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Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 11, 1998

Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

A BILL

Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-
5 riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-
6 tion, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year

1 ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes,
2 namely:

3 TITLE I

4 AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

5 PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND MARKETING

6 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary
9 of Agriculture, and not to exceed \$75,000 for employment
10 under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$2,836,000: *Provided*, That not to
11 exceed \$11,000 of this amount, along with any unobli-
12 gated balances of representation funds in the Foreign Ag-
13 ricultural Service, shall be available for official reception
14 and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for,
15 as determined by the Secretary.

16 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

17 CHIEF ECONOMIST

18 For necessary expenses of the Chief Economist, in-
19 cluding economic analysis, risk assessment, cost-benefit
20 analysis, and the functions of the World Agricultural Out-
21 look Board, as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing
22 Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622g), and including employment
23 pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the
24 Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to

1 exceed \$5,000 is for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109,
2 \$5,048,000.

3 NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION

4 For necessary expenses of the National Appeals Divi-
5 sion, including employment pursuant to the second sen-
6 tence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7
7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$25,000 is for em-
8 ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$11,718,000.

9 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

10 For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and
11 Program Analysis, including employment pursuant to the
12 second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of
13 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$5,000 is
14 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$5,986,000.

15 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

16 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief In-
17 formation Officer, including employment pursuant to the
18 second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of
19 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$10,000
20 is for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$5,551,000.

21 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

22 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Fi-
23 nancial Officer, including employment pursuant to the sec-
24 ond sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944
25 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$10,000 is for
26 employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$4,283,000: *Provided,*

1 That the Chief Financial Officer shall actively market
2 cross-servicing activities of the National Finance Center.

3 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
4 ADMINISTRATION

5 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
6 the Assistant Secretary for Administration to carry out
7 the programs funded by this Act, \$613,000.

8 AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND RENTAL
9 PAYMENTS

10 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

11 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-
12 ant to Public Law 92-313, including authorities pursuant
13 to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Adminis-
14 trator of General Services to the Department of Agri-
15 culture under 40 U.S.C. 486, for programs and activities
16 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for
17 the operation, maintenance, and repair of Agriculture
18 buildings, \$132,184,000: *Provided*, That in the event an
19 agency within the Department should require modification
20 of space needs, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer
21 a share of that agency's appropriation made available by
22 this Act to this appropriation, or may transfer a share
23 of this appropriation to that agency's appropriation, but
24 such transfers shall not exceed 5 percent of the funds
25 made available for space rental and related costs to or

1 from this account. In addition, for construction, repair,
2 improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed
3 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the pro-
4 grams of the Department, where not otherwise provided,
5 \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended; making
6 a total appropriation of \$137,184,000.

7 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-
10 culture, to comply with the requirement of section 107(g)
11 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Com-
12 pensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9607(g), and sec-
13 tion 6001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act,
14 42 U.S.C. 6961, \$15,700,000, to remain available until
15 expended: *Provided*, That appropriations and funds avail-
16 able herein to the Department for Hazardous Waste Man-
17 agement may be transferred to any agency of the Depart-
18 ment for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to
19 the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.

20 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

22 For Departmental Administration, \$27,034,000, to
23 provide for necessary expenses for management support
24 services to offices of the Department and for general ad-
25 ministration and disaster management of the Department,

1 repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous supplies
2 and expenses not otherwise provided for and necessary for
3 the practical and efficient work of the Department, includ-
4 ing employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
5 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of
6 which not to exceed \$10,000 is for employment under 5
7 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be
8 reimbursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for
9 travel expenses incident to the holding of hearings as re-
10 quired by 5 U.S.C. 551–558.

11 OUTREACH FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS

12 For grants and contracts pursuant to section 2501
13 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of
14 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279), \$3,000,000, to remain available
15 until expended.

16 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
17 CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS
18 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

19 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
20 the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to
21 carry out the programs funded by this Act, including pro-
22 grams involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison
23 within the executive branch, \$3,668,000: *Provided*, That
24 no other funds appropriated to the Department by this
25 Act shall be available to the Department for support of
26 activities of congressional relations: *Provided further*, That

1 not less than \$2,241,000 shall be transferred to agencies
2 funded by this Act to maintain personnel at the agency
3 level.

4 OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

5 For necessary expenses to carry on services relating
6 to the coordination of programs involving public affairs,
7 for the dissemination of agricultural information, and the
8 coordination of information, work, and programs author-
9 ized by Congress in the Department, \$8,138,000, includ-
10 ing employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
11 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of
12 which not to exceed \$10,000 shall be available for employ-
13 ment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, and not to exceed \$2,000,000
14 may be used for farmers' bulletins.

15 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Inspector
18 General, including employment pursuant to the second
19 sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7
20 U.S.C. 2225), and the Inspector General Act of 1978,
21 \$63,128,000, including such sums as may be necessary for
22 contracting and other arrangements with public agencies
23 and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the In-
24 spector General Act of 1978, including a sum not to ex-
25 ceed \$50,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109; and

1 including a sum not to exceed \$125,000, for certain con-
2 fidential operational expenses, including the payment of
3 informants, to be expended under the direction of the In-
4 spector General pursuant to Public Law 95-452 and sec-
5 tion 1337 of Public Law 97-98: *Provided*, That funds
6 transferred to the Office of the Inspector General through
7 forfeiture proceedings or from the Department of Justice
8 Assets Forfeiture Fund or the Department of the Treas-
9 ury Forfeiture Fund, as a participating agency, as an eq-
10 uitable share from the forfeiture of property in investiga-
11 tions in which the Office of the Inspector General partici-
12 pates, or through the granting of a Petition for Remission
13 or Mitigation, shall be deposited to the credit of this ac-
14 count for law enforcement activities authorized under the
15 Inspector General Act of 1978, to remain available until
16 expended.

17 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

18 For necessary expenses of the Office of the General
19 Counsel, \$28,759,000.

20 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,
21 EDUCATION AND ECONOMICS

22 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
23 the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Eco-
24 nomics to administer the laws enacted by the Congress
25 for the Economic Research Service, the National Agricul-

1 tural Statistics Service, the Agricultural Research Service,
2 and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Ex-
3 tension Service, \$540,000.

4 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

5 For necessary expenses of the Economic Research
6 Service in conducting economic research and analysis, as
7 authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7
8 U.S.C. 1621–1627) and other laws, \$53,109,000: *Pro-*
9 *vided*, That this appropriation shall be available for em-
10 ployment pursuant to the second sentence of section
11 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225).

12 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

13 For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural
14 Statistics Service in conducting statistical reporting and
15 service work, including crop and livestock estimates, sta-
16 tistical coordination and improvements, marketing sur-
17 veys, and the Census of Agriculture, as authorized by the
18 Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–
19 1627), the Census of Agriculture Act of 1997 (Public Law
20 105–113), and other laws, \$103,964,000, of which up to
21 \$23,599,000 shall be available until expended for the Cen-
22 sus of Agriculture: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall
23 be available for employment pursuant to the second sen-
24 tence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7

1 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$40,000 shall be available
2 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

3 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

4 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

5 For necessary expenses to enable the Agricultural Re-
6 search Service to perform agricultural research and dem-
7 onstration relating to production, utilization, marketing,
8 and distribution (not otherwise provided for); home eco-
9 nomics or nutrition and consumer use including the acqui-
10 sition, preservation, and dissemination of agricultural in-
11 formation; and for acquisition of lands by donation, ex-
12 change, or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,
13 and for land exchanges where the lands exchanged shall
14 be of equal value or shall be equalized by a payment of
15 money to the grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent
16 of the total value of the land or interests transferred out
17 of Federal ownership, \$767,921,000: *Provided*, That ap-
18 propriations hereunder shall be available for temporary
19 employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
20 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and
21 not to exceed \$115,000 shall be available for employment
22 under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That appropria-
23 tions hereunder shall be available for the operation and
24 maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed
25 one for replacement only: *Provided further*, That appro-

1 priations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7
2 U.S.C. 2250 for the construction, alteration, and repair
3 of buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise pro-
4 vided, the cost of constructing any one building shall not
5 exceed \$250,000, except for headhouses or greenhouses
6 which shall each be limited to \$1,000,000, and except for
7 ten buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not
8 to exceed \$500,000 each, and the cost of altering any one
9 building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent
10 of the current replacement value of the building or
11 \$250,000, whichever is greater: *Provided further*, That the
12 limitations on alterations contained in this Act shall not
13 apply to modernization or replacement of existing facilities
14 at Beltsville, Maryland: *Provided further*, That appropria-
15 tions hereunder shall be available for granting easements
16 at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, including
17 an easement to the University of Maryland to construct
18 the Transgenic Animal Facility which upon completion
19 shall be accepted by the Secretary as a gift: *Provided fur-*
20 *ther*, That the foregoing limitations shall not apply to re-
21 placement of buildings needed to carry out the Act of April
22 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): *Provided further*, That funds
23 may be received from any State, other political subdivi-
24 sion, organization, or individual for the purpose of estab-
25 lishing or operating any research facility or research

1 project of the Agricultural Research Service, as authorized
2 by law.

