105TH CONGRESS 1st Session } HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES { REPORT 105–390

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Mr. LIVINGSTON, from the committee on conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2264]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2264) "making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

For necessary expenses of the Job Training Partnership Act, as amended, including the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles, the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and other facilities, and the purchase of real property for training centers as

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authorized by the Job Training Partnership Act; the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act; the Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations Act; the National Skill Standards Act of 1994; and the School-to-Work Opportunities Act; $4,988,226,000 plus reimbursements, of which $3,794,735,000 is available for obligation for the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999; of which $118,491,000 is available for the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2001 for necessary expenses of construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of Job Corps centers; and of which $200,000,000 shall be available from July 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999, for carrying out activities of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act: Provided, That $53,815,000 shall be for carrying out section 401 of the Job Training Partnership Act, $71,017,000 shall be for carrying out section 402 of such Act, $7,300,000 shall be for carrying out section 441 of such Act, $9,000,000 shall be for all activities conducted by and through the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee under such Act, $955,000,000 shall be for carrying out title II, part A of such Act, and $129,965,000 shall be for carrying out title II, part C of such Act: Provided further, That the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee is authorized, effective upon enactment, to charge fees for publications, training and technical assistance developed by the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee: Provided further, That revenues received from publications and delivery of technical assistance and training, notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, shall be credited to the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee program account and shall be available to the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee without further appropriations, so long as such revenues are used for authorized activities of the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee: Provided further, That no funds from any other appropriation shall be used to provide meal services at or for Job Corps centers; Provided further, That funds provided for title III of the Job Training Partnership Act shall not be subject to the limitation contained in subsection (b) of section 315 of such Act; that the waiver described in section 315(a)(2) may be granted if a substate grantee demonstrates to the Governor that such waiver is appropriate due to the availability of low-cost retraining services, is necessary to facilitate the provision of needs-related payments to accompany long-term training, or is necessary to facilitate the provision of appropriate basic readjustment services, and that funds provided for discretionary grants under part B of such title III may be used to provide needs-related payments to participants who, in lieu of meeting the enrollment requirements under section 314(e) of such Act, are enrolled in training by the end of the sixth week after grant funds have been awarded: Provided further, That funds provided to carry out section 324 of such Act may be used for demonstration projects that provide assistance to new entrants in the workforce and incumbent workers: Provided further, That service delivery areas may transfer funding provided herein under authority of title II, parts B and C of the Job Training Partnership Act between the programs authorized by those titles of the Act, if the transfer is approved by the Governor: Provided further, That service delivery areas and substate areas may transfer up to 20 percent of the fund-

ing provided herein under authority of title II, part A and title III of the Job Training Partnership Act between the programs authorized by those titles of the Act, if such transfer is approved by the Governor: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, any proceeds from the sale of Job Corps center facilities shall be retained by the Secretary of Labor to carry out the Job Corps program: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Labor may waive any of the statutory or regulatory requirements of titles I–III of the Job Training Partnership Act (except for requirements relating to wage and labor standards, workers rights, participation and protection, grievance procedures and judicial review, nondiscrimination, allocation of funds to local areas, eligibility, review and approval of plans, the establishment and functions of service delivery areas and private industry councils, and the basic purposes of the Act), and any of the statutory or regulatory requirements of sections 8–10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act (except for requirements relating to the provision of services to unemployment insurance claimants and veterans, and to universal access to basic labor exchange services without cost to job seekers), only for funds available for expenditure in program year 1998, pursuant to a request submitted by a State which identifies the statutory or regulatory requirements that are requested to be waived and the goals which the State or local service delivery areas intend to achieve, describes the actions that the State or local service delivery areas have undertaken to remove State or local statutory or regulatory barriers, describes the goals of the waiver and the expected programmatic outcomes if the request is granted, describes the individuals impacted by the waiver, and describes the process used to monitor the progress in implementing a waiver, and for which notice and an opportunity to comment on such request has been provided to the organizations identified in section 105(a)(1) of the Job Training Partnership Act, if and only to the extent that the Secretary determines that such requirements impede the ability of the State to implement a plan to improve the workforce development system and the State has executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary requiring such State to meet agreed upon outcomes and implement other appropriate measures to ensure accountability: Provided further, That the Secretary of Labor shall establish a workforce flexibility (work-flex) partnership demonstration program under which the Secretary shall authorize not more than six States, of which at least three States shall each have populations not in excess of 3,500,000, with a preference given to those States that have been designated Ed-Flex Partnership States under section 311(e) of Public Law 103–227, to waive any statutory or regulatory requirement applicable to service delivery areas or substate areas within the State under titles I–III of the Job Training Partnership Act (except for requirements relating to wage and labor standards, grievance procedures and judicial review, nondiscrimination, allotment of funds, and eligibility), and any of the statutory or regulatory requirements of sections 8–10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act (except for requirements relating to the provision of services to unemployment insurance claimants and veterans, and to universal access to basic labor exchange services without cost to job seekers), for a duration not to exceed the waiver period authorized under section

311(e) of Public Law 103–227, pursuant to a plan submitted by such States and approved by the Secretary for the provision of workforce employment and training activities in the States, which includes a description of the process by which service delivery areas and substate areas may apply for and have waivers approved by the State, the requirements of the Wagner-Peyser Act to be waived, the outcomes to be achieved and other measures to be taken to ensure appropriate accountability for Federal funds.

For necessary expenses of Opportunity Areas of Out-of-School Youth, in addition to amounts otherwise provided herein, $250,000,000, to be available for obligation for the period October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999, if job training reform legislation authorizing this or similar at-risk youth projects is enacted by July 1, 1998.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT FOR OLDER AMERICANS

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

To carry out the activities for national grants or contracts with public agencies and public or private nonprofit organizations under paragraph (1)(A) of section 506(a) of title V of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, or to carry out older worker activities as subsequently authorized, $343,356,000.

To carry out the activities for grants to States under paragraph (3) of section 506(a) of title V of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, or to carry out older worker activities as subsequently authorized, $96,844,000.

The funds appropriated under this heading shall be transferred to and merged with the Department of Health and Human Services, "Aging Services Programs", for the same purposes and the same period as the account to which transferred, following the enactment of legislation authorizing the administration of the program by that Department.

FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES

For payments during the current fiscal year of trade adjustment benefit payments and allowances under part I; and for training, allowances for job search and relocation, and related State administrative expenses under part II, subchapters B and D, chapter 2, title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, $349,000,000, together with such amounts as may be necessary to be charged to the subsequent appropriation for payments for any period subsequent to September 15 of the current year.

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OPERATIONS

For authorized administrative expenses, $173,452,000, together with not to exceed $3,322,476,000 (including not to exceed $1,228,000 which may be used for amortization payments to States which had independent retirement plans in their State employment service agencies prior to 1980, and including not to exceed $2,000,000 which may be obligated in contracts with non-State entities for activities such as occupational and test research activities which benefit the Federal-State Employment Service System), which

may be expended from the Employment Security Administration account in the Unemployment Trust Fund including the cost of administering section 1201 of the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, section 7(d) of the Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended, the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the Immigration Act of 1990, and the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, and of which the sums available in the allocation for activities authorized by title III of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 502–504), and the sums available in the allocation for necessary administrative expenses for carrying out 5 U.S.C. 8501–8523, shall be available for obligation by the States through December 31, 1998, except that funds used for automation acquisitions shall be available for obligation by States through September 30, 2000; and of which $40,000,000 of the amount which may be expended from said trust fund, shall be available for obligation for the period October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999, for the purpose of assisting States to convert their automated State employment security agency systems to be year 2000 compliant; and of which $173,452,000, together with not to exceed $738,283,000 of the amount which may be expended from said trust fund, shall be available for obligation for the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999, to fund activities under the Act of June 6, 1933, as amended, including the cost of penalty mail authorized under 39 U.S.C. 3202(a)(1)(E) made available to States in lieu of allotments for such purpose, and of which $200,000,000 shall be available solely for the purpose of assisting States to convert their automated State employment security agency systems to be year 2000 complaint, and of which $196,333,000 shall be available only to the extent necessary for additional State allocations to administer unemployment compensation laws to finance increases in the number of unemployment insurance claims filed and claims paid or changes in a State law: Provided, That to the extent that the Average Weekly Insured Unemployment (AWIU) for fiscal year 1998 is projected by the Department of Labor to exceed 2,789,000 an additional $28,600,000 shall be available for obligation for every 100,000 increase in the AWIU level (including a pro rata amount for any increment less than 100,000) from the Employment Security Administration Account of the Unemployment Trust Fund: Provided further, That funds appropriated in this Act which are used to establish a national one-stop career center network may be obligated in contracts, grants or agreements with non-State entities: Provided further, That funds appropriated under this Act for activities authorized under the Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended, and title III of the Social Security Act, may be used by the States to fund integrated Employment Service and Unemployment Insurance automation efforts, notwithstanding cost allocation principles prescribed under Office of Management and Budget Circular A–87.

ADVANCES TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND AND OTHER FUNDS

For repayable advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund as authorized by sections 905(d) and 1203 of the Social Security Act, as amended, and to the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund as authorized by section 9501(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended; and for nonrepayable advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund as authorized by section 8509 of title 5, United States

Code, section 104(d) of Public Law 102–164, and section 5 of Public Law 103–6, and to the "Federal unemployment benefits and allowances" account, to remain available until September 30, 1999, $392,000,000.

In addition, for making repayable advances to the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund in the current fiscal year after September 15, 1998, for costs incurred by the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund in the current fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

For expenses of administering employment and training programs, $90,308,000, including $6,000,000 to support up to 75 full-time equivalent staff, the majority of which will be term Federal appointments lasting no more than three years, to administer welfare-to-work grants, together with not to exceed $41,285,000, which may be expended from the Employment Security Administration account in the Unemployment Trust Fund.

PENSION AND WELFARE BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, $82,000,000, of which $3,000,000 shall remain available through September 30, 1999 for expenses of completing the revision of the processing of employee benefit plan returns.

PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION FUND

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation is authorized to make such expenditures, including financial assistance authorized by section 104 of Public Law 96–364, within limits of funds and borrowing authority available to such Corporation, and in accord with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation Control Act, as amended (31 U.S.C. 9104), as may be necessary in carrying out the program through September 30, 1998, for such Corporation: Provided, That not to exceed $10,433,000 shall be available for administrative expenses of the Corporation: Provided further, That expenses of such Corporation in connection with the termination of pension plans, for the acquisition, protection or management, and investment of trust assets, and for benefits administration services shall be considered as non-administrative expenses for the purposes hereof, and excluded from the above limitation.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the Employment Standards Administration, including reimbursement to State, Federal, and local agencies and their employees for inspection services rendered, $299,660,000, together with $993,000 which may be expended from the Special Fund in accordance with sections 39(c) and 44(j) of the

Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act: Provided, That $500,000 shall be for the development of an alternative system for the electronic submission of reports as required to be filed under the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as amended, and for a computer database of the information for each submission by whatever means, that is indexed and easily searchable by the public via the Internet: Provided further, That the Secretary of Labor is authorized to accept, retain, and spend, until expended, in the name of the Department of Labor, all sums of money ordered to be paid to the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with the terms of the Consent Judgment in Civil Action No. 91–0027 of the United States District Court for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands (Many 21, 1992): Provided further, That the Secretary of Labor is authorized to establish and, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3302, collect and deposit in the Treasury fees for processing applications and issuing certificates under sections 11(d) and 14 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended (29 U.S.C. 211(d) and 214) and for processing applications and issuing registrations under title I of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, 29 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

SPECIAL BENEFITS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the payment of compensation, benefits, and expenses (except administrative expenses) accruing during the current or any prior fiscal year authorized by title 5, chapter 81 of the United States Code; continuation of benefits as provided for under the head "Civilian War Benefits" in the Federal Security Agency Appropriation Act, 1947; the Employees' Compensation Commission Appropriation Act, 1944; and sections 4(c) and 5(f) of the War Claims Act of 1948 (50 U.S.C. App. 2012); and 50 per centum of the additional compensation and benefits required by section 10(h) of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, as amended, $201,000,000 together with such amounts as may be necessary to be charged to the subsequent year appropriation for the payment of compensation and other benefits for any period subsequent to August 15 of the current year: Provided, That amounts appropriated may be used under section 8104 of title 5, United States Code, by the Secretary to reimburse an employer, who is not the employer at the time of injury, for portions of the salary of a reemployed, disabled beneficiary: Provided further, That balances of reimbursements unobligated on September 30, 1997, shall remain available until expended for the payment of compensation, benefits, and expenses: Provided further, That in addition there shall be transferred to this appropriation from the Postal Service and from any other corporation or instrumentality required under section 8147(c) of title 5, United States Code, to pay an amount for its fair share of the cost of administration, such sums as the Secretary of Labor determines to be the cost of administration for employees of such fair share entities through September 30, 1998: Provided further, That of those funds transferred to this account from the fair share entities to pay the cost of administration, $7,269,000 shall be made available to the Secretary of Labor for expenditures relating to capital improvements in sup-

port of Federal Employees' Compensation Act administration, and the balance of such funds shall be paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts: Provided further, That the Secretary may require that any person filing a notice of injury or a claim for benefits under chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, or 33 U.S.C. 901 et seq., provide as part of such notice and claim, such identifying information (including Social Security account number) as such regulations may prescribe.

BLACK LUNG DISABILITY TRUST FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For payments from the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund, $1,007,000,000, of which $960,650,000 shall be available until September 30, 1999, for payment of all benefits as authorized by section 8501(d)(1), (2), (4), and (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and interest on advances as authorized by section 9501(c)(2) of that Act, and of which $26,147,000 shall be available for transfer to Employment Standards Administration, Salaries and Expenses, $19,551,000 for transfer to Departmental Management, Salaries and Expenses, $296,000 for transfer to Departmental Management, Office of Inspector General, and $356,000 for payment into miscellaneous receipts for the expenses of the Department of Treasury, for expenses of operation and administration of the Black Lung Benefits program as authorized by section 9501(d)(5) of that Act: Provided, That, in addition, such amounts as may be necessary may be charged to the subsequent year appropriation for the payment of compensation, interest, or other benefits for any period subsequent to August 15 of the current year.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, $336,480,000, including not to exceed $77,941,000 which shall be the maximum amount available for grants to States under section 23(g) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, which grants shall be no less than fifty percent of the costs of State occupational safety and health programs required to be incurred under plans approved by the Secretary under section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; and, in addition, notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration may retain up to $750,000 per fiscal year of training institute course tuition fees, otherwise authorized by law to be collected, and may utilize such sums for occupational safety and health training and education grants: Provided, That, notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, the Secretary of Labor is authorized, during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, to collect and retain fees for services provided to Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories, and may utilize such sums, in accordance with the provisions of 29 U.S.C. 9a, to administer national and international laboratory recognition programs that ensure the safety of equipment and products used by workers in the workplace: Provided further, That none of the funds appropriated under this paragraph shall be obligated

or expended to prescribe, issue, administer, or enforce any standard, rule, regulation, or order under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 which is applicable to any person who is engaged in a farming operation which does not maintain a temporary labor camp and employs ten or fewer employees: Provided further, That no funds appropriated under this paragraph shall be obligated or expended to administer or enforce any standard, rule, regulation, or order under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 with respect to any employer of ten or fewer employees who is included within a category having an occupational injury lost workday case rate, at the most precise Standard Industrial Classification Code for which such data are published, less than the national average rate as such rates are most recently published by the Secretary, acting through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in accordance with section 24 of that Act (29 U.S.C. 673), except—

(1) to provide, as authorized by such Act, consultation, technical assistance, educational and training services, and to conduct surveys and studies;

(2) to conduct an inspection or investigation in response to an employee complaint, to issue a citation for violations found during such inspection, and to assess a penalty for violations which are not corrected within a reasonable abatement period and for any willful violations found;

(3) to take any action authorized by such Act with respect to imminent dangers;

(4) to take any action authorized by such Act with respect to health hazards;

(5) to take any action authorized by such Act with respect to a report of an employment accident which is fatal to one or more employees or which results in hospitalization of two or more employees, and to take any action pursuant to such investigation authorized by such Act; and

(6) to take any action authorized by such Act with respect to complaints of discrimination against employees for exercising rights under such Act: Provided further, That the foregoing proviso shall not apply to any person who is engaged in a farming operation which does not maintain a temporary labor camp and employs ten or fewer employees.

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the Mine Safety and Health Administration, $203,334,000, including purchase and bestowal of certificates and trophies in connection with mine rescue and first-aid work, and the hire of passenger motor vehicles; the Secretary is authorized to accept lands, buildings, equipment, and other contributions from public and private sources and to prosecute projects in cooperation with other agencies, Federal, State, or private; the Mine Safety and Health Administration is authorized to promote health and safety education and training in the mining community through cooperative programs with States, industry, and safety associations; and any funds available to the Department may be used, with the approval of the Secretary, to provide for the costs of mine

rescue and survival operations in the event of a major disaster: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated under this paragraph shall be obligated or expended to carry out section 115 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 or to carry out that portion of section 104(g)(1) of such Act relating to the enforcement of any training requirements, with respect to shell dredging, or with respect to any sand, gravel, surface stone, surface clay, colloidal phosphate, or surface limestone mine.

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the Bureau of Labor Statistics, including advances or reimbursements to State, Federal, and local agencies and their employees for services rendered, $327,609,000, of which $15,430,000 shall be for expenses of revising the Consumer Price Index and shall remain available until September 30, 1999, together with not to exceed $52,848,000, which may be expended from the Employment Security Administration account in the Unemployment Trust Fund.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for Departmental Management, including the hire of three sedans, and including up to $4,421,000 for the President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities, $152,253,000; together with not to exceed $282,000, which may be expended from the Employment Security Administration account in the Unemployment Trust Fund: Provided, That no funds made available by this Act may be used by the Solicitor of Labor to participate in a review in any United States court of appeals of any decision made by the Benefits Review Board under section 21 of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 921) where such participation is precluded by the decision of the United States Supreme Court in Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs v. Newport News Shipbuilding, 115 S. Ct. 1278 (1995): Provided Further, That no funds made available by this Act may be used by the Secretary of Labor to review a decision under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) that has been appealed and that has been pending before the Benefits Review Board for more than 12 months: Provided further, That any such decision pending a review by the Benefits Review Board for more than one year shall be considered affirmed by the Benefits Review Board on that date, and shall be considered the final order of the Board for purposes of obtaining a review in the United States courts of appeals: Provided Further, That these provisions shall not be applicable to the review of any decision issued under the Black Lung Benefits Act (30 U.S.C. 901 et seq.)

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

The paragraph under this heading in Public Law 85–67 (29 U.S.C. 563) is amended by striking the last period and inserting after "appropriation action" the following: ": Provided further, That

the Secretary of Labor may transfer annually an amount not to exceed $3,000,000 from unobligated balances in the Department's salaries and expenses accounts, to the unobligated balance of the Working Capital Fund, to be merged with such Fund and used for the acquisition of capital equipment and the improvement of financial management, information technology and other support systems, and to remain available until expended: Provided further, That the unobligated balance of the Fund shall not exceed $20,000,000.".

