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AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 **(1)**That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban
6 Development, and for sundry independent agencies, com-
7 missions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year end-
8 ing September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, namely:

1 TITLE I
2 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
3 VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION
4 COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS
5 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

6 For the payment of compensation benefits to or on
7 behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability ex-
8 aminations as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 107, chapters
9 11, 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61); pension benefits to or
10 on behalf of veterans as authorized by law (38 U.S.C.
11 chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61; 92 Stat. 2508); and bur-
12 ial benefits, emergency and other officers' retirement pay,
13 adjusted-service credits and certificates, payment of pre-
14 miums due on commercial life insurance policies guaran-
15 teed under the provisions of Article IV of the Soldiers'
16 and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended, and
17 for other benefits as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 107,
18 1312, 1977, and 2106, chapters 23, 51, 53, 55, and 61;
19 50 U.S.C. App. 540–548; 43 Stat. 122, 123; 45 Stat. 735;
20 76 Stat. 1198); \$19,932,997,000, to remain available
21 until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$26,380,000
22 of the amount appropriated shall be reimbursed to "Gen-
23 eral operating expenses" and "Medical care" for necessary
24 expenses in implementing those provisions authorized in
25 the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, and in
26 the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C. chapters

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

9 READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

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

19 VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

20 For military and naval insurance, national service life
21 insurance, servicemen’s indemnities, service-disabled vet-
22 erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as
23 authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 19; 70 Stat. 887; 72
24 Stat. 487, \$51,360,000, to remain available until ex-
25 pended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 under 38 U.S.C. chapter 17, and the Federal Medical
2 Care Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.; and not to
3 exceed \$8,000,000 to fund cost comparison studies as re-
4 ferred to in 38 U.S.C. 8110(a)(5); \$16,958,846,000 (in-
5 creased by \$48,000,000), plus reimbursements: *Provided*,
6 That of the funds made available under this heading,
7 \$565,000,000 is for the equipment and land and struc-
8 tures object classifications only, which amount shall not
9 become available for obligation until August 1, 1998, and
10 shall remain available until September 30, 1999: *Provided*
11 *further*, That funds under this heading shall be available
12 for medical examinations required for benefits claims
13 under title 38, United States Code: *Provided further*, That
14 of the amount made available under this heading, not to
15 exceed \$5,000,000 shall be for a study on the cost-effec-
16 tiveness of contracting with local hospitals in East Central
17 Florida for the provision of non-emergent inpatient health
18 care needs of veterans.

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

1 MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

2 For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of
3 medical and prosthetic research and development as au-
4 thorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 73, to remain available until
5 September 30, 1999, \$267,000,000 (increased by
6 \$25,000,000), plus reimbursements: *Provided*, That of the
7 funds made available under this heading, \$20,000,000 (in-
8 creased by \$5,000,000) shall be for medical research relat-
9 ing to Gulf War Illnesses afflicting Persian Gulf Veterans.

10 MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS

11 OPERATING EXPENSES

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

1 GENERAL POST FUND, NATIONAL HOMES
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

11 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
12 the direct loan programs, \$54,000, which shall be trans-
13 ferred from the "General post fund", as authorized by
14 Public Law 102-54, section 8.

15 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

16 GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

17 For necessary operating expenses of the Department
18 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including
19 uniforms or allowances therefor, not to exceed \$25,000 for
20 official reception and representation expenses; hire of pas-
21 senger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General
22 Services Administration for security guard services; and
23 the Department of Defense for the cost of overseas em-
24 ployee mail; \$853,385,000: *Provided*, That funds under
25 this heading shall be available to administer the Service

1 Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act. *Pro-*
 2 *vided further,* That funds under this heading shall be avail-
 3 able for the conduct of medical examinations requested by
 4 the Veterans Benefits Administration in connection with
 5 claims for benefits under title 38, United States Code:
 6 *Provided further,* That none of the funds made available
 7 under this heading may be used for the relocation of the
 8 loan guaranty divisions of the Department of Veterans Af-
 9 fairs Regional Office in St. Petersburg, Florida to the De-
 10 partment of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Atlanta,
 11 Georgia.

12 NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM

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

19 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

20 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
 21 General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978,
 22 as amended, \$31,013,000.

23 CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

24 For constructing, altering, extending and improving
 25 any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use
 26 of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or for any of the

1 purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406, 8102,
2 8103, 8106, 8108, 8109, 8110, and 8122 of title 38, Unit-
3 ed States Code, including planning, architectural and en-
4 gineering services, maintenance or guarantee period serv-
5 ices costs associated with equipment guarantees provided
6 under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility
7 and storm drainage system construction costs, and site ac-
8 quisition, where the estimated cost of a project is
9 \$4,000,000 or more or where funds for a project were
10 made available in a previous major project appropriation,
11 \$159,600,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
12 *vided*, That except for advance planning of projects funded
13 through the advance planning fund and the design of
14 projects funded through the design fund, none of these
15 funds shall be used for any project which has not been
16 considered and approved by the Congress in the budgetary
17 process: *Provided further*, That funds provided in this ap-
18 propriation for fiscal year 1998, for each approved project
19 shall be obligated (1) by the awarding of a construction
20 documents contract by September 30, 1998, and (2) by
21 the awarding of a construction contract by September 30,
22 1999: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall promptly
23 report in writing to the Comptroller General and to the
24 Committees on Appropriations any approved major con-
25 struction project in which obligations are not incurred

1 within the time limitations established above; and the
2 Comptroller General shall review the report in accordance
3 with the procedures established by section 1015 of the Im-
4 poundment Control Act of 1974 (title X of Public Law
5 93-344): *Provided further*, That no funds from any other
6 account except the "Parking revolving fund", may be obli-
7 gated for constructing, altering, extending, or improving
8 a project which was approved in the budget process and
9 funded in this account until one year after substantial
10 completion and beneficial occupancy by the Department
11 of Veterans Affairs of the project or any part thereof with
12 respect to that part only.

13 CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

14 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving
15 any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use
16 of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including plan-
17 ning, architectural and engineering services, maintenance
18 or guarantee period services costs associated with equip-
19 ment guarantees provided under the project, services of
20 claims analysts, offsite utility and storm drainage system
21 construction costs, and site acquisition, or for any of the
22 purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406, 8102,
23 8103, 8106, 8108, 8109, 8110, and 8122 of title 38, Unit-
24 ed States Code, where the estimated cost of a project is
25 less than \$4,000,000; \$176,500,000, to remain available
26 until expended, along with unobligated balances of pre-

1 vious "Construction, minor projects" appropriations which
 2 are hereby made available for any project where the esti-
 3 mated cost is less than \$4,000,000: *Provided*, That funds
 4 in this account shall be available for (1) repairs to any
 5 of the nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for
 6 the use of the Department which are necessary because
 7 of loss or damage caused by any natural disaster or catas-
 8 trophe, and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent
 9 or to minimize further loss by such causes.

10 **PARKING REVOLVING FUND**

11 For the parking revolving fund as authorized by 38
 12 U.S.C. 8109, income from fees collected, to remain avail-
 13 able until expended, which shall be available for all author-
 14 ized expenses except operations and maintenance costs,
 15 which will be funded from "Medical care".