3 None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall
4 be available to carry out research related to the produc-
5 tion, processing or marketing of tobacco or tobacco prod-
6 ucts.

7 In the fiscal year 1999, the agency is authorized to
8 charge fees, commensurate with the fair market value, for
9 any permit, easement, lease, or other special use author-
10 ization for the occupancy or use of land and facilities (in-
11 cluding land and facilities at the Beltsville Agricultural
12 Research Center) issued by the agency, as authorized by
13 law, and such fees shall be credited to this account, and
14 remain available until expended, for authorized purposes.

15 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

16 For acquisition of land, construction, repair, improve-
17 ment, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equip-
18 ment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural
19 research programs of the Department of Agriculture,
20 where not otherwise provided, \$45,430,000, to remain
21 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): *Provided*, That
22 funds may be received from any State, other political sub-
23 division, organization, or individual for the purpose of es-
24 tablishing any research facility of the Agricultural Re-
25 search Service, as authorized by law.

1 COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND
2 EXTENSION SERVICE
3 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

4 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for
5 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and
6 for other expenses, including \$173,796,000 to carry into
7 effect the provisions of the Hatch Act (7 U.S.C. 361a–
8 i); \$21,112,000 for grants for cooperative forestry re-
9 search (16 U.S.C. 582a–a7); \$28,567,000 for payments
10 to the 1890 land-grant colleges, including Tuskegee Uni-
11 versity (7 U.S.C. 3222); \$49,200,000 for special grants
12 for agricultural research (7 U.S.C. 450i(c)); \$15,048,000
13 for special grants for agricultural research on improved
14 pest control (7 U.S.C. 450i(e)); \$97,200,000 for competi-
15 tive research grants (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)); \$4,918,000 for
16 the support of animal health and disease programs (7
17 U.S.C. 3195); \$550,000 for supplemental and alternative
18 crops and products (7 U.S.C. 3319d); \$600,000 for grants
19 for research pursuant to the Critical Agricultural Mate-
20 rials Act of 1984 (7 U.S.C. 178) and section 1472 of the
21 Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3318), to
22 remain available until expended; \$3,000,000 for higher
23 education graduate fellowship grants (7 U.S.C.
24 3152(b)(6)), to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C.
25 2209b); \$4,350,000 for higher education challenge grants

1 (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(1)); \$1,000,000 for a higher education
2 multicultural scholars program (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(5)), to
3 remain available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b);
4 \$2,500,000 for an education grants program for Hispanic-
5 serving Institutions (7 U.S.C. 3241); \$4,000,000 for
6 aquaculture grants (7 U.S.C. 3322); \$8,000,000 for sus-
7 tainable agriculture research and education (7 U.S.C.
8 5811); \$9,200,000 for a program of capacity building
9 grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(4)) to colleges eligible to receive
10 funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C. 321–
11 326 and 328), including Tuskegee University, to remain
12 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); \$1,494,000 for
13 payments to the 1994 Institutions pursuant to section
14 534(a)(1) of Public Law 103–382; and \$10,247,000 for
15 necessary expenses of Research and Education Activities,
16 of which not to exceed \$100,000 shall be for employment
17 under 5 U.S.C. 3109; in all, \$434,782,000.

18 None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall
19 be available to carry out research related to the produc-
20 tion, processing or marketing of tobacco or tobacco prod-
21 ucts.

22 NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

23 For establishment of a Native American institutions
24 endowment fund, as authorized by Public Law 103–382
25 (7 U.S.C. 301 note), \$4,600,000.

1 EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

2 Payments to States, the District of Columbia, Puerto
3 Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, Northern
4 Marianas, and American Samoa: For payments for coop-
5 erative extension work under the Smith-Lever Act, to be
6 distributed under sections 3(b) and 3(c) of said Act, and
7 under section 208(c) of Public Law 93–471, for retire-
8 ment and employees’ compensation costs for extension
9 agents and for costs of penalty mail for cooperative exten-
10 sion agents and State extension directors, \$276,548,000;
11 payments for extension work at the 1994 Institutions
12 under the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b)(3)),
13 \$2,060,000; payments for the nutrition and family edu-
14 cation program for low-income areas under section 3(d)
15 of the Act, \$58,695,000; payments for the pest manage-
16 ment program under section 3(d) of the Act, \$10,783,000;
17 payments for the farm safety program under section 3(d)
18 of the Act, \$2,855,000; payments for the pesticide impact
19 assessment program under section 3(d) of the Act,
20 \$3,214,000; payments to upgrade 1890 land-grant college
21 research, extension, and teaching facilities as authorized
22 by section 1447 of Public Law 95–113 (7 U.S.C. 3222b),
23 \$8,304,000, to remain available until expended; payments
24 for the rural development centers under section 3(d) of
25 the Act, \$908,000; payments for a groundwater quality

1 program under section 3(d) of the Act, \$9,061,000; pay-
2 ments for the agricultural telecommunications program,
3 as authorized by Public Law 101–624 (7 U.S.C. 5926),
4 \$900,000; payments for youth-at-risk programs under sec-
5 tion 3(d) of the Act, \$9,554,000; payments for a food safe-
6 ty program under section 3(d) of the Act, \$2,365,000;
7 payments for carrying out the provisions of the Renewable
8 Resources Extension Act of 1978, \$3,192,000; payments
9 for Indian reservation agents under section 3(d) of the
10 Act, \$1,756,000; payments for sustainable agriculture
11 programs under section 3(d) of the Act, \$3,309,000; pay-
12 ments for rural health and safety education as authorized
13 by section 2390 of Public Law 101–624 (7 U.S.C. 2661
14 note, 2662), \$2,628,000; payments for cooperative exten-
15 sion work by the colleges receiving the benefits of the sec-
16 ond Morrill Act (7 U.S.C. 321–326 and 328) and
17 Tuskegee University, \$25,843,000; and for Federal ad-
18 ministration and coordination including administration of
19 the Smith-Lever Act, and the Act of September 29, 1977
20 (7 U.S.C. 341–349), and section 1361(c) of the Act of
21 October 3, 1980 (7 U.S.C. 301 note), and to coordinate
22 and provide program leadership for the extension work of
23 the Department and the several States and insular posses-
24 sions, \$10,206,000; in all, \$432,181,000: *Provided*, That
25 funds hereby appropriated pursuant to section 3(c) of the

1 Act of June 26, 1953, and section 506 of the Act of June
2 23, 1972, shall not be paid to any State, the District of
3 Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, or the Virgin Islands, Mi-
4 cronesia, Northern Marianas, and American Samoa prior
5 to availability of an equal sum from non-Federal sources
6 for expenditure during the current fiscal year.

7 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
8 MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

9 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
10 the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory
11 Programs to administer programs under the laws enacted
12 by the Congress for the Animal and Plant Health Inspec-
13 tion Service, the Agricultural Marketing Service, and the
14 Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration,
15 \$618,000.