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Not to exceed $181,955,000 may be derived from the Employment Security Administration account in the Unemployment Trust Fund to carry out the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 4100–4110A and 4321–4327, and Public Law 103–353, and which shall be available for obligation by the States through December 31, 1998.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For salaries and expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, $42,605,000, together with not to exceed $3,645,000, which may be expended from the Employment Security Administration account in the Unemployment Trust Fund.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 101. None of the funds appropriated in this title for the Job Corps shall be used to pay the compensation of an individual, either as direct costs or any proration as an indirect cost, at a rate in excess of $125,000.

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 102. Not to exceed 1 percent of any discretionary funds (pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, as amended) which are appropriated for the current fiscal year for the Department of Labor in this Act may be transferred between appropriations, but no such appropriation shall be increased by more than 3 percent by any such transfer: Provided, That the Appropriations Committees of both Houses of Congress are notified at least fifteen days in advance of any transfer.

SEC. 103. Funds shall be available for carrying out title IV–B of the Job Training Partnership Act, notwithstanding section 427(c) of that Act, if a Job Corps center fails to meet national performance standards established by the Secretary.

SEC. 104. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to promulgate or issue any proposed or final standard regarding ergonomic protection before September 30, 1998: Provided, That nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the Occupational Safety and Health Administration from issuing voluntary guidelines on ergonomic protection or from developing a proposed standard regarding ergonomic protection: Provided further, That no funds made available in this Act may be used by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to enforce voluntary ergonomics

guidelines through section 5 (the general duty clause) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 654).

SEC. 105. Section 13(b)(12) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 213(b)(12)) is amended by striking "water for agricultural purposes" and inserting in lieu thereof "water, at least 90 percent of which was ultimately delivered for agricultural purposes during the preceding calendar year".

This title may be cited as the "Department of Labor Appropriations Act, 1998".

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES

For carrying out titles II, III, VII, VIII, X, XII, XIX, and XXVI of the Public Health Service Act, section 427(a) of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act, title V of the Social Security Act, the Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986, as amended, and the Native Hawaiian Health Care Act of 1988, as amended, $3,618,137,000, of which $225,000 shall remain available until expended for interest subsidies on loan guarantees made prior to fiscal year 1981 under part B of title VII of the Public Health Service Act and of which $28,000,000 shall be available for the construction and renovation of health care and other facilities: Provided, That the Division of Federal Occupational Health may utilize personal services contracting to employ professional management/administrative and occupational health professionals: Provided further, That of the funds made available under this heading, $2,500,000 shall be available until expended for facilities renovations at the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center: Provided further, That in addition to fees authorized by section 427(b) of the Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986, fees shall be collected for the full disclosure of information under the Act sufficient to recover the full costs of operating the National Practitioner Data Bank, and shall remain available until expended to carry out that Act: Provided further, That no more than $5,000,000 is available for carrying out the provisions of Public Law 104–73: Provided further, That of the funds made available under this heading, $203,452,000 shall be for the program under title X of the Public Health Service Act to provide for voluntary family planning projects: Provided further, That amounts provided to said projects under such title shall not be expended for abortions, that all pregnancy counseling shall be nondirective, and that such amounts shall not be expended for any activity (including the publication or distribution of literature) that in any way tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislative proposal or candidate for public office: Provided further, That $285,500,000 shall be for State AIDS Drug Assistance Programs authorized by section 2616 of the Public Health Service Act: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds made available under this heading may be used to continue operating the Council on Graduate Medical Education established by section 301 of Public Law 102–408: Provided further, That, of the

funds made available under this heading, not more than $6,000,000 shall be made available and shall remain available until expended for loan guarantees for loans funded under part A of title XVI of the Public Health Service Act as amended, made by non-Federal lenders for the construction, renovation, and modernization of medical facilities that are owned and operated by health centers, and for loans made to health centers under section 330(d) of the Public Health Service Act as amended by Public Law 104–299, and that such funds be available to subsidize guarantees of total loan principal in an amount not to exceed $80,000,000: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 502(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, not to exceed $103,863,000 is available for carrying out special projects of regional and national significance pursuant to section 501(a)(2) of such Act.

MEDICAL FACILITIES GUARANTEE AND LOAN FUND

FEDERAL INTEREST SUBSIDIES FOR MEDICAL FACILITIES

For carrying out subsections (d) and (e) of section 1602 of the Public Health Service Act, $6,000,000, together with any amounts received by the Secretary in connection with loans and loan guarantees under title VI of the Public Health Service Act, to be available without fiscal year limitation for the payment of interest subsidies. During the fiscal year, no commitments for direct loans or loan guarantees shall be made.

HEALTH EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOANS PROGRAM

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the cost of guaranteed loans, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of the program, as authorized by title VII of the Public Health Service Act, as amended: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the total loan principal any part of which is to be guaranteed at not to exceed $85,000,000: Provided further, That the Secretary may use up to $1,000,000 derived by transfer from insurance premiums collected from guaranteed loans made under title VII of the Public Health Service Act for the purpose of carrying out section 709 of that Act. In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, $2,688,000.

VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM TRUST FUND

For payments from the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program Trust Fund, such sums as may be necessary for claims associated with vaccine-related injury or death with respect to vaccines administered after September 30, 1988, pursuant to subtitle 2 of title XXI of the Public Health Service Act, to remain available until expended: Provided, That for necessary administrative expenses, not to exceed $3,000,000 shall be available from the Trust Fund to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

DISEASE CONTROL, RESEARCH, AND TRAINING

To carry out titles II, III, VII, XI, XV, XVII, and XIX of the Public Health Service Act, sections 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203, 301, and 501 of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, and sections 20, 21 and 22 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act and section 501 of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980; including insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign countries; and hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft, $2,327,552,000, of which $21,504,000 shall remain available until expended for equipment and construction and renovation of facilities, and in addition, such sums as may be derived from authorized user fees, which shall be credited to this account: Provided, That in addition to amounts provided herein, up to $59,232,000 shall be available from amounts available under section 241 of the Public Health Service Act, to carry out the National Center for Health Statistics surveys: Provided further, That none of the funds made available for injury prevention and control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention may be used to advocate or promote gun control: Provided further, That the Director may redirect the total amount made available under authority of Public Law 101–502, section 3, dated November 3, 1990, to activities the Director may so designate: Provided further, That the Congress is to be notified promptly of any such transfer.

In addition, $51,000,000, to be derived from the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund, for carrying out sections 40151 and 40261 of Public Law 103–322.

National Institutes of Health

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to cancer, $2,547,314,000.

NATIONAL HEART, LUNG, AND BLOOD INSTITUTE

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to cardiovascular, lung, and blood diseases, and blood and blood products, $1,531,061,000.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL RESEARCH

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to dental disease, $209,415,000.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISEASES

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to diabetes and digestive and kidney disease, $873,860,000.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AND STROKE

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to neurological disorders and stroke, $780,713,000.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to allergy and infectious diseases, $1,351,655,000.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to general medical sciences, $1,065,947,000.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to child health and human development, $674,766,000

NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to eye diseases and visual disorders, $355,691,000.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

For carrying out sections 301 and 311 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to environmental health sciences, $330,108,000.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to aging, $519,279,000.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND MUSCULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases, $274,760,000.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DEAFNESS AND OTHER COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to deafness and other communication disorders, $200,695,000.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NURSING RESEARCH

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to nursing research, $63,597,000.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to alcohol abuse and alcoholism, $227,175,000.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to drug abuse, $527,175,000.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to mental health, $750,241,000.

NATIONAL HUMAN GENOME RESEARCH INSTITUTE

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to human genome research, $217,704,000.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH RESOURCES

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to research resources and general research support grants, $453,883,000: Provided, That none of these funds shall be used to pay recipients of the general research support grants program any amount for indirect expenses in connection with such grants: Provided further, That $20,000,000 shall be for extramural facilities construction grants.

JOHN E. FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER

For carrying out the activities at the John E. Fogarty International Center, $28,289,000.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE

For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to health information communications, $161,185,000, of which $4,000,000 shall be available until expended for improvement of information systems: Provided, That in fiscal year 1998, the Library may enter into personal services contracts for the provision of services in facilities owned, operated, or constructed under the jurisdiction of the National Institutes of Health.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For carrying out the responsibilities of the Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health, $296,373,000, of which $40,536,000 shall be for the Office of AIDS Research: Provided, That funding shall be available for the purchase of not to exceed five passenger motor vehicles for replacement only: Provided further, That the Director may direct up to 1 percent of the total amount made available in this or any other Act to all National Institutes of Health appropriations to activities the Director may so designate: Provided further, That no such appropriation shall be decreased by more than 1 percent by any such transfers and that the Congress is promptly

notified of the transfer: Provided further, That NIH is authorized to collect third party payments for the cost of clinical services that are incurred in National Institutes of Health research facilities and that such payments shall be credited to the National Institutes of Health Management Fund: Provided further, That all funds credited to the NIH Management Fund shall remain available for one fiscal year after the fiscal year in which they are deposited: Provided further, That up to $500,000 shall be available to carry out section 499 of the Public Health Service Act: Provided further, That, notwithstanding section 499(k)(10) of the Public Health Service Act, funds from the National Foundation for Biomedical Research may be transferred to the National Institutes of Health: Provided further, That $20,000,000 shall be available to carry out section 404E of the Public Health Service Act: Provided further, That of the funds available to carry out section 404E of the Public Health Service Act, not less than $7,000,000 shall be for peer reviewed complementary and alternative medicine research grants and contracts that respond to program announcements and requests for proposals issued by the Office of Alternative Medicine.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

For the study of, construction of, and acquisition of equipment for, facilities of or used by the National Institutes of Health, including the acquisition of real property, $206,957,000, to remain available until expended, of which $90,000,000 shall be for the clinical research center and $16,957,000 for the Vaccine Facility: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, a single contract or related contracts for the development and construction of the clinical research center may be employed which collectively include the full scope of the project: Provided further, That the solicitation and contract shall contain the clause "availability of funds" found at 48 CFR 52.232–18: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, a single contract or related contracts for the development and construction of the Vaccine Facility may be employed which collectively include the full scope of the project: Provided further, That the solicitation and contract shall contain the clause "availability of funds" found in 48 CFR 52.232–18.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

For carrying out titles V and XIX of the Public Health Service Act with respect to substance abuse and mental health services, the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of 1986, and section 301 of the Public Health Service Act with respect to program management, $2,146,743,000, of which $10,000,000 shall be for grants to rural and Native American projects: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, each State's allotment for fiscal year 1998 for each of the programs under subparts I and II of part B of title XIX of the Public Health Service Act shall be equal to such State's allotment for such programs for fiscal year 1997.

RETIREMENT PAY AND MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

For retirement pay and medical benefits of Public Health Service Commissioned Officers as authorized by law, and for payments under the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan and Survivor Benefit Plan and for medical care of dependents and retired personnel under the Dependents' Medical Care Act (10 U.S.C. ch. 55), and for payments pursuant to section 229(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 429(b)), such amounts as may be required during the current fiscal year.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE POLICY AND RESEARCH

HEALTH CARE POLICY AND RESEARCH

For carrying out titles III and IX of the Public Health Service Act, and part A of title XI of the Social Security Act, $90,229,000; in addition, amounts received from Freedom of Information Act fees, reimbursable and interagency agreements, and the sale of data tapes shall be credited to this appropriation and shall remain available until expended: Provided, That the amount made available pursuant to section 926(b) of the Public Health Service Act shall not exceed $56,206,000.

HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

GRANTS TO STATES FOR MEDICAID

For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, titles XI and XIX of the Social Security Act, $71,602,429,000, to remain available until expended.

For making, after May 31, 1998, payments to States under title XIX of the Social Security Act for the last quarter of fiscal year 1998 for unanticipated costs, incurred for the current fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.

For making payments to States under title XIX of the Social Security Act for the first quarter of fiscal year 1999, $27,800,689,000, to remain available until expended.

Payment under title XIX may be made for any quarter with respect to a State plan or plan amendment in effect during such quarter, if submitted in or prior to such quarter and approved in that or any subsequent quarter.

PAYMENTS TO HEALTH CARE TRUST FUNDS

For payment to the Federal Hospital Insurance and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, as provided under sections 217(g) and 1844 of the Social Security Act, sections 103(c) and 111(d) of the Social Security Amendments of 1965, section 278(d) of Public Law 97–248, and for administrative expenses incurred pursuant to section 201(g) of the Social Security Act, $60,904,000,000.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, titles XI, XVIII, XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act, titles XIII and XXVII of the

Public Health Service Act, and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988, not to exceed $1,743,066,000 to be transferred from the Federal Hospital Insurance and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, as authorized by section 201(g) of the Social Security Act; together with all funds collected in accordance with section 353 of the Public Health Service Act and such sums as may be collected from authorized user fees and the sale of data, which shall remain available until expended, and together with administrative fees collected relative to Medicare overpayment recovery activities, which shall remain available until expended: Provided, That all funds derived in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 9701 from organizations established under title XIII of the Public Health Service Act shall be credited to and available for carrying out the purposes of this appropriation: Provided further, That $900,000 shall be for carrying out section 4021 of Public Law 105–33: Provided further, That in carrying out its legislative mandate, the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare shall examine the impact of increased investments in health research on future Medicare costs, and the potential for coordinating Medicare with cost-effective long-term care services: Provided further, That $40,000,000 appropriated under this heading for the transition to a single Part A and Part B processing system shall remain available until expended: Provided further, That funds appropriated under this heading may be obligated to increase Medicare provider audits and implement the Department's corrective action plan to the Chief Financial Officer's audit of the Health Care Financing Administration's oversight of Medicare: Provided further, That the Secretary of Health and Human Services is directed to collect, in aggregate, $95,000,000 in fees in fiscal year 1998 from Medicare+Choice organizations pursuant to section 1857(e)(2) of the Social Security Act and from eligible organizations with risk-sharing contracts under section 1876 of that Act pursuant to section 1876(k)(4)(D) of that Act.

HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION LOAN AND LOAN GUARANTEE FUND

For carrying out subsections (d) and (e) of section 1308 of the Public Health Service Act, any amounts received by the Secretary in connection with loans and loan guarantees under title XIII of the Public Health Service Act, to be available without fiscal year limitation for the payment of outstanding obligations. During fiscal year 1998, no commitments for direct loans or loan guarantees shall be made.

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

FAMILY SUPPORT PAYMENTS TO STATES

For making payments to each State for carrying out the program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children under title IV–A of the Social Security Act before the effective date of the program of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) with respect to such State, such sums as may be necessary: Provided, That the sum of the amounts available to a State with respect to expenditures under such title IV–A in fiscal year 1997 under this appropriation

and under such title IV–A as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 shall not exceed the limitations under section 116(b) of such Act: Provided further, That, notwithstanding section 418(a) of the Social Security Act, for fiscal year 1997 only, the amount of payment under section 418(a)(1) to which each State is entitled shall equal the amount specified as mandatory funds with respect to such State for such fiscal year in the table transmitted by the Administration for Children and Families to State Child Care and Development Block Grant Lead Agencies on August 27, 1996, and the amount of State expenditures in fiscal year 1994 or 1995 (whichever is greater) that equals the non-Federal share for the programs described in section 418(a)(1)(A) shall be deemed to equal the amount specified as maintenance of effort with respect to such State for fiscal year 1997 in such table.

For making, after May 31 of the current fiscal year, payments to States or other non-Federal entities under titles I, IV–D, X, XI, XIV, and XVI of the Social Security Act and the Act of July 5, 1960 (24 U.S.C. ch. 9), for the last three months of the current year for unanticipated costs, incurred for the current fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.

For making payments to States or other non-Federal entities under titles I, IV–D, X, XI, XIV, and XVI of the Social Security Act and the Act of July 5, 1960 (24 U.S.C. ch. 9), for the first quarter of fiscal year 1999, $660,000,000, to remain available until expended.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

For making payments under title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, $1,100,000,000, to be available for obligation in the period October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999.

For making payments under title XXVI of such Act, $300,000,000: Provided, That these funds are hereby designated by Congress to be emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: Provided further, That these funds shall be made available only after submission to Congress of a formal budget request by the President that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act.

REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE

For making payments for refugee and entrant assistance activities authorized by title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act and section 501 of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (Public Law 96–422), $415,000,000: Provided, That funds appropriated pursuant to section 414(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act under Public Law 104–134 for fiscal year 1996 shall be available for the costs of assistance provided and other activities conducted in such year and in fiscal years 1997 and 1998.

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For carrying out sections 658A through 658R of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990), in addition to amounts already appropriated for fiscal year 1998, $65,672,000; and to become available on October 1, 1998 and remain available through September 30, 1999, $1,000,000,000: Provided, That of funds appropriated for each of fiscal years 1998 and 1999, $19,120,000 shall be available for child care resource and referral and school-aged child care activities, of which for fiscal year 1998 $3,000,000 shall be derived from an amount that shall be transferred from the amount appropriated under section 452(j) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 652(j)) for fiscal year 1997 and remaining available for expenditure: Provided further, That of the funds provided for fiscal year 1998, $50,000,000 shall be reserved by the States for activities authorized under section 658G of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990), such funds to be in addition to the amounts required to be reserved by States under such section 658G.

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

For making grants to States pursuant to section 2002 of the Social Security Act, $2,299,000,000: Provided, That notwithstanding section 2003(c) of such Act, as amended, the amount specified for allocation under such section for fiscal year 1998 shall be $2,299,000,000.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

For carrying out, except as otherwise provided, the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, the Head Start Act, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, (including section 105(a)(2) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act), the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Native American Programs Act of 1974, title II of Public Law 95–266 (adoption opportunities), the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988, part B(1) of title IV and sections 413, 429A and 1110 of the Social Security Act; for making payments under the Community Services Block Grant Act; and for necessary administrative expenses to carry out said Acts and titles I, IV, X, XI, XIV, XVI, and XX of the Social Security Act, the Act of July 5, 1960 (24 U.S.C. ch. 9), the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act, section 501 of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980, and section 126 and titles IV and V of Public Law 100–485, $5,682,916,000, of which $542,165,000 shall be for making payments under the Community Services Block Grant Act, and of which $4,355,000,000 shall be for making payments under the Head Start Act: Provided, That of the funds made available for the Head Start Act, $279,250,000 shall be set aside for the Head Start Program for Families with Infants and Toddlers (Early Head Start):

Provided further, That to the extent Community Services Block Grant funds are distributed as grant funds by a State to an eligible entity as provided under the Act, and have not been expended by such entity, they shall remain with such entity for carryover into the next fiscal year for expenditure by such entity consistent with program purposes.

In addition, $93,000,000, to be derived from the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund, for carrying out sections 40155, 40211 and 40241 of Public Law 103–322.

Funds appropriated for fiscal year 1998 under section 429A(e), part B of title IV of the Social Security Act shall be reduced by $6,000,000.

Funds appropriated for fiscal year 1998 under section 413(h)(1) of the Social Security Act shall be reduced by $15,000,000.

FAMILY PRESERVATION AND SUPPORT

For carrying out section 430 of the Social Security Act, $255,000,000.

PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE

For making payments to States or other non-Federal entities, under title IV–E of the Social Security Act, $3,200,000,000.

For making payments to States or other non-Federal entities, under title IV–E of the Social Security Act, for the first quarter of fiscal year 1999, $1,157,500,000.