16 **GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE**
 17 **FACILITIES**

18 For grants to assist States to acquire or construct
 19 State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-
 20 model, modify or alter existing hospital, nursing home and
 21 domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing care
 22 to veterans as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 8131-8137,
 23 \$54,500,000, to remain available until expended.

1 GRANTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STATE VETERAN
2 CEMETERIES

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

7 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS
8 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

9 SEC. 101. Any appropriation for fiscal year 1998 for
10 "Compensation and pensions", "Readjustment benefits",
11 and "Veterans insurance and indemnities" may be trans-
12 ferred to any other of the mentioned appropriations.

13 SEC. 102. Appropriations available to the Depart-
14 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1998 for salaries
15 and expenses shall be available for services authorized by
16 5 U.S.C. 3109.

17 SEC. 103. No appropriations in this Act for the De-
18 partment of Veterans Affairs (except the appropriations
19 for "Construction, major projects", "Construction, minor
20 projects", and the "Parking revolving fund") shall be
21 available for the purchase of any site for or toward the
22 construction of any new hospital or home.

23 SEC. 104. No appropriations in this Act for the De-
24 partment of Veterans Affairs shall be available for hos-
25 pitalization or examination of any persons (except bene-
26 ficiaries entitled under the laws bestowing such benefits

1 to veterans, and persons receiving such treatment under
2 ~~5 U.S.C. 7901–7904 or 42 U.S.C. 5141–5204~~), unless re-
3 ~~imbursement of cost is made to the “Medical care” ac-~~
4 ~~count at such rates as may be fixed by the Secretary of~~
5 ~~Veterans Affairs.~~

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

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

21 ~~SEC. 107. Notwithstanding any other provision of~~
22 ~~law, during fiscal year 1998, the Secretary of Veterans~~
23 ~~Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance~~
24 ~~Fund (38 U.S.C. 1920), the Veterans’ Special Life Insur-~~
25 ~~ance Fund (38 U.S.C. 1923), and the United States Gov-~~

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

18 SEC. 108. (a) This section is enacted contingent on
19 the enactment of legislation establishing the Medical Col-
20 lections Fund.

21 (b) If the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines
22 that the total amount to be recovered for fiscal year 1998
23 for deposit to the Medical Collections Fund under the pro-
24 visions of the legislation establishing such Fund will be
25 less than the amount contained in the latest Congressional

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

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

18 (1) is greater than the amount estimated by the
19 Secretary that was used for purposes of the certifi-
20 cation by the Secretary under subsection (b), the
21 Secretary shall pay into the General Fund of the
22 Treasury, from amounts available for medical care,
23 an amount equal to the difference between the
24 amount actually recovered and the amount so esti-
25 mated (but not in excess of the amount of the de-

1 of use restrictions, or other changes in housing assistance
2 arrangements, and for other purposes, \$10,393,000,000,
3 to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the
4 total amount provided under this heading, \$9,200,000,000
5 shall be for assistance under the United States Housing
6 Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437) for use in connection with
7 expiring or terminating section 8 subsidy contracts: *Pro-*
8 *vided further*, That the Secretary may determine not to
9 apply section 8(o)(6)(B) of the Act to housing vouchers
10 during fiscal year 1998: *Provided further*, That of the total
11 amount provided under this heading, \$850,000,000 shall
12 be for amendments to section 8 contracts other than con-
13 tracts for projects developed under section 202 of the
14 Housing Act of 1959, as amended: *Provided further*, That
15 of the total amount provided under this heading,
16 \$343,000,000 shall be for section 8 rental assistance
17 under the United States Housing Act including assistance
18 to relocate residents of properties (1) that are owned by
19 the Secretary and being disposed of or (2) that are dis-
20 continuing section 8 project-based assistance; for the con-
21 version of section 23 projects to assistance under section
22 8; for funds to carry out the family unification program;
23 and for the relocation of witnesses in connection with ef-
24 forts to combat crime in public and assisted housing pur-
25 suant to a request from a law enforcement or prosecution

1 agency: *Provided further*, That of the total amount made
 2 available in the preceding proviso, \$50,000,000 shall be
 3 made available to nonelderly disabled families affected by
 4 the designation of a public housing development under sec-
 5 tion 7 of such Act or the establishment of preferences in
 6 accordance with section 651 of the Housing and Commu-
 7 nity Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13611).

8 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ASSISTED HOUSING
 9 (INCLUDING RESCISSION AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

21 PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND
 22 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

23 For the Public Housing Capital Fund Program under
 24 the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42
 25 U.S.C. 1437), \$2,500,000,000, to remain available until
 26 expended for modernization of existing public housing

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

1 shall be transferred to and merged with amounts made
2 available under this heading.

3 PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

16 DRUG ELIMINATION GRANTS FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

18 REVITALIZATION OF SEVERELY DISTRESSED PUBLIC
 19 HOUSING (HOPE VI)

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

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

21 NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS

22 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

23 For the Native American Housing Block Grants pro-
 24 gram, as authorized under title I of the Native American
 25 Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996
 26 (Public Law 104-330), \$650,000,000, to remain available

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

16 INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM
 17 ACCOUNT

18 For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by
 19 section 184 of the Housing and Community Development
 20 Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 3739) \$3,000,000, to remain avail-
 21 able until expended: *Provided*, That such costs, including
 22 the costs of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in
 23 section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as
 24 amended: *Provided further*, That these funds are available

1 to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to
 2 be guaranteed, not to exceed \$36,900,000.

3 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

4 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

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

17 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

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

1 standing section 106(a)(1) of the Act; \$2,100,000 shall
2 be available as a grant to the Housing Assistance Council;
3 \$1,500,000 shall be available as a grant to the National
4 American Indian Housing Council; \$25,100,000 shall be
5 for grants pursuant to section 107 of such Act;
6 \$11,500,000 shall be for the Community Outreach Part-
7 nership program; \$16,700,000 shall be for grants pursu-
8 ant to section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program
9 Extension Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-120): *Provided*
10 *further*, That not to exceed 20 percent of any grant made
11 with funds appropriated herein (other than a grant made
12 available under the preceding proviso to the Housing As-
13 sistance Council or the National American Indian Housing
14 Council, or a grant using funds under section 107(b)(3)
15 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974,
16 as amended) shall be expended for “Planning and Man-
17 agement Development” and “Administration” as defined
18 in regulations promulgated by the Department.