16 ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
17 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
18 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

19 For expenses, not otherwise provided for, including
20 those pursuant to the Act of February 28, 1947 (21
21 U.S.C. 114b–c), necessary to prevent, control, and eradi-
22 cate pests and plant and animal diseases; to carry out in-
23 spection, quarantine, and regulatory activities; to dis-
24 charge the authorities of the Secretary of Agriculture
25 under the Act of March 2, 1931 (46 Stat. 1468; 7 U.S.C.
26 426–426b); and to protect the environment, as authorized

1 by law, \$424,473,000, of which \$3,099,000 shall be avail-
2 able for the control of outbreaks of insects, plant diseases,
3 animal diseases and for control of pest animals and birds
4 to the extent necessary to meet emergency conditions: *Pro-*
5 *vided*, That no funds shall be used to formulate or admin-
6 ister a brucellosis eradication program for the current fis-
7 cal year that does not require minimum matching by the
8 States of at least 40 percent: *Provided further*, That this
9 appropriation shall be available for field employment pur-
10 suant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Or-
11 ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed
12 \$40,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C.
13 3109: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be
14 available for the operation and maintenance of aircraft
15 and the purchase of not to exceed four, of which two shall
16 be for replacement only: *Provided further*, That, in addi-
17 tion, in emergencies which threaten any segment of the
18 agricultural production industry of this country, the Sec-
19 retary may transfer from other appropriations or funds
20 available to the agencies or corporations of the Depart-
21 ment such sums as may be deemed necessary, to be avail-
22 able only in such emergencies for the arrest and eradi-
23 cation of contagious or infectious disease or pests of ani-
24 mals, poultry, or plants, and for expenses in accordance
25 with the Act of February 28, 1947, and section 102 of

1 the Act of September 21, 1944, and any unexpended bal-
2 ances of funds transferred for such emergency purposes
3 in the next preceding fiscal year shall be merged with such
4 transferred amounts: *Provided further*, That appropria-
5 tions hereunder shall be available pursuant to law (7
6 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair and alteration of leased build-
7 ings and improvements, but unless otherwise provided, the
8 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
9 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
10 value of the building.

11 In fiscal year 1999, the agency is authorized to collect
12 fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assist-
13 ance, goods, or services requested by States, other political
14 subdivisions, domestic and international organizations,
15 foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such
16 fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such
17 fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods,
18 or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such
19 fees shall be credited to this account, to remain available
20 until expended, without further appropriation, for provid-
21 ing such assistance, goods, or services.

22 Of the total amount available under this heading in
23 fiscal year 1999, \$95,000,000 shall be derived from user
24 fees deposited in the Agricultural Quarantine Inspection
25 User Fee Account.

1 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

2 For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-
3 nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-
4 teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as
5 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as
6 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 428a, \$4,200,000, to remain avail-
7 able until expended.

8 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

9 MARKETING SERVICES

10 For necessary expenses to carry on services related
11 to consumer protection, agricultural marketing and dis-
12 tribution, transportation, and regulatory programs, as au-
13 thorized by law, and for administration and coordination
14 of payments to States; including field employment pursu-
15 ant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Or-
16 ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed
17 \$90,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109,
18 \$45,567,000, including funds for the wholesale market de-
19 velopment program for the design and development of
20 wholesale and farmer market facilities for the major met-
21 ropolitan areas of the country: *Provided*, That this appro-
22 priation shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250)
23 for the alteration and repair of buildings and improve-
24 ments, but the cost of altering any one building during

1 the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current
2 replacement value of the building.

3 Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization
4 activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31
5 U.S.C. 9701).

6 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

7 Not to exceed \$59,521,000 (from fees collected) shall
8 be obligated during the current fiscal year for administra-
9 tive expenses: *Provided*, That if crop size is understated
10 and/or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may
11 exceed this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification
12 to the Appropriations Committees.

13 FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND
14 SUPPLY (SECTION 32)
15 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

16 Funds available under section 32 of the Act of Au-
17 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c) shall be used only for com-
18 modity program expenses as authorized therein, and other
19 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the
20 Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and
21 Wildlife Act of August 8, 1956; (2) transfers otherwise
22 provided in this Act; and (3) not more than \$10,998,000
23 for formulation and administration of marketing agree-
24 ments and orders pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing
25 Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural Act of 1961.

1 INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES

2 LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICE

3 EXPENSES

4 Not to exceed \$42,557,000 (from fees collected) shall
 5 be obligated during the current fiscal year for inspection
 6 and weighing services: *Provided*, That if grain export ac-
 7 tivities require additional supervision and oversight, or
 8 other uncontrollable factors occur, this limitation may be
 9 exceeded by up to 10 percent with notification to the Ap-
 10 propriations Committees.

11 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY

12 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
 13 the Under Secretary for Food Safety to administer the
 14 laws enacted by the Congress for the Food Safety and In-
 15 spection Service, \$446,000.

16 FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

17 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

18 For necessary expenses to carry on services author-
 19 ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry
 20 Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection
 21 Act, \$605,149,000, and in addition, \$1,000,000 may be
 22 credited to this account from fees collected for the cost
 23 of laboratory accreditation as authorized by section 1017
 24 of Public Law 102-237: *Provided*, That this appropriation
 25 shall not be available for shell egg surveillance under sec-
 26 tion 5(d) of the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C.

1 1034(d)): *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall
 2 be available for field employment pursuant to the second
 3 sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7
 4 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$75,000 shall be available
 5 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*,
 6 That this appropriation shall be available pursuant to law
 7 (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alteration and repair of buildings
 8 and improvements, but the cost of altering any one build-
 9 ing during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of
 10 the current replacement value of the building.

11 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FARM AND
 12 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

13 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
 14 the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural
 15 Services to administer the laws enacted by Congress for
 16 the Farm Service Agency, the Foreign Agricultural Serv-
 17 ice, the Risk Management Agency, and the Commodity
 18 Credit Corporation, \$572,000.

19 FARM SERVICE AGENCY

20 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

22 For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-
 23 tration and implementation of programs administered by
 24 the Farm Service Agency, \$710,842,000: *Provided*, That
 25 the Secretary is authorized to use the services, facilities,
 26 and authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity

1 Credit Corporation to make program payments for all pro-
2 grams administered by the Agency: *Provided further*, That
3 other funds made available to the Agency for authorized
4 activities may be advanced to and merged with this ac-
5 count: *Provided further*, That these funds shall be avail-
6 able for employment pursuant to the second sentence of
7 section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.
8 2225), and not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall be available for
9 employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

10 STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

11 For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-
12 tural Credit Act of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 5101–5106),
13 \$2,000,000.

14 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

16 For necessary expenses involved in making indemnity
17 payments to dairy farmers for milk or cows producing
18 such milk and manufacturers of dairy products who have
19 been directed to remove their milk or dairy products from
20 commercial markets because it contained residues of
21 chemicals registered and approved for use by the Federal
22 Government, and in making indemnity payments for milk,
23 or cows producing such milk, at a fair market value to
24 any dairy farmer who is directed to remove his milk from
25 commercial markets because of: (1) the presence of prod-
26 ucts of nuclear radiation or fallout if such contamination

1 teed loans; operating loans, \$1,788,378,000, of which
2 \$992,906,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed loans
3 and \$235,000,000 shall be for subsidized guaranteed
4 loans; Indian tribe land acquisition loans as authorized by
5 25 U.S.C. 488, \$1,000,000; for emergency insured loans,
6 \$25,000,000 to meet the needs resulting from natural dis-
7 asters; for boll weevil eradication program loans as author-
8 ized by 7 U.S.C. 1989, \$40,000,000; and for credit sales
9 of acquired property, \$25,000,000.

10 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including
11 the cost of modifying loans as defined in section 502 of
12 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: farm
13 ownership loans, \$16,320,000, of which \$6,758,000 shall
14 be for guaranteed loans; operating loans, \$70,337,000, of
15 which \$11,518,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed
16 loans and \$20,539,000 shall be for subsidized guaranteed
17 loans; Indian tribe land acquisition loans as authorized by
18 25 U.S.C. 488, \$153,000; for emergency insured loans,
19 \$5,900,000 to meet the needs resulting from natural dis-
20 asters; for boll weevil eradication program loans as author-
21 ized by 7 U.S.C. 1989, \$576,000; and for credit sales of
22 acquired property, \$3,260,000.

23 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
24 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
25 \$219,861,000, of which \$209,861,000 shall be transferred

1 to and merged with the appropriation for “Farm Service
2 Agency, Salaries and Expenses”.

3 RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY

4 ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES

5 For administrative and operating expenses, as au-
6 thorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Re-
7 form Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 6933), \$64,000,000: *Provided*,
8 That not to exceed \$700 shall be available for official re-
9 ception and representation expenses, as authorized by 7
10 U.S.C. 1506(i).