ADMINISTRATION ON AGING

AGING SERVICES PROGRAMS

For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise provided, the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, $865,050,000: Provided, That notwithstanding section 308(b)(1) of such Act, the amounts available to each State for administration of the State plan under title III of such Act shall be reduced not more than 5 percent below the amount that was available to such State for such purpose for fiscal year 1995: Provided further, That of the funds appropriated to carry out section 303(a)(1) of such Act, $4,449,000 shall be available for carrying out section 702(a) of such Act and $4,732,000 shall be available for carrying out section 702(b) of such Act: Provided further, That in considering grant applications for nutrition services for elder Indian recipients, the Assistant Secretary shall provide maximum flexibility to applicants who seek to take into account subsistence, local customs, and other characteristics that are appropriate to the unique cultural, regional, and geographic needs of the American Indian, Alaskan and Hawaiian native communities to be served.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

GENERAL DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided, for general departmental management, including hire of six sedans, and for carrying out titles III, XVII, and XX of the Public Health Service Act, and the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission Act,

$171,631,000, of which $500,000 shall remain available until expended, together with $5,851,000, to be transferred and expended as authorized by section 201(g)(1) of the Social Security Act from the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Supplemental Medical Insurance Trust Fund: Provided, That of the funds made available under this heading for carrying out title XVII of the Public Health Service Act, $1,500,000 shall be available until expended for extramural construction.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, $31,921,000.

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

For expenses necessary for the Office for Civil Rights, $16,345,000, together with not to exceed $3,314,000, to be transferred and expended as authorized by section 201(g)(1) of the Social Security Act from the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Supplemental Medical Insurance Trust Fund.

POLICY RESEARCH

For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise provided, research studies under section 1110 of the Social Security Act, $14,000,000.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 201. Funds appropriated in this title shall be available for not to exceed $37,000 for official reception and representation expenses when specifically approved by the Secretary.

SEC. 202. The Secretary shall make available through assignment not more than 60 employees of the Public Health Service to assist in child survival activities and to work in AIDS programs through and with funds provided by the Agency for International Development, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund or the World Health Organization.

SEC. 203. None of the funds appropriated under this Act may be used to implement section 399L(b) of the Public Health Service Act or section 1503 of the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993, Public Law 103–43.

SEC. 204. None of the funds appropriated in this Act for the National Institutes of Health and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration shall be used to pay the salary of an individual, through a grant or other extramural mechanism, at a rate in excess of $125,000 per year.

SEC. 205. None of the funds appropriated in this Act may be expended pursuant to section 241 of the Public Health Service Act, except for funds specifically provided for in this Act, or for other taps and assessments made by any office located in the Department of Health and Human Services, prior to the Secretary's preparation and submission of a report to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and of the House detailing the planned uses of such funds.

SEC. 206. None of the funds appropriated in this Act may be obligated or expended for the Federal Council on Aging under the Older Americans Act or the Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 207. Not to exceed 1 percent of any discretionary funds (pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, as amended) which are appropriated for the current fiscal year for the Department of Health and Human Services in this Act may be transferred between appropriations, but no such appropriation shall be increased by more than 3 percent by any such transfer: Provided, That the Appropriations Committees of both Houses of Congress are notified at least fifteen days in advance of any transfer.

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 208. The Director of the National Institutes of Health, jointly with the Director of the Office of AIDS Research, may transfer up to 3 percent among institutes, centers, and divisions from the total amounts identified by these two Directors as funding for research pertaining to the human immunodeficiency virus: Provided, That the Congress is promptly notified of the transfer.

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 209. Of the amounts made available in this Act for the National Institutes of Health, the amount for research related to the human immunodeficiency virus, as jointly determined by the Director of NIH and the Director of the Office of AIDS Research, shall be made available to the "Office of AIDS Research" account. The Director of the Office of AIDS Research shall transfer from such accounts amounts necessary to carry out section 2535(d)(3) of the Public Health Service Act.

SEC. 210. Funds appropriated in this Act for the National Institutes of Health may be used to provide transit subsidies in amounts consistent with the transportation subsidy programs authorized under section 629 of Public Law 101–509 to non-FTE bearing positions including trainees, visiting fellows and volunteers.

SEC. 211. (a) The Secretary of Health and Human Services may in accordance with this section provide for the relocation of the Federal facility known as the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center (located in the vicinity of Carville, in the State of Louisiana), including the relocation of the patients of the Center.

(b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), in relocating the Center the Secretary may on behalf of the United States transfer to the State of Louisiana, without charge, title to the real property and improvements that as of the date of the enactment of this Act constitute the Center. Such real property is a parcel consisting of approximately 330 acres. The exact acreage and legal description used for purposes of the transfer shall be in accordance with a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

(2) Any conveyance under paragraph (1) is not effective unless the deed or other instrument of conveyance contains the conditions specified in subsection (d); the instrument specifies that the United

States and the State of Louisiana agree to such conditions; and the instrument specifies that, if the State engages in a material breach of the conditions, title to the real property and improvements involved reverts to the United States at the election of the Secretary.

(c)(1) With respect to Federal equipment and other items of Federal personal property that are in use at the Center as of the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary may, subject to paragraph (2), transfer to the State such items as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, if the Secretary makes the transfer under subsection (b).

(2) A transfer of equipment or other items may be made under paragraph (1) only if the State agrees that, during the 30-year period beginning on the date on which the transfer under subsection (b) is made, the items will be used exclusively for purposes that promote the health or education of the public, except that the Secretary may authorize such exceptions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(d) For purposes of subsection (b)(2), the conditions specified in this subsection with respect to a transfer of title are the following:

(1) During the 30-year period beginning on the date on which the transfer is made, the real property and improvements referred to in subsection (b)(1) (referred to in this subsection as the "transferred property") will be used exclusively for purposes that promote the health or education of the public, with such incidental exceptions as the Secretary may approve.

(2) For purposes of monitoring the extent to which the transferred property is being used in accordance with paragraph (1), the Secretary will have access to such documents as the Secretary determines to be necessary, and the Secretary may require the advance approval of the Secretary or such contracts, conveyances of real or personal property, or other transactions as the Secretary determines to be necessary.

(3) The relocation of patients from the transferred property will be completed not later than 3 years after the date on which the transfer is made, except to the extent the Secretary determines that relocating particular patients is not feasible. During the period of relocation, the Secretary will have unrestricted access to the transferred property, and after such period will have such access as may be necessary with respect to the patients who pursuant to the preceding sentence are not relocated.

(4)(A) With respect to projects to make repairs and energy-related improvements at the transferred property, the Secretary will provide for the completion of all such projects for which contracts have been awarded and appropriations have been made as of the date of which the transfer is made.

(B) If upon completion of the projects referred to in subparagraph (A) there are any unobligated balances of amounts appropriated for the projects, and the sum of such balances is in excess of $100,000—

(i) the Secretary will transfer the amount of such excess to the State; and

(ii) the State will expend such amount for the purposes referred to in paragraph (1), which may include the renovation of facilities at the transferred property.

(5)(A) The State will maintain the cemetery located on the transferred property, will permit individuals who were long-term-care patients of the Center to be buried at the cemetery, and will permit members of the public to visit the cemetery.

(B) The State will permit the Center to maintain a museum on the transferred property and will permit members of the public to visit the museum.

(C) In the case of any waste products stored at the transferred property as of the date of the transfer, the Federal Government will after the transfer retain title to and responsibility for the products, and the State will not require that the Federal Government remove the products from the transferred property.

(6) In the case of each individual who as of the date of the enactment of this Act is a Federal employee at the transferred property with facilities management or dietary duties:

(A) The State will offer the individual an employment position with the State, the position with the State will have duties similar to the duties the individual performed in his or her most recent position at the transferred property, and the position with the State will provide compensation and benefits that are similar to the compensation and benefits provided for such most recent position, subject to the concurrence of the Governor of the State.

(B) If the individual becomes an employee of the State pursuant to subparagraph (A), the State will make payments in accordance with subsection (e)(2)(B) (relating to disability), as applicable with respect to the individual.

(7) The Federal Government may, consistent with the intended uses by the State of the transferred property, carry out at such property activities regarding at-risk youth.

(8) Such additional conditions as the Secretary determines to be necessary to protect the interests of the United States.

(e)(1) This subsection applies if the transfer under subsection (b) is made.

(2) In the case of each individual who as of the date of the enactment of this Act is a Federal employee at the Center with facilities management or dietary duties, and who becomes an employee of the State pursuant to subsection (d)(6)(A):

(A) The provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, or of chapter 84 of such title, whichever are applicable, that relate to disability shall be considered to remain in effect with respect to the individual (subject to subparagraph (C)) until the earlier of—

(i) the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date on which the transfer under subsection (b) is made; or

(ii) the date on which the individual first meets all conditions for coverage under a State program for payments during retirement by reason of disability.

(B) The payments to be made by the State pursuant to subsection (d)(6)(B) with respect to the individual are payments to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund, if the individual is receiving Federal disability coverage pursuant to subparagraph (A). Such payments are to be made in a total amount equal to that portion of the normal-cost percentage (de-

termined through the use of dynamic assumptions) of the basic pay of the individual that is allocable to such coverage and is paid for service performed during the period for which such coverage is in effect. Such amount is to be determined in accordance with chapter 84 of such title 5, is to be paid at such time and in such manner as mutually agreed by the State and the Office of Personnel Management, and is in lieu of individual or agency contributions otherwise required.

(C) In the determination pursuant to subparagraph (A) of whether the individual is eligible for Federal disability coverage (during the applicable period of time under such subparagraph), service as an employee of the State after the date of the transfer under subsection (b) shall be counted toward the service requirement specified in the first sentence of section 8337(a) or 8451(a)(1)(A) of such title 5 (whichever is applicable).

(3) In the case of each individual who as of the date of the enactment of this Act is a Federal employee with a position at the Center and is, for duty at the Center, receiving the pay differential under section 208(e) of the Public Health Service Act or under section 5545(d) of title 5, United States Code:

(A) If as of the date of the transfer under subsection (b) the individual is eligible for an annuity under section 8336 or 8412 of title 5, United States Code, then once the individual separates from the service and thereby becomes entitled to receive the annuity, the pay differential shall be included in the computation of the annuity if the individual separated from the service not later than the expiration of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the transfer.

(B) If the individual is not eligible for such an annuity as of the date of the transfer under subsection (b) but subsequently does become eligible, then once the individual separates from the service and thereby becomes entitled to receive the annuity, the pay differential shall be included in the computation of the annuity if the individual separated from the service not later than the expiration of the 90-day period beginning on the date on which the individual first became eligible for the annuity.

(C) For purposes of this paragraph, the individual is eligible for the annuity if the individual meets all conditions under such section 8336 or 8412 to be entitled to the annuity, except the condition that the individual be separated from the service.

(4) With respect to individuals who as of the date of the enactment of this Act are Federal employees with positions at the Center and are not, for duty at the center, receiving the pay differential under section 208(e) of the Public Health Service Act or under section 5545(d) of title 5, United States Code:

(A) During the calendar years 1997 and 1998, the Secretary may in accordance with this paragraph provide to any such individual a voluntary separation incentive payment. The purpose of such payments is to avoid or minimize the need for involuntary separations under a reduction in force with respect to the Center.

(B) During calendar year 1997, any payment under subparagraph (A) shall be made under section 663 of the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Act, 1997 (as contained in section 101(f) of division A of Public Law 104–208), except that, for purposes of this subparagraph, subsection (b) of such section 663 does not apply.

(C) During calendar year 1998, such section 663 applies with respect to payments under subparagraph (A) to the same extent and in the same manner as such section applied with respect to the payments during fiscal year 1997, and for purposes of this subparagraph, the reference in subsection (c)(2)(D) of such section 663 to December 31, 1997, is deemed to be a reference to December 31, 1998.

(f) The following provisions apply if under subsection (a) the Secretary makes the decision to relocate the Center:

(1) The site to which the Center is relocated shall be in the vicinity of Baton Rouge, in the State of Louisiana.

(2) The facility involved shall continue to be designated as the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center.

(3) The Secretary shall make reasonable efforts to inform the patients of the Center with respect to the planning and carrying out of the relocation.

(4) In the case of each individual who as of October 1, 1996, was a patient of the Center and is considered by the Director of the Center to be a long-term-care patient (referred to in this subsection as an "eligible patient"), the Secretary shall continue to provide for the long-term care of the eligible patient, without charge, for the remainder of the life of the patient.

(5)(A) For purposes of paragraph (4), an eligible patient who is legally competent has the following options with respect to support and maintenance and other nonmedical expenses:

(i) For the remainder of his or her life, the patient may reside at the Center.

(ii) For the remainder of his or her life, the patient may receive payments each year at an annual rate of $33,000 (adjusted in accordance with subparagraphs (C) and (D)), and may not reside at the Center. Payments under this clause are in complete discharge of the obligation of the Federal Government under paragraph (4) for support and maintenance and other nonmedical expenses of the patient.

(B) The choice by an eligible patient of the option under clause (i) of subparagraph (A) may at any time be revoked by the patient, and the patient may instead choose the option under clause (ii) of such subparagraph. The choice by an eligible patient of the option under such clause (ii) is irrevocable.

(C) Payments under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be made on a monthly basis, and shall be pro rated as applicable. In 1999 and each subsequent year, the monthly amount of such payments shall be increased by a percentage equal to any percentage increase taking effect under section 215(i) of the Social Security Act (relating to a cost-of-living increase) for benefits under title II of such Act (relating to Federal old-age, survivors, and disability insurance benefits). Any such percentage increase

in monthly payments under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall take effect in the same month as the percentage increase under such section 215(i) takes effect.

(D) With respect to the provision of outpatient and inpatient medical care for Hansen's disease and related complications to an eligible patient:

(i) The choice the patient makes under subparagraph (A) does not affect the responsibility of the Secretary for providing to the patient such care at or through the Center.

(ii) If the patient chooses the option under subparagraph (A)(ii) and receives inpatient care at or through the Center, the Secretary may reduce the amount of payments under such subparagraph, except to the extent that reimbursement for the expenses of such care is available to the provider of the care through the program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act or the program under title XIX of such Act. Any such reduction shall be made on the basis of the number of days for which the patient received the inpatient care.

(6) The Secretary shall provide to each eligible patient such information and time as may be necessary for the patient to make an informed decision regarding the options under paragraph (5)(A).

(7) After the date of the enactment of this Act, the Center may not provide long-term care for any individual who as of such date was not receiving such care as a patient of the Center.

(8) If upon completion of the projects referred to in subsection (d)(4)(A) there are unobligated balances of amounts appropriated for the projects, such balances are available to the Secretary for expenses relating to the relocation of the Center, except that, if the sum of such balances is in excess of $100,000, such excess is available to the State in accordance with subsection (d)(4)(B). The amounts available to the Secretary pursuant to the preceding sentence are available until expended.

(g) For purposes of this section:

(1) The term "Center" means the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center.

(2) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(3) The term "State" means the State of Louisiana.

(h) Section 320 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247e) is amended by striking the section designation and all that follows and inserting the following:

"SEC. 320. (a)(1) At or through the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center (located in the State of Louisiana), the Secretary shall without charge provide short-term care and treatment, including outpatient care, for Hansen's disease and related complications to any person determined by the Secretary to be in need of such care and treatment. The Secretary may not at or through such Center provide long-term care for any such disease or complication.

"(2) The Center referred to in paragraph (1) shall conduct training in the diagnosis and management of Hansen's disease and related complications, and shall conduct and promote the coordination of research (including clinical research), investigations, dem-

onstrations, and studies relating to the causes, diagnosis, treatment, control, and prevention of Hansen's disease and other mycobacterial diseases and complications related to such diseases.

"(3) Paragraph (1) is subject to section 211 of the Department of Health and Human Services Appropriations Act, 1998.

"(b) In addition to the Center referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary may establish sites regarding persons with Hansen's disease. Each such site shall provide for the outpatient care and treatment for Hansen's disease and related complications to any person determined by the Secretary to be in need of such care and treatment.

"(c) The Secretary shall carry out subsections (a) and (b) acting through an agency of the Service. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the agency designated by the Secretary shall carry out both activities relating to the provision of health services and activities relating to the conduct of research.

"(d) The Secretary shall make payments to the Board of Health of the State of Hawaii for the care and treatment (including outpatient care) in its facilities of persons suffering from Hansen's disease at a rate determined by the Secretary. The rate shall be approximately equal to the operating cost per patient of such facilities, except that the rate may not exceed the comparable costs per patient with Hansen's disease for care and treatment provided by the Center referred to in subsection (a). Payments under this subsection are subject to the availability of appropriations for such purposes.".

SEC. 212. None of the funds appropriated in the Act may be made available to any entity under title X of the Public Health Service Act unless the applicant for the award certifies to the Secretary that it encourages family participation in the decision of minors to seek family planning services and that it provides counseling to minors on how to resist attempts to coerce minors into engaging in sexual activities.

COMPREHENSIVE INDEPENDENT STUDY OF NIH RESEARCH PRIORITY SETTING

SEC. 213. (a) STUDY BY THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall enter into a contract with the Institute of Medicine to conduct a comprehensive study of the policies and process used by the National Institutes of Health to determine funding allocations for biomedical research.

(b) MATTERS TO BE ASSESSED.—The study under subsection (a) shall assess—

(1) the factors or criteria used by the National Institutes of Health to determine funding allocations for disease research;

(2) the process by which research funding decisions are made;

(3) the mechanisms for public input into the priority setting process; and

(4) the impact of statutory directives on research funding decisions.

(c) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date on which the Secretary of Health and Human Services enters into

the contract under subsection (a), the Institute of Medicine shall submit a report concerning the study to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and the Committee on Commerce and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(2) REQUIREMENT.—The report under paragraph (1) shall set forth the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Institute of Medicine for improvements in the National Institutes of Health research funding policies and processes and for any necessary congressional action.

This title may be cited as the "Department of Health and Human Services Appropriations Act, 1998".

TITLE III—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION REFORM

For carrying out activities authorized by titles III and IV of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, the School-to-Work Opportunities Act, and sections 3132, 3136, and 3141 and parts B, C, and D of title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, $1,275,035,000, of which $464,500,000 for the Goals 2000: Educate America Act and $200,000,000 for the School-to-Work Opportunities Act shall become available on July 1, 1998, and remain available through September 30, 1999: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be obligated or expended to carry out section 304(a)(2)(A) of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, except that no more than $1,500,000 may be used to carry out activities under section 314(a)(2) of that Act: Provided further, That section 315(a)(2) of the Goals 2000 Act shall not apply: Provided further, That up to one-half of one percent of the amount available under section 3132 shall be set aside for the outlying areas, to be distributed on the basis of their relative need as determined by the Secretary in accordance with the purposes of the program: Provided further, That if any State educational agency does not apply for a grant under section 3132, that State's allotment under section 3131 shall be reserved by the Secretary for grants to local educational agencies in that State that apply directly to the Secretary according to the terms and conditions published by the Secretary in the Federal Register: Provided further, That of the funds made available under section 3136, $5,000,000 shall be provided to the Hospitals, Universities, Businesses, and Schools program to develop a regional information infrastructure in the mid-Atlantic region, $7,300,000 shall be for the "I Can Learn" project to integrate technology into eighth grade algebra classrooms and $800,000 shall be provided for a distance education network involving a consortium of nine school districts and Nicolet Area Technical College: Provided further, That of the amount available for title III, part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, $8,000,000 shall be awarded to continue and expand the Iowa Communication Network statewide fiber optic demonstration project.