19 Of the amount provided under this heading, the Sec-
20 retary of Housing and Urban Development may use up
21 to \$50,000,000 for grants to public housing agencies (in-
22 cluding Indian housing authorities), nonprofit corpora-
23 tions, and other appropriate entities for a supportive serv-
24 ices program to assist residents of public and assisted
25 housing, former residents of such housing receiving ten-

1 ant-based assistance under section 8 of such Act (42
2 U.S.C. 1437f), and other low-income families and individ-
3 uals to become self-sufficient: *Provided*, That the program
4 shall provide supportive services, principally for the benefit
5 of public housing residents, to the elderly and the disabled,
6 and to families with children where the head of household
7 would benefit from the receipt of supportive services and
8 is working, seeking work, or is preparing for work by par-
9 ticipating in job training or educational programs: *Pro-*
10 *vided further*, That the supportive services may include
11 congregate services for the elderly and disabled, service co-
12 ordinators, and coordinated educational, training, and
13 other supportive services, including academic skills train-
14 ing, job search assistance, assistance related to retaining
15 employment, vocational and entrepreneurship development
16 and support programs, transportation, and child care:
17 *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall require applica-
18 tions to demonstrate firm commitments of funding or serv-
19 ices from other sources: *Provided further*, That the Sec-
20 retary shall select public and Indian housing agencies to
21 receive assistance under this head on a competitive basis,
22 taking into account the quality of the proposed program,
23 including any innovative approaches, the extent of the pro-
24 posed coordination of supportive services, the extent of
25 commitments of funding or services from other sources,

1 the extent to which the proposed program includes reason-
2 ably achievable, quantifiable goals for measuring perform-
3 ance under the program over a three-year period, the ex-
4 tent of success an agency has had in carrying out other
5 comparable initiatives, and other appropriate criteria es-
6 tablished by the Secretary.

7 Of the amount provided under this heading,
8 \$50,000,000 shall be for Economic Development Grants.

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

16 Of the amount made available under this heading,
17 notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$60,000,000
18 shall be available for the lead-based paint hazard reduc-
19 tion program as authorized under sections 1011 and 1053
20 of the Residential Lead-Based Hazard Reduction Act of
21 1992.

22 For the cost of guaranteed loans, \$29,000,000, as au-
23 thorized by section 108 of the Housing and Community
24 Development Act of 1974: *Provided*, That such costs, in-
25 cluding the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as de-

1 fined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of
2 1974, as amended: *Provided further*, That these funds are
3 available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of
4 which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$1,261,000,000,
5 notwithstanding any aggregate limitation on outstanding
6 obligations guaranteed in section 108(k) of the Housing
7 and Community Development Act. In addition, for admin-
8 istrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan pro-
9 gram, \$1,000,000, which shall be transferred to and
10 merged with the appropriation for departmental salaries
11 and expenses.

12 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

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

1 nity Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act
 2 of 1994), selected on a noncompetitive basis, to dem-
 3 onstrate methods of expanding homeownership opportuni-
 4 ties for low-wealth borrowers, including expanding the sec-
 5 ondary market for non-conforming home mortgage loans
 6 to low-wealth borrowers: *Provided further*, That grantees
 7 shall have experience in working with lenders who make
 8 non-conforming loans to low-income borrowers, have expe-
 9 rience in expanding the secondary market for such loans,
 10 have demonstrated success in carrying out such activities
 11 with non-Federal funds, and have demonstrated the ability
 12 to provide data on the performance of such loans sufficient
 13 to allow analysis of the investment risk of such loans.

14 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM

15 (RESCISSION)

16 Of the funds made available under this heading in
 17 Public Law 102-389 and prior laws for the Supportive
 18 Housing Demonstration Program, as authorized by the
 19 Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act,
 20 \$6,000,000 of funds recaptured during fiscal year 1998
 21 shall be rescinded.

22 SHELTER PLUS CARE

23 (RESCISSION)

24 Of the funds made available under this heading in
 25 Public Law 102-389 and prior laws for the Shelter Plus
 26 Care program, as authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney

1 Homeless Assistance Act, \$4,000,000 of funds recaptured
 2 during fiscal year 1998 shall be rescinded.

3 HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

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

16 HOUSING PROGRAMS

17 HOUSING FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

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

1 ferred to and merged with the amounts for those purposes
2 under this heading.

3 OTHER ASSISTED HOUSING PROGRAMS

4 RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE

5 (RESCISSION)

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

14 FLEXIBLE SUBSIDY FUND

15 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

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

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

17 For administrative expenses necessary to carry out
18 the guaranteed and direct loan program, \$333,421,000,
19 to be derived from the FHA-mutual mortgage insurance
20 guaranteed loans receipt account, of which not to exceed
21 \$226,309,000 shall be transferred to the appropriation for
22 departmental salaries and expenses; and of which not to
23 exceed \$7,112,000 shall be transferred to the appropria-
24 tion for the Office of Inspector General.

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

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

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

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

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

1 of mortgage-backed securities guaranteed loan receipt ac-
2 count, of which not to exceed \$9,383,000 shall be trans-
3 ferred to the appropriation for salaries and expenses.

4 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

5 RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

6 For contracts, grants, and necessary expenses of pro-
7 grams of research and studies relating to housing and
8 urban problems, not otherwise provided for, as authorized
9 by title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act
10 of 1970, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701z-1 et seq.), includ-
11 ing carrying out the functions of the Secretary under sec-
12 tion 1(a)(1)(i) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1968,
13 \$29,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
14 1999.

15 FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

16 FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

17 For contracts, grants, and other assistance, not oth-
18 erwise provided for, as authorized by title VIII of the Civil
19 Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing
20 Amendments Act of 1988, and section 561 of the Housing
21 and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended,
22 \$30,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
23 1999, of which \$15,000,000 shall be to carry out activities
24 pursuant to such section 561. No funds made available
25 under this heading shall be used to lobby the executive

1 or legislative branches of the Federal Government in con-
2 nection with a specific contract, grant or loan.

3 **MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

4 **SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For necessary administrative and non-administrative
7 expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-
8 opment, not otherwise provided for, including not to ex-
9 ceed \$7,000 for official reception and representation ex-
10 penses, \$1,005,826,000, of which \$544,443,000 shall be
11 provided from the various funds of the Federal Housing
12 Administration, \$9,383,000 shall be provided from funds
13 of the Government National Mortgage Association, and
14 \$1,000,000 shall be provided from the "Community Devel-
15 opment Grants Program" account.

16 **OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

18 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
19 General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978,
20 as amended, \$66,850,000, of which \$11,283,000 shall be
21 provided from the various funds of the Federal Housing
22 Administration and \$10,000,000 shall be provided from
23 the amount earmarked for Operation Safe Home in the
24 "Drug Elimination Grants for Low Income Housing" ac-
25 count.

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

4 For carrying out the Federal Housing Enterprise Fi-
5 nancial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992, \$16,312,000,
6 to remain available until expended, to be derived from the
7 Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight Fund: *Provided*,
8 That not to exceed such amount shall be available from
9 the General Fund of the Treasury to the extent necessary
10 to incur obligations and make expenditures pending the
11 receipt of collections to the Fund: *Provided further*, That
12 the General Fund amount shall be reduced as collections
13 are received during the fiscal year so as to result in a final
14 appropriation from the General Fund estimated at not
15 more than \$0.

16 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

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

20 (1) by striking “fiscal years 1996 and 1997”
21 and inserting “fiscal years 1996, 1997, and 1998”;
22 and

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

1 SEC. 202. SECTION 8 RENT ADJUSTMENTS.—Section
2 8(e)(2)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 is
3 amended—

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

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

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

22 SEC. 204. ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS.—Sec-
23 tion 8(e)(2)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937
24 is amended by inserting the following new sentences at
25 the end: “In establishing annual adjustment factors for

1 units in new construction and substantial rehabilitation
 2 projects, the Secretary shall take into account the fact
 3 that debt service is a fixed expense. The immediately fore-
 4 going sentence shall be effective only during fiscal year
 5 1998.”.