11 CORPORATIONS

12 The following corporations and agencies are hereby
13 authorized to make expenditures, within the limits of
14 funds and borrowing authority available to each such cor-
15 poration or agency and in accord with law, and to make
16 contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year
17 limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government
18 Corporation Control Act as may be necessary in carrying
19 out the programs set forth in the budget for the current
20 fiscal year for such corporation or agency, except as here-
21 inafter provided.

22 FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

23 For payments as authorized by section 516 of the
24 Federal Crop Insurance Act, such sums as may be nec-
25 essary, to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C.
26 2209b).

1 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND

2 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

3 For fiscal year 1999, such sums as may be necessary
4 to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for net
5 realized losses sustained, but not previously reimbursed
6 (estimated to be \$8,439,000,000 in the President's fiscal
7 year 1999 Budget Request (H. Doc. 105-177)), but not
8 to exceed \$8,439,000,000, pursuant to section 2 of the
9 Act of August 17, 1961 (15 U.S.C. 713a-11).

10 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE

11 MANAGEMENT

12 For fiscal year 1999, the Commodity Credit Corpora-
13 tion shall not expend more than \$5,000,000 for expenses
14 to comply with the requirement of section 107(g) of the
15 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,
16 and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9607(g), and section 6001
17 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C.
18 6961: *Provided*, That expenses shall be for operations and
19 maintenance costs only and that other hazardous waste
20 management costs shall be paid for by the USDA Hazard-
21 ous Waste Management appropriation in this Act.

1 TITLE II
2 CONSERVATION PROGRAMS
3 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR NATURAL
4 RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

5 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
6 the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environ-
7 ment to administer the laws enacted by the Congress for
8 the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conserva-
9 tion Service, \$693,000.

10 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
11 CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

12 For necessary expenses for carrying out the programs
13 administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Serv-
14 ice, including the provisions of the Act of April 27, 1935
15 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f), including preparation of conservation
16 plans and establishment of measures to conserve soil and
17 water (including farm irrigation and land drainage and
18 such special measures for soil and water management as
19 may be necessary to prevent floods and the siltation of
20 reservoirs and to control agricultural related pollutants);
21 operation of conservation plant materials centers; classi-
22 fication and mapping of soil; dissemination of information;
23 acquisition of lands, water, and interests therein for use
24 in the plant materials program by donation, exchange, or
25 purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant

1 to the Act of August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 428a); purchase
2 and erection or alteration or improvement of permanent
3 and temporary buildings; and operation and maintenance
4 of aircraft, \$638,231,000, to remain available until ex-
5 pended (7 U.S.C. 2209b), of which not less than
6 \$5,835,000 is for snow survey and water forecasting and
7 not less than \$9,025,000 is for operation and establish-
8 ment of the plant materials centers: *Provided*, That appro-
9 priations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7
10 U.S.C. 2250 for construction and improvement of build-
11 ings and public improvements at plant materials centers,
12 except that the cost of alterations and improvements to
13 other buildings and other public improvements shall not
14 exceed \$250,000: *Provided further*, That when buildings
15 or other structures are erected on non-Federal land, that
16 the right to use such land is obtained as provided in 7
17 U.S.C. 2250a: *Provided further*, That this appropriation
18 shall be available for technical assistance and related ex-
19 penses to carry out programs authorized by section 202(c)
20 of title II of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control
21 Act of 1974 (43 U.S.C. 1592(c)): *Provided further*, That
22 no part of this appropriation may be expended for soil and
23 water conservation operations under the Act of April 27,
24 1935 in demonstration projects: *Provided further*, That
25 this appropriation shall be available for employment pur-

1 suant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Or-
 2 ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed
 3 \$25,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C.
 4 3109: *Provided further*, That qualified local engineers may
 5 be temporarily employed at per diem rates to perform the
 6 technical planning work of the Service (16 U.S.C. 590e-
 7 2).

8 WATERSHED SURVEYS AND PLANNING

9 For necessary expenses to conduct research, inves-
 10 tigation, and surveys of watersheds of rivers and other wa-
 11 terways, and for small watershed investigations and plan-
 12 ning, in accordance with the Watershed Protection and
 13 Flood Prevention Act approved August 4, 1954 (16 U.S.C.
 14 1001–1009), \$11,190,000: *Provided*, That this appropria-
 15 tion shall be available for employment pursuant to the sec-
 16 ond sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944
 17 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$110,000 shall be
 18 available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

19 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

20 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-
 21 ures, including but not limited to research, engineering op-
 22 erations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation,
 23 rehabilitation of existing works and changes in use of land,
 24 in accordance with the Watershed Protection and Flood
 25 Prevention Act approved August 4, 1954 (16 U.S.C.
 26 1001–1005, 1007–1009), the provisions of the Act of

1 April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f), and in accordance
2 with the provisions of laws relating to the activities of the
3 Department, \$101,036,000, to remain available until ex-
4 pended (7 U.S.C. 2209b) (of which up to \$15,000,000
5 may be available for the watersheds authorized under the
6 Flood Control Act approved June 22, 1936 (33 U.S.C.
7 701, 16 U.S.C. 1006a)): *Provided*, That this appropriation
8 shall be available for employment pursuant to the second
9 sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7
10 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$200,000 shall be avail-
11 able for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided fur-*
12 *ther*, That not to exceed \$1,000,000 of this appropriation
13 is available to carry out the purposes of the Endangered
14 Species Act of 1973 (Public Law 93–205), including coop-
15 erative efforts as contemplated by that Act to relocate en-
16 dangered or threatened species to other suitable habitats
17 as may be necessary to expedite project construction.

18 RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

19 For necessary expenses in planning and carrying out
20 projects for resource conservation and development and
21 for sound land use pursuant to the provisions of section
22 32(e) of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act
23 (7 U.S.C. 1010–1011; 76 Stat. 607), the Act of April 27,
24 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f), and the Agriculture and Food
25 Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3451–3461), \$34,377,000, to re-
26 main available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): *Provided*,

1 That this appropriation shall be available for employment
2 pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the
3 Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed
4 \$50,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C.
5 3109.

6 FORESTRY INCENTIVES PROGRAM

7 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
8 to carry out the program of forestry incentives, as author-
9 ized by the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978
10 (16 U.S.C. 2101), including technical assistance and relat-
11 ed expenses, \$6,325,000, to remain available until ex-
12 pended, as authorized by that Act.

13 TITLE III

14 RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
15 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

16 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL
17 DEVELOPMENT

18 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
19 the Under Secretary for Rural Development to administer
20 programs under the laws enacted by the Congress for the
21 Rural Housing Service, the Rural Business-Cooperative
22 Service, and the Rural Utilities Service of the Department
23 of Agriculture, \$588,000.

1 RURAL COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

3 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, and
4 grants, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926, 1926a, 1926e,
5 and 1932, except for sections 381E–H and 381N of the
6 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
7 2009f), \$700,201,000, to remain available until expended,
8 of which \$29,786,000 shall be for rural community pro-
9 grams described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated
10 Farm and Rural Development Act; of which \$622,522,000
11 shall be for the rural utilities programs described in sec-
12 tion 381E(d)(2) of such Act; and of which \$47,893,000
13 shall be for the rural business and cooperative develop-
14 ment programs described in section 381E(d)(3) of such
15 Act: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated for the
16 rural business and cooperative development programs, not
17 to exceed \$500,000 shall be made available for a grant
18 to a qualified national organization to provide technical
19 assistance for rural transportation in order to promote
20 economic development: *Provided further*, That of the total
21 amount appropriated, 3 percent shall be reserved for fed-
22 erally recognized Indian tribes through July 31, 1999, and
23 if not used by Indian tribes shall be available for use by
24 other qualified applicants: *Provided further*, That of the
25 total amount appropriated, not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall
26 be available under 7 U.S.C. 381O and shall be used only

1 for demonstration programs: *Provided further*, That of the
2 amount appropriated for rural utilities programs, not to
3 exceed \$20,000,000 shall be for water and waste disposal
4 systems to benefit the Colonias along the United States/
5 Mexico border, including grants pursuant to section 306C
6 of such Act; not to exceed \$25,000,000 shall be for water
7 and waste disposal systems for rural and native villages
8 in Alaska pursuant to section 306D of such Act; not to
9 exceed \$16,215,000 shall be for technical assistance
10 grants for rural waste systems pursuant to section
11 306(a)(14) of such Act; and not to exceed \$5,200,000
12 shall be for contracting with qualified national organiza-
13 tions for a circuit rider program to provide technical as-
14 sistance for rural water systems: *Provided further*, That
15 of the total amount appropriated, not to exceed
16 \$33,926,000 shall be available through June 30, 1999, for
17 empowerment zones and enterprise communities, as au-
18 thorized by Public Law 103–66, of which \$1,844,000 shall
19 be for rural community programs described in section
20 381E(d)(1) of such Act; of which \$24,900,100 shall be
21 for the rural utilities programs described in section
22 381E(d)(2) of such Act; of which \$8,134,000 shall be for
23 the rural business and cooperative development programs
24 described in section 381E(d)(3) of such Act.

