with amounts made  
13 available under this heading.

14 PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 For payments to public housing agencies for operat-  
17 ing subsidies for low-income housing projects as author-  
18 ized by section 9 of the United States Housing Act of  
19 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437g), \$2,900,000,000, to  
20 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That all bal-  
21 ances outstanding, as of September 30, 1997, of funds  
22 heretofore provided (other than for Indian families) for  
23 payments to public housing agencies for operating sub-  
24 sidies for low-income housing projects, shall be transferred  
25 to and merged with amounts made available under this  
26 heading.

1 DRUG ELIMINATION GRANTS FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING  
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For grants to public and Indian housing agencies for  
4 use in eliminating crime in public housing projects author-  
5 ized by 42 U.S.C. 11901–11908, for grants for federally  
6 assisted low-income housing authorized by 42 U.S.C.  
7 11909, and for drug information clearinghouse services  
8 authorized by 42 U.S.C. 11921–11925, \$290,000,000, to  
9 remain available until expended, of which \$10,000,000  
10 shall be for grants, technical assistance, contracts and  
11 other assistance training, program assessment, and execu-  
12 tion for or on behalf of public housing agencies, resident  
13 organizations, and Indian Tribes and their Tribally des-  
14 igned housing entities (including the cost of necessary  
15 travel for participants in such training); \$10,000,000 shall  
16 be used in connection with efforts to combat violent crime  
17 in public and assisted housing under the Operation Safe  
18 Home Program administered by the Inspector General of  
19 the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and  
20 \$10,000,000 shall be provided to the Office of Inspector  
21 General for Operation Safe Home: *Provided*, That the  
22 term “drug-related crime”, as defined in 42 U.S.C.  
23 11905(2), shall also include other types of crime as deter-  
24 mined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That notwith-  
25 standing section 5130(c) of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of  
26 1988 (42 U.S.C. 11909(c)), the Secretary may determine

1 not to use any such funds to provide public housing youth  
2 sports grants.

3 REVITALIZATION OF SEVERELY DISTRESSED PUBLIC  
4 HOUSING (HOPE VI)

5 For grants to public housing agencies for assisting  
6 in the demolition of obsolete public housing projects or  
7 portions thereof, the revitalization (where appropriate) of  
8 sites (including remaining public housing units) on which  
9 such projects are located, replacement housing which will  
10 avoid or lessen concentrations of very low-income families,  
11 and tenant-based assistance in accordance with section 8  
12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937; and for provid-  
13 ing replacement housing and assisting tenants to be dis-  
14 placed by the demolition, \$524,000,000, to remain avail-  
15 able until expended, of which the Secretary may use up  
16 to \$5,000,000 for technical assistance, to be provided di-  
17 rectly or indirectly by grants, contracts or cooperative  
18 agreements, including training and cost of necessary travel  
19 for participants in such training, by or to officials and em-  
20 ployees of the Department and of public housing agencies  
21 and to residents: *Provided*, That no funds appropriated  
22 in this title shall be used for any purpose that is not pro-  
23 vided for herein, in the Housing Act of 1937, in the Ap-  
24 propriations Acts for Veterans Affairs, Housing and  
25 Urban Development, and Independent Agencies, for the  
26 fiscal years 1993, 1994, and 1995, and the Omnibus Con-

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

6 NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 For the Native American Housing Block Grants pro-  
9 gram, as authorized under title I of the Native American  
10 Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996  
11 (Public Law 104–330), \$650,000,000, to remain available  
12 until expended, of which \$5,000,000 shall be used to sup-  
13 port the inspection of Indian housing units, contract ex-  
14 pertise, training, and technical assistance in the oversight  
15 and management of Indian housing and tenant-based as-  
16 sistance, including up to \$200,000 for related travel: *Pro-*  
17 *vided*, That all balances outstanding as of September 30,  
18 1997, previously appropriated under the headings “An-  
19 nual Contributions for Assisted Housing”, “Development  
20 of Additional New Subsidized Housing”, “Preserving Ex-  
21 isting Housing Development”, “HOME Investment Part-  
22 nerships Program”, “Emergency Shelter Grants Pro-  
23 gram”, and “Homeless Assistance Funds”, identified for  
24 Indian Housing Authorities and other agencies primarily  
25 serving Indians or Indian areas, shall be transferred to  
26 and merged with amounts made under this heading.

1 INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM  
2 ACCOUNT

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

12 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

13 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

14 For carrying out the Housing Opportunities for Per-  
15 sons with AIDS program, as authorized by the AIDS  
16 Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901),  
17 \$204,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
18 *vided*, That of the amount made available under this head-  
19 ing for non-formula allocation, the Secretary may des-  
20 ignate, on a noncompetitive basis, one or more nonprofit  
21 organizations that provide meals delivered to homebound  
22 persons with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or a re-  
23 lated disease to receive grants, not exceeding \$250,000 for  
24 any grant, and the Secretary shall assess the efficacy of  
25 providing such assistance to such persons.