6 SEC. 205. MINIMUM RENTS.—Section 402(a) of The
 7 Balanced Budget Downpayment Act, I (Public Law 104-
 8 99; 110 Stat. 40) is amended by inserting “and fiscal year
 9 1998” after “fiscal year 1997”.

10 SEC. 206. HOME PROGRAM FORMULA.—The first
 11 sentence of section 217(b)(3) of the Cranston-Gonzalez
 12 National Affordable Housing Act is amended by striking
 13 “only those jurisdictions that are allocated an amount of
 14 \$500,000 or greater shall receive an allocation” and in-
 15 serting in lieu thereof the following: “jurisdictions that are
 16 allocated an amount of \$500,000 or more, and participat-
 17 ing jurisdictions (other than consortia that fail to renew
 18 the membership of all of their member jurisdictions) that
 19 are allocated an amount less than \$500,000, shall receive
 20 an allocation”.

21 TITLE III—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

22 AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

23 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

24 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
 25 of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including

1 the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign coun-
2 tries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of
3 national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United
4 States and its territories and possessions; rent of office
5 and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one for
6 replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles;
7 and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign coun-
8 tries, when required by law of such countries;
9 \$26,897,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
10 *vided*, That where station allowance has been authorized
11 by the Department of the Army for officers of the Army
12 serving the Army at certain foreign stations, the same al-
13 lowance shall be authorized for officers of the Armed
14 Forces assigned to the Commission while serving at the
15 same foreign stations, and this appropriation is hereby
16 made available for the payment of such allowance: *Pro-*
17 *vided further*, That when traveling on business of the Com-
18 mission, officers of the Armed Forces serving as members
19 or as Secretary of the Commission may be reimbursed for
20 expenses as provided for civilian members of the Commis-
21 sion: *Provided further*, That the Commission shall reim-
22 burse other Government agencies, including the Armed
23 Forces, for salary, pay, and allowances of personnel as-
24 signed to it.

1 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
4 FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

5 For grants, loans, and technical assistance to qualify-
6 ing community development lenders, and administrative
7 expenses of the Fund, \$125,000,000, to remain available
8 until September 30, 1999, of which \$20,000,000 may be
9 used for the cost of direct loans, and up to \$1,000,000
10 may be used for administrative expenses to carry out the
11 direct loan program: *Provided*, That the cost of direct
12 loans, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be
13 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
14 of 1974: *Provided further*, That these funds are available
15 to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of
16 direct loans not to exceed \$53,000,000: *Provided further*,
17 That not more than \$40,000,000 of the funds made avail-
18 able under this heading may be used for programs and
19 activities authorized in section 114 of the Community De-
20 velopment Banking and Financial Institutions Act of
21 1994.

22 CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
23 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

24 For necessary expenses of the Consumer Product
25 Safety Commission, including hire of passenger motor ve-

1 hicles, services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at
 2 rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equiv-
 3 alent to the maximum rate payable under 5 U.S.C. 5376,
 4 purchase of nominal awards to recognize non-Federal offi-
 5 cials' contributions to Commission activities, and not to
 6 exceed \$500 for official reception and representation ex-
 7 penses, \$44,000,000.

8 CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
 9 NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

10 OPERATING EXPENSES

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 For necessary expenses for the Corporation for Na-
 13 tional and Community Service (referred to in the matter
 14 under this heading as the "Corporation") in carrying out
 15 programs, activities, and initiatives under the National
 16 and Community Service Act of 1990 (referred to in the
 17 matter under this heading as the "Act") (42 U.S.C. 12501
 18 et seq.), \$400,500,000 (reduced by \$200,000,000), to re-
 19 main available until September 30, 1999: *Provided*, That
 20 not more than \$29,000,000 shall be available for adminis-
 21 trative expenses authorized under section 501(a)(4) of the
 22 Act (42 U.S.C. 12671(a)(4)): *Provided further*, That not
 23 more than \$2,500 shall be for official reception and rep-
 24 resentation expenses: *Provided further*, That not more
 25 than \$69,000,000, to remain available without fiscal year
 26 limitation, shall be transferred to the National Service

1 Trust account for educational awards authorized under
2 subtitle D of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.);
3 of which not to exceed \$10,000,000 shall be available for
4 national service scholarships for high school students per-
5 forming community service: *Provided further*, That not
6 more than \$201,000,000 of the amount provided under
7 this heading shall be available for grants under the Na-
8 tional Service Trust program authorized under subtitle C
9 of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.) (relating
10 to activities including the Americorps program): *Provided*
11 *further*, That not more than \$5,500,000 of the funds made
12 available under this heading shall be made available for
13 the Points of Light Foundation for activities authorized
14 under title III of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12661 et seq.): *Pro-*
15 *vided further*, That no funds shall be available for national
16 service programs run by Federal agencies authorized
17 under section 121(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12571(b)):
18 *Provided further*, That to the maximum extent feasible,
19 funds appropriated under subtitle C of title I of the Act
20 shall be provided in a manner that is consistent with the
21 recommendations of peer review panels in order to ensure
22 that priority is given to programs that demonstrate qual-
23 ity, innovation, replicability, and sustainability: *Provided*
24 *further*, That not more than \$18,000,000 of the funds
25 made available under this heading shall be available for

1 the Civilian Community Corps authorized under subtitle
 2 E of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12611 et seq.): *Provided*
 3 *further*, That not more than \$43,000,000 shall be available
 4 for school-based and community-based service-learning
 5 programs authorized under subtitle B of title I of the Act
 6 (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.): *Provided further*, That not
 7 more than \$30,000,000 shall be available for quality and
 8 innovation activities authorized under subtitle H of title
 9 I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12853 et seq.): *Provided further*,
 10 That not more than \$5,000,000 shall be available for au-
 11 dits and other evaluations authorized under section 179
 12 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12639): *Provided further*, That to
 13 the maximum extent practicable, the Corporation shall in-
 14 crease significantly the level of matching funds and in-
 15 kind contributions provided by the private sector, shall ex-
 16 pand significantly the number of educational awards pro-
 17 vided under subtitle D of title I, and shall reduce the total
 18 Federal costs per participant in all programs.

19 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

20 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
 21 General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978,
 22 as amended, \$2,000,000.

23 COURT OF VETERANS APPEALS

24 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

25 For necessary expenses for the operation of the Unit-
 26 ed States Court of Veterans Appeals as authorized by 38

1 U.S.C. sections 7251–7298, \$9,319,000, of which
2 \$790,000, shall be available for the purpose of providing
3 financial assistance as described, and in accordance with
4 the process and reporting procedures set fourth, under
5 this heading in Public Law 102–229.

6 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

7 CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

8 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

9 For necessary expenses, as authorized by law, for
10 maintenance, operation, and improvement of Arlington
11 National Cemetery and Soldiers' and Airmen's Home Na-
12 tional Cemetery, including the purchase of two passenger
13 motor vehicles for replacement only, and not to exceed
14 \$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses,
15 \$11,815,000, to remain available until expended.

16 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

17 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

19 For science and technology, including research and
20 development activities, which shall include research and
21 development activities under the Comprehensive Environ-
22 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
23 1980 (CERCLA), as amended; necessary expenses for per-
24 sonnel and related costs and travel expenses, including
25 uniforms, or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5
26 U.S.C. 5901–5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C.