EDUCATION FOR THE DISADVANTAGED

For carrying out title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and section 418A of the Higher Education Act,

$8,021,827,000, of which $6,553,249,000 shall become available on July 1, 1998, and shall remain available through September 30, 1999, and of which $1,448,386,000 shall become available on October 1, 1998 and shall remain available through September 30, 1999, for academic year 1998–1999: Provided, That $6,273,212,000 shall be available for basic grants under section 1124: Provided further, That up to $3,500,000 of these funds shall be available to the Secretary on October 1, 1997, to obtain updated local-educational-agency-level census poverty data from the Bureau of the Census: Provided further, That $1,102,020,000 shall be available for concentration grants under section 1124A, $6,977,000 shall be available for evaluations under section 1501 and not more than $7,500,000 shall be reserved for section 1308, of which not more than $3,000,000 shall be reserved for section 1308(d): Provided further, That grant awards under section 1124 and 1124A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act shall be made to each State or local educational agency at no less than 100 percent of the amount such State or local educational agency received under this authority for fiscal year 1997 under Public Laws 104–208 and 105–18: Provided further, That in determining State allocations under any other program administered by the Secretary, amounts provided under Public Law 105–18, or equivalent amounts provided for in this Act, will not be taken into account in determining State allocations: Provided further, That $120,000,000 shall be available under section 1002(g)(2) to demonstrate effective approaches to comprehensive school reform to be allocated and expended in accordance with the instructions relating to this proviso in the statement of the managers on the conference report accompanying this Act: Provided further, That in carrying out this initiative, the Secretary and the States shall support only approaches that show the most promise of enabling children served by title I to meet challenging State content standards and challenging State student performance standards based on reliable research and effective practices, and include an emphasis on basic academics and parental involvement: Provided further, That such funds shall not be available for section 1503.

IMPACT AID

For carrying out programs of financial assistance to federally affected schools authorized by title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, $808,000,000, of which $662,000,000 shall be for basic support payments under section 8003(b), $50,000,000 shall be for payments for children with disabilities under section 8003(d), $62,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be for payments under section 8003(f), $7,000,000 shall be for construction under section 8007, and $24,000,000 shall be for Federal property payments under section 8002 of which such sums as may be necessary shall be for section 8002(j) and $3,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be for facilities maintenance under section 8008: Provided, That section 8003(f)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7709(f)(2)) is amended in clause (ii) in subclause (I) by striking "35 percent" and all that follows through the semicolon, and inserting the following: "25 percent of the total student enrollment of such agency. For purposes of this subclause, all students de-

scribed in section 8003(a)(1) are used to determine eligibility, regardless of whether or not a local educational agency receives funds for these children from section 8003(b) of the Act;".

The amendment made by this proviso shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 1996: Provided further, That the Secretary of Education shall treat as timely filed, and shall process for payment, an application for a fiscal year 1998 payment from the local educational agency for Boston, Massachusetts, under section 8003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 if the Secretary has received that application not later than 30 days after the enactment of this Act: Provided further, That the Secretary of Education shall forgive any overpayments established for fiscal year 1994 under section 3(d)(2)(B) of the Act of September 30, 1950 (Public Law 874—81st Congress), for any local educational agency in the State of Texas receiving funds appropriated for fiscal year 1994 under the authority of this section: Provided further, That section 8002 of the Elementary and Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7702) is amended by adding the following new subsection:

"(j) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES IMPACTED BY FEDERAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION.—

"(1) RESERVATION.—From amounts appropriated under section 8014(g) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall provide additional assistance to meet special circumstances relating to the provision of education in local educational agencies eligible to receive assistance under this section.

"(2) ELIGIBILITY.—(A) A local educational agency is eligible to receive additional assistance under this subsection only if such agency—

"(i) received a payment under both this section and section 8003(b) for fiscal year 1996 and is eligible to receive payments under those sections for the year of application;

"(ii) provided a free public education to children described under sections 8003(a)(1)(A), (B), or (D);

"(iii) had a military installation located within the geographic boundaries of the local educational agency that was closed as a result of base closure or realignment;

"(iv) remains responsible for the free public education of children residing in housing located on federal property within the boundaries of the closed military installation but whose parents are on active duty in the uniformed services and assigned to a military activity located within the boundaries of an adjoining local educational agency; and

"(v) demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary that such agency's per-pupil revenue derived from local sources for current expenditures is not less than that revenue for the preceding fiscal year.

"(3) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—(A) The maximum amount that a local educational agency is eligible to receive under this subsection for any fiscal year, when combined with its payment under subsection (b), shall not be more than 50 percent of the maximum amount determined under subsection (b);

"(B) If funds appropriated under section 8014(g) are insufficient to pay the amount determined under subparagraph (A),

the Secretary shall ratably reduce the payment to each local education agency eligible under this subsection;

"(C) If funds appropriated under section 8014(g) are in excess of the amount determined under subparagraph (A) the Secretary shall ratably distribute any excess funds to all local educational agencies eligible for payment under subsection (b) of this section,":

Provided further, That section 8014 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7714) is amended by adding the following new subsection:

"(g) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN FEDERAL PROPERTY LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—For the purpose of carrying out section 8002(j) there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary beginning in fiscal year 1998 and for each succeeding fiscal year.":

Provided further, That of the funds available for section 8007, the Secretary shall, under such terms and conditions he determines appropriate, first provide $1,500,000 to applicant number 11–2815 and $1,500,000 to applicant number 36–4403 for the construction of public elementary or secondary schools where the current structures are unsafe and pose serious health threats to the students, if requests for funding and construction project descriptions are submitted to the Secretary within 30 days of enactment of this Act: Provided further, That notwithstanding any deadline established by the Secretary of Education under subsection (c) of section 8005 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7705), and without regard to paragraphs (1)(A), (2), and (3) of subsection (d) of that section, the Secretary shall accept, as if timely received, an application from the Maconaquah School Corporation, Bunker Hill, Indiana, under section 8003 of that Act for fiscal year 1996 if the Secretary has received that application not later than 30 days after the enactment of this Act: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Defense shall treat any data included in an application described in the preceding proviso, and that is approved by the Secretary of Education, as data to be used in determining the eligibility of the Maconaquah School Corporation, Bunker Hill, Indiana, for, and the amount of, a payment for any of the fiscal years 1998 through 2000 under section 386 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993: Provided further, That section 8 of Public Law 104–195 is amended by striking the period after "year" and adding the following: "or, for fiscal year 1995 or fiscal year 1996, the amount of any payment under section 8003(f) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965": Provided further, That the Secretary of Education shall deem the local educational agency serving the Clinton County School District in Albany, Kentucky, to meet the eligibility requirements of section 8002(a)(1)(C) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7702(a)(1)(C)).

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

For carrying out school improvement activities authorized by titles II, IV–A–1 and 2, V–A and B, VI, IX, X, and XIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; the Stewart B.

McKinney Homeless Assistance Act; and the Civil Rights Act of 1964; $1,538,188,000, of which $1,246,300,000 shall become available on July 1, 1998, and remain available through September 30, 1999: Provided, That of the amount appropriated, $335,000,000 shall be for Eisenhower professional development State grants under title II–B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of which $25,000,000 shall be for professional development in reading, $350,000,000 shall be for innovative education program strategies State grants under title VI–A of said Act and $750,000 shall be for an evaluation of comprehensive regional assistance centers under title XIII of said Act: Provided further, That of the amount made available for Title IV–A–2, $350,000 shall be for the Yonkers Public Schools for innovative anti-drug and anti-violence activities.

CHILD LITERACY INITIATIVE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For carrying out a literacy initiative, $210,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 1998 and shall remain available through September 30, 1999 only if specifically authorized by subsequent legislation enacted by July 1, 1998: Provided, That, if the initiative is not authorized by such date, the funds shall be transferred to "Special Education" to be merged with that account and to be available for the same purposes for which that account is available: Provided further, That the transferred funds shall become available for obligation on July 1, 1999, and shall remain available through September 30, 2000 for academic year 1999–2000.

INDIAN EDUCATION

For expenses necessary to carry out, to the extent not otherwise provided, title IX, part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, and section 215 of the Department of Education Organization Act, $62,600,000.

BILINGUAL AND IMMIGRANT EDUCATION

For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise provided, bilingual, foreign language and immigrant education activities authorized by parts A and C and section 7203 of title VII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, without regard to section 7103(b), $354,000,000: Provided, That State educational agencies may use all, or any part of, their part C allocation for competitive grants to local educational agencies: Provided further, That the Department of Education should only support instructional programs which ensure that students completely master English in a timely fashion (a period of three to five years) while meeting rigorous achievement standards in the academic content areas.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

For carrying out the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, $4,810,646,000, of which $4,565,185,000 shall become available for obligation on July 1, 1998, and shall remain available through September 30, 1999: Provided, That $1,500,000 of the funds provided shall be for section 687(b)(2)(G), and shall remain available until expended.

REHABILITATION SERVICES AND DISABILITY RESEARCH

For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise provided, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act, and the Helen Keller National Center Act, as amended, $2,591,195,000.

SPECIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND

For carrying out the Act of March 3, 1879, as amended (20 U.S.C. 101 et seq.), $8,186,000.

NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

For the National Technical Institute for the Deaf under titles I and II of the Education of the Deaf Act of 1986 (20 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.), $44,141,000: Provided, That from the amount available, the Institute may at its discretion use funds for the endowment program as authorized under section 207.

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

For the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School, the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, and the partial support of Galludet University under titles I and II of the Education of the Deaf Act of 1986 (20 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.), $81,000,000: Provided, That from the amount available, the University may at its discretion use funds for the endowment program as authorized under section 207.

VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise provided, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, the Adult Education Act, and the National Literacy Act of 1991, $1,507,698,000, of which $1,504,598,000 shall become available on July 1, 1998 and shall remain available through September 30, 1999; and of which $5,491,000 from amounts available under the Adult Education Act shall be for the National Institute for Literacy under section 384(c): Provided, That, of the amounts made available for title II of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, $13,497,000 shall be used by the Secretary for national programs under title IV, without regard to section 451: Provided further, That the Secretary may reserve up to $4,998,000 under section 313(d) of the Adult Education Act for activities carried out under section 383 of that Act: Provided further, That no funds shall be awarded to a State Council under section 112(f) of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, and no State shall be required to operate such a Council.

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For carrying out subparts 1, 3, and 4 of part A, part C and part E of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, $8,978,934,000, which shall remain available through September 30, 1999.

The maximum Pell Grant for which a student shall be eligible during award year 1998–1999 shall be $3,000: Provided, That not-

withstanding section 401(g) of the Act, if the Secretary determines, prior to publication of the payment schedule for such award year, that the amount included within this appropriation for Pell Grant awards in such award year, and any funds available from the fiscal year 1997 appropriation for Pell Grant awards, are insufficient to satisfy fully all such awards for which students are eligible, as calculated under section 401(b) of the Act, the amount paid for each such award shall be reduced by either a fixed or variable percentage, or by a fixed dollar amount, as determined in accordance with a schedule of reductions established by the Secretary for this purpose: Provided further, That if the Secretary determines that the funds available to fund Pell Grants for award year 1998–99 exceed the amount needed to fund Pell Grants at a maximum award of $3,000 for that award year, the Secretary may increase the income protection allowances in sections 475(g)(2)(D), and 476(b)(1)(A)(iv)(I), (II), and (III) up to the amounts at which Pell Grant awards calculated using the increased income protection allowances equal the funds available to make Pell Grants in award year 1998–99 with a $3,000 maximum award, except that the income protection allowance in section 475(g)(2)(D) may not exceed $2,200, the income protection allowance in sections 476(b)(1)(A)(iv)(I) and (II) may not exceed $4,250, and the income protection allowance in section 476(b)(1)(A)(iv)(III) may not exceed $7,250.

FEDERAL FAMILY EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For Federal administrative expenses to carry out guaranteed student loans authorized by title IV, part B, of the Higher Education Act, as amended, $46,482,000.

HIGHER EDUCATION

For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise provided, parts A and B of title III, without regard to section 360(a)(1)(B)(ii), titles IV, V, VI, VII, and IX, and part A, subpart 1 of part B, and part E of title X and title XI of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, part G of title XV of Public Law 102–325, the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, and Public Law 102–423; $946,738,000, of which $13,700,000 for interest subsidies under title VII of the Higher Education Act shall remain available until expended: Provided, That funds available for part D of title IX of the Higher Education Act shall be available to fund new and noncompeting continuation awards for academic year 1998–1999 for fellowships awarded under part C of title IX of said Act, under the terms and conditions of part C: Provided further, That from the funds made available under Part A of title X of the Higher Education Act, $1,000,000 shall be awarded to the Advanced Technical Center at Mexico, Missouri for the delivery of technical education in cooperation with community colleges and State technical schools and $3,000,000 shall be for the delivery of technical education and distance learning at Empire State College in New York.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

For partial support of Howard University (20 U.S.C. 121 et seq.), $210,000,000: Provided, That from the amount available, the

University may at its discretion use funds for the endowment program as authorized under the Howard University Endowment Act (Public Law 98–480).

COLLEGE HOUSING AND ACADEMIC FACILITIES LOANS PROGRAM

For Federal administrative expenses to carry out activities related to facility loans entered into under title VII, part C and section 702 of the Higher Education Act, as amended, $698,000.

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAPITAL FINANCING, PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The total amount of bonds insured pursuant to section 724 of title VII, part B of the Higher Education Act shall not exceed $357,000,000, and the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of such bonds shall not exceed zero.

For administrative expenses to carry out the Historically Black College and University Capital Financing Program entered into pursuant to title VII, part B of the Higher Education Act, as amended, $104,000.

EDUCATION RESEARCH, STATISTICS, AND IMPROVEMENT

For carrying out activities authorized by the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994, including part E; the National Education Statistics Act of 1994; section 2102 of title II, and parts A, B, I, and K and section 10601 of title X, and part C of title XIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, and title VI of Public Law 103–227, $431,438,000: Provided, That of the amount provided for section 10101 of part A of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, $1,000,000 shall be awarded to the National Museum of Women in the Arts; $500,000 shall be for enhanced teacher training in reading in the District of Columbia; $5,000,000 shall be for innovative learning opportunities for at-risk children at children's museums in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston and museums in Chicago; $8,000,000 shall be for a demonstration of public school facilities repair and construction to the Iowa Department of Education; $350,000 shall be awarded to the White Plains City School District to expand an after school program; $100,000 shall be for the Montgomery County, Pennsylvania library network; $55,000 shall be awarded to the St. Stephen Life Center in Louisville, Kentucky; and $25,000,000 shall be available to demonstrate effective approaches to comprehensive school reform to be allocated and expended in accordance with the instructions relating to this proviso in the statement of managers on the conference report accompanying this Act: Provided further, That the funds made available for comprehensive school reform shall become available on July 1, 1998, and remain available through September 30, 1999, and in carrying out this initiative, the Secretary and the States shall support only approaches that show the most promise of enabling children to meet challenging State content standards and challenging State student performance standards based on reliable research and effective practices, and include an emphasis on basic academics and parental involvement: Provided further, That—

(1) of the amount appropriated under this heading and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Education may award $1,000,000 to a State educational agency (as defined in section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801)) to pay for appraisals, resource studies, and other expenses associated with the exchange of State school trust lands within the boundaries of a national monument for Federal lands outside the boundaries of the monument; and

(2) the State educational agency is eligible to receive a grant under paragraph (1) only if the agency serves a State that—

(A) has a national monument declared within the State under the authority of the Act entitled "An Act for the preservation of American antiquities", approved June 8, 1906 (16 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) (commonly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906) that incorporates more than 100,000 acres of State school trust lands within the boundaries of the national monument; and

(B) ranks in the lowest 25 percent of all States when comparing the average per pupil expenditure (as defined in section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801)) in the State to the average per pupil expenditure for each State in the United States.

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

For carrying out subtitle B of the Museum and Library Services Act, $146,340,000.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise provided, the Department of Education Organization Act, including rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia and hire of two passenger motor vehicles, $341,064,000.

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

For expenses necessary for the Office for Civil Rights, as authorized by section 203 of the Department of Education Organization Act, $61,500,000.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

For expenses necessary for the Office of the Inspector General, as authorized by section 212 of the Department of Education Organization Act, $30,242,000.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 301. No funds appropriated in this Act may be used for the transportation of students or teachers (or for the purchase of equipment for such transportation) in order to overcome racial imbalance in any school or school system, or for the transportation of students or teachers (or for the purchase of equipment for such

transportation) in order to carry out a plan of racial desegregation of any school or school system.

SEC. 302. None of the funds contained in this Act shall be used to require, directly or indirectly, the transportation of any student to a school other than the school which is nearest the student's home, except for a student requiring special education, to the school offering such special education, in order to comply with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For the purpose of this section an indirect requirement of transportation of students includes the transportation of students to carry out a plan involving the reorganization of the grade structure of schools, the pairing of schools, or the clustering of schools, or any combination of grade restructuring, pairing or clustering. The prohibition described in this section does not include the establishment of magnet schools.

SEC. 303. No funds appropriated under this Act may be used to prevent the implementation of programs of voluntary prayer and meditation in the public schools.

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 304. Not to exceed 1 percent of any discretionary funds (pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, as amended) which are appropriated for the Department of Education in this Act may be transferred between appropriations, but no such appropriation shall be increased by more than 3 percent by any such transfer: Provided, That the Appropriations Committees of both Houses of Congress are notified at least fifteen days in advance of any transfer.

SEC. 305. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law, no funds provided to the Department of Education or to an applicable program (as defined in section 400(c)(1) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1221(c)(1))), in this Act or in any other Act in fiscal year 1998, may be used to field test, pilot test, implement, administer or distribute in any way, any national tests.

(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to the Third International Math and Science Study or the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

SEC. 306. (a) STUDY.—The National Academy of Sciences, in consultation with the National Governors Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the White House, the National Assessment Governing Board, and the Congress, shall conduct a feasibility study to determine if an equivalency scale can be developed that would allow test scores from commercially available standardized tests and State assessments to be compared with each other and the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

(b) REPORT OF FINDINGS TO CONGRESS.—(1) The National Academy of Sciences shall submit a written report to the White House, the Committee on Education and the Workforce in the House of Representatives, the Committee on Labor and Human Resources in the Senate, and the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than September 1, 1998.

(2) The National Academy of Sciences shall submit an interim report no later than June 15, 1998.

SEC. 307(a). NATIONAL ASSESSMENT GOVERNING BOARD. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the exclusive authority over all policies, direction, and guidelines for developing voluntary national tests pursuant to contract RJ97153001 previously entered into between the United States Department of Education and the American Institutes for Research and executed on August 15, 1997, shall be vested in the National Assessment Governing Board established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 9011); Provided, That within 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Board shall review the national test development contract in effect on the date of enactment of this Act, and modify the contract as the Board determines necessary and not inconsistent with this Act or applicable laws: Provided further, That if the contract cannot be modified to the extent determined necessary by the Board, the contract shall be terminated and the Board shall negotiate a new contract, under the Board's exclusive control, for the tests, not inconsistent with this Act or applicable laws.