## 1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

3 For grants to States and units of general local gov-  
4 ernment and for related expenses, not otherwise provided  
5 for, to carry out a community development grants pro-  
6 gram as authorized by title I of the Housing and Commu-  
7 nity Development Act of 1974, as amended (the “Act”  
8 herein) (42 U.S.C. 5301), \$4,600,000,000, to remain  
9 available until September 30, 2000: *Provided*, That  
10 \$67,000,000 shall be for grants to Indian tribes notwith-  
11 standing section 106(a)(1) of the Act; \$2,100,000 shall  
12 be available as a grant to the Housing Assistance Council;  
13 \$1,500,000 shall be available as a grant to the National  
14 American Indian Housing Council; \$25,100,000 shall be  
15 for grants pursuant to section 107 of such Act;  
16 \$11,500,000 shall be for the Community Outreach Part-  
17 nership program; \$16,700,000 shall be for grants pursu-  
18 ant to section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program  
19 Extension Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–120): *Provided*  
20 *further*, That not to exceed 20 percent of any grant made  
21 with funds appropriated herein (other than a grant made  
22 available under the preceding proviso to the Housing As-  
23 sistance Council or the National American Indian Housing  
24 Council, or a grant using funds under section 107(b)(3)  
25 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974,  
26 as amended) shall be expended for “Planning and Man-

1 agement Development” and “Administration” as defined  
2 in regulations promulgated by the Department.

3       Of the amount provided under this heading, the Sec-  
4 retary of Housing and Urban Development may use up  
5 to \$50,000,000 for grants to public housing agencies (in-  
6 cluding Indian housing authorities), nonprofit corpora-  
7 tions, and other appropriate entities for a supportive serv-  
8 ices program to assist residents of public and assisted  
9 housing, former residents of such housing receiving ten-  
10 ant-based assistance under section 8 of such Act (42  
11 U.S.C. 1437f), and other low-income families and individ-  
12 uals to become self-sufficient: *Provided*, That the program  
13 shall provide supportive services, principally for the benefit  
14 of public housing residents, to the elderly and the disabled,  
15 and to families with children where the head of household  
16 would benefit from the receipt of supportive services and  
17 is working, seeking work, or is preparing for work by par-  
18 ticipating in job training or educational programs: *Pro-*  
19 *vided further*, That the supportive services may include  
20 congregate services for the elderly and disabled, service co-  
21 ordinators, and coordinated educational, training, and  
22 other supportive services, including academic skills train-  
23 ing, job search assistance, assistance related to retaining  
24 employment, vocational and entrepreneurship development  
25 and support programs, transportation, and child care:

1 *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall require applica-  
2 tions to demonstrate firm commitments of funding or serv-  
3 ices from other sources: *Provided further*, That the Sec-  
4 retary shall select public and Indian housing agencies to  
5 receive assistance under this head on a competitive basis,  
6 taking into account the quality of the proposed program,  
7 including any innovative approaches, the extent of the pro-  
8 posed coordination of supportive services, the extent of  
9 commitments of funding or services from other sources,  
10 the extent to which the proposed program includes reason-  
11 ably achievable, quantifiable goals for measuring perform-  
12 ance under the program over a three-year period, the ex-  
13 tent of success an agency has had in carrying out other  
14 comparable initiatives, and other appropriate criteria es-  
15 tablished by the Secretary.

16       Of the amount provided under this heading,  
17 \$50,000,000 shall be for Economic Development Grants.

18       Of the amount made available under this heading,  
19 notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$30,000,000  
20 shall be available for youthbuild program activities author-  
21 ized by subtitle D of title IV of the Cranston-Gonzalez  
22 National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, and such  
23 activities shall be an eligible activity with respect to any  
24 funds made available under this heading.

1       Of the amount made available under this heading,  
2 notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$60,000,000  
3 shall be available for the lead-based paint hazard reduc-  
4 tion program as authorized under sections 1011 and 1053  
5 of the Residential Lead-Based Hazard Reduction Act of  
6 1992.

7       For the cost of guaranteed loans, \$29,000,000, as au-  
8 thorized by section 108 of the Housing and Community  
9 Development Act of 1974: *Provided*, That such costs, in-  
10 cluding the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-  
11 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of  
12 1974, as amended: *Provided further*, That these funds are  
13 available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of  
14 which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$1,261,000,000,  
15 notwithstanding any aggregate limitation on outstanding  
16 obligations guaranteed in section 108(k) of the Housing  
17 and Community Development Act. In addition, for admin-  
18 istrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan pro-  
19 gram, \$1,000,000, which shall be transferred to and  
20 merged with the appropriation for departmental salaries  
21 and expenses.

22           HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

23       For the HOME investment partnerships program, as  
24 authorized under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-  
25 tional Affordable Housing Act (Public Law 101–625), as  
26 amended, \$1,500,000,000, to remain available until ex-

1 pended: *Provided*, That up to \$7,000,000 shall be avail-  
2 able for the development and operation of integrated com-  
3 munity development management information systems:  
4 *Provided further*, That \$15,000,000 shall be available for  
5 Housing Counseling under section 106 of the Housing and  
6 Urban Development Act of 1968: *Provided further*, That  
7 up to \$10,000,000 shall be available to carry out a dem-  
8 onstration program in which the Secretary makes grants  
9 to up to three non-profit community development financial  
10 institutions (as defined in section 103(5) of the Commu-  
11 nity Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act  
12 of 1994), selected on a noncompetitive basis, to dem-  
13 onstrate methods of expanding homeownership opportuni-  
14 ties for low-wealth borrowers, including expanding the sec-  
15 ondary market for non-conforming home mortgage loans  
16 to low-wealth borrowers: *Provided further*, That grantees  
17 shall have experience in working with lenders who make  
18 non-conforming loans to low-income borrowers, have expe-  
19 rience in expanding the secondary market for such loans,  
20 have demonstrated success in carrying out such activities  
21 with non-Federal funds, and have demonstrated the ability  
22 to provide data on the performance of such loans sufficient  
23 to allow analysis of the investment risk of such loans.

## 1 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM

## 2 (RESCISSION)

3 Of the funds made available under this heading in  
4 Public Law 102–389 and prior laws for the Supportive  
5 Housing Demonstration Program, as authorized by the  
6 Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act,  
7 \$6,000,000 of funds recaptured during fiscal year 1998  
8 shall be rescinded.