1 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per
2 diem rate equivalent to the rate for GS-18; procurement
3 of laboratory equipment and supplies; other operating ex-
4 penses in support of research and development; construc-
5 tion, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of
6 facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project, \$656,223,000
7 (reduced by \$27,000,000), which shall remain available
8 until September 30, 1999: *Provided*, That \$35,000,000 of
9 the funds appropriated under this heading shall be trans-
10 ferred to the National Institute of Environmental Health
11 Sciences to conduct and administer a comprehensive, peer-
12 reviewed particulate matter research program.

13 ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

14 For environmental programs and management, in-
15 cluding necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for
16 personnel and related costs and travel expenses, including
17 uniforms, or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5
18 U.S.C. 5901-5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C.
19 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per
20 diem rate equivalent to the rate for GS-18; hire of pas-
21 senger motor vehicles; hire, maintenance, and operation
22 of aircraft; purchase of reprints; library memberships in
23 societies or associations which issue publications to mem-
24 bers only or at a price to members lower than to subscrib-
25 ers who are not members; construction, alteration, repair,
26 rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed

1 \$75,000 per project; and not to exceed \$6,000 for official
2 reception and representation expenses, \$1,763,352,000,
3 which shall remain available until September 30, 1999.

4 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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

11 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

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

22 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SUPERFUND

23 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

24 For necessary expenses to carry out the Comprehen-
25 sive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-
26 ity Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, including sec-

1 tions 111(c)(3), (c)(5), (c)(6), and (c)(4) (42 U.S.C.
2 9611), and for construction, alteration, repair, rehabilita-
3 tion, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000
4 per project; not to exceed \$1,500,699,000, to remain avail-
5 able until expended, consisting of \$1,250,699,000, as au-
6 thorized by section 517(a) of the Superfund Amendments
7 and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), as amended by
8 Public Law 101-508, and \$250,000,000 as a payment
9 from general revenues to the Hazardous Substance
10 Superfund as authorized by section 517(b) of SARA, as
11 amended by Public Law 101-508: *Provided*, That funds
12 appropriated under this heading may be allocated to other
13 Federal agencies in accordance with section 111(a) of
14 CERCLA: *Provided further*, That \$11,641,000 of the
15 funds appropriated under this heading shall be transferred
16 to the “Office of Inspector General” appropriation to re-
17 main available until September 30, 1999: *Provided further*,
18 That notwithstanding section 111(m) of CERCLA or any
19 other provision of law, \$80,000,000 of the funds appro-
20 priated under this heading shall be available to the Agency
21 for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to carry out
22 activities described in sections 104(i), 111(c)(4), and
23 111(c)(14) of CERCLA and section 118(f) of SARA: *Pro-*
24 *vided further*, That \$35,000,000 of the funds appropriated
25 under this heading shall be transferred to the “Science

1 and Technology'' appropriation to remain available until
2 September 30, 1999: *Provided further*, That \$85,000,000
3 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be for
4 Brownfields assessments, training and administrative ex-
5 penses only: *Provided further*, That none of the funds ap-
6 propriated under this heading shall be available for the
7 Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to
8 issue in excess of 40 toxicological profiles pursuant to sec-
9 tion 104(i) of CERCLA during fiscal year 1998.

10 LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 For necessary expenses to carry out leaking under-
13 ground storage tank cleanup activities authorized by sec-
14 tion 205 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthoriza-
15 tion Act of 1986, and for construction, alteration, repair,
16 rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed
17 \$75,000 per project, \$60,000,000, to remain available
18 until expended: *Provided*, That no more than \$9,100,000
19 shall be available for administrative expenses.

20 OIL SPILL RESPONSE

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

1 of these funds shall be available for administrative ex-
2 penses.

3 STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

4 For environmental programs and infrastructure as-
5 sistance, including capitalization grants for State revolv-
6 ing funds and performance partnership grants,
7 \$3,026,182,000, to remain available until expended, of
8 which \$1,250,000,000 shall be for making capitalization
9 grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds under
10 Title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as
11 amended, and \$750,000,000 shall be for capitalization
12 grants for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds
13 under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as
14 amended; \$50,000,000 for architectural, engineering,
15 planning, design, construction and related activities in
16 connection with the construction of high priority water
17 and wastewater facilities in the area of the United States-
18 Mexico Border, after consultation with the appropriate
19 border commission; \$50,000,000 for grants to the State
20 of Texas, which shall be matched by an equal amount of
21 State funds from State resources, for the purpose of im-
22 proving wastewater treatment for colonias; \$15,000,000
23 for grants to the State of Alaska to address drinking water
24 and wastewater infrastructure needs of rural and Alaska
25 Native Villages as provided by section 303 of Public Law
26 104-182; \$160,925,000 for making grants for the con-

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

24 WORKING CAPITAL FUND

25 Under this heading in Public Law 104-204, delete
26 the following: the phrases, “franchise fund pilot to be

1 known as the"; "as authorized by section 403 of Public
 2 Law 103-356,"; and "as provided in such section"; and
 3 the final proviso. After the phrase, "to be available", in-
 4 sert "without fiscal year limitation".

5 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

6 OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

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

15 COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND OFFICE OF

16 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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

1 the Senate, serving as Chairman and exercising all powers,
2 functions, and duties of the Council.

3 FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

4 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

11 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

12 DISASTER RELIEF

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

18 DISASTER ASSISTANCE DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

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

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

3 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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

18 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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

22 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE

23 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
24 to carry out activities under the National Flood Insurance
25 Act of 1968, as amended, and the Flood Disaster Protec-
26 tion Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.);

1 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency As-
2 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.); the Earthquake
3 Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, as amended (42 U.S.C.
4 7701 et seq.); the Federal Fire Prevention and Control
5 Act of 1974, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.); the
6 Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C.
7 App. 2061 et seq.); sections 107 and 303 of the National
8 Security Act of 1947, as amended (50 U.S.C. 404–405),
9 and Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978, \$321,646,000
10 (decreased by \$60,000,000): *Provided*, That for purposes
11 of pre-disaster mitigation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5131(b)
12 and (c) and 42 U.S.C. 5196(c) and (i), \$50,000,000 of
13 the funds made available under this heading shall be avail-
14 able until expended for project grants for State and local
15 governments.

16 EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM

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

22 NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE FUND

23 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

24 For activities under the National Flood Insurance
25 Act of 1968, the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973,
26 and the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994,

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

16 Section 1309(a)(2) of the National Flood Insurance
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)(2)), as amended by Public Law
18 104-208, is further amended by striking the date "1997"
19 and inserting in lieu thereof the date "1998".

20 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

21 The Director of the Federal Emergency Management
22 Agency shall promulgate through rulemaking a methodol-
23 ogy for assessment and collection of fees to be assessed
24 and collected beginning in fiscal year 1998 applicable to
25 persons subject to the Federal Emergency Management
26 Agency's radiological emergency preparedness regulations.

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

17 GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

18 CONSUMER INFORMATION CENTER FUND

19 For necessary expenses of the Consumer Information
20 Center, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109,
21 \$2,419,000, to be deposited into the Consumer Informa-
22 tion Center Fund: *Provided*, That the appropriations, rev-
23 enues and collections deposited into the fund shall be
24 available for necessary expenses of Consumer Information
25 Center activities in the aggregate amount of \$7,500,000.