(b) In carrying out its exclusive authority for developing voluntary national tests pursuant to contract RJ97153001, any subsequent contract related thereto, or any contract modification pursuant to subsection (a), the National Assessment Governing Board shall determine—

(1) the extent to which test items selected for use on the tests are free from racial, cultural or gender bias;

(2) whether the test development process and test items adequately assess student reading and mathematics comprehension in the form most likely to yield accurate information regarding student achievement in reading and mathematics;

(3) whether the test development process and test items take into account the needs of disadvantaged, limited English proficient and disabled students; and

(4) whether the test development process takes into account how parents, guardians, and students will appropriately be informed about testing content, purpose and uses.

SEC. 308. STUDY.—The National Academy of Sciences shall, not later than September 1, 1998, submit a written report to the Committee on Education and the Workforce in the House of Representatives, the Committee on Labor and Human Resources in the Senate, and the Committees on Appropriations in the House and Senate that evaluates all test items developed or funded by the Department of Education or any other agency of the Federal government pursuant to contract RJ97153001, any subsequent contract related thereto, or any contract modification by the National Assessment Governing Board pursuant to section 307 of this Act, for—

(A) the technical quality of any test items for 4th grade reading and 8th grade mathematics;

(B) the validity, reliability, and adequacy of developed test items;

(C) the validity of any developed design which links test results to student performance;

(D) the degree to which any developed test items provide valid and useful information to the public;

(E) whether the test items are free from racial, cultural, or gender bias;

(F) whether the test items address the needs of disadvantaged, limited English proficient and disabled students; and,

(G) whether the test items can be used for tracking, graduation or promotion of students.

SEC. 309(a). STUDY—The National Academy of Sciences shall conduct a study and make written recommendations on appropriate methods, practices, and safeguards to ensure that—

(1) existing and new tests that are used to assess student performance are not used in a discriminatory manner or inappropriately for student promotion, tracking or graduation; and

(2) existing and new tests adequately assess student reading and mathematics comprehension in the form most likely to yield accurate information regarding student achievement of reading and mathematics skills.

(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The National Academy of Sciences shall submit a written report to the White House, the National Assessment Governing Board, the Committee on Education and the Workforce in the House of Representatives, the Committee on Labor and Human Resources in the Senate, and the Committees on Appropriations in the House and Senate not later than September 1, 1998.

SEC. 310. (a) The Federal Government shall not require any State or local educational agency or school to administer or implement any pilot or field test in any subject or grade, nor shall the Federal government require any student to take any national test in any subject or grade.

(b) Nothing in section 309(a) shall be construed as affecting the National Assessment of Educational Progress or the Third International Math and Science Study.

SEC. 311. No Federal, State or local educational agency may require any private or parochial school student, or home-schooled individual, to take any pilot or field test developed under this Act, contract RJ97153001, or any contract related thereto, without the written consent of the parents or legal guardians of the student or individual.

SEC. 312. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any institution of higher education which receives funds under title III of the Higher Education Act, except for grants made under section 326, may use up to twenty percent of its award under part A or part B of the Act for endowment building purposes authorized under section 331. Any institution seeking to use part A or part B funds for endowment building purposes shall indicate such intention in its application to the Secretary and shall abide by departmental regulations governing the endowment challenge grant program.

(TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 313. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Higher Education Act, $280,000,000 of the balances of returned reserves, formerly held by the Higher Education Assistance Foundation, that are currently held in Higher Education Assistance Claims Reserves, Treasury account number 91X6192, shall be transferred to Miscellaneous Receipts of the Treasury, within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

IMPACT AID

SEC. 314. (a) IN GENERAL.—From funds made available to carry out section 3(d)(2)(B) of the Act of September 30, 1950 (Public Law 874, 81st Congress) for fiscal year 1994 that remain after making 100 percent of the payments local educational agencies are eligible to receive under such section for such fiscal year, the Secretary of Education shall make payments to applicants for fiscal year 1996 pursuant to subsection (b).

(b) AWARD BASIS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary of Education shall make a payment to each applicant in an amount that bears the same relation to the total amount of remaining funds described in subsection (a) as the number of children who were in average daily attendance in the schools served by the applicant for fiscal year 1996 bears to the total number of all such children in the schools served by all applicants for such year.

(2) SPECIAL RULE.—Any applicant that had less than 200 children in average daily attendance in the schools served by the applicant for fiscal year 1996 shall receive a payment under this section for fiscal year 1996 in an amount equal to not less than $175,000.

(3) DATA.—For purposes of computing payments under this section, the Secretary of Education shall use data that—

(A) was included in each applicant's application for assistance under section 8003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7703) for fiscal year 1996; and

(B) is verified by the Secretary.

(c) DEFINITION OF APPLICANT.—For purposes of this section, the term "applicant" means an applicant for assistance under section 8003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for fiscal year 1996 having 1 of the following applicant numbers for such year:

(1) 51–0904.
(2) 51–4203.
(3) 51–1903.
(4) 51–0010.
(5) 51–0811.
(6) 51–2101.

SEC. 315. Section 10304 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(g) TRIBALLY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS.—Each State that receives a grant under this part and designates a tribally controlled school as a charter school shall not consider payments to a school under the Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988 (25 U.S.C. 2507) in determining—

"(1) the eligibility of the school to receive any other Federal, State, or local aid; or

"(2) the amount of such aid.".

This title may be cited as the "Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1998".

TITLE IV—RELATED AGENCIES

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retirement Home to operate and maintain the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home and the United States Naval Home, to be paid from funds available in the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, $68,669,000, of which $13,217,000 shall remain available until expended for construction and renovation of the physical plants at the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home and the United States Naval Home: Provided, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a single contract or related contracts for the development and construction at the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home, to include renovation of the Sheridan building, may be employed which collectively include the full scope of the project: Provided further, That the solicitation and contract shall contain the clause "availability of funds" found at 48 CFR 52.232–18 and 252.232–7007 Limitation of Government Obligation.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAMS, OPERATING EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Corporation for National and Community Service to carry out the provisions of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended, $256,604,000.

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

For payment to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, as authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, an amount which shall be available within limitations specified by that Act, for the fiscal year 2000, $300,000,000: Provided, That no funds made available to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting by this Act shall be used to pay for receptions, parties, or similar forms of entertainment for Government officials or employees: Provided further, That none of the funds contained in this paragraph shall be available or used to aid or support any program or activity from which any person is excluded, or is denied benefits, or is discriminated against, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex.

FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to carry out the functions vested in it by the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 (29 U.S.C. 171–180, 182–183), including hire of passenger motor vehicles; and for expenses necessary for the Labor-Management Cooperation Act of 1978 (29 U.S.C. 175a); and for expenses necessary for the Service to carry out the functions vested in it by the Civil Service Reform Act, Public Law 95–454 (5 U.S.C. chapter 71), $33,481,000, including $1,500,000, to remain available through September 30, 1999, for activities authorized by the Labor-Management Cooperation Act of 1978 (29 U.S.C. 175a): Provided, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, fees

charged, up to full-cost recovery, for special training activities and for arbitration services shall be credited to and merged with this account, and shall remain available until expended: Provided further, That fees for arbitration services shall be available only for education, training, and professional development of the agency workforce: Provided further, That the Director of the Service is authorized to accept on behalf of the United States gifts of services and real, personal, or other property in the aid of any projects or functions within the Director's jurisdiction.

FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission (30 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), $6,060,000.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, established by the Act of July 20, 1970 (Public Law 91–345, as amended by Public Law 102–95), $1,000,000.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the National Council on Disability as authorized by title IV of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, $1,793,000.

NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS PANEL

For expenses necessary for the National Education Goals Panel, as authorized by title II, part A of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, $2,000,000.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the National Labor Relations Board to carry out the functions vested in it by the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947, as amended (29 U.S.C. 141–167), and other laws, $174,661,000: Provided, That no part of this appropriation shall be available to organize or assist in organizing agricultural laborers or used in connection with investigations, hearings, directives, or orders concerning bargaining units composed of agricultural laborers as referred to in section 2(3) of the Act of July 5, 1935 (29 U.S.C. 152), and as amended by the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947, as amended, and as defined in section 3(f) of the Act of June 25, 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203), and including in said definition employees engaged in the maintenance and operation of ditches, canals, reservoirs, and waterways when maintained or operated on a mutual, nonprofit basis and at least 95 per centum of the water stored or supplied thereby is used for farming purposes: Provided further,

That none of the funds made available by this Act shall be used in any way to promulgate a final rule (altering 29 CFR part 103) regarding single location bargaining units in representation cases.

NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, as amended (45 U.S.C. 151–188), including emergency boards appointed by the President, $8,600,000: Provided, That unobligated balances at the end of fiscal year 1998 not needed for emergency boards shall remain available for other statutory purposes through September 30, 1999.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (29 U.S.C. 661), $7,900,000.

MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary to carry out section 1805 of the Social Security Act, $7,015,000, to be transferred to this appropriation from the Federal Hospital Insurance and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

DUAL BENEFITS PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For payment to the Dual Benefits Payments Account, authorized under section 15(d) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, $205,500,000, which shall include amounts becoming available in fiscal year 1998 pursuant to section 224(c)(1)(B) of Public Law 98–76; and in addition, an amount, not to exceed 2 percent of the amount provided herein, shall be available proportional to the amount by which the product of recipients and the average benefit received exceeds $205,500,000: Provided, That the total amount provided herein shall be credited in 12 approximately equal amounts on the first day of each month in the fiscal year.

FEDERAL PAYMENTS TO THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

For payment to the accounts established in the Treasury for the payment of benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act for interest earned on unnegotiated checks, $50,000, to remain available through September 30, 1999, which shall be the maximum amount available for payment pursuant to section 417 of Public Law 98–76.

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATION

For necessary expenses for the Railroad Retirement Board for administration of the Railroad Retirement Act and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, $87,228,000, to be derived in such amounts as determined by the Board from the railroad retirement

accounts and from moneys credited to the railroad unemployment insurance administration fund.

LIMITATION ON THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector General for audit, investigatory and review activities, as authorized by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, not more than $5,794,000, to be derived from the railroad retirement accounts and railroad unemployment insurance account: Provided, That none of the funds made available in any other paragraph of this Act may be transferred to the Office; used to carry out any such transfer; used to provide any office space, equipment, office supplies, communications facilities or services, maintenance services, or administrative services for the Office; used to pay any salary, benefit, or award for any personnel of the Office; used to pay any other operating expense of the Office; or used to reimburse the Office for any service provided, or expense incurred, by the Office: Provided further, That none of the funds made available in this paragraph may be used for any audit, investigation, or review of the Medicare Program.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

PAYMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUNDS

For payment to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and the Federal Disability Insurance trust funds, as provided under sections 201(m), 228(g), and 1131(b)(2) of the Social Security Act, $20,308,000.

SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR DISABLED COAL MINERS

For carrying out title IV of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, $426,090,000, to remain available until expended.

For making, after July 31 of the current fiscal year, benefit payments to individuals under title IV of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, for costs incurred in the current fiscal year, such amounts as may be necessary.

For making benefit payments under title IV of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act 1977 for the first quarter of fiscal year 1999, $160,000,000, to remain available until expended.

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM

For carrying out titles XI and XVI of the Social Security Act, section 401 of Public Law 92–603, section 212 of Public Law 93–66, as amended, and section 405 of Public Law 95–216, including payment to the Social Security trust funds for administrative expenses incurred pursuant to section 201(g)(1) of the Social Security Act, $16,160,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That any portion of the funds provided to a State in the current fiscal year and not obligated by the State during that year shall be returned to the treasury.

From funds provided under the previous paragraph, not less than $100,000,000 shall be available for payment to the Social Security trust funds for administrative expenses for conducting continuing disability reviews.

In addition, $175,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999, for payment to the Social Security trust funds for administrative expenses for continuing disability reviews as authorized by section 103 of Public Law 104–121 and Supplemental Security Income administrative work as authorized by Public Law 104–193. The term "continuing disability reviews" means reviews and redeterminations as defined under section 201(g)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act, as amended, and reviews and redeterminations authorized under section 211 of Public Law 104–193.

For making, after June 15 of the current fiscal year, benefit payments to individuals under title XVI of the Social Security Act, for unanticipated costs incurred for the current fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary.

For making benefit payments under title XVI of the Social Security Act for the first quarter of fiscal year 1999, $8,680,000,000, to remain available until expended.

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, including the hire of two passenger motor vehicles, and not to exceed $10,000 for official reception and representation expenses, not more than $5,894,040,000 may be expended, as authorized by section 201(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, from any one or all of the trust funds referred to therein: Provided, That not less than $1,600,000 shall be for the Social Security Advisory Board: Provided further, That unobligated balances at the end of fiscal year 1998 not needed for fiscal year 1998 shall remain available until expended for a state-of-the-art computing network, including related equipment and non-payroll administrative expenses associated solely with this network: Provided further, That reimbursement to the trust funds under this heading for expenditures for official time for employees of the Social Security Administration pursuant to section 7131 of title 5, United States Code, and for facilities or support services for labor organizations pursuant to policies, regulations, or procedures referred to in section 7135(b) of such title shall be made by the Secretary of the Treasury, with interest, from amounts in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, as soon as possible after such expenditures are made.

From funds provided under the previous paragraph, notwithstanding the provision under this heading in Public Law 104–208 regarding unobligated balances at the end of fiscal year 1997 not needed for such fiscal year, an amount not to exceed $50,000,000 from such unobligated balances shall, in addition to funding already available under this heading for fiscal year 1998, be available for necessary expenses.

From funds provided under the first paragraph, not less than $200,000,000 shall be available for conducting continuing disability reviews.

In addition to funding already available under this heading, and subject to the same terms and conditions, $290,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999, for continuing disability reviews as authorized by section 103 of Public Law 104–121, section 10203 of Public Law 105–33 and Supplemental Security Income administrative work as authorized by Public Law 104–193. The term "continuing disability reviews" means reviews and redeterminations

as defined under section 201(g)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act as amended, and reviews and redeterminations authorized under section 211 of Public Law 104–193.

In addition to funding already available under this heading, and subject to the same terms and conditions, $190,000,000, which shall remain available until expended, to invest in a state-of-art computing network, including related equipment and non-payroll administrative expenses associated solely with this network, for the Social Security Administration and the State Disability Determination Services, may be expended from any or all of the trust funds as authorized by section 201(g)(1) of the Social Security Act.

In addition, $35,000,000 to be derived from administration fees in excess of $5.00 per supplementary payment collected pursuant to section 1611(d) of the Social Security Act or section 212(b)(3) of Public Law 93–66, which shall remain available until expended. To the extent that the amounts collected pursuant to such section 1616(d) or 212(b)(3) in fiscal year 1998 exceed $35,000,000, the amounts shall be available in fiscal year 1999 only to the extent provided in advance in appropriations Acts.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, $10,164,000, together with not to exceed $38,260,000, to be transferred and expended as authorized by section 201(g)(1) of the Social Security Act from the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

In addition, an amount not to exceed 3 percent of the total provided in this appropriation may be transferred from the "Limitation on Administration Expenses", Social Security Administration, to be merged with this account, to be available for the time and purposes for which this account is available: Provided, That notice of such transfers shall be transmitted promptly to the Committee on Appropriations of the House and Senate.

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

OPERATING EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the United States Institute of Peace as authorized in the United States Institute of Peace Act, $11,160,000.

TITLE V—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 501. The Secretaries of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education are authorized to transfer unexpended balances of prior appropriations to accounts corresponding to current appropriations provided in this Act: Provided, That such transferred balance are used for the same purpose, and for the same periods of time, for which they were originally appropriated.

SEC. 502. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 503. (a) No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used, other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for publicity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, distribution, or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, radio, television, or video presentation designed to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress or any State legislature, except in presentation to the Congress or any State legislature itself.

(b) No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence legislation or appropriations pending before the Congress or any State legislature.

SEC. 504. The Secretaries of Labor and Education are each authorized to make available not to exceed $15,000 from funds available for salaries and expenses under titles I and III, respectively, for official reception and representation expenses; the Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service is authorized to make available for official reception and representation expenses not to exceed $2,500 from the funds available for "Salaries and expenses, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service"; and the Chairman of the National Mediation Board is authorized to make available for official reception and representation expenses not to exceed $2,500 from funds available for "Salaries and expenses, National Mediation Board".

SEC. 505. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no funds appropriated under this Act shall be used to carry out any program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug.

SEC. 506. Section 505 is subject to the condition that after March 31, 1998, a program for exchanging such needles and syringes for used hypodermic needles and syringes (referred to in this section as an "exchange project") may be carried out in a community if—

(1) the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines that exchange projects are effective in preventing the spread of HIV and do not encourage the use of illegal drugs; and

(2) the project is operated in accordance with criteria established by such Secretary for preventing the spread of HIV and for ensuring that the project does not encourage the use of illegal drugs.

SEC. 507. (a) PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCTS.—It is the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available in this Act should be American-made.

(b) NOTICE REQUIREMENT.—In providing financial assistance to, or entering into any contract with, any entity using funds made available in this Act, the head of each Federal agency, to the greatest extent practicable, shall provide to such entity a notice describing the statement made in subsection (a) by the Congress.

(c) PROHIBITION OF CONTRACTS WITH PERSONS FALSELY LABELING PRODUCTS AS MADE IN AMERICA.—If it has been finally determined by a court or Federal agency that any person intentionally affixed a label bearing a "Made in America" inscription, or any inscription with the same meaning, to any product sold in or shipped to the United States that is not made in the United States, the person shall be ineligible to receive any contract or subcontract made with funds made available in this Act, pursuant to the debarment, suspension, and ineligibility procedures described in sections 9.400 through 9.409 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations.

SEC. 508. When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal money, all grantees receiving Federal funds included in this Act, including but not limited to State and local governments and recipients of Federal research grants, shall clearly state (1) the percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money, (2) the dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program, and (3) percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by nongovernmental sources.

SEC. 509. (a) None of the funds appropriated under this Act shall be expended for any abortion.

(b) None of the funds appropriated under this Act shall be expended for health benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion.

(c) The term "health benefits coverage" means the package of services covered by a managed care provider or organization pursuant to a contract or other arrangement.

SEC. 510. (a) The limitations established in the preceding section shall not apply to an abortion—

(1) if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest; or

(2) in the case where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

(b) Nothing in the preceding section shall be construed as prohibiting the expenditure by a State, locality, entity, or private person of State, local, or private funds (other than a State's or locality's contribution of Medicaid matching funds).

(c) Nothing in the preceding section shall be construed as restricting the ability of any managed care provider from offering abortion coverage or the ability of a State or locality to contract separately with such a provider for such coverage with State funds (other than a State's or locality's contribution of Medicaid matching funds).

SEC. 511. Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

(1) no amount may be transferred from an appropriation account for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education except as authorized in this or any subsequent appropriation Act, or in the Act establishing the program or activity for which funds are contained in this Act;

(2) no department, agency, or other entity, other than the one responsible for administering the program or activity for which an appropriation is made in this Act, may exercise authority for the timing of the obligation and expenditure of such appropriation, or for the purpose for which it is obligated and expended, except to the extent and in the manner otherwise provided in sections 1512 and 1513 of title 31, United States Code; and

(3) no funds provided under this Act shall be available for the salary (or any part thereof) of an employee who is reassigned on a temporary detail basis to another position in the employing agency or department or in any other agency or department, unless the detail is independently approved by the head of the employing department or agency.

SEC. 512. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to enforce the requirements of section 428(b)(1)(U)(iii) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to any lender when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that the lender has a loan portfolio under part B of title IV of such Act that is equal to or less than $5,000,000.