1 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE
2 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
5 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the
6 Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the
7 rural housing insurance fund, as follows: \$4,000,000,000
8 for loans to section 502 borrowers, as determined by the
9 Secretary, of which \$3,000,000,000 shall be for unsub-
10 sidized guaranteed loans; \$30,000,000 for section 504
11 housing repair loans; \$75,000,000 for section 538 guaran-
12 teed multi-family housing loans; \$15,758,000 for section
13 514 farm labor housing; \$128,640,000 for section 515
14 rental housing; \$5,000,000 for section 524 site loans;
15 \$25,000,000 for credit sales of acquired property, of which
16 up to \$4,000,000 may be for multi-family credit sales; and
17 \$5,000,000 for section 523 self-help housing land develop-
18 ment loans.

19 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including
20 the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of
21 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section
22 502 loans, \$120,900,000, of which \$2,700,000 shall be for
23 unsubsidized guaranteed loans; section 504 housing repair
24 loans, \$10,569,000; section 538 multi-family housing
25 guaranteed loans, \$1,740,000; section 514 farm labor
26 housing, \$8,199,000; section 515 rental housing,

1 \$62,069,000; section 524 site loans, \$16,000; credit sales
2 of acquired property, \$3,826,000, of which up to
3 \$1,932,000 may be for multi-family credit sales; and sec-
4 tion 523 self-help housing land development loans,
5 \$282,000: *Provided*, That of the total amount appro-
6 priated in this paragraph, \$10,380,100 shall be for em-
7 powerment zones and enterprise communities, as author-
8 ized by Public Law 103–66: *Provided further*, That if such
9 funds are not obligated for empowerment zones and enter-
10 prise communities by June 30, 1999, they shall remain
11 available for other authorized purposes under this head.

12 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
13 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
14 \$360,785,000, which shall be transferred to and merged
15 with the appropriation for “Rural Housing Service, Sala-
16 ries and Expenses”.

17 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

18 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-
19 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)
20 or agreements entered into in lieu of debt forgiveness or
21 payments for eligible households as authorized by section
22 502(e)(5)(D) of the Housing Act of 1949, \$583,397,000;
23 and, in addition, such sums as may be necessary, as au-
24 thorized by section 521(e) of the Act, to liquidate debt
25 incurred prior to fiscal year 1992 to carry out the rental
26 assistance program under section 521(a)(2) of the Act:

1 *Provided*, That of this amount, not more than \$5,900,000
2 shall be available for debt forgiveness or payments for eli-
3 gible households as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of
4 the Act, and not to exceed \$10,000 per project for ad-
5 vances to nonprofit organizations or public agencies to
6 cover direct costs (other than purchase price) incurred in
7 purchasing projects pursuant to section 502(c)(5)(C) of
8 the Act: *Provided further*, That agreements entered into
9 or renewed during fiscal year 1999 shall be funded for
10 a five-year period, although the life of any such agreement
11 may be extended to fully utilize amounts obligated.

12 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

13 For grants and contracts pursuant to section
14 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.
15 1490c), \$26,000,000, to remain available until expended
16 (7 U.S.C. 2209b): *Provided*, That of the total amount ap-
17 propriated, \$1,000,000 shall be for empowerment zones
18 and enterprise communities, as authorized by Public Law
19 103-66: *Provided further*, That if such funds are not obli-
20 gated for empowerment zones and enterprise communities
21 by June 30, 1999, they shall remain available for other
22 authorized purposes under this head.

23 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

24 For grants and contracts for housing for domestic
25 farm labor, very low-income housing repair, supervisory
26 and technical assistance, compensation for construction

1 defects, and rural housing preservation made by the Rural
 2 Housing Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474,
 3 1479(c), 1486, 1490e, and 1490m, \$45,720,000, to re-
 4 main available until expended: *Provided*, That of the total
 5 amount appropriated, \$1,372,000 shall be for empower-
 6 ment zones and enterprise communities, as authorized by
 7 Public Law 103-66: *Provided further*, That if such funds
 8 are not obligated for empowerment zones and enterprise
 9 communities by June 30, 1999, they shall remain available
 10 for other authorized purposes under this head.

11 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

12 For necessary expenses of the Rural Housing Service,
 13 including administering the programs authorized by the
 14 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, title V
 15 of the Housing Act of 1949, and cooperative agreements,
 16 \$60,978,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be
 17 available for employment pursuant to the second sentence
 18 of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.
 19 2225), and not to exceed \$520,000 may be used for em-
 20 ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

21 RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

22 RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

23 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

24 For the cost of direct loans, \$16,615,000, as author-
 25 ized by the Rural Development Loan Fund (42 U.S.C.
 26 9812(a)): *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost of

1 For the cost of direct loans, including the cost of
2 modifying loans as defined in section 502 of the Congres-
3 sional Budget Act of 1974, \$5,801,000.

4 Of the funds derived from interest on the cushion of
5 credit payments in fiscal year 1999, as authorized by sec-
6 tion 313 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936,
7 \$3,783,000 shall not be obligated and \$3,783,000 are re-
8 scinded.

9 RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

10 For rural cooperative development grants authorized
11 under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and
12 Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$3,000,000, of
13 which \$1,300,000 shall be available for cooperative agree-
14 ments for the appropriate technology transfer for rural
15 areas program and \$250,000 shall be available for an agri-
16 business and cooperative development program.

17 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

18 For necessary expenses of the Rural Business-Coop-
19 erative Service, including administering the programs au-
20 thorized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
21 ment Act; section 1323 of the Food Security Act of 1985;
22 the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926; for activities re-
23 lating to the marketing aspects of cooperatives, including
24 economic research findings, as authorized by the Agricul-
25 tural Marketing Act of 1946; for activities with institu-
26 tions concerning the development and operation of agricul-

1 tural cooperatives; and for cooperative agreements;
 2 \$25,680,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be
 3 available for employment pursuant to the second sentence
 4 of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.
 5 2225), and not to exceed \$260,000 may be used for em-
 6 ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

7 ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND
 8 COMMERCIALIZATION CORPORATION REVOLVING FUND
 9 For necessary expenses to carry out the Alternative
 10 Agricultural Research and Commercialization Act of 1990
 11 (7 U.S.C. 5901–5908), \$7,000,000 are appropriated to
 12 the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercializa-
 13 tion Corporation Revolving Fund.

14 RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE
 15 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
 16 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT
 17 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)
 18 Insured loans pursuant to the authority of section
 19 305 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C.
 20 935) shall be made as follows: 5 percent rural electrifica-
 21 tion loans, \$71,500,000; 5 percent rural telecommuni-
 22 cations loans, \$75,000,000; cost of money rural tele-
 23 communications loans, \$250,000,000; municipal rate rural
 24 electric loans, \$295,000,000; and loans made pursuant to
 25 section 306 of that Act, rural electric, \$700,000,000 and

1 rural telecommunications, \$120,000,000, to remain avail-
2 able until expended.

3 For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Con-
4 gressional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modi-
5 fying loans, of direct and guaranteed loans authorized by
6 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 935 and
7 936), as follows: cost of direct loans, \$16,667,000; cost
8 of municipal rate loans, \$25,842,000; cost of money rural
9 telecommunications loans, \$675,000: *Provided*, That not-
10 withstanding section 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrifica-
11 tion Act of 1936, borrower interest rates may exceed 7
12 percent per year.

13 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
14 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
15 \$29,982,000, which shall be transferred to and merged
16 with the appropriation for “Rural Utilities Service, Sala-
17 ries and Expenses”.