## 9 SHELTER PLUS CARE

## 10 (RESCISSION)

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

## 16 HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

17 For the emergency shelter grants program (as au-  
18 thorized under subtitle B of title IV of the Stewart B.  
19 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended); the  
20 supportive housing program (as authorized under subtitle  
21 C of title IV of such Act); the section 8 moderate rehabili-  
22 tation single room occupancy program (as authorized  
23 under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amend-  
24 ed) to assist homeless individuals pursuant to section 441  
25 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act; and  
26 the shelter plus care program (as authorized under sub-

1 title F of title IV of such Act), \$823,000,000, to remain  
2 available until expended.

3 HOUSING PROGRAMS

4 HOUSING FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For assistance for the purchase, construction, acqui-  
7 sition, or development of additional public and subsidized  
8 housing units for low income families under the United  
9 States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C.  
10 1437), not otherwise provided for, \$839,000,000, to re-  
11 main available until expended: *Provided*, That of the total  
12 amount provided under this heading, \$645,000,000 shall  
13 be for capital advances, including amendments to capital  
14 advance contracts, for housing for the elderly, as author-  
15 ized by section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amend-  
16 ed, and for project rental assistance, and amendments to  
17 contracts for project rental assistance, for supportive  
18 housing for the elderly under section 202(c)(2) of the  
19 Housing Act of 1959; and \$194,000,000 shall be for cap-  
20 ital advances, including amendments to capital advance  
21 contracts, for supportive housing for persons with disabil-  
22 ities, as authorized by section 811 of the Cranston-Gon-  
23 zalez National Affordable Housing Act, and for project  
24 rental assistance, and amendments to contracts for project  
25 rental assistance, for supportive housing for persons with  
26 disabilities as authorized by section 811 of such Act: *Pro-*

1 *vided further*, That the Secretary may designate up to 25  
2 percent of the amounts earmarked under this paragraph  
3 for section 811 of such Act for tenant-based assistance,  
4 as authorized under that section, including such authority  
5 as may be waived under the next proviso, which assistance  
6 is five years in duration: *Provided further*, That the Sec-  
7 retary may waive any provision of section 202 of the  
8 Housing Act of 1959 and section 811 of the National Af-  
9 fordable Housing Act (including the provisions governing  
10 the terms and conditions of project rental assistance and  
11 tenant-based assistance) that the Secretary determines is  
12 not necessary to achieve the objectives of these programs,  
13 or that otherwise impedes the ability to develop, operate  
14 or administer projects assisted under these programs, and  
15 may make provision for alternative conditions or terms  
16 where appropriate: *Provided further*, That all obligated  
17 and unobligated balances remaining in either the “Annual  
18 Contributions for Assisted Housing” account or the “De-  
19 velopment of Additional New Subsidized Housing” ac-  
20 count for capital advances, including amendments to cap-  
21 ital advances, for housing for the elderly, as authorized  
22 by section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended,  
23 and for project rental assistance, and amendments to con-  
24 tracts for project rental assistance, for supportive housing  
25 for the elderly, under section 202(c)(2) of such Act, shall

1 be transferred to and merged with the amounts for those  
2 purposes under this heading; and, all obligated and unobli-  
3 gated balances remaining in either the “Annual Contribu-  
4 tions for Assisted Housing” account or the “Development  
5 of Additional New Subsidized Housing” account for cap-  
6 ital advances, including amendments to capital advances,  
7 for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as au-  
8 thorized by section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzales National  
9 Affordable Housing Act, and for project rental assistance,  
10 and amendments to contracts for project rental assistance,  
11 for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as au-  
12 thorized under section 811 of such Act, shall be trans-  
13 ferred to and merged with the amounts for those purposes  
14 under this heading.

15 OTHER ASSISTED HOUSING PROGRAMS

16 RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE

17 (RESCISSION)

18 The limitation otherwise applicable to the maximum  
19 payments that may be required in any fiscal year by all  
20 contracts entered into under section 236 of the National  
21 Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1) is reduced in fiscal year  
22 1998 by not more than \$7,350,000 in uncommitted bal-  
23 ances of authorizations provided for this purpose in appro-  
24 priation Acts: *Provided*, That up to \$125,000,000 of re-  
25 captured budget authority shall be canceled.

1 FLEXIBLE SUBSIDY FUND  
2 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 From the Rental Housing Assistance Fund, all un-  
4 committed balances of excess rental charges as of Septem-  
5 ber 30, 1997, and any collections made during fiscal year  
6 1998, shall be transferred to the Flexible Subsidy Fund,  
7 as authorized by section 236(g) of the National Housing  
8 Act, as amended.

9 FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION  
10 FHA—MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM  
11 ACCOUNT  
12 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

13 During fiscal year 1998, commitments to guarantee  
14 loans to carry out the purposes of section 203(b) of the  
15 National Housing Act, as amended, shall not exceed a loan  
16 principal of \$110,000,000,000.

17 During fiscal year 1998, obligations to make direct  
18 loans to carry out the purposes of section 204(g) of the  
19 National Housing Act, as amended, shall not exceed  
20 \$200,000,000: *Provided*, That the foregoing amount shall  
21 be for loans to nonprofit and governmental entities in con-  
22 nection with sales of single family real properties owned  
23 by the Secretary and formerly insured under the Mutual  
24 Mortgage Insurance Fund.

25 For administrative expenses necessary to carry out  
26 the guaranteed and direct loan program, \$333,421,000,

1 to be derived from the FHA-mutual mortgage insurance  
2 guaranteed loans receipt account, of which not to exceed  
3 \$326,309,000 shall be transferred to the appropriation for  
4 departmental salaries and expenses; and of which not to  
5 exceed \$7,112,000 shall be transferred to the appropria-  
6 tion for the Office of Inspector General.