SEC. 513. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for—

(1) the creation of a human embryo or embryos for research purposes; or

(2) research in which a human embryo or embryos are destroyed, discarded, or knowingly subjected to risk of injury or death greater than that allowed for research on fetuses in utero under 45 CFR 46.208(a)(2) and section 498(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 289g(b)).

(b) For purposes of this section, the term "human embryo or embryos" include any organisms, not protected as a human subject under 45 CFR 46 as of the date of the enactment of this Act, that is derived by fertilization, parthenogenesis, cloning, or any other means from one or more human gametes or human diploid cells.

SEC. 514. (a) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR PROMOTION OF LEGALIZATION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.—None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for any activity when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that the activity promotes the legalization of any drug or other substance included in schedule I of the schedules of controlled substances established by section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812).

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—The limitation in subsection (a) shall not apply when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that there is significant medical evidence of a therapeutic advantage to the use of such drug or other substance or that Federally-sponsored clinical trials are being conducted to determine therapeutic advantage.

SEC. 515. None of the funds made available in this Act may be obligated or expended to enter into or renew a contract with an entity when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that—

(1) such entity is otherwise a contractor with the United States and is subject to the requirement in section 4212(d) of

title 38, United States Code, regarding submission of an annual report to the Secretary of Labor concerning employment of certain veterans; and

(2) such entity has not submitted a report as required by that section for the most recent year for which such requirement was applicable to such entity.

SEC. 516. (a) FEES FOR FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION OF STATE SUPPLEMENTARY SSI PAYMENTS.—

(1) OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1616(d)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382e(d)(2)(B)) is amended—

(i) by striking "and" at the end of clause (iii); and

(ii) by striking clause (iv) and inserting the following:

"(iv) for fiscal year 1997, $5.00;

"(v) for fiscal year 1998, $6.20;

"(vi) for fiscal year 1999, $7.60;

"(vii) for fiscal year 2000, $7.80;

"(viii) for fiscal year 2001, $8.10;

"(ix) for fiscal year 2002, $8.50; and

"(x) for fiscal year 2003 and each succeeding fiscal year—

"(I) the applicable rate in the preceding fiscal year, increased by the percentage, if any, by which the Consumer Price Index for the month of June of the calendar year of the increase exceeds the Consumer Price Index for the month of June of the calendar year preceding the calendar year of the increase, and rounded to the nearest whole cent; or

"(II) such different rate as the Commissioner determines is appropriate for the State.".

(B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1616(d)(2)(C) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382e(d)(2)(C)) is amended by striking "(B)(iv)" and insert "(B)(x)(II)".

(2) MANDATORY STATE SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 212(b)(3)(B)(ii) of Public Law 93–66 (42 U.S.C. 1382 note) is amended—

(i) by striking "and" at the end of subclause (III); and

(ii) by striking subclause (IV) and inserting the following:

"(IV) for fiscal year 1997, $5.00;

"(V) for fiscal year 1998, $6.20;

"(VI) for fiscal year 1999, $7.60;

"(VII) for fiscal year 2000, $7.80;

"(VIII) for fiscal year 2001, $8.10;

"(IX) for fiscal year 2002, $8.50; and

"(X) for fiscal year 2003 and each succeeding fiscal year—

"(aa) the applicable rate in the preceding fiscal year, increased by the percentage, if any, by which the Consumer Price Index for the month of June of the calendar year of the increase exceeds the Consumer Price Index for the month of June of the calendar year preceding the calendar year of the increase, and rounded to the nearest whole cent; or

"(bb) such different rate as the Commissioner determines is appropriate for the State.".

(B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 212(b)(3)(B)(iii) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382 note) is amended by striking "(ii)(IV)" and insert "(ii)(X)(bb)".

(b) USE OF NEW FEES TO DEFRAY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—

(1) CREDIT TO SPECIAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS.—

(A) OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENT FEES.—Section 1616(d)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382e(d)(4)) is amended to read as follows:

"(4)(A) The first $5 of each administration fee assessed pursuant to paragraph (2), upon collection, shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

"(B) That portion of each administration fee in excess of $5, and 100 percent of each additional services fee charged pursuant to paragraph (3), upon collection for fiscal year 1998 and each subsequent fiscal year, shall be credited to a special fund established in the Treasury of the United States for State supplementary payment fees. The amounts so credited, to the extent and in the amounts provided in advance in appropriations Acts, shall be available to defray expenses incurred in carrying out this title and related laws.".

(B) MANDATORY STATE SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENT FEES.—Section 212(b)(3)(D) of Public Law 93–66 (42 U.S.C. 1382 note) is amended to read as follows:

"(D)(i) The first $5 of each administration fee assessed pursuant to subparagraph (B), upon collection, shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

"(ii) The portion of each administration fee in excess of $5, and 100 percent of each additional services fee charged pursuant to subparagraph (C), upon collection for fiscal year 1998 and each subsequent fiscal year, shall be credited to a special fund established in the Treasury of the United States for State supplementary payment fees. The amounts so credited, to the extent and in the amounts provided in advance in appropriations Acts, shall be available to defray expenses incurred in carrying out this section and title XVI of the Social Security Act and related laws.".

(2) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—From amounts credited pursuant to section 1616(d)(4)(B) of the Social Security Act and section 212(b)(3)(D)(ii) of Public Law 93–66 to the special fund established in the Treasury of the United States for State supplementary payment fees, there is authorized to be appropriated an amount not to exceed $35,000,000 for fiscal year 1998, and such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year thereafter, for administrative expenses in carrying out the supplemental security income program under title XVI of the Social Security Act and related laws.

SEC. 517. Section 520(c)(2)(D) of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

Appropriations Act, 1997, is amended by striking "September 30, 1997" and inserting in lieu thereof "December 31, 1997".

SEC. 518. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to pay the expenses of an election officer appointed by a court to oversee an election of any officer or trustee for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

SEC. 519. Subsection (k) of section 9302 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, as added by section 1604(f)(3) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, is repealed.

TITLE VI—OTHER PROVISIONS

SEC. 601. The amount of the DSH allotment for the State of Minnesota for fiscal year 1998, specified in the table under section 1923(f)(2) of the Social Security Act (as amended by section 4721(a)(1) of Public Law 105–33) is deemed to be $33,000,000.

SEC. 602. Notwithstanding section 1923(f)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–4(f)(2)) (as amended by section 4721(a)(1) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–33; 111 Stat. 511)), the amount of the DSH allotment for Wyoming for fiscal year 1998 is deemed to be $67,000.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH

SEC. 603. (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Morris K. Udall Parkinson's Research Act of 1997".

(b) FINDING AND PURPOSE.—

(1) FINDING.—Congress finds that to take full advantage of the tremendous potential for finding a cure or effective treatment, the Federal investment in Parkinson's must be expanded, as well as the coordination strengthened among the National Institutes of Health research institutes.

(2) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to provide for the expansion and coordination of research regarding Parkinson's, and to improve care and assistance for afflicted individuals and their family caregivers.

(c) PARKINSON'S RESEARCH.—Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"PARKINSON'S DISEASE

"SEC. 409B. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall establish a program for the conduct and support of research and training with respect to Parkinson's disease (subject to the extent of amounts appropriated under subsection (e)).

"(b) INTER-INSTITUTE COORDINATION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall provide for the coordination of the program established under subsection (a) among all of the national research institutes conducting Parkinson's research.

"(2) CONFERENCE.—Coordination under paragraph (1) shall include the convening of a research planning conference not less frequently than once every 2 years. Each such conference shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives a report concerning the conference.

"(c) MORRIS K. UDALL RESEARCH CENTERS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH is authorized to award Core Center Grants to encourage the development of innovative multidisciplinary research and provide training concerning Parkinson's. The Director is authorized to award not more than 10 Core Center Grants and designate each center funded under such grants as a Morris K. Udall Center for Research on Parkinson's Disease.

"(2) REQUIREMENTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to Parkinson's, each center assisted under this subsection shall—

"(i) use the facilities of a single institution or a consortium of cooperating institutions, and meet such qualifications as may be prescribed by the Director of the NIH; and

"(ii) conduct basic and clinical research.

"(B) DISCRETIONARY REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to Parkinson's, each center assisted under this subsection may—

"(i) conduct training programs for scientists and health professionals;

"(ii) conduct programs to provide information and continuing education to health professionals;

"(iii) conduct programs for the dissemination of information to the public;

"(iv) separately or in collaboration with other centers, establish a nationwide data system derived from patient populations with Parkinson's, and where possible, comparing relevant data involving general populations;

"(v) separately or in collaboration with other centers, establish a Parkinson's Disease Information Clearinghouse to facilitate and enhance knowledge and understanding of Parkinson's disease; and

"(vi) separately or in collaboration with other centers, establish a national education program that fosters a national focus on Parkinson's and the care of those with Parkinson's.

(3) STIPENDS REGARDING TRAINING PROGRAMS.—A center may use funds provided under paragraph (1) to provide stipends for scientists and health professionals enrolled in training programs under paragraph (2)(B).

(4) DURATION OF SUPPORT.—Support of a center under this subsection may be for a period not exceeding five years. Such period may be extended by the Director of NIH for one or more additional periods of not more than five years if the operations of such center have been reviewed by an appropriate technical and scientific peer review group established by the Director and if such group has recommended to the Director that such period should be extended.

"(d) MORRIS K. UDALL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH.—The Director of NIH is authorized to establish a grant program to support investigators with a proven record of excellence and innovation in Parkinson's research and who demonstrate potential for significant future breakthroughs in the understanding of the pathogensis, diagnosis, and treatment of Parkinson's. Grants under this subsection shall be available for a period of not to exceed 5 years.

"(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out this section and section 301 and title IV of the Public Health Service Act with respect to research focused on Parkinson's disease, there are authorized to be appropriated up to $100,000,000 for fiscal year 1998, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 and 2000.".

SEC. 604. (a) Section 414(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1524(a)) is amended by striking "fiscal year 1995, fiscal year 1996, and fiscal year 1997" and inserting "each of fiscal years 1998 and 1999".

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect October 1, 1997.

SEC. 605. Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 1143(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–13(a)(2)(B), (C)) are each amended by striking "employee" and inserting "employer, employee,".

SEC. 606. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the payments described in subsection (b) shall not be considered income or resources in determining eligible for, or the amount of benefits under, a program or State plan under title XVI or XIX of the Social Security Act.

(b) The payments described in this subsection are payments made by the Secretary of Defense pursuant to section 657 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Public Law 104–201; 110 Stat. 2584).

SEC. 607. In addition to amounts otherwise made available for payment of obligations in carrying out 49 U.S.C. 5338(a), $50,000,000 shall remain available until expended and to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund: Provided, That $50,000,000 shall be paid from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund to the Federal Transit Administration's formula grants accounts: Provided further, That subsection (c) of section 337 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 is amended by inserting after "House and Senate Committees on Appropriations", the following: "and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation".

SEC. 608. Clauses (i)(I) and (ii)(II) of section 403(a)(5)(A) of the Social Security Act are amended by striking "during the fiscal year" in each place it appears and inserting "during the period permitted under subparagraph (C)(vii) of this paragraph for the expenditure of funds under the grant".

EMERGENCY STUDENT LOAN CONSOLIDATION

SEC. 609. SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Emergency Student Loan Consolidation Act of 1997".

(a) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this section an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

(b) DEFINITION OF LOANS ELIGIBLE FOR CONSOLIDATION.—Section 428C(a)(4) (20 U.S.C. 1078–3(a)(4)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following new subparagraph:

"(C) made under part D of this title, except that loans made under such part shall be eligible student loans only for consolidation loans for which the application is received by an eligible lender during the period beginning on the date of enactment of the Emergency Student Loan Consolidation Act of 1997 and ending on October 1, 1998;".

(c) TERMS OF CONSOLIDATION LOANS.—Section 428C(b)(4)(C)(ii) is amended—

(1) in subclause (I), by inserting after "consolidation loan" the following: "for which the application is received by an eligible lender before the date of enactment of the Emergency Student Loan Consolidation Act of 1997, or on or after October 1, 1998,";

(2) by striking "or" at the end of subclause (I);

(3) by inserting "or (II)" before the semicolon at the end of subclause (II);

(4) by redesignating subclause (II) as subclause (III), and

(5) by inserting after subclause (I) the following new subclause:

"(II) by the Secretary, in the case of a consolidation loan for which the application is received by an eligible lender on or after the date of enactment of the Emergency Student Loan Consolidation Act of 1997 and before October 1, 1998, except that the Secretary shall pay such interest only on that portion of the loan that repays Federal Stafford Loans for which the student borrower received an interest subsidy under section 428 or Federal Direct Stafford Loans for which the borrower received an interest subsidy under section 455; or".

(d) NONDISCRIMINATION IN LOAN CONSOLIDATION.—Section 428C(b) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(6) NONDISCRIMINATION IN LOAN CONSOLIDATION.—An eligible lender that makes consolidation loans under this section shall not discriminate against any borrower seeking such a loan—

"(A) based on the number or type of eligible student loans the borrower seeks to consolidate;

"(B) based on the type or category of institution of higher education that the borrower attended;

"(C) based on the interest rate to be charged to the borrower with respect to the consolidation loan; or

"(D) with respect to the types of repayment schedules offered to such borrower.".

(e) INTEREST RATE.—Section 428C(c)(1) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of subparagraph (A), by striking "(B) or (C)" and inserting "(B), (C), or (D)"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(D) A consolidation loan for which the application is received by an eligible lender on or after the date of enactment of the Emergency Student Loan Consolidation Act of 1997 and before October 1, 1998, shall bear interest at an annual rate on the unpaid principal balance of the loan that is equal to the rate specified in section 427A(f), except that the eligible lender may continue to calculate interest on such a loan at the rate previously in effect and defer, until not later than April 1, 1998, the recalculation of the interest on such a loan at the rate required by this subparagraph if the recalculation is applied retroactively to the date on which the loan is made.".

(f) AMENDMENTS EFFECTIVE FOR PENDING APPLICANTS.—The consolidation loans authorized by the amendments made by this section shall be available notwithstanding any pending application by a student for a consolidation loan under part D of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq.), upon withdrawal of such application by the student at any time prior to receipt of such a consolidation loan.

(g) FAMILY CONTRIBUTION FOR DEPENDENT STUDENTS.—

(1) PARENTS' AVAILABLE INCOME.—Section 475(c)(1) (20 U.S.C. 1087oo(c)(1)) is amended—

(A) by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (D);

(B) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (E) and inserting "; and"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(F) the amount of any tax credit taken by the parents under section 25A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.".

(2) STUDENT CONTRIBUTION FROM AVAILABLE INCOME.—Section 475(g)(2) is amended—

(A) by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (C);

(B) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (D) and inserting ";and"; and

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the following new subparagraph:

"(E) the amount of any tax credit taken by the student under section 25A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.".

(h) FAMILY CONTRIBUTION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Section 476(b)(1)(A) (20 U.S.C. 1087pp(b)(1)(A)) is amended—

(1) by striking "and" at the end of clause (iv); and

(2) by inserting after clause (v) the following new clause:

"(vi) the amount of any tax credit taken under section 25A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and".

(i) FAMILY CONTRIBUTION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Section 477(b)(1) (20 U.S.C. 1087qq(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (D);

(2) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (E) and inserting ";and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(F) the amount of any tax credit taken under section 25A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.".

(j) TOTAL INCOME.—Section 480(a)(2) (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(a)(2)) is amended

(1) by striking "individual, and" and inserting "individual,"; and

(2) by inserting "and no portion of any tax credit taken under section 25A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986," before "shall be included".

(k) OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 480(j) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a tax credit taken under section 25A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall not be treated as estimated financial assistance for purposes of section 471(3).".

(l) IN GENERAL.—Section 458(a)(1) (20 U.S.C. 1087h(a)(1)) is amended by striking "$532,000,000" and inserting "$507,000,000".

(m) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act or an amendment made by this Act shall be construed to prohibit the Secretary of Education from using funds that are returned or otherwise recovered by the Secretary under section 422(g) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1072(g)) including the balances of returned reserve funds, formerly held by the Higher Education Assistance Foundation, that are currently held in Higher Education Assistance Foundation Claims Reserves, Treasury account number 91X6192, for expenditure for expenses pursuant to section 458 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1087h).

TITLE VII—NATIONAL HEALTH MUSEUM

SEC. 701. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "National Health Museum Development Act".

SEC. 702. AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995.

Section 1067 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995 (10 U.S.C. 176 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by adding "and" at the end;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "; and" and inserting a period; and

(C) by striking paragraph (3);

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking "AND SITE OF FACILITY";

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking "; and" and inserting a period;

(C) by striking paragraph (2); and

(D) by striking "Pathology—" and all that follows through "shall" in paragraph (1) and inserting "Pathology shall"; and

(3) by striking subsections (c) through (e).

SEC. 703. NATIONAL HEALTH MUSEUM SITE.

(a) SITE.—The facility known as the National Health Museum shall be located on or near the Mall on land owned by the Federal Government or the District of Columbia (or both) in the District of Columbia.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the authority or responsibilities of the National Capital Planning Commission or the Commission of Fine Arts.

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "the Mall" means—

(1) the land designated as "Union Square", United States Reservation 6A; and

(2) the land designated as the "Mall", United States Reservations 3, 4, 5, and 6.

SEC. 704. NATIONAL HEALTH MUSEUM COMMISSION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.—There is established a commission to be known as the National Health Museum Commission (hereafter referred to in this title as the "Commission") that shall be comprised of 8 members.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The members of the Commission shall be appointed for the life of the Commission as follows:

(A) 2 members shall be appointed by the President.

(B) 2 members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(C) 1 member shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

(D) 2 members shall be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.

(E) 1 member shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

(2) PERSONS ELIGIBLE.—The members of the Commission shall be individuals who have knowledge or expertise in matters to be studied by the Commission.

(3) CHAIRPERSON.—The President shall designate 1 member as the Chairperson of the Commission.

SEC. 705. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

(a) STUDY.—It shall be the duty of the Commission to conduct a comprehensive study of the appropriate Federal role in the planning and operation of the National Health Museum, as well as any other issues deemed appropriate to the development of the National Health Museum.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the Commission first meets, the Commission shall submit to the President and Congress a comprehensive report of the Commission's findings and conclusions, together with any recommendations of the Commission.

SEC. 706. COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION MATTERS.

(a) APPLICATION OF FACA.—The National Health Museum, Inc. shall be responsible for administering all Commission activities in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)

(b) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—Each member of the Commission who is not an officer or employee of the Federal Government shall be compensated at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for Level IV of the executive schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

SEC. 707. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, $500,000 for fiscal year 1998, to remain available until expended.

SEC. 708. TERMINATION OF THE COMMISSION.

The Commission shall terminate 60 days after the Commission submits the report required under section 705(b).

This Act may be cited as the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998".

[And the Senate agree to the same.]

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JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2264) making appropriations for the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies, and for other purposes, submit the following joint statement of the House and Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report.

In implementing this agreement, the Departments and agencies should comply with the language and instructions set forth in House Report 105–205 and Senate Report 105–58.