18 RURAL TELEPHONE BANK PROGRAM ACCOUNT
19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 The Rural Telephone Bank is hereby authorized to
21 make such expenditures, within the limits of funds avail-
22 able to such corporation in accord with law, and to make
23 such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal
24 year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Govern-
25 ment Corporation Control Act, as may be necessary in car-
26 rying out its authorized programs. During fiscal year 1999

1 and within the resources and authority available, gross ob-
2 ligations for the principal amount of direct loans shall be
3 \$140,000,000.

4 For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Con-
5 gressional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modi-
6 fying loans, of direct loans authorized by the Rural Elec-
7 trification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 935), \$3,710,000.

8 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
9 carry out the loan programs, \$3,000,000, which shall be
10 transferred to and merged with the appropriation for
11 “Rural Utilities Service, Salaries and Expenses”.

12 DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM

13 For the cost of direct loans and grants, as authorized
14 by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa et seq., \$12,680,000, to remain avail-
15 able until expended, to be available for loans and grants
16 for telemedicine and distance learning services in rural
17 areas: *Provided*, That the costs of direct loans shall be
18 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act
19 of 1974.

20 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

21 For necessary expenses of the Rural Utilities Service,
22 including administering the programs authorized by the
23 Rural Electrification Act of 1936, and the Consolidated
24 Farm and Rural Development Act, and for cooperative
25 agreements, \$33,000,000: *Provided*, That this appropria-
26 tion shall be available for employment pursuant to the sec-

1 ond sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944
2 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$105,000 may be used
3 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

4 TITLE IV

5 DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS

6 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,

7 NUTRITION AND CONSUMER SERVICES

8 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
9 the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer
10 Services to administer the laws enacted by the Congress
11 for the Food and Nutrition Service, \$554,000.

12 CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For necessary expenses to carry out the National
15 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), except section
16 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771
17 et seq.), except sections 17 and 21; \$9,219,897,000, to
18 remain available through September 30, 2000, of which
19 \$4,171,747,000 are hereby appropriated and
20 \$5,048,150,000 shall be derived by transfer from funds
21 available under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935
22 (7 U.S.C. 612c): *Provided*, That up to \$4,300,000 shall
23 be available for independent verification of school food
24 service claims.

1 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR
2 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

3 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-
4 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17
5 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),
6 \$3,924,000,000, to remain available through September
7 30, 2000: *Provided*, That up to \$15,000,000 may be used
8 to carry out the farmers' market nutrition program: *Pro-*
9 *vided further*, That none of the funds in this Act shall be
10 available to pay administrative expenses of WIC clinics,
11 except those that have an announced policy of prohibiting
12 smoking within the space used to carry out the program:
13 *Provided further*, That none of the funds provided in this
14 account shall be available for the purchase of infant for-
15 mula except in accordance with the cost containment and
16 competitive bidding requirements specified in section 17
17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966.

18 FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

19 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food Stamp
20 Act (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), \$23,781,806,000, of which
21 \$100,000,000 shall be placed in reserve for use only in
22 such amounts and at such times as may become necessary
23 to carry out program operations: *Provided*, That not to
24 exceed \$5,700,000 of the funds made available under this
25 head shall be used for studies and evaluations: *Provided*
26 *further*, That funds provided herein shall be expended in

1 accordance with section 16 of the Food Stamp Act: *Pro-*
2 *vided further*, That this appropriation shall be subject to
3 any work registration or workfare requirements as may
4 be required by law: *Provided further*, That funds made
5 available for Employment and Training under this head
6 shall remain available until expended, as authorized by
7 section 16(h)(1) of the Food Stamp Act.

8 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

9 For necessary expenses to carry out the commodity
10 supplemental food program as authorized by section 4(a)
11 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973
12 (7 U.S.C. 612c note) and the Emergency Food Assistance
13 Act of 1983, \$141,000,000, to remain available through
14 September 30, 2000: *Provided*, That none of these funds
15 shall be available to reimburse the Commodity Credit Cor-
16 poration for commodities donated to the program.

17 FOOD DONATIONS PROGRAMS FOR SELECTED GROUPS

18 For necessary expenses to carry out section 4(a) of
19 the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7
20 U.S.C. 612c note), and section 311 of the Older Ameri-
21 cans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030a), \$141,081,000, to
22 remain available through September 30, 2000.

23 FOOD PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

24 For necessary administrative expenses of the domes-
25 tic food programs funded under this Act, \$109,069,000,
26 of which \$5,000,000 shall be available only for simplifying

1 procedures, reducing overhead costs, tightening regula-
2 tions, improving food stamp coupon handling, and assist-
3 ance in the prevention, identification, and prosecution of
4 fraud and other violations of law: *Provided*, That this ap-
5 propriation shall be available for employment pursuant to
6 the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act
7 of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$150,000 shall
8 be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

9 TITLE V

10 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED

11 PROGRAMS

12 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SALES

13 MANAGER

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural
16 Service, including carrying out title VI of the Agricultural
17 Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1761–1768), market development
18 activities abroad, and for enabling the Secretary to coordi-
19 nate and integrate activities of the Department in connec-
20 tion with foreign agricultural work, including not to exceed
21 \$128,000 for representation allowances and for expenses
22 pursuant to section 8 of the Act approved August 3, 1956
23 (7 U.S.C. 1766), \$131,795,000: *Provided*, That of the
24 total amount appropriated, up to \$2,000,000 is available
25 solely for the purpose of offsetting fluctuations in inter-

1 national currency exchange rates and these funds and any
2 other funds that are deposited into the overseas exchange
3 rate account shall be available until expended: *Provided*
4 *further*, That the Service may utilize advances of funds,
5 or reimburse this appropriation for expenditures made on
6 behalf of Federal agencies, public and private organiza-
7 tions and institutions under agreements executed pursu-
8 ant to the agricultural food production assistance pro-
9 grams (7 U.S.C. 1736) and the foreign assistance pro-
10 grams of the International Development Cooperation Ad-
11 ministration (22 U.S.C. 2392).

12 None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall
13 be available to promote the sale or export of tobacco or
14 tobacco products.

15 PUBLIC LAW 480 PROGRAM AND GRANT ACCOUNTS

16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For expenses during the current fiscal year, not oth-
18 erwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, in-
19 cluding interest thereon, under the Agricultural Trade De-
20 velopment and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1691,
21 1701–1704, 1721–1726a, 1727–1727e, 1731–1736g–3,
22 and 1737), as follows: (1) \$203,475,000 for Public Law
23 480 title I credit, including Food for Progress programs;
24 (2) \$17,608,000 is hereby appropriated for ocean freight
25 differential costs for the shipment of agricultural commod-
26 ities pursuant to title I of said Act and the Food for

1 Progress Act of 1985; (3) \$837,000,000 is hereby appro-
2 priated for commodities supplied in connection with dis-
3 positions abroad pursuant to title II of said Act; and (4)
4 \$30,000,000 is hereby appropriated for commodities sup-
5 plied in connection with dispositions abroad pursuant to
6 title III of said Act: *Provided*, That not to exceed 15 per-
7 cent of the funds made available to carry out any title
8 of said Act may be used to carry out any other title of
9 said Act: *Provided further*, That such sums shall remain
10 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b).

11 For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Con-
12 gressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct credit agreements
13 as authorized by the Agricultural Trade Development and
14 Assistance Act of 1954, and the Food for Progress Act
15 of 1985, including the cost of modifying credit agreements
16 under said Act, \$176,596,000.

17 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
18 the Public Law 480 title I credit program, and the Food
19 for Progress Act of 1985, to the extent funds appropriated
20 for Public Law 480 are utilized, \$1,850,000, of which
21 \$1,035,000 may be transferred to and merged with the
22 appropriation for “Foreign Agricultural Service and Gen-
23 eral Sales Manager” and \$815,000 may be transferred to
24 and merged with the appropriation for “Farm Service
25 Agency, Salaries and Expenses”.