7     FHA—GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT  
8                     (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9             For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by  
10 sections 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act (12  
11 U.S.C. 1715z-3 and 1735c), including the cost of loan  
12 guarantee modifications (as that term is defined in section  
13 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amend-  
14 ed), \$81,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
15 *vided*, That these funds are available to subsidize total  
16 loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, of  
17 up to \$17,400,000,000: *Provided further*, That any  
18 amounts made available in any prior appropriations Act  
19 for the cost (as such term is defined in section 502 of  
20 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) of guaranteed  
21 loans that are obligations of the funds established under  
22 section 238 or 519 of the National Housing Act that have  
23 not been obligated or that are deobligated shall be avail-  
24 able to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development  
25 in connection with the making of such guarantees and  
26 shall remain available until expended, notwithstanding the

1 expiration of any period of availability otherwise applicable  
2 to such amounts.

3       Gross obligations for the principal amount of direct  
4 loans, as authorized by sections 204(g), 207(l), 238(a),  
5 and 519(a) of the National Housing Act, shall not exceed  
6 \$120,000,000; of which not to exceed \$100,000,000 shall  
7 be for bridge financing in connection with the sale of mul-  
8 tifamily real properties owned by the Secretary and for-  
9 merly insured under such Act; and of which not to exceed  
10 \$20,000,000 shall be for loans to nonprofit and govern-  
11 mental entities in connection with the sale of single-family  
12 real properties owned by the Secretary and formerly in-  
13 sured under such Act.

14       In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to  
15 carry out the guaranteed and direct loan programs,  
16 \$222,305,000, of which \$218,134,000, including  
17 \$25,000,000 for the enforcement of housing standards on  
18 FHA-insured multifamily projects, shall be transferred to  
19 the appropriation for departmental salaries and expenses;  
20 and of which \$4,171,000 shall be transferred to the appro-  
21 priation for the Office of Inspector General.

1           GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION  
2    GUARANTEES OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES LOAN  
3                    GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT  
4                    (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

9           For administrative expenses necessary to carry out  
10   the guaranteed mortgage-backed securities program,  
11   \$9,383,000, to be derived from the Ginnie Mae-guarantees  
12   of mortgage-backed securities guaranteed loan receipt ac-  
13   count, of which not to exceed \$9,383,000 shall be trans-  
14   ferred to the appropriation for salaries and expenses.

15                   POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH  
16                    RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

17           For contracts, grants, and necessary expenses of pro-  
18   grams of research and studies relating to housing and  
19   urban problems, not otherwise provided for, as authorized  
20   by title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act  
21   of 1970, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 et seq.), includ-  
22   ing carrying out the functions of the Secretary under sec-  
23   tion 1(a)(1)(i) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1968,  
24   \$39,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
25   1999.

## 1           FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

## 2                           FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

3           For contracts, grants, and other assistance, not oth-  
4 erwise provided for, as authorized by title VIII of the Civil  
5 Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing  
6 Amendments Act of 1988, and section 561 of the Housing  
7 and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended,  
8 \$30,000,000, to remain available until September 30,  
9 1999, of which \$15,000,000 shall be to carry out activities  
10 pursuant to such section 561. No funds made available  
11 under this heading shall be used to lobby the executive  
12 or legislative branches of the Federal Government in con-  
13 nection with a specific contract, grant or loan.

## 14                           MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

## 15   SALARIES AND EXPENSES

## 16   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17           For necessary administrative and non-administrative  
18 expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-  
19 opment, not otherwise provided for, including not to ex-  
20 ceed \$7,000 for official reception and representation ex-  
21 penses, \$1,005,826,000, of which \$544,443,000 shall be  
22 provided from the various funds of the Federal Housing  
23 Administration, \$9,383,000 shall be provided from funds  
24 of the Government National Mortgage Association, and  
25 \$1,000,000 shall be provided from the “Community Devel-  
26 opment Grants Program” account.

1                   OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
2                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

11           OFFICE OF FEDERAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE OVERSIGHT  
12                   SALARIES AND EXPENSES  
13                   (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

14           For carrying out the Federal Housing Enterprise Fi-  
15 nancial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992, \$16,312,000,  
16 to remain available until expended, to be derived from the  
17 Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight Fund: *Provided*,  
18 That not to exceed such amount shall be available from  
19 the General Fund of the Treasury to the extent necessary  
20 to incur obligations and make expenditures pending the  
21 receipt of collections to the Fund: *Provided further*, That  
22 the General Fund amount shall be reduced as collections  
23 are received during the fiscal year so as to result in a final  
24 appropriation from the General Fund estimated at not  
25 more than \$0.

## 1 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

2 SEC. 201. DELAY REISSUANCE OF VOUCHERS AND  
3 CERTIFICATES.—Section 403(c) of The Balanced Budget  
4 Downpayment Act, I is amended—

5 (1) by striking “fiscal years 1996 and 1997”  
6 and inserting “fiscal years 1996, 1997, and 1998”;  
7 and

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

11 SEC. 202. SECTION 8 RENT ADJUSTMENTS.—Section  
12 8(c)(2)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 is  
13 amended—

14 (1) in the third sentence, by striking “fiscal  
15 year 1997” and inserting “fiscal years 1997 and  
16 1998”; and

17 (2) in the last sentence, by striking “fiscal year  
18 1997” and inserting “fiscal years 1997 and 1998”.