In the case where the language and instructions specifically address the allocation of funds, the Departments and agencies are to follow the funding levels specified in the Congressional budget justifications accompanying the fiscal year 1998 budget or the underlying authorizing statute and should give careful consideration to the items allocating specific funding included in the House and Senate reports. With respect to the provisions in the House and Senate reports that specifically allocate funds the conferees have reviewed each and have included those in which they concur in this joint statement.

The conferees specifically endorse the provisions of the House Report (105–205) directing "* * * the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and the Social Security Administration and the Railroad Retirement Board to submit operating plans with respect to discretionary appropriations to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. These plans, which are to be submitted within 30 days of the enactment of this Act, must be signed by the respective Departmental Secretaries, the Social Security Commissioner and the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board."

The conferees expect the Departments and agencies covered by this directive to meet with the House and Senate Committees as soon as possible after enactment of the bill to develop a methodology to assure adequate and timely information on the allocation of funds within accounts within this conference report while minimizing the need for unnecessary and duplicative submissions.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

The conference agreement appropriates $5,238,226,000, instead of $5,141,601,000 as proposed by the House and $5,260,053,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides that $250,000,000 for Opportunity Areas for Out-of-School Youth is appropriated as an advance appropriation for fiscal year 1999 if job training reform legislation specifically authorizing this type of at-risk youth initiative is enacted by July 1, 1998. If such legislation is not enacted by that date, the funds will not become available. This is substantially similar to the Senate bill except that the Senate specified that the legislation must be enacted by April 1, 1998. The House bill appropriated $100,000,000 as an advance appropriation to be available for the period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000 if specifically authorized by subsequent legislation. The conference agreement also includes $25,000,000 for this activity for fiscal year 1998 under pilots and demonstrations.

The agreement includes language authorizing the use of demonstration funds under title III of the Job Training Partnership Act (dislocated workers) for projects that provide assistance to new entrants in the workforce and incumbent workers as proposed by the Senate. The House had no similar language. In conjunction with this, the conferees concur in the Senate Report language with respect to a manufacturing technology training demonstration project.

The agreement includes $9,000,000 for the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee, instead of $5,000,000 as proposed by the House and $10,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. In addition, the agreement includes language proposed by the Senate that authorizes the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee to charge fees for publications, training and technical assistance and provides that the fees collected shall be credited to the Committee and available without further appropriation for authorized activities of the Committee. The House had no similar language.

The conference agreement includes $3,000,000 under national activities to assist States in meeting the costs of joining an existing labor market exchange network for providing job seekers with access to America's Job Bank by telephone. The agreement includes $12,500,000 under pilots and demonstrations for concentrated programs serving youth who are or have been under criminal justice system supervision and $2,000,000 to support training, education, employment, and entrepreneurial opportunities to improve the economic and social health and welfare of adults on the neighbor islands of Hawaii, and in Alaska. The conferees concur in the Senate Report language concerning the Samoan/Asian Pacific Island job training program in Hawaii. The conferees urge the Department to continue funding the Vietnam Veterans Leadership program which provides training and employment services to veterans in southwestern Pennsylvania. And the conferees urge the Department to

give careful consideration to a proposal from a foundation to establish a community employment alliance to create public-private partnerships to promote job opportunities for individuals making the transition from welfare to work. The conferees further encourage the Secretary to utilize the discretionary authority available to provide assistance for programs that will support the training needs of incumbent and dislocated workers in the shipbuilding industry (in southeastern Pennsylvania) where base closures have had a significant negative impact on the workforce.

The Department of Labor should continue to examine options for serving more at-risk youth through Job Corps. In addition to considering the establishment of new Job Corps centers, the Department should also consider lower-cost options such as expanding slots at existing high performing centers and constructing satellite centers in proximity to existing high-performing centers. In planning any expansion of Job Corps capacity, the Department should give priority to States that are now without a Job Corps campus and should also give priority to suitable facilities that can be provided to Job Corps at little or no cost, including facilities made available through military base closings. The conference agreement includes $4,000,000 for these purposes. The Department should include funds in its FY 1999 budget request to complete the facility expansion.

The conferees are aware that employment-related skills development is an essential component of sustained recovery from addiction. From within the funds provided for pilots and demonstrations, the conferees urge the Secretary to collaborate with treatment providers who have successfully infused employment-related skills services into their recovery programs to design a curriculum which will successfully prepare addicts to make the transition from addiction to employment.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT FOR OLDER AMERICANS

The conference agreement appropriates $440,200,000 as proposed by the House instead of $453,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

STATEMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OPERATIONS

The conference agreement appropriates $3,495,928,000, instead of $3,478,928,000 as proposed by the House and $3,461,928,000 as proposed by the Senate. Included in the total is $200,000,000 for Year 2000 computer conversion costs, of which $40,000,000 is provided as an advance appropriation for fiscal year 1999. The Administration has informed the conferees that providing the funds in this manner is an appropriate way to finance these costs. The House bill included $183,000,000 for this and the Senate bill included $150,000,000; neither bill included an advance appropriation for fiscal year 1999. For unemployment insurance contingency costs, the agreement includes $196,333,000 as proposed by the House instead of $212,333,000 as proposed by the Senate.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement appropriates $131,593,000, instead of $125,593,000 as proposed by the House and $129,593,000 as proposed by the Senate. Included in the total is $6,000,000 for administration of the new welfare-to-work program. The agreement also includes language providing that a majority of the new staff hired for this program will be limited term appointments.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement appropriates $300,653,000 as proposed by the Senate, instead of $299,000,000 as proposed by the House. The agreement includes language proposed by the House modified to set aside $500,000 in the Office of Labor-Management Standards to begin the development of a system for the electronic filing of reports required to be filed under the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 and for a computer database of the information for each submission by whatever means that is indexed and easily searchable by the public through the Internet. The Senate had no similar provision.

The conferees are concerned about the difficulty the public has obtaining full and complete information on these reports. Further, the conferees expect the Department to continue pursuing this project by including funding for it in future budget requests. As part of the FY 1999 hearing process, the Department should be prepared to present its multi-year implementation plan for this initiative to the Committees.

The General Accounting Office is expected to review the Department's implementation plan and other activities to determine whether these efforts will achieve the goal of improving the timeliness, accuracy and availability of the information contained in the reports filed under the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act. The General Accounting Office shall report its findings to the Appropriations Committees after it has made its review.

The conferees urge the Department to resolve by the end of the year all outstanding child labor issues relating to the Amish community. The Department needs to take into account the special needs of this community.

The conferees are agreed that the Inspectors General of both the Department of Labor and the Social Security Administration shall prepare a joint report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees relative to the Memorandum of Understanding between the agencies providing for DOL administrative services with respect to Part B of the Black Lung program. This report shall include narrative and statistical information concerning the number of beneficiaries served, benefits disbursed, quality of services provided, and an assessment of whether the objectives of the MOU to provide enhanced services at reduced costs are being achieved. The first report shall include activity from the date the MOU was signed to the end of fiscal year 1998 and shall be due to the Committees by April 30, 1999. Subsequent reports shall be due on April 30 of each year.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement appropriates $336,480,000, instead of $336,205,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate.

The House and Senate Reports included directives to OSHA field officers to facilitate compliance with the new methylene chloride standard. As a matter of clarification, the conferees note that the covered facilities are engaged primarily in furniture stripping, urethane foam manufacturing and urethane foam fabrication. Thus, the conferees intend the compliance assistance efforts by OSHA to extend to facilities with fewer than 150 employees in these industries.

Public Law 105–62, the fiscal year 1998 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, transferred responsibility for administering the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) from the Department of Energy to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The conferees are aware that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is concerned that the transfer of FUSRAP may have resource and programmatic implications for the agency. As outlined in House Report 105–271, the conference report to accompany Public Law 105–62, fiscal year 1998 will be a year of transition as the program continues and DOE would maintain jurisdiction for safety and health within the existing contractual framework established by the Department of Energy. Any issues pertaining to the regulatory framework of the program will be identified during this transition period and will be addressed during the fiscal year 1999 budget deliberations.

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement appropriates $203,334,000, instead of $199,159,000 as proposed by the House and $205,804,000 as proposed by the Senate.

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement appropriates $380,457,000 as proposed by the House instead of $372,671,000 as proposed by the Senate.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement appropriates $152,535,000, instead of $152,481,000 as proposed by the House and $152,413,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees concur with the Senate Report language concerning Women's Bureau support for technical assistance and training on displaced homemaker programming.

The conferees recognize the extreme shortage of available skilled labor in the maritime-related industries of south Louisiana. The conferees further recognize the billions of dollars that this in-

dustry contributes to this nation's economy. In an effort to protect the integrity of this important domestic market, the conferees strongly encourage the United States Department of Labor in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Labor to work to devise an immediate solution to this problem.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

The conference agreement includes $181,955,000 as proposed by both the House and Senate. The agreement includes $2,000,000 for the National Veterans Training Institute within the Federal administration activity as proposed by the House.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement appropriates $46,250,000, instead of $45,750,000 as proposed by the House and $46,750,000 as proposed by the Senate.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

JOB CORPS SALARY LIMITATION

The conference agreement includes a general provision (section 101) limiting the use of Job Corps funds to pay the compensation of an individual at a rate not in excess of $125,000 as proposed by the Senate, instead of $100,000 as proposed by the House.

ERGONOMICS-TECHNICAL

The conference agreement includes a general provision (section 104) as proposed by the House that restricts the use of funds for OSHA ergonomics standards and guidelines. The Senate bill contained essentially the same provision with only minor technical changes.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

The conference agreement includes a general provision (section 105) proposed by the Senate modified to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to ensure that nonprofit organizations that deliver water for agricultural purposes are exempt from the maximum hour requirements of the Act if at least 90 percent of the water delivered by these organizations during the preceding calendar year was for agricultural purposes. The House bill contained no similar provision.

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES

The conference agreement includes $3,618,137,000 instead of $3,607,068,000 as proposed by the House and $3,449,071,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement does not include the legal citation for title XVI of the Public Health Service Act as proposed by the

Senate. The House bill did not include the citation. The conferees have instead included bill language creating a broader authority to fund health care and other facilities construction and renovation projects.

The conference agreement includes the legal citation for the Native Hawaiian Health Care program as proposed by the Senate. The House bill did not include the citation. The conferees believe that the health care activities funded under the Native Hawaiian Health Care program can be supported at the fiscal year 1997 level under the broader consolidated health centers line if the agency feels it is appropriate.

The conference agreement includes $2,500,000 for facilities renovations at the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center as proposed by the House. The Senate bill did not include funding for this activity. Funds are necessary to complete renovations prior to the facility's transfer to the State of Louisiana.

The conference agreement includes bill language identifying $203,452,000 for the family planning program instead of $208,452,000 as proposed by the Senate and $194,452,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement earmarks in bill language $285,500,000 for the Ryan White Title II State AIDS drug assistance programs rather than $217,000,000 as proposed by the Senate and $299,000,000 as proposed by the House. Total funding for the Ryan White programs has been increased by $153,948,000 from the fiscal year 1997 level to a total of $1,150,200,000.

The conferees commend the Department on the recent release of draft guidelines for the use of antiretroviral agents in treating HIV-infected individuals. These recommendations reflect the significant advances in treatment options for individuals with HIV disease that have resulted from the substantial investment in AIDS research. The conferees are concerned that policies adopted by some State AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP) are inconsistent with these new recommended standards of care. In particular, restricting access to recommended therapy options until late stage disease or until failure on suboptimal therapy, may actually predispose patients to failure once appropriate therapy is initiated. Therefore, the conferees direct the Secretary to work closely with State programs to ensure that ADAP policies within States are consistent with recognized standards of care.

The conferees are concerned about the wide variation in State ADAPs and Medicaid policies regarding eligibility, benefits, and formularies. The conferees are also concerned about the wide variation in State contributions to funding of ADAPs and urge that States receiving more than $1,000,000 under the targeted formula match no less than twenty percent of the Federal contribution. The conferees direct the program to use all means necessary to reduce the purchase price of AIDS drugs and encourage HRSA to accelerate the award of 1998 program grants to help address the increased program needs that have been identified in the current program year.

The conferees reiterate that Department of Veterans Affairs facilities are eligible to receive Ryan White Title I funding through local Title I health services planning councils. The conferees are

concerned about recent attempts by agency contracting officials to deny funding for important HIV services provided at these facilities.

The conference agreement includes language proposed by the Senate allocating up to $6,000,000 of the funds provided for consolidated health centers for loan guarantees totaling $80,000,000 for the construction and renovation of community and migrant health centers and for the costs of developing managed care networks. The House bill provided that $4,600,000 could be used for loan guarantees totaling $53,300,000 only for the costs of developing managed care networks.

The conference agreement includes bill language designating $103,863,000 of the funds provided for the Maternal and Child Health block grant for special projects of regional and national significance (SPRANS). This designation provides $3,000,000 more for SPRANS activities than would otherwise be the case under the statutory formula. The House and Senate bills had similar provisions. The conferees intend that this amount be used for the continuation of the traumatic brain injury State demonstration projects supported last year under this authority. The conferees also expect the agency to allocate $500,000 of the SPRANS set-aside to continue the fluoridation program begun last year in States with fluoridation levels below 25 percent.

The conferees urge the agency to use SPRANS funding to initiate a one-year planning and development grant prior to a multi-year study examining research integration for children with special medical needs.

The conferees are concerned about children with special health care needs and the ability of their families to obtain sufficient and appropriate health care for them in the current rapidly changing health care environment. The Secretary is urged to develop ongoing mechanisms for providing information and services to these families. Such mechanisms should enhance family efforts to make well-informed decisions and obtain appropriate health care for their children.

The conferees concur with the Senate report language encouraging the use of block grant funds for screening infants for hearing loss.

The conferees believe there are sufficient amounts within the SPRANS set-aside to support a multi-State demonstration project on ocular screening services for young children.

Within the increase provided to the consolidated health centers line, the conferees expect the agency to allocate a sufficient amount of this increase to expand the Healthy Schools, Healthy Communities initiative. The conferees expect the agency to report to the Committees on the funding and status of the Healthy Schools, Healthy Communities initiative and other similar health centers no later than March, 1998.

The conferees encourage the agency to strengthen its primary care partnerships with metropolitan public housing authorities and public health care provider organizations.

The conferees encourage the agency to carefully examine existing models for 24-hour, bilingual community-based pediatric health clinics for high-risk, minority children which are linked with full-

service pediatric hospitals which have formed public and private partnerships with foundations and local organizations to expand access to uninsured and Medicaid eligible children. The conferees further encourage the agency to work collaboratively with pediatric hospitals with extensive experience in administering community-based clinics to expand these models to areas designated by the Public Health Service as medically underserved and to improve existing models in urban areas which provide clinical and supportive services to adolescents at risk for STDs, HIV infection, and early pregnancy, provide access to low-cost preventive and pediatric treatment services for chronic illness and provide outcomes research, parenting education and child abuse and neglect prevention and education.

The conferees intend that the agency may use up to $3,000,000 of the funding provided for the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) for State offices of rural health.

The conferees are concerned about the lack of geriatric medicine and geriatric psychiatry participation in the NHSC scholarship and repayment programs. The conferees encourage the NHSC to address this problem by providing recruitment, retention, and loan repayment incentives to those entering training programs in geriatric medicine and geriatric psychiatry.

The conferees concur with language in the House report indicating that the Administration's budget request to transfer Hansen's disease research funding to the National Institutes of Health appropriation has not been approved.

The conferees are aware that the Department is continuing to consider final rulemaking for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), which is operated under contract by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). As expressed in the fiscal year 1997 conference report, the conferees appreciate the complex nature of establishing equitable organ allocation policies and expect UNOS and the Department to continue to take into consideration a number of important factors, including, but not limited to, regional success in increasing organ donation, the need to increase the supply of organs available for transplantation, the need to provide a fair system to allocate organs, the impact on access to transplants for low and middle income individuals, patient waiting times and the severity of illness of patients awaiting a transplant. The conferees expect the Department to consult with and inform the Committees on Appropriations and the Congress prior to the promulgation of any OPTN or Departmental rulemaking on organ allocation policies.

The conferees intend that funds provided for rural outreach grants be allocated for the two projects identified in the Senate report, as well as for a $750,000 telemedicine communication network linking the Melvin R. Laird Center to geographically remote sites; a $1,000,000 grant to a community health center in Franklin County, MA to establish a rural school-based health center network; and $1,500,000 to establish a technology-based ambulatory outreach demonstration that will improve the coordination and dissemination of health information to rural health sites through the use of a software package that provides on-line, real-time medical records access, education, scheduling and infrastructure linkages to

a health network that includes multiple hospital and primary care sites.

The conferees intend that funding provided for rural health research be allocated for the three projects identified in the Senate report.

The conference agreement includes bill language designating a total of $28,000,000 for the construction and renovation of health care and other facilities. These funds are to be used for the facilities described in the Senate report, as well as for facilities for the Pulaski County, Kentucky health department; the Clearwater Free Clinic in Florida; the Tuskegee University Bioethics Center in Alabama; the National Center for Nanofabrication and Molecular Self-Assembly at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; the Greater Houston Community Health Network in Houston, Texas; the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital of the Maine Medical Center; and construction and renovation associated with transition grants for small, rural hospitals in Iowa. The Senate bill provided $10,000,000 for facility construction; the House bill did not provide funding.

The conferees concur with language contained in the House report indicating that total administrative costs for the agency as defined in the budget justification increase by no more than one percent from 1997 to 1998.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

DISEASE CONTROL, RESEARCH, AND TRAINING

The conference agreement includes $2,378,552,000 instead of $2,395,737,000 as proposed by the House and $2,368,113,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes bill language designating $21,504,000 for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) buildings and facilities instead of $23,007,000 as proposed by the Senate and $20,000,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement includes bill language designating $59,232,000 to be available to the National Center for Health Statistics under the Public Health Service one percent evaluation set-aside instead of $48,400,000 as proposed by the House and $70,063,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes bill language designating $51,000,000 for violence against women programs financed from the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund as proposed by the Senate instead of $45,000,000 as proposed by the House. The conference agreement includes the legal citation for the community demonstration programs as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained the citation only for the State block grant program.

The conferees are aware that States carried over $109,000,000 in immunization infrastructure funds from 1996 to 1997 and that $60,000,000 to $65,000,000 is estimated to be carried over at the end of calendar year 1997. The conferees urge CDC to work with the States to reduce these carryover amounts so that the resources provided by Congress can be used as intended for important immunization activities.

The conferees concur in language contained in the Senate report regarding promising research on plant-delivered oral vaccines being undertaken at the Thomas Jefferson University Center for Biomedical Research. The conferees note other promising research being conducted at the Center involving the treatment and diagnosis of hepatitis B and C viruses and glycoprocessing inhibitors. The conferees encourage the Director to give consideration to supporting these important areas of research.

The conferees concur with Senate report language indicating that funds are included within the AIDS program line to maintain and strengthen hemophilia and other hematologic program activities.

The conference agreement includes $113,671,000 for the sexually transmitted diseases program, a $7,468,000 increase over fiscal year 1997, to provide increases for both the chlamydia prevention program and the syphilis in the South initiative.

The conference agreement includes $34,097,000 over the Administration request for the following chronic and environmental disease prevention program priorities: pfiesteria; the diabetes prevention and control priorities mentioned in the House and Senate reports; cancer registries; birth defects; cardiovascular disease; limb loss; the health effects of radioactive fallout; the health effects of inadequate provision of safe drinking water in remote arctic communities; oral health activities; and prevention of iron overload diseases. The conferees urge CDC to give consideration to integrating multiple cancer registries within a single State. The conference agreement supports increases above the 1997 level for tobacco control programs.