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

15 NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

16 HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT

17 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
18 in the conduct and support of human space flight research
19 and development activities, including research, develop-
20 ment, operations, and services; maintenance; construction
21 of facilities including repair, rehabilitation, and modifica-
22 tion of real and personal property, and acquisition or con-
23 demnation of real property, as authorized by law; space
24 flight, spacecraft control and communications activities in-
25 cluding operations, production, and services; and pur-

1 chase, lease, charter, maintenance and operation of mis-
2 sion and administrative aircraft, \$5,426,500,000, to re-
3 main available until September 30, 1999.

4 SCIENCE, AERONAUTICS AND TECHNOLOGY

5 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
6 in the conduct and support of science, aeronautics and
7 technology research and development activities, including
8 research, development, operations, and services; mainte-
9 nance; construction of facilities including repair, rehabili-
10 tation, and modification of real and personal property, and
11 acquisition or condemnation of real property, as author-
12 ized by law; space flight, spacecraft control and commu-
13 nications activities including operations, production, and
14 services; and purchase, lease, charter, maintenance and
15 operation of mission and administrative aircraft,
16 \$5,690,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
17 1999.

18 MISSION SUPPORT

19 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
20 in carrying out mission support for human space flight
21 programs and science, aeronautical, and technology pro-
22 grams, including research operations and support; space
23 communications activities including operations, production
24 and services; maintenance; construction of facilities includ-
25 ing repair, rehabilitation, and modification of facilities;
26 minor construction of new facilities and additions to exist-

1 ing facilities, facility planning and design, environmental
 2 compliance and restoration, and acquisition or condemna-
 3 tion of real property, as authorized by law; program man-
 4 agement; personnel and related costs, including uniforms
 5 or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–
 6 5902; travel expenses; purchase, lease, charter, mainte-
 7 nance, and operation of mission and administrative air-
 8 craft; not to exceed \$35,000 for official reception and rep-
 9 resentation expenses; and purchase (not to exceed ~~33~~ for
 10 replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles;
 11 \$2,513,200,000, to remain available until September 30,
 12 1999.

13 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

14 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
 15 General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978,
 16 as amended, \$18,300,000.

17 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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, when any activity has been initiated
 23 by the incurrence of obligations for construction of facili-
 24 ties as authorized by law, such amount available for such
 25 activity shall remain available until expended. This provi-
 26 sion does not apply to the amounts appropriated in “Mis-

1 sion support” pursuant to the authorization for repair, re-
2 habilitation and modification of facilities; minor construc-
3 tion of new facilities and additions to existing facilities;
4 and facility planning and design.

5 Notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of
6 funds appropriated for “Human space flight”, “Science,
7 aeronautics and technology”, or “Mission support” by this
8 appropriations Act, the amounts appropriated for con-
9 struction of facilities shall remain available until Septem-
10 ber 30, 2000.

11 Notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of
12 funds appropriated for “Mission support” and “Office of
13 Inspector General”, amounts made available by this Act
14 for personnel and related costs and travel expenses of the
15 National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall re-
16 main available until September 30, 1998 and may be used
17 to enter into contracts for training; investigations; costs
18 associated with personnel relocation; and for other serv-
19 ices; to be provided during the next fiscal year.

20 Upon the determination by the Administrator that
21 such action is necessary, the Administrator may, with the
22 approval of the Office of Management and Budget, trans-
23 fer not to exceed \$150,000,000 of funds made available
24 in this Act to the National Aeronautics and Space Admin-
25 istration for “Science, aeronautics and technology” and

1 “Mission support” to “Human space flight” for the Inter-
 2 national Space Station program, to be merged with and
 3 to be available for the same purposes, and for the same
 4 time period, as the appropriation to which transferred:
 5 *Provided*, That such authority may not be used unless for
 6 higher priority items than those for which originally ap-
 7 propriated: *Provided further*, That the Administrator shall
 8 notify the Congress promptly of all transfers made pursu-
 9 ant to this authority.

10 NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

11 CENTRAL LIQUIDITY FACILITY

12 During fiscal year 1998, gross obligations of the
 13 Central Liquidity Facility for the principal amount of new
 14 direct loans to member credit unions, as authorized by the
 15 National Credit Union Central Liquidity Facility Act (42
 16 U.S.C. 1795), shall not exceed \$600,000,000: *Provided*,
 17 That administrative expenses of the Central Liquidity Fa-
 18 cility in fiscal year 1998 shall not exceed \$203,000.

19 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

20 RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

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

1 and purchase of flight services for research support; acqui-
2 sition of aircraft; \$2,537,700,000 (reduced by \$174,000);
3 of which not to exceed \$228,530,000 shall remain avail-
4 able until expended for Polar research and operations sup-
5 port, and for reimbursement to other Federal agencies for
6 operational and science support and logistical and other
7 related activities for the United States Antarctic program;
8 the balance to remain available until September 30, 1999:
9 *Provided*, That receipts for scientific support services and
10 materials furnished by the National Research Centers and
11 other National Science Foundation supported research fa-
12 cilities may be credited to this appropriation: *Provided fur-*
13 *ther*, That to the extent that the amount appropriated is
14 less than the total amount authorized to be appropriated
15 for included program activities, all amounts, including
16 floors and ceilings, specified in the authorizing Act for
17 those program activities or their subactivities shall be re-
18 duced proportionally.

19 MAJOR RESEARCH EQUIPMENT

20 For necessary expenses of major construction
21 projects pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act
22 of 1950, as amended, \$175,000,000, to remain available
23 until expended.

24 EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

25 For necessary expenses in carrying out science and
26 engineering education and human resources programs and

1 activities pursuant to the National Science Foundation
2 Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1861–1875), includ-
3 ing services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 and rental
4 of conference rooms in the District of Columbia;
5 \$632,500,000, to remain available until September 30,
6 1999: *Provided*, That to the extent that the amount of
7 this appropriation is less than the total amount authorized
8 to be appropriated for included program activities, all
9 amounts, including floors and ceilings, specified in the au-
10 thorizing Act for those program activities or their sub-
11 activities shall be reduced proportionally.

12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

13 For salaries and expenses necessary in carrying out
14 the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended
15 (42 U.S.C. 1861–1875); services authorized by 5 U.S.C.
16 3109; hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed
17 \$9,000 for official reception and representation expenses;
18 uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C.
19 5901–5902; rental of conference rooms in the District of
20 Columbia; reimbursement of the General Services Admin-
21 istration for security guard services and headquarters relo-
22 cation; \$136,950,000: *Provided*, That contracts may be
23 entered into under “Salaries and expenses” in fiscal year
24 1998 for maintenance and operation of facilities, and for
25 other services, to be provided during the next fiscal year.

1 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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

6 NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION
7 PAYMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT
8 CORPORATION

9 For payment to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Cor-
10 poration for use in neighborhood reinvestment activities,
11 as authorized by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corpora-
12 tion Act (42 U.S.C. 8101–8107), \$70,000,000.