19 SEC. 203. The part of the HUD 1996 Community  
20 Development Block Grant to the State of Illinois which  
21 is administered by the State of Illinois Department of  
22 Commerce and Community Affairs (grant number B-96-  
23 DC-170001) and which, in turn, was granted by the Illi-  
24 nois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to  
25 the city of Oglesby, Illinois, located in LaSalle County, Illi-

1 nois (State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Com-  
2 munity Affairs grant number 96-24104), for the purpose  
3 of providing infrastructure for a warehouse in Oglesby, Il-  
4 linois, is exempt from the provisions of section 104(g)(2),  
5 (g)(3), and (g)(4) of title I of the Housing and Community  
6 Development Act of 1974 as amended.

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

16       SEC. 205. MINIMUM RENTS.—Section 402(a) of The  
17 Balanced Budget Downpayment Act, I (Public Law 104-  
18 99; 110 Stat. 40) is amended by inserting “and fiscal year  
19 1998” after “fiscal year 1997”.

20       SEC. 206. HOME PROGRAM FORMULA.—The first  
21 sentence of section 217(b)(3) of the Cranston-Gonzalez  
22 National Affordable Housing Act is amended by striking  
23 “only those jurisdictions that are allocated an amount of  
24 \$500,000 or greater shall receive an allocation” and in-  
25 serting in lieu thereof the following: “jurisdictions that are

1 allocated an amount of \$500,000 or more, and participat-  
2 ing jurisdictions (other than consortia that fail to renew  
3 the membership of all of their member jurisdictions) that  
4 are allocated an amount less than \$500,000, shall receive  
5 an allocation”.

6 TITLE III—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

7 AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

8 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

9 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,  
10 of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including  
11 the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign coun-  
12 tries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of  
13 national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United  
14 States and its territories and possessions; rent of office  
15 and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one for  
16 replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles;  
17 and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign coun-  
18 tries, when required by law of such countries;  
19 \$26,897,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*  
20 *vided*, That where station allowance has been authorized  
21 by the Department of the Army for officers of the Army  
22 serving the Army at certain foreign stations, the same al-  
23 lowance shall be authorized for officers of the Armed  
24 Forces assigned to the Commission while serving at the  
25 same foreign stations, and this appropriation is hereby

1 made available for the payment of such allowance: *Pro-*  
2 *vided further*, That when traveling on business of the Com-  
3 mission, officers of the Armed Forces serving as members  
4 or as Secretary of the Commission may be reimbursed for  
5 expenses as provided for civilian members of the Commis-  
6 sion: *Provided further*, That the Commission shall reim-  
7 burse other Government agencies, including the Armed  
8 Forces, for salary, pay, and allowances of personnel as-  
9 signed to it.

10 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS  
12 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS  
13 FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

14 For grants, loans, and technical assistance to qualify-  
15 ing community development lenders, and administrative  
16 expenses of the Fund, \$125,000,000, to remain available  
17 until September 30, 1999, of which \$20,000,000 may be  
18 used for the cost of direct loans, and up to \$1,000,000  
19 may be used for administrative expenses to carry out the  
20 direct loan program: *Provided*, That the cost of direct  
21 loans, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be  
22 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act  
23 of 1974: *Provided further*, That these funds are available  
24 to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of  
25 direct loans not to exceed \$53,000,000: *Provided further*,

1 That not more than \$40,000,000 of the funds made avail-  
2 able under this heading may be used for programs and  
3 activities authorized in section 114 of the Community De-  
4 velopment Banking and Financial Institutions Act of  
5 1994.

6 CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

7 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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

17 CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

18 NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

19 OPERATING EXPENSES

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 For necessary expenses for the Corporation for Na-  
22 tional and Community Service (referred to in the matter  
23 under this heading as the "Corporation") in carrying out  
24 programs, activities, and initiatives under the National  
25 and Community Service Act of 1990 (referred to in the  
26 matter under this heading as the "Act") (42 U.S.C. 12501

1 et seq.), \$400,500,000 (reduced by \$200,000,000), to re-  
2 main available until September 30, 1999: *Provided*, That  
3 not more than \$29,000,000 shall be available for adminis-  
4 trative expenses authorized under section 501(a)(4) of the  
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 12671(a)(4)): *Provided further*, That not  
6 more than \$2,500 shall be for official reception and rep-  
7 resentation expenses: *Provided further*, That not more  
8 than \$69,000,000, to remain available without fiscal year  
9 limitation, shall be transferred to the National Service  
10 Trust account for educational awards authorized under  
11 subtitle D of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.),  
12 of which not to exceed \$10,000,000 shall be available for  
13 national service scholarships for high school students per-  
14 forming community service: *Provided further*, That not  
15 more than \$201,000,000 of the amount provided under  
16 this heading shall be available for grants under the Na-  
17 tional Service Trust program authorized under subtitle C  
18 of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.) (relating  
19 to activities including the Americorps program): *Provided*  
20 *further*, That not more than \$5,500,000 of the funds made  
21 available under this heading shall be made available for  
22 the Points of Light Foundation for activities authorized  
23 under title III of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12661 et seq.): *Pro-*  
24 *vided further*, That no funds shall be available for national  
25 service programs run by Federal agencies authorized