1 included in this Act; for rental of special purpose space
2 in the District of Columbia or elsewhere; and for mis-
3 cellaneous and emergency expenses of enforcement activi-
4 ties, authorized and approved by the Secretary and to be
5 accounted for solely on the Secretary's certificate, not to
6 exceed \$25,000; \$1,072,640,000, of which not to exceed
7 \$132,273,000 in fees pursuant to section 736 of the Fed-
8 eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act may be credited to
9 this appropriation and remain available until expended:
10 *Provided*, That fees derived from applications received
11 during fiscal year 1999 shall be subject to the fiscal year
12 1999 limitation: *Provided further*, That none of these
13 funds shall be used to develop, establish, or operate any
14 program of user fees authorized by 31 U.S.C. 9701.

15 In addition, fees pursuant to section 354 of the Pub-
16 lic Health Service Act may be credited to this account,
17 to remain available until expended.

18 In addition, fees pursuant to section 801 of the Fed-
19 eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act may be credited to
20 this account, to remain available until expended.

21 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

22 For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-
23 sion, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facili-
24 ties of or used by the Food and Drug Administration,
25 where not otherwise provided, \$12,350,000, to remain
26 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b).

1 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
2 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE
3 PAYMENTS TO THE FARM CREDIT SYSTEM FINANCIAL
4 ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

5 For necessary payments to the Farm Credit System
6 Financial Assistance Corporation by the Secretary of the
7 Treasury, as authorized by section 6.28(c) of the Farm
8 Credit Act of 1971, for reimbursement of interest ex-
9 penses incurred by the Financial Assistance Corporation
10 on obligations issued through 1994, as authorized,
11 \$2,565,000.

12 INDEPENDENT AGENCY
13 COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION
14 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
15 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), in-
16 cluding the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles;
17 the rental of space (to include multiple year leases) in the
18 District of Columbia and elsewhere; and not to exceed
19 \$25,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109;
20 \$61,000,000, including not to exceed \$1,000 for official
21 reception and representation expenses: *Provided*, That the
22 Commission is authorized to charge reasonable fees to
23 attendees of Commission sponsored educational events and
24 symposia to cover the Commission's costs of providing
25 those events and symposia, and notwithstanding 31 U.S.C.

1 3302, said fees shall be credited to this account, to be
2 available without further appropriation.

3 TITLE VII—GENERAL PROVISIONS

4 SEC. 701. Within the unit limit of cost fixed by law,
5 appropriations and authorizations made for the Depart-
6 ment of Agriculture for the fiscal year 1999 under this
7 Act shall be available for the purchase, in addition to those
8 specifically provided for, of not to exceed 440 passenger
9 motor vehicles, of which 437 shall be for replacement only,
10 and for the hire of such vehicles.

11 SEC. 702. Funds in this Act available to the Depart-
12 ment of Agriculture shall be available for uniforms or al-
13 lowances therefor as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901–
14 5902).

15 SEC. 703. Not less than \$1,500,000 of the appropria-
16 tions of the Department of Agriculture in this Act for re-
17 search and service work authorized by the Acts of August
18 14, 1946, and July 28, 1954 (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621–1629),
19 and by chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code, shall
20 be available for contracting in accordance with said Acts
21 and chapter.

22 SEC. 704. The cumulative total of transfers to the
23 Working Capital Fund for the purpose of accumulating
24 growth capital for data services and National Finance
25 Center operations shall not exceed \$2,000,000: *Provided,*

1 That no funds in this Act appropriated to an agency of
2 the Department shall be transferred to the Working Cap-
3 ital Fund without the approval of the agency adminis-
4 trator.

5 SEC. 705. New obligational authority provided for the
6 following appropriation items in this Act shall remain
7 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): Animal and
8 Plant Health Inspection Service, the contingency fund to
9 meet emergency conditions, fruit fly program, integrated
10 systems acquisition project, and up to \$2,000,000 for
11 costs associated with collocating regional offices; Farm
12 Service Agency, salaries and expenses funds made avail-
13 able to county committees; and Foreign Agricultural Serv-
14 ice, middle-income country training program.

15 New obligational authority for the boll weevil pro-
16 gram; up to 10 percent of the screwworm program of the
17 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; Food Safety
18 and Inspection Service, field automation and information
19 management project; funds appropriated for rental pay-
20 ments; funds for the Native American Institutions Endow-
21 ment Fund in the Cooperative State Research, Education,
22 and Extension Service; and funds for the competitive re-
23 search grants (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)), shall remain available
24 until expended.

1 SEC. 706. 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. 707. Not to exceed \$50,000 of the appropria-
5 tions available to the Department of Agriculture in this
6 Act shall be available to provide appropriate orientation
7 and language training pursuant to Public Law 94-449.

8 SEC. 708. No funds appropriated by this Act may be
9 used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative
10 agreements or similar arrangements between the United
11 States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institu-
12 tions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of
13 the agreement when the purpose of such cooperative ar-
14 rangements is to carry out programs of mutual interest
15 between the two parties. This does not preclude appro-
16 priate payment of indirect costs on grants and contracts
17 with such institutions when such indirect costs are com-
18 puted on a similar basis for all agencies for which appro-
19 priations are provided in this Act.

20 SEC. 709. Notwithstanding any other provision of
21 this Act, commodities acquired by the Department in con-
22 nection with Commodity Credit Corporation and section
23 32 price support operations may be used, as authorized
24 by law (15 U.S.C. 714c and 7 U.S.C. 612c), to provide

1 commodities to individuals in cases of hardship as deter-
2 mined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

3 SEC. 710. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-
4 able to restrict the authority of the Commodity Credit
5 Corporation to lease space for its own use or to lease space
6 on behalf of other agencies of the Department of Agri-
7 culture when such space will be jointly occupied.

8 SEC. 711. With the exception of grants awarded
9 under the Small Business Innovation Development Act of
10 1982, Public Law 97–219 (15 U.S.C. 638), none of the
11 funds in this Act shall be available to pay indirect costs
12 on research grants awarded competitively by the Coopera-
13 tive State Research, Education, and Extension Service
14 that exceed 14 percent of total Federal funds provided
15 under each award.

16 SEC. 712. Notwithstanding any other provisions of
17 this Act, all loan levels provided in this Act shall be consid-
18 ered estimates, not limitations.

19 SEC. 713. Appropriations to the Department of Agri-
20 culture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made
21 available in fiscal year 1999 shall remain available until
22 expended to cover obligations made in fiscal year 1999 for
23 the following accounts: the rural development loan fund
24 program account; the Rural Telephone Bank program ac-
25 count; the rural electrification and telecommunications

1 loans program account; and the rural economic develop-
2 ment loans program account.

3 SEC. 714. Such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
4 year 1999 pay raises for programs funded by this Act shall
5 be absorbed within the levels appropriated by this Act.

6 SEC. 715. Notwithstanding the Federal Grant and
7 Cooperative Agreement Act, marketing services of the Ag-
8 ricultural Marketing Service and the Animal and Plant
9 Health Inspection Service may use cooperative agreements
10 to reflect a relationship between the Agricultural Market-
11 ing Service or the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
12 Service and a State or Cooperator to carry out agricultural
13 marketing programs or to carry out programs to protect
14 the Nation's animal and plant resources.

15 SEC. 716. None of the funds in this Act may be used
16 to retire more than 5 percent of the Class A stock of the
17 Rural Telephone Bank or to maintain any account or sub-
18 account within the accounting records of the Rural Tele-
19 phone Bank the creation of which has not specifically been
20 authorized by statute: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any
21 other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated or
22 otherwise made available in this Act may be used to trans-
23 fer to the Treasury or to the Federal Financing Bank any
24 unobligated balance of the Rural Telephone Bank tele-
25 phone liquidating account which is in excess of current

1 requirements and such balance shall receive interest as set
2 forth for financial accounts in section 505(c) of the Fed-
3 eral Credit Reform Act of 1990.

4 SEC. 717. Hereafter, none of the funds made avail-
5 able to the Department of Agriculture may be used to pro-
6 vide assistance to, or to pay the salaries of personnel who
7 carry out a market promotion/market access program pur-
8 suant to section 203 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978
9 (7 U.S.C. 5623) that provides assistance to the United
10 States Mink Export Development Council or any mink in-
11 dustry trade association.

12 SEC. 718. Of the funds made available by this Act,
13 not more than \$1,350,000 shall be used to cover necessary
14 expenses of activities related to all advisory committees,
15 panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department
16 of Agriculture, except for panels used to comply with nego-
17 tiated rule makings and panels used to evaluate competi-
18 tively awarded grants.