13 SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM
14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 For necessary expenses of the Selective Service Sys-
16 tem, including expenses of attendance at meetings and of
17 training for uniformed personnel assigned to the Selective
18 Service System, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 4101–4118 for
19 civilian employees; and not to exceed \$1,000 for official
20 reception and representation expenses; \$23,413,000: *Pro-*
21 *vided*, That during the current fiscal year, the President
22 may exempt this appropriation from the provisions of 31
23 U.S.C. 1341, whenever he deems such action to be nec-
24 essary in the interest of national defense: *Provided further*,
25 That none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be

1 expended for or in connection with the induction of any
2 person into the Armed Forces of the United States.

3 TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

4 SEC. 401. Where appropriations in titles I, II, and
5 III of this Act are expendable for travel expenses and no
6 specific limitation has been placed thereon, the expendi-
7 tures for such travel expenses may not exceed the amounts
8 set forth therefore in the budget estimates submitted for
9 the appropriations: *Provided*, That this provision does not
10 apply to accounts that do not contain an object classifica-
11 tion for travel: *Provided further*, That this section shall
12 not apply to travel performed by uncompensated officials
13 of local boards and appeal boards of the Selective Service
14 System; to travel performed directly in connection with
15 care and treatment of medical beneficiaries of the Depart-
16 ment of Veterans Affairs; to travel performed in connec-
17 tion with major disasters or emergencies declared or deter-
18 mined by the President under the provisions of the Robert
19 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
20 Act; to travel performed by the Offices of Inspector Gen-
21 eral in connection with audits and investigations; or to
22 payments to interagency motor pools where separately set
23 forth in the budget schedules: *Provided further*, That if
24 appropriations in titles I, II, and III exceed the amounts
25 set forth in budget estimates initially submitted for such

1 appropriations, the expenditures for travel may cor-
2 respondingly exceed the amounts therefore set forth in the
3 estimates in the same proportion.

4 SEC. 402. Appropriations and funds available for the
5 administrative expenses of the Department of Housing
6 and Urban Development and the Selective Service System
7 shall be available in the current fiscal year for purchase
8 of uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5
9 U.S.C. 5901–5902; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and
10 services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109.

11 SEC. 403. Funds of the Department of Housing and
12 Urban Development subject to the Government Corpora-
13 tion Control Act or section 402 of the Housing Act of
14 1950 shall be available, without regard to the limitations
15 on administrative expenses, for legal services on a contract
16 or fee basis, and for utilizing and making payment for
17 services and facilities of Federal National Mortgage Asso-
18 ciation, Government National Mortgage Association, Fed-
19 eral Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Financ-
20 ing Bank, Federal Reserve banks or any member thereof,
21 Federal Home Loan banks, and any insured bank within
22 the meaning of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
23 Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1811–1831).

1 ~~SEC. 404. No part of any appropriation contained in~~
2 ~~this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the~~
3 ~~current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.~~

4 ~~SEC. 405. No funds appropriated by this Act may be~~
5 ~~expended—~~

6 ~~(1) pursuant to a certification of an officer or~~
7 ~~employee of the United States unless—~~

8 ~~(A) such certification is accompanied by,~~
9 ~~or is part of, a voucher or abstract which de-~~
10 ~~scribes the payee or payees and the items or~~
11 ~~services for which such expenditure is being~~
12 ~~made; or~~

13 ~~(B) the expenditure of funds pursuant to~~
14 ~~such certification, and without such a voucher~~
15 ~~or abstract, is specifically authorized by law;~~
16 ~~and~~

17 ~~(2) unless such expenditure is subject to audit~~
18 ~~by the General Accounting Office or is specifically~~
19 ~~exempt by law from such audit.~~

20 ~~SEC. 406. None of the funds provided in this Act to~~
21 ~~any department or agency may be expended for the trans-~~
22 ~~portation of any officer or employee of such department~~
23 ~~or agency between his domicile and his place of employ-~~
24 ~~ment, with the exception of any officer or employee au-~~

1 thORIZED such transportation under ~~31 U.S.C. 1344 or 5~~
2 ~~U.S.C. 7905.~~

3 ~~SEC. 407. None of the funds provided in this Act may~~
4 ~~be used for payment, through grants or contracts, to re-~~
5 ~~ipients that do not share in the cost of conducting re-~~
6 ~~search resulting from proposals not specifically solicited~~
7 ~~by the Government. *Provided,* That the extent of cost~~
8 ~~sharing by the recipient shall reflect the mutuality of in-~~
9 ~~terest of the grantee or contractor and the Government~~
10 ~~in the research.~~

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

18 ~~SEC. 409. None of the funds provided in this Act~~
19 ~~shall be used to pay the expenses of, or otherwise com-~~
20 ~~pensate, non-Federal parties intervening in regulatory or~~
21 ~~adjudicatory proceedings. Nothing herein affects the au-~~
22 ~~thority of the Consumer Product Safety Commission pur-~~
23 ~~suant to section 7 of the Consumer Product Safety Act~~
24 ~~(15 U.S.C. 2056 et seq.).~~

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

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

1 or substantially includes any report prepared pursuant to
2 such contract, to contain information concerning (A) the
3 contract pursuant to which the report was prepared, and
4 (B) the contractor who prepared the report pursuant to
5 such contract.

6 SEC. 412. Except as otherwise provided in section
7 406, none of the funds provided in this Act to any depart-
8 ment or agency shall be obligated or expended to provide
9 a personal cook, chauffeur, or other personal servants to
10 any officer or employee of such department or agency.

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

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

24 SEC. 415. (a) It is the sense of the Congress that,
25 to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and prod-

1 ucts purchased with funds made available in this Act
2 should be American-made.

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

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

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

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

23 SEC. 419. Corporations and agencies of the Depart-
24 ment of Housing and Urban Development which are sub-
25 ject to the Government Corporation Control Act, as

1 amended, are hereby authorized to make such expendi-
2 tures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority
3 available to each such corporation or agency and in accord
4 with law, and to make such contracts and commitments
5 without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by
6 section 104 of the Act as may be necessary in carrying
7 out the programs set forth in the budget for 1998 for such
8 corporation or agency except as hereinafter provided: *Pro-*
9 *vided*, That collections of these corporations and agencies
10 may be used for new loan or mortgage purchase commit-
11 ments only to the extent expressly provided for in this Act
12 (unless such loans are in support of other forms of assist-
13 ance provided for in this or prior appropriations Acts), ex-
14 cept that this proviso shall not apply to the mortgage in-
15 surance or guaranty operations of these corporations, or
16 where loans or mortgage purchases are necessary to pro-
17 tect the financial interest of the United States Govern-
18 ment.

19 SEC. 420. Such funds as may be necessary to carry
20 out the orderly termination of the Office of Consumer Af-
21 fairs shall be made available from funds appropriated to
22 the Department of Health and Human Services for fiscal
23 year 1998.

24 SEC. 421. None of the funds made available in this
25 Act may be used to implement clauses (ii) through (v) of

1 section ~~761.93(a)(1)~~ of title 40 of the Code of Federal
2 Regulations (relating to the import of PCB's and PCB
3 items at concentrations of 50 ppm or greater for disposal),
4 or to authorize any person to import into the United
5 States (pursuant to an exemption under section
6 ~~2605(e)(3)(B)~~ of title 15, United States Code or other-
7 wise) any PCB's or PCB items at concentrations of 50
8 ppm or greater for purposes of disposal or treatment.