1 under section 121(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12571(b)):  
2 *Provided further*, That to the maximum extent feasible,  
3 funds appropriated under subtitle C of title I of the Act  
4 shall be provided in a manner that is consistent with the  
5 recommendations of peer review panels in order to ensure  
6 that priority is given to programs that demonstrate qual-  
7 ity, innovation, replicability, and sustainability: *Provided*  
8 *further*, That not more than \$18,000,000 of the funds  
9 made available under this heading shall be available for  
10 the Civilian Community Corps authorized under subtitle  
11 E of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12611 et seq.): *Provided*  
12 *further*, That not more than \$43,000,000 shall be available  
13 for school-based and community-based service-learning  
14 programs authorized under subtitle B of title I of the Act  
15 (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.): *Provided further*, That not  
16 more than \$30,000,000 shall be available for quality and  
17 innovation activities authorized under subtitle H of title  
18 I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12853 et seq.): *Provided further*,  
19 That not more than \$5,000,000 shall be available for au-  
20 dits and other evaluations authorized under section 179  
21 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12639): *Provided further*, That to  
22 the maximum extent practicable, the Corporation shall in-  
23 crease significantly the level of matching funds and in-  
24 kind contributions provided by the private sector, shall ex-  
25 pand significantly the number of educational awards pro-

1 vided under subtitle D of title I, and shall reduce the total  
2 Federal costs per participant in all programs.

3 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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

7 COURT OF VETERANS APPEALS

8 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

9 For necessary expenses for the operation of the Unit-  
10 ed States Court of Veterans Appeals as authorized by 38  
11 U.S.C. sections 7251–7298, \$9,319,000, of which  
12 \$790,000, shall be available for the purpose of providing  
13 financial assistance as described, and in accordance with  
14 the process and reporting procedures set fourth, under  
15 this heading in Public Law 102–229.

16 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

17 CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

18 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

19 For necessary expenses, as authorized by law, for  
20 maintenance, operation, and improvement of Arlington  
21 National Cemetery and Soldiers' and Airmen's Home Na-  
22 tional Cemetery, including the purchase of two passenger  
23 motor vehicles for replacement only, and not to exceed  
24 \$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses,  
25 \$11,815,000, to remain available until expended.

1 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
2 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 For science and technology, including research and  
5 development activities, which shall include research and  
6 development activities under the Comprehensive Environ-  
7 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of  
8 1980 (CERCLA), as amended; necessary expenses for per-  
9 sonnel and related costs and travel expenses, including  
10 uniforms, or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5  
11 U.S.C. 5901–5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C.  
12 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per  
13 diem rate equivalent to the rate for GS–18; procurement  
14 of laboratory equipment and supplies; other operating ex-  
15 penses in support of research and development; construc-  
16 tion, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of  
17 facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project, \$656,223,000  
18 (reduced by \$27,000,000), which shall remain available  
19 until September 30, 1999: *Provided*, That \$35,000,000 of  
20 the funds appropriated under this heading shall be trans-  
21 ferred to the National Institute of Environmental Health  
22 Sciences to conduct and administer a comprehensive, peer-  
23 reviewed particulate matter research program.

24 ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

25 For environmental programs and management, in-  
26 cluding necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for

1 personnel and related costs and travel expenses, including  
2 uniforms, or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5  
3 U.S.C. 5901–5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C.  
4 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per  
5 diem rate equivalent to the rate for GS–18; hire of pas-  
6 senger motor vehicles; hire, maintenance, and operation  
7 of aircraft; purchase of reprints; library memberships in  
8 societies or associations which issue publications to mem-  
9 bers only or at a price to members lower than to subscrib-  
10 ers who are not members; construction, alteration, repair,  
11 rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed  
12 \$75,000 per project; and not to exceed \$6,000 for official  
13 reception and representation expenses, \$1,763,352,000,  
14 which shall remain available until September 30, 1999.

15 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

16 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector  
17 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector  
18 General Act of 1978, as amended, and for construction,  
19 alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facili-  
20 ties, not to exceed \$75,000 per project, \$28,501,000, to  
21 remain available until September 30, 1999.

22 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

23 For construction, repair, improvement, extension, al-  
24 teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities of,  
25 or for use by, the Environmental Protection Agency,  
26 \$182,120,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*

1 *vided*, That the Environmental Protection Agency is au-  
2 thorized to establish and construct a consolidated research  
3 facility at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, at a  
4 maximum total construction cost of \$272,700,000, and to  
5 obligate such monies as are made available by this Act  
6 for this purpose.

7 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SUPERFUND

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 For necessary expenses to carry out the Comprehen-  
10 sive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-  
11 ity Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, including sec-  
12 tions 111(c)(3), (c)(5), (c)(6), and (e)(4) (42 U.S.C.  
13 9611), and for construction, alteration, repair, rehabilita-  
14 tion, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000  
15 per project; not to exceed \$1,500,699,000, to remain avail-  
16 able until expended, consisting of \$1,250,699,000, as au-  
17 thorized by section 517(a) of the Superfund Amendments  
18 and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), as amended by  
19 Public Law 101–508, and \$250,000,000 as a payment  
20 from general revenues to the Hazardous Substance  
21 Superfund as authorized by section 517(b) of SARA, as  
22 amended by Public Law 101–508: *Provided*, That funds  
23 appropriated under this heading may be allocated to other  
24 Federal agencies in accordance with section 111(a) of  
25 CERCLA: *Provided further*, That \$11,641,000 of the  
26 funds appropriated under this heading shall be transferred

1 to the “Office of Inspector General” appropriation to re-  
2 main available until September 30, 1999: *Provided further*,  
3 That notwithstanding section 111(m) of CERCLA or any  
4 other provision of law, \$80,000,000 of the funds appro-  
5 priated under this heading shall be available to the Agency  
6 for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to carry out  
7 activities described in sections 104(i), 111(c)(4), and  
8 111(c)(14) of CERCLA and section 118(f) of SARA: *Pro-*  
9 *vided further*, That \$35,000,000 of the funds appropriated  
10 under this heading shall be transferred to the “Science  
11 and Technology” appropriation to remain available until  
12 September 30, 1999: *Provided further*, That \$85,000,000  
13 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be for  
14 Brownfields assessments, training and administrative ex-  
15 penses only: *Provided further*, That none of the funds ap-  
16 propriated under this heading shall be available for the  
17 Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to  
18 issue in excess of 40 toxicological profiles pursuant to sec-  
19 tion 104(i) of CERCLA during fiscal year 1998.