19 SEC. 719. None of the funds appropriated in this Act
20 may be used to carry out the provisions of section 918
21 of Public Law 104–127, the Federal Agriculture Improve-
22 ment and Reform Act.

23 SEC. 720. No employee of the Department of Agri-
24 culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or
25 office funded by this Act to any other agency or office

1 of the Department for more than 30 days unless the indi-
2 vidual's employing agency or office is fully reimbursed by
3 the receiving agency or office for the salary and expenses
4 of the employee for the period of assignment.

5 SEC. 721. None of the funds appropriated or other-
6 wise made available to the Department of Agriculture
7 shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available to
8 any non-Department of Agriculture employee questions or
9 responses to questions that are a result of information re-
10 quested for the appropriations hearing process.

11 SEC. 722. None of the funds made available to the
12 Department of Agriculture by this Act may be used to ac-
13 quire new information technology systems or significant
14 upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Infor-
15 mation Officer, without the approval of the Chief Informa-
16 tion Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Informa-
17 tion Technology Investment Review Board.

18 SEC. 723. (a) None of the funds provided by this Act,
19 or provided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agen-
20 cies funded by this Act that remain available for obligation
21 or expenditure in fiscal year 1999, or provided from any
22 accounts in the Treasury of the United States derived by
23 the collection of fees available to the agencies funded by
24 this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure
25 through a reprogramming of funds which: (1) creates new

1 programs; (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;
2 (3) increases funds or personnel by any means for any
3 project or activity for which funds have been denied or
4 restricted; (4) relocates an office or employees; (5) reorga-
5 nizes offices, programs, or activities; or (6) contracts out
6 or privatizes any functions or activities presently per-
7 formed by Federal employees; unless the Appropriations
8 Committees of both Houses of Congress are notified fif-
9 teen days in advance of such reprogramming of funds.

10 (b) None of the funds provided by this Act, or pro-
11 vided by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies
12 funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or
13 expenditure in fiscal year 1999, or provided from any ac-
14 counts in the Treasury of the United States derived by
15 the collection of fees available to the agencies funded by
16 this Act, shall be available for obligation or expenditure
17 for activities, programs, or projects through a reprogram-
18 ming of funds in excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent, which-
19 ever is less, that: (1) augments existing programs,
20 projects, or activities; (2) reduces by 10 percent funding
21 for any existing program, project, or activity, or numbers
22 of personnel by 10 percent as approved by Congress; or
23 (3) results from any general savings from a reduction in
24 personnel which would result in a change in existing pro-
25 grams, activities, or projects as approved by Congress; un-

1 less the Appropriations Committees of both Houses of
2 Congress are notified fifteen days in advance of such re-
3 programming of funds.

4 SEC. 724. Hereafter, none of the funds appropriated
5 or otherwise available to the Department of Agriculture
6 may be used to administer the provision of contract pay-
7 ments to a producer under the Agricultural Market Tran-
8 sition Act (7 U.S.C. 7201 et seq.) for contract acreage
9 on which wild rice is planted unless the contract payment
10 is reduced by an acre for each contract acre planted to
11 wild rice.

12 SEC. 725. The Federal facility located in Stuttgart,
13 Arkansas, and known as the “United States National Rice
14 Germplasm Evaluation and Enhancement Center”, shall
15 be known and designated as the “Dale Bumpers National
16 Rice Research Center”: *Provided*, That any reference in
17 law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of
18 the United States to such federal facility shall be deemed
19 to be a reference to the “Dale Bumpers National Rice Re-
20 search Center”.

21 SEC. 726. Notwithstanding any other provision of
22 law, the Secretary of Agriculture, subject to the re-
23 programming requirements established by this Act, may
24 transfer up to \$26,000,000 in discretionary funds made
25 available by this Act among programs of the Department,

1 not otherwise appropriated for a specific purpose or a spe-
2 cific location, for distribution to or for the benefit of the
3 Lower Mississippi Delta Region, as defined in Public Law
4 100–460, prior to normal state or regional allocation of
5 funds: *Provided*, That any funds made available through
6 Chapter Four of Title III, Subtitle D of the Federal Agri-
7 culture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 may be in-
8 cluded in any amount reprogrammed under this section
9 if such funds are used for a purpose authorized by such
10 Chapter.

11 SEC. 727. None of the funds appropriated or other-
12 wise made available by this Act may be used to pay the
13 salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out section 793
14 of Public Law 104–127.

15 SEC. 728. None of the funds appropriated or other-
16 wise made available by this Act may be used to pay the
17 salaries and expenses of personnel to enroll in excess of
18 140,000 acres in the fiscal year 1999 wetlands reserve
19 program as authorized by 16 U.S.C. 3837.

20 SEC. 729. Notwithstanding section 27(a) of the Food
21 Stamp Act, the amount specified for allocation under such
22 section for fiscal year 1999 shall be \$80,000,000.

23 SEC. 730. None of the funds appropriated or other-
24 wise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the
25 salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out a conserva-

1 tion farm option program, as authorized by section 335
2 of Public Law 104–127.

3 SEC. 731. Public Law 102–237, Title X, Section
4 1013(a) and (b) (7 U.S.C. 426 note) is amended by strik-
5 ing “, to the extent practicable,” in each instance in which
6 it appears.

7 SEC. 732. Funds made available for conservation op-
8 erations by this or any other Act, including prior-year bal-
9 ances, shall be available for financial assistance and tech-
10 nical assistance for Franklin County, Mississippi, in the
11 amounts earmarked in appropriations report language.

12 SEC. 733. Notwithstanding section 381A of Public
13 Law 104–127, the definitions of rural areas for certain
14 business programs administered by the Rural Business-
15 Cooperative Service and the community facilities programs
16 administered by the Rural Housing Service shall be those
17 provided for in statute and regulations prior to the enact-
18 ment of Public Law 104–127.

19 SEC. 734. Section 306D of the Consolidated Farm
20 and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926d) is amended
21 by inserting “25 percent in” in lieu of “equal” in sub-
22 section (b), and by inserting “\$25,000,000” in lieu of
23 “\$15,000,000” in subsection (d).

24 SEC. 735. None of the funds made available to the
25 Food and Drug Administration by this Act shall be used

1 to close or relocate, or to plan to close or relocate, the
2 Food and Drug Administration Division of Drug Analysis
3 in St. Louis, Missouri.

4 SEC. 736. None of the funds appropriated or other-
5 wise made available by this Act shall be used to carry out
6 any commodity purchase program which would prohibit
7 participation by a farmer-owned cooperative.

8 SEC. 737. None of the funds made available by this
9 Act or any other Act for any fiscal year may be used to
10 carry out section 302(h) of the Agricultural Marketing Act
11 of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(h)) unless the Secretary of Agri-
12 culture inspects and certifies agricultural processing
13 equipment, and imposes a fee for the inspection and cer-
14 tification, in a manner that is similar to the inspection
15 and certification of agricultural products under that sec-
16 tion, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided*, That this
17 provision shall not affect the authority of the Secretary
18 to carry out the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C.
19 601 et seq.), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21
20 U.S.C. 451 et seq.), or the Egg Products Inspection Act
21 (21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq.).

22 SEC. 738. (a) AMENDMENT OF THE ARMS EXPORT
23 CONTROL ACT.—Section 102(b)(2)(D) of the Arms Ex-
24 port Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2799aa–1(b)(2)(D)) is
25 amended—

1 (1) in clause (i) by striking “or” at the end;

2 (2) in clause (ii) by striking the period at the
3 end and inserting “, or”; and

4 (3) by inserting after clause (ii) the following:

5 “(iii) to any credit, credit guarantee, or
6 other financial assistance provided by the De-
7 partment of Agriculture for the purchase or
8 other provision of food or other agricultural
9 commodities.”.

10 (b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall
11 apply to any credit, credit guarantee, or other financial
12 assistance approved by the Department of Agriculture be-
13 fore, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act.

14 (c) Amounts made available by this section are des-
15 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement
16 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget
17 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended:
18 *Provided*, That such amounts shall be available only to the
19 extent that an official budget request that includes des-
20 ignation of the entire amount of the request as an emer-
21 gency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and
22 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, is
23 transmitted by the President to the Congress.

1 This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural De-
2 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related
3 Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999”.

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Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

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