9 SEC. 422. None of the funds made available in this
10 Act may be provided by contract or by grant (including
11 a grant of funds to be available for student aid) to any
12 institution of higher education, or subelement thereof, that
13 is currently ineligible for contracts and grants pursuant
14 to section 514 of the Departments of Labor, Health and
15 Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies
16 Appropriations Act, 1997 (as contained in section 101(e)
17 of division A of Public Law 104-208; 110 Stat. 3009-
18 270).

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

22 *That the following sums are appropriated, out of any*
23 *money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the*
24 *Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban*
25 *Development, and for sundry independent agencies, com-*

1 *missions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending*
2 *September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, namely:*

3 *TITLE I*

4 *DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS*

5 *VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION*

6 *COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS*

7 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

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

1 *conciliation Act of 1990, and in the Veterans' Benefits Act*
2 *of 1992 (38 U.S.C. chapters 51, 53, and 55), the funding*
3 *source for which is specifically provided as the "Compensa-*
4 *tion and pensions" appropriation: Provided further, That*
5 *such sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying pa-*
6 *tient basis, shall be reimbursed to "Medical facilities revolv-*
7 *ing fund" to augment the funding of individual medical*
8 *facilities for nursing home care provided to pensioners as*
9 *authorized by the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C.*
10 *chapter 55).*

11 *READJUSTMENT BENEFITS*

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

20 *VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES*

21 *For military and naval insurance, national service life*
22 *insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled veter-*
23 *ans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as au-*
24 *thorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 19; 70 Stat. 887; 72 Stat.*
25 *487, \$51,360,000, to remain available until expended.*

1 VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND PROGRAM

2 ACCOUNT

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

17 EDUCATION LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

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

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

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

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

16 *MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH*

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

21 *MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS*

22 *OPERATING EXPENSES*

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

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

8 *GENERAL POST FUND, NATIONAL HOMES*

9 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

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

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

22 *DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION*

23 *GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES*

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

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

9 *NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM*

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

16 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

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

20 *CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS*

21 *(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)*

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

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

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

19 *CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS*

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

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

16 *PARKING REVOLVING FUND*

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

22 *GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE*

23 *FACILITIES*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 able until expended, of which \$10,000,000 shall be for
2 grants, technical assistance, contracts and other assistance
3 training, program assessment, and execution for or on be-
4 half of public housing agencies, resident organizations, and
5 Indian Tribes and their Tribally designated housing enti-
6 ties (including the cost of necessary travel for participants
7 in such training); \$10,000,000 shall be used in connection
8 with efforts to combat violent crime in public and assisted
9 housing under the Operation Safe Home Program adminis-
10 tered by the Inspector General of the Department of Hous-
11 ing and Urban Development; and \$5,000,000 shall be pro-
12 vided to the Office of Inspector General for Operation Safe
13 Home: Provided, That the term “drug-related crime”, as de-
14 fined in 42 U.S.C. 11905(2), shall also include other types
15 of crime as determined by the Secretary: Provided further,
16 That notwithstanding section 5130(c) of the Anti-Drug
17 Abuse Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 11909(c)), the Secretary may
18 determine not to use any such funds to provide public hous-
19 ing youth sports grants.

20 *REVITALIZATION OF SEVERELY DISTRESSED PUBLIC*
21 *HOUSING (HOPE VI)*

22 *For grants to public housing agencies for assisting in*
23 *the demolition of obsolete public housing projects or portions*
24 *thereof, the revitalization (where appropriate) of sites (in-*
25 *cluding remaining public housing units) on which such*
26 *projects are located, replacement housing which will avoid*

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

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

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

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

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

12 *INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM*

13 *ACCOUNT*

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

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

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

7 *CAPITAL GRANTS/CAPITAL LOANS PRESERVATION ACCOUNT*

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

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

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

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

21 *COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS*

22 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 *EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND ENTERPRISE COMMUNITIES*

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

24 *HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM*

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

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

9 *SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM*

10 *(RESCISSION)*

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

17 *SHELTER PLUS CARE*

18 *(RESCISSION)*

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

24 *HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS*

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

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

19 *HOUSING PROGRAMS*

20 *HOUSING FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS*

21 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

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

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

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

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

5 *OTHER ASSISTED HOUSING PROGRAMS*

6 *RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE*

7 *(RESCISSION)*

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

16 *FLEXIBLE SUBSIDY FUND*

17 *(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 *POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH*

4 *RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY*

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

13 *FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY*

14 *FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES*

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

1 *MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION*2 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

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

14 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*15 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

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

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

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

16 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*
17 *EXTENDERS*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (5) in the last sentence, by—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 *FINANCING ADJUSTMENT FACTORS*

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

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

16 *ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTORS*

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

1 *COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT*

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

8 *FAIR HOUSING AND FREE SPEECH*

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

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

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

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

3 *BROWNFIELDS AS ELIGIBLE CDBG ACTIVITY*

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

10 *PARTIAL PAYMENT OF CLAIMS ON HEALTH CARE*

11 *FACILITIES*

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

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

16 *(2) in subsection (a)—*

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

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

1 *FHA MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE CREDIT DEMONSTRATIONS*

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

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

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

12 *CALCULATION OF DOWNPAYMENT*

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

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

18 *REFORM*

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

HOPE VI NOFA

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

ENHANCED DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

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

HOME PROGRAM FORMULA

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

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

8 *INDIAN HOUSING REFORM*

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

20 *TITLE III—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES*

21 *AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION*

22 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

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

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

21 *CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD*

22 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

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

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

4 *CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION*

5 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

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

15 *CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE*

16 *NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS*

17 *OPERATING EXPENSES*

18 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

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

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

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

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

12 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

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

16 *COURT OF VETERANS APPEALS*

17 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

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

20 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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

1 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

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

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

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

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

16 *LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM*

17 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

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

1 OIL SPILL RESPONSE

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

9 STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

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

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

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

20 *WORKING CAPITAL FUND*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 *DISASTER ASSISTANCE DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

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

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

12 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

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

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

4 NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE FUND

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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

23 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

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

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

19 *GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION*

20 *CONSUMER INFORMATION CENTER FUND*

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

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

17 *NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION*

18 *HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT*

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

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

9 *SCIENCE, AERONAUTICS AND TECHNOLOGY*

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

22 *MISSION SUPPORT*

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

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

16 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

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

20 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 *NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION*

11 *CENTRAL LIQUIDITY FACILITY*

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

19 *NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION*

20 *RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES*

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

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

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

3 *MAJOR RESEARCH EQUIPMENT*

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

8 *EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES*

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

22 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

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

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

10 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

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

15 *NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION*

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

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

22 *SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM*

23 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

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

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

11 *TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 *AMERICORPS STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT*

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

17 *SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING CATASTROPHIC*

18 *NATURAL DISASTERS*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 *(1) Lung cancer.*

20 *(2) Bone cancer.*

21 *(3) Skin cancer.*

22 *(4) Colon cancer.*

23 *(5) Kidney cancer.*

24 *(6) Posterior subcapsular cataracts.*

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