20 LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

22 For necessary expenses to carry out leaking under-  
23 ground storage tank cleanup activities authorized by sec-  
24 tion 205 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthoriza-  
25 tion Act of 1986, and for construction, alteration, repair,

1 rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed  
2 \$75,000 per project, \$60,000,000, to remain available  
3 until expended: *Provided*, That no more than \$9,100,000  
4 shall be available for administrative expenses.

5 OIL SPILL RESPONSE

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

14 STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

15 For environmental programs and infrastructure as-  
16 sistance, including capitalization grants for State revolv-  
17 ing funds and performance partnership grants,  
18 \$3,026,182,000, to remain available until expended, of  
19 which \$1,250,000,000 shall be for making capitalization  
20 grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds under  
21 Title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as  
22 amended, and \$750,000,000 shall be for capitalization  
23 grants for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds  
24 under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as  
25 amended; \$50,000,000 for architectural, engineering,  
26 planning, design, construction and related activities in

1 connection with the construction of high priority water  
2 and wastewater facilities in the area of the United States-  
3 Mexico Border, after consultation with the appropriate  
4 border commission; \$50,000,000 for grants to the State  
5 of Texas, which shall be matched by an equal amount of  
6 State funds from State resources, for the purpose of im-  
7 proving wastewater treatment for colonias; \$15,000,000  
8 for grants to the State of Alaska to address drinking water  
9 and wastewater infrastructure needs of rural and Alaska  
10 Native Villages as provided by section 303 of Public Law  
11 104–182; \$160,925,000 for making grants for the con-  
12 struction of wastewater and water treatment facilities and  
13 the development of groundwater in accordance with the  
14 terms and conditions specified for such grants in the re-  
15 port accompanying this Act; and \$750,257,000 for grants  
16 to States, federally recognized tribes, and air pollution  
17 control agencies for multi-media or single media pollution  
18 prevention, control and abatement and related activities  
19 pursuant to the provisions set forth under this heading  
20 in Public Law 104–134 and for making grants under sec-  
21 tion 103 of the Clean Air Act for particulate matter mon-  
22 itoring and data collection activities: *Provided*, That, be-  
23 ginning in fiscal year 1998 and thereafter from funds ap-  
24 propriated under this heading, the Administrator is au-  
25 thorized to make grants to federally recognized Indian

1 governments for the development of multi-media environ-  
2 mental programs: *Provided further*, That, hereafter, the  
3 funds available under this heading for grants to States,  
4 federally recognized tribes, and air pollution control agen-  
5 cies for multi-media or single media pollution prevention,  
6 control, and abatement and related activities may also be  
7 used for the direct implementation by the Federal Govern-  
8 ment of a program required by law in the absence of an  
9 acceptable State or tribal program.

10 WORKING CAPITAL FUND

11 Under this heading in Public Law 104–204, delete  
12 the following: the phrases, “franchise fund pilot to be  
13 known as the”; “as authorized by section 403 of Public  
14 Law 103–356,”; and “as provided in such section”; and  
15 the final proviso. After the phrase, “to be available”, in-  
16 sert “without fiscal year limitation”.

17 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

18 OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

19 For necessary expenses of the Office of Science and  
20 Technology Policy, in carrying out the purposes of the Na-  
21 tional Science and Technology Policy, Organization, and  
22 Priorities Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6601 and 6671), hire  
23 of passenger motor vehicles, and services as authorized by  
24 5 U.S.C. 3109, not to exceed \$2,500 for official reception  
25 and representation expenses, and rental of conference  
26 rooms in the District of Columbia, \$4,932,000.

1 COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND OFFICE OF  
2 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

3 For necessary expenses to continue functions as-  
4 signed to the Council on Environmental Quality and Office  
5 of Environmental Quality pursuant to the National Envi-  
6 ronmental Policy Act of 1969, the Environmental Quality  
7 Improvement Act of 1970, and Reorganization Plan No.  
8 1 of 1977, \$2,506,000: *Provided*, That notwithstanding  
9 section 202 of the National Environmental Policy Act of  
10 1970, the Council shall consist of one member, appointed  
11 by the President, by and with the advice and consent of  
12 the Senate, serving as Chairman and exercising all powers,  
13 functions, and duties of the Council.

14 FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION  
15 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector  
18 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector  
19 General Act of 1978, as amended, \$34,365,000, to be de-  
20 rived from the Bank Insurance Fund, the Savings Asso-  
21 ciation Insurance Fund, and the FSLIC Resolution Fund.

22 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
23 DISASTER RELIEF

24 For necessary expenses in carrying out the Robert  
25 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
26 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), \$500,000,000, and, notwith-

1 standing 42 U.S.C. 5203, to remain available until ex-  
2 pended.

3 DISASTER ASSISTANCE DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

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

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

14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,  
16 including hire and purchase of motor vehicles as author-  
17 ized by 31 U.S.C. 1343; uniforms, or allowances therefor,  
18 as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; services as author-  
19 ized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not  
20 to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for GS–  
21 18; expenses of attendance of cooperating officials and in-  
22 dividuals at meetings concerned with the work of emer-  
23 gency preparedness; transportation in connection with the  
24 continuity of Government programs to the same extent  
25 and in the same manner as permitted the Secretary of  
26 a Military Department under 10 U.S.C. 2632; and not to

1 exceed \$2,500 for official reception and representation ex-  
2 penses, \$171,773,000.

3 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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

7 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE

8 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,  
9 to carry out activities under the National Flood Insurance  
10 Act of 1968, as amended, and the Flood Disaster Protec-  
11 tion Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.),  
12 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency As-  
13 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), the Earthquake  
14 Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, as amended (42 U.S.C.  
15 7701 et seq.), the Federal Fire Prevention and Control  
16 Act of 1974, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.), the  
17 Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C.  
18 App. 2061 et seq.), sections 107 and 303 of the National  
19 Security Act of 1947, as amended (50 U.S.C. 404–405),  
20 and Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, \$321,646,000  
21 (decreased by \$60,000,000): *Provided*, That for purposes  
22 of pre-disaster mitigation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5131(b)  
23 and (c) and 42 U.S.C. 5196(e) and (i), \$50,000,000 of  
24 the funds made available under this heading shall be avail-  
25 able until expended for project grants for State and local  
26 governments.

## 1           EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM

2           To carry out an emergency food and shelter program  
3 pursuant to title III of Public Law 100–77, as amended,  
4 \$100,000,000: *Provided*, That total administrative costs  
5 shall not exceed three and one-half percent of the total  
6 appropriation.

## 7           NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE FUND

8           (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

1 Section 1309(a)(2) of the National Flood Insurance  
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)(2)), as amended by Public Law  
3 104–208, is further amended by striking the date “1997”  
4 and inserting in lieu thereof the date “1998”.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

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

1 cepts. Assessment and collection of such fees are only au-  
2 thorized during fiscal year 1998.

3           GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

4           CONSUMER INFORMATION CENTER FUND

5       For necessary expenses of the Consumer Information  
6 Center, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109,  
7 \$2,419,000, to be deposited into the Consumer Informa-  
8 tion Center Fund: *Provided*, That the appropriations, rev-  
9 enues and collections deposited into the fund shall be  
10 available for necessary expenses of Consumer Information  
11 Center activities in the aggregate amount of \$7,500,000.  
12 Appropriations, revenues, and collections accruing to this  
13 fund during fiscal year 1998 in excess of \$7,500,000 shall  
14 remain in the fund and shall not be available for expendi-  
15 ture except as authorized in appropriations Acts: *Provided*  
16 *further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
17 the Consumer Information Center may accept and deposit  
18 to this account, during fiscal year 1998 and hereafter,  
19 gifts for the purpose of defraying its costs of printing,  
20 publishing, and distributing consumer information and  
21 educational materials and undertaking other consumer in-  
22 formation activities; may expend those gifts for those pur-  
23 poses, in addition to amounts appropriated or otherwise  
24 made available; and the balance shall remain available for  
25 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 includ-  
10 ing repair, rehabilitation, and modification of facilities,  
11 minor construction of new facilities and additions to exist-  
12 ing facilities, facility planning and design, environmental  
13 compliance and restoration, and acquisition or condemna-  
14 tion of real property, as authorized by law; program man-  
15 agement; personnel and related costs, including uniforms  
16 or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–  
17 5902; travel expenses; purchase, lease, charter, mainte-  
18 nance, and operation of mission and administrative air-  
19 craft; not to exceed \$35,000 for official reception and rep-  
20 resentation expenses; and purchase (not to exceed 33 for  
21 replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles;  
22 \$2,513,200,000, to remain available until September 30,  
23 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  
4 Central Liquidity Facility for the principal amount of new  
5 direct 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 (reduced by \$174,000),  
19 of which not to exceed \$228,530,000 shall remain avail-  
20 able until expended for Polar research and operations sup-  
21 port, and for reimbursement to other Federal agencies for  
22 operational and science support and logistical and other  
23 related activities for the United States Antarctic program;  
24 the balance to remain available until September 30, 1999:  
25 *Provided*, That receipts for scientific support services and

1 materials furnished by the National Research Centers and  
2 other National Science Foundation supported research fa-  
3 cilities may be credited to this appropriation: *Provided fur-*  
4 *ther*, That to the extent that the amount appropriated is  
5 less than the total amount authorized to be appropriated  
6 for included program activities, all amounts, including  
7 floors and ceilings, specified in the authorizing Act for  
8 those program activities or their subactivities shall be re-  
9 duced proportionally.

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. Such funds as may be necessary to carry  
8 out the orderly termination of the Office of Consumer Af-  
9 fairs shall be made available from funds appropriated to  
10 the Department of Health and Human Services for fiscal  
11 year 1998.

12       SEC. 421. None of the funds made available in this  
13 Act may be used to implement clauses (ii) through (v) of  
14 section 761.93(a)(1) of title 40 of the Code of Federal  
15 Regulations (relating to the import of PCB's and PCB  
16 items at concentrations of 50 ppm or greater for disposal),  
17 or to authorize any person to import into the United  
18 States (pursuant to an exemption under section  
19 2605(e)(3)(B) of title 15, United States Code or other-  
20 wise) any PCB's or PCB items at concentrations of 50  
21 ppm or greater for purposes of disposal or treatment.

22       SEC. 422. None of the funds made available in this  
23 Act may be provided by contract or by grant (including  
24 a grant of funds to be available for student aid) to any  
25 institution of higher education, or subelement thereof, that

1 is currently ineligible for contracts and grants pursuant  
2 to section 514 of the Departments of Labor, Health and  
3 Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies  
4 Appropriations Act, 1997 (as contained in section 101(e)  
5 of division A of Public Law 104–208; 110 Stat. 3009–  
6 270).

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

Passed the House of Representatives July 16, 1997.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

*Clerk.*