The conferees are aware of current conditions in eastern seaboard waterways that have triggered the microorganism pfiesteria or pfiesteria-like organisms to convert into at least 24 different forms, some of which are toxic. Several of these forms have led to fish kills of over a billion in North Carolina and in the tens of thousands in Maryland. The human effects may include skin lesions, respiratory problems, memory loss, and immune system suppression. The CDC is in a unique position to lead the public health response to the emerging threat of human exposure to this newly identified estuarine toxin. The conferees have provided an increase within the chronic and environmental disease program to support the development of a multi-State plan to address the public health impact of pfiesteria and pfiesteria-like conditions in the seven most impacted States, presently Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. The conferees expect that the funding will be used to develop and implement a multi-State disease surveillance system that will identify and monitor health effects in people who may have been exposed to estuarine waters likely to contain pfiesteria or pfiesteria-like organisms, to initiate case-control studies when new incidents of illness purported to be due to exposure to the toxin are identified, and to develop a biological test of human exposure so that when the structure of this toxin is identified, a rapid response can be assembled between the CDC and State health departments. In distributing these funds, the conferees expect the CDC to give priority to those

State health departments which have documented human health cases related to pfiesteria or pfiesteria-like conditions.

The conferees concur with the House report language regarding the need for a comprehensive cardiovascular program, with particular emphasis on risk factors and the promotion of healthy behaviors. The conferees are aware of the capabilities of a number of foundations in the areas of ischemic injury and preventive measures to reduce cardiovascular disease, and encourage CDC to include these groups in the development of its cardiovascular program.

The conferees support the recent effort by CDC to develop a national plan for addressing the large and growing public health problem of arthritis. The conferees encourage CDC to continue to expand the arthritis knowledge base necessary to better identify an appropriate public health response for the nation's leading cause of disability.

The conference agreement provides increases above the 1997 level within the infectious disease program for Lyme disease, food safety, and emerging and reemerging infectious diseases. The conferees expect the 1997 funding level for the H. pylori public education program to be maintained in 1998 to complete the project.

The conferees encouraged the CDC as part of the food safety initiative outlined in the budget request to consider supporting applied research to improve the reliability and effectiveness of electronic pasteurization to reduce food borne diseases. The conferees are particularly concerned about recent reports of *E. coli* and encourage the CDC to enhance its focus on improving public health strategies to better educate the public and improve the prevention of foodborne diseases such as *E. coli.*

The conferees concur with the Senate report language concerning the need to recognize thalassemia patients in the implementation of improved blood safety plans.

The conference agreement provides increases above the 1997 level for the following activities within the injury control program: fire injury prevention; community-based strategies against youth violence and suicide; domestic violence prevention; traumatic brain injury; suicide prevention among the elderly; and prevention of accidental injury among older Americans.

The conference agreement provides increases above the 1997 level for occupational safety and health for the following activities: intramural research at the Morgantown, West Virginia facility; the fire fighter safety initiative; and the national occupational research agenda.

The conferees are pleased with the progress made in the national health nutrition examination survey (NHANES). Within the funds made available to the National Center for Health Statistics, sufficient funds are included to fully fund this important survey at the requested level.

The conferees encourage the CDC to develop a plan of action to ascertain whether children of mothers exposed to environmental contaminants may be experiencing adverse health effects, including childhood cancers, birth defects, and neurobehavioral disorders. The conferees encourage the CDC to build upon relevant ongoing studies when formulating this plan of action.

The conferees concur with House report language indicating that CDC administrative costs as defined in the budget justification should not increase by more than one percent from 1997 to 1998.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

The conference agreement includes $2,547,314,000 instead of $2,513,020,000 as proposed by the House and $2,558,377,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees are aware of the extraordinary research opportunities that exist in cancer genetics, preclinical models of cancer, detection technologies, developmental diagnostics and investigator-initiated research. Millions of Americans are alive today as a result of progress in cancer research. These advances have allowed Congress to address the critical role of early detection for breast and cervical cancer, colorectal cancer and prostate cancer in Medicare. While working within difficult budget constraints, the conferees have sought to respond to the cancer research challenge. Twenty-five years have passed since the passage of the National Cancer Act, and it is now time to take full advantage of the unparalleled scientific opportunities in cancer prevention, detection, and treatment.

The conferees are aware of the unique research resources available within the network of bone marrow transplantation centers that are associated with the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry. Advances in medical technology provide new opportunities to utilize these resources to clinically evaluate innovative therapies that have the potential to decrease the toxicity and side effects experienced by bone marrow donor recipients. Accordingly the conferees request the Institute to provide a report to the Committee prior to the consideration of next's year's request on a proposal to collaborate with the National Bone Marrow Donor Program and its network of transplant centers for this purpose.

The conferees encourage the Institute to participate in the hepatitis C research initiative recommended by the March 1997 consensus conference.

NATIONAL HEART, LUNG AND BLOOD INSTITUTE

The conference agreement includes $1,531.061,000 instead of $1,513,004,000 as proposed by the House and $1,539,989,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees concur with the Senate report language concerning the possible development of a network of collaborative clinical centers to study the effectiveness of new clinical interventions for Cooley's anemia.

The conferees encourage the Institute to participate in the hepatitis C research initiative recommended by the March 1997 consensus conference.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DENTAL RESEARCH

The conference agreement includes $209,415,000 instead of $209,403,000 as proposed by the House and $211,611,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISEASES

The conference agreement includes $873,860,000 instead of $874,337,000 as proposed by the House and $883,321,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees concur with the Senate report language concerning the need for iron measurement and chelation research related to Cooley's anemia.

The conferees are concerned about treatments for the consequences of *E. coli* infections and request that the Institute prepare and submit a report by January 15, 1998 outlining the present scientific consensus on medical treatments for *E. coli* and other foodborne infections and setting forth additional research that should be pursued in this area.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AND STROKE

The conference agreement includes $780,713,000 instead of $763,325,000 as proposed by the House and $781,351,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees understand from NIH that sufficient funds are available within the amounts provided for the Institute to expand research on Parkinson's disease.

Approximately 2,500,000 people suffer from epilepsy, a chronic brain disorder characterized by spontaneous, recurrent seizures which, in a substantial number of cases, cannot be controlled. The conferees encourage the Institute to enhance its research in the field of epilepsy to take advantage of new scientific opportunities in genetics, brain imaging and surgery, and clinical trials.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The conference agreement includes $1,351,655,000 instead of $1,339,459,000 as proposed by the House and $1,359,688,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES

The conference agreement includes $1,065,947,000 instead of $1,047,963,000 as proposed by the House and $1,058,969,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The conference agreement includes $674,766,000 instead of $666,682,000 as proposed by the House and $676,870,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees concur with the Senate report language indicating that the Director of the Institute should be take the lead in convening the national panel to assess the status of research-based knowledge on the effectiveness of various approaches of teaching children to read.

The conferees encourage the Institute to support research in the area of brain development, mechanisms that underlie learning and memory, the acquisition and storage of information in the nervous system, and the neural processes underlying emotional

memories as they relate to intellectual development and cognitive growth.

The conferees encourage the Institute to carry out research on the prevalence, causes and treatment of vulvodynia.

NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE

The conference agreement includes $355,691,000 instead of $354,032,000 as proposed by the House and $357,695,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

The conference agreement includes $330,108,000 instead of $328,583,000 as proposed by the House and $331,969,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees encourage the Institute to conduct research into the physiologic and pathologic effects of exposure to the pfiesteria organism.

The conferees concur in the language in the House and Senate reports regarding the Institute's involvement in World Expo '98.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING

The conference agreement includes $519,279,000 instead of $509,811,000 as proposed by the House and $520,705,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND MUSCULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES

The conference agreement includes $274,760,000 instead of $269,807,000 as proposed by the House and $272,631,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees understand that the Institute has recently reduced the number of Specialized Centers of Research (SCORs) in Osteoporosis from three to one and that these centers play an important role in the translation of research findings to patient care. The conferees urge the Institute to review the impact this decision may have on osteoporosis research specifically and on the rapid transfer of research to treatment and to consider taking steps that ensure adequate support of translational research, including the restoration of funding for the full SCOR program. In addition, the conferees understand that important strides have been made with the establishment of an osteoporosis and related bone disease national clearinghouse center. The conferees encourage the Institute to continue this initiative and to give consideration to strengthening its support for the center's activities in order to allow broader information services.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DEAFNESS AND OTHER COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

The conference agreement includes $200,695,000 instead of $198,373,000 as proposed by the House and $200,428,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON NURSING RESEARCH

The conference agreement includes $63,597,000 instead of $62,451,000 as proposed by the House and $64,016,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM

The conference agreement includes $227,175,000 instead of $226,205,000 as proposed by the House and $228,585,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE

The conference agreement includes $527,175,000 instead of $525,641,000 as proposed by the House and $531,751,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees encourage the Institute to participate in the hepatitis C research initiative recommended by the March 1997 consensus conference.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH

The conference agreement includes $750,241,000 instead of $744,235,000 as proposed by the House and $753,334,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL HUMAN GENOME RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The conference agreement includes $217,704,000 instead of $211,772,000 as proposed by the House and $218,851,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH RESOURCES

The conference agreement includes $453,883,000 instead of $436,961,000 as proposed by the House and $455,805,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees are aware of concerns regarding shortages in the available supply of human cell cultures used in disease and drug therapy research in Federal and private sector laboratories. The conferees understand that the Coriell Institute for Medical Research is in the process of expanding its cell culture storage capacity and urge the Center to give full and fair consideration to an application from the Institute.

JOHN E. FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER

The conference agreement includes $28,289,000 instead of $27,620,000 as proposed by the House and $28,468,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE

The conference agreement includes $161,185,000 instead of $161,171,000 as proposed by the House and $162,825,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees understand from the NIH that they intend to provide a $7,000,000 increase for high performance computing and communications within the total provided for the Library.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The conference agreement includes $296,373,000 instead of $298,339,000 as proposed by the House and $292,196,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes a designation in bill language of $40,536,000 for the operations of the Office of AIDS Research. The Senate bill designated $40,266,000 for the Office; the House bill had no similar provision. The conferees understand that within the total funding for NIH provided in the conference agreement, NIH would intend to spend $1,595,453,000 on AIDS research. The conferees understand that this total may be modified depending on changing scientific opportunities and the recommendations of various advisory bodies.

The conference agreement includes a designation in bill language of $20,000,000 for the Office of Alternative Medicine. The Senate bill designated $13,000,000 for this activity. The House bill contained no similar provision. The conference agreement also includes language not included in either the House or Senate bill providing that not less than $7,000,000 of the $20,000,000 made available for the Office of Alternative Medicine shall be for peer reviewed complementary and alternative medicine research grants and contracts that respond to program announcements and requests for proposals issued by the Office. The conferees encourage the Office to use these mechanisms to solicit and support high quality clinical trials that will validate promising alternative and complementary medicine therapies. The conferees understand that the Office has existing authority to issue program announcements and requests for proposals.

The conference agreement includes bill language permitting the National Foundation for Biomedical Research to transfer funds to the National Institutes of Health. The House and Senate bills had no similar provision.

The conferees understand from the NIH that within the total funding provided for the various Institutes, centers and divisions the NIH estimates it will support $38,500,000 in funding for the pediatric research initiative. These funds are made available directly to the Institutes through the NIH Areas of Special Emphasis, which target those areas of research opportunity most likely to yield greater returns on the Federal investment in biomedical research. The conferees expect the Director to provide overall leadership for and coordination of these research activities.

The conferees understand from the NIH that within the total funding provided for the various Institutes, centers and divisions the NIH estimates it will support $22,000,000 in funding for the neurodegenerative disease initiative. These funds are allocated directly to the Institutes through the NIH Areas of Special Emphasis. The Director will provide overall leadership for and coordination of these research activities. The conferees note that the research focused on the biology of brain disorders in highlighted in the NIH Areas of Special Emphasis to denote areas of high priority research that will yield a greater return on the Federal investment in biomedical research. The conferees believe that in addition to

brain disorders, research in neurodegenerative disorders should receive special attention. The recent discovery of a genetic abnormality that causes some cases of Parkinson's disease demonstrates the promise of intensified research on neurodegenerative disorders.

The conferees are concerned about treatments for the consequences of E. coli and other foodborne infections and request the Director to consider using available funds for high priority research in this area.

The conferees are concerned by the delays in initiating the study on the status and funding of research on cancer among minorities and the medically underserved. The conferees expect all components of the NIH to give higher priority and full cooperation to this study as well as timely access to requested data to enable the Institute of Medicine to complete the study in an expeditious fashion. The conferees continue to place high priority on this effort and request that the Director be prepared to report on the study's progress during the hearings on the fiscal year 1999 budget request.

The conferees believe that minority programs at NIH should be supported at a level commensurate with the increases provided for NIH as a whole.

The conferees concur with House report language regarding the definition of administrative costs and the limitation of fiscal year 1998 administrative costs to no more than one percent above the fiscal year 1997 level.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

The conference agreement includes $206,957,000 instead of $223,100,000 as proposed by the House and $203,500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes language not contained in either the House or Senate bills extending the proviso allowing a contract for the full scope of the NIH clinical research center to the construction of the vaccine research facility on campus.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The conference agreement provides a program level of $2,196,743,000 instead of $2,201,943,000 as proposed by the House and $2,176,643,000 as proposed by the Senate. These figures include $50,000,000 in permanent appropriations for fiscal year 1998 provided in P.L. 104–121.

The conference agreement includes a provision proposed by the Senate designating $10 million for grants to rural and Native American projects. The House bill contained no similar provision.

The conference agreement includes a provision proposed by the Senate which requires that each State receive the same allotments under the mental health and substance abuse block grant programs in fiscal year 1998 as it did in fiscal year 1997. The conferees do not intend to consider future increases for the substance abuse or mental health block grants until the authorizing committees of jurisdiction, SAMHSA, and the substance abuse and mental health services communities have implemented a consensus policy

regarding block grant formulas whether through legislation or existing administrative authority.

The conference agreement provides $28,000,000 for the data initiative requested by the Administration. Of this amount, $18,000,000 is provided through new appropriations, and $10,000,000 is available through the 5 percent set-aside within the substance abuse block grant for administrative activities. The conferees understand that the annual out-year costs of this proposal may exceed the $28,000,000 currently proposed and intend that all future funding for the initiative will be provided through the 5 percent administrative set-aside within the substance abuse block grant.

The conferees provide funding for this new initiative with the understanding that it must be used by the agency to improve the provision of treatment and prevention services in States with high incidence of substance abuse. Accordingly, the conferees direct SAMHSA to report to the Appropriations Committees no later than January 15, 1998 regarding its plans to require changes in service delivery to improve treatment and prevention services in such States through the State Improvement Grant and substance abuse block grant application processes. In addition, the conferees direct that the results of the data initiative be distributed to each State and that all States shall analyze their relative performance in preventing substance abuse as a component of the substance abuse block grant application. The conferees direct SAMHSA to require States with rates of substance abuse above the median for all States to provide a plan to improve their performance in preventing substance abuse as part of the block grant application.

The conferees intend that SAMHSA comply fully with the House report directive regarding monitoring of youth access to tobacco and enforcement of the Synar amendment.

The conferees concur with the Senate report directive regarding allocation of funds set aside for rural and Native American grants.

The conferees have included funds to continue and expand the supplemental demonstration and evaluation of enhanced children's services as part of the Residential Women and Children and Pregnant and Postpartum Women programs.

The conferees intend that SAMHSA comply with the Senate report directive regarding the State Incentive Grant program.

The conferees direct SAMHSA to comply with House report instructions regarding St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The conferees have included sufficient funds for planning, implementation, and evaluation of a model initiative in San Francisco for comprehensive and community-based treatment on demand and substance abuse prevention, which has significant implications for other urban areas.

The conference agreement includes funding for the budget request to expand the Marijuana Treatment Initiative for Adolescents.

The conferees are aware of a successful public service crime prevention advertising campaign sponsored by the National Crime Prevention Council and encourage SAMHSA to give full consideration to this organization's experience during implementation of

the agency's public service advertising campaign regarding youth substance abuse.

The conferees concur that SAMHSA should give priority consideration to successful community schools grantees that have been effective in providing substance abuse prevention services to at-risk youth. The agency shall provide the Committees with ninety days notice prior to terminating any Community Schools grantee funded in fiscal year 1997.

The conferees intend that SAMHSA comply with the Senate report directive regarding the submission of operational and allocation plans for fiscal year 1998.

The conference report provides $6,000,000 for high risk youth grants instead of $10,000,000 proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE POLICY AND RESEARCH

HEALTH CARE POLICY AND RESEARCH

The conference agreement includes $90,229,000 instead of $101,588,000 as proposed by the House and $77,587,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement designates $56,206,000 to be available to the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research under the Public Health Service one percent evaluation set-aside instead of $47,412,000 as proposed by the House and $65,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees concur with language in the House report indicating that the agency's administrative costs as defined in the budget justification should not increase by more than one percent from 1997 to 1998.

HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

GRANTS TO STATES FOR MEDICAID

The conference agreement provides $71,602,429,000 for current year funding as proposed by the Senate instead of $71,530,429,000 as proposed by the House. This funding level reflects the current law estimate of the cost of the Medicaid program.

PAYMENTS TO THE HEALTH CARE TRUST FUNDS

The conference agreement provides $60,904,000,000 instead of $63,581,000,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate. This funding level reflects the most recent estimates of the cost of this entitlement program.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

The conference agreement makes available $1,743,066,000 instead of $1,679,435,000 as proposed by the House and $1,719,241,000 as proposed by the Senate. An additional appropriation of $500,000,000 has been provided for this activity in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

The conference agreement includes bill language proposed by the Senate making available to the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) administrative fees collected related to Medicare

overpayment recovery activities. The House bill had no similar provision.

The conference agreement includes with slight modification bill language proposed by the Senate identifying $900,000 of the funds provided for the costs of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare. The language also directs the Commission to examine the impact health research has on Medicare costs as well as the potential for coordinating Medicare with cost-effective long-term care services. The House bill had no similar provision.

The conference agreement includes bill language identifying $40,000,000 for the transition to a single Part A and Part B processing system and makes that funding available until expended. The Senate bill contained similar language providing $54,100,000 for the Medicare Transaction System. The House bill did not provide funding for this activity. The conferees expect HCFA to refrain from obligating any additional funding for the Medicare Transaction System aside from the $40,000,000 and contract closeout activities until they have notified the Committees on Appropriations of their plan to redesign the system.

The conference agreement adds language not contained in either the House or Senate bill establishing the authority for HCFA to collect $95,000,000 in user fees for the costs of beneficiary enrollment and dissemination of information for the managed care activities now permitted under the Medicare program. This provision fulfills the intent of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The conferees understand that there are several activities specified in the statute and believe that HCFA's first priority for these funds should be to publish a comparative booklet to be mailed to beneficiaries describing Medicare+Choice options and comparing these options to fee-for-service Medicare and Medigap policies. The agency should determine whether it is more cost-effective to mail the booklet to each individual Medicare beneficiary or to identify shared dwellings and mail one to each household. The conferees believe that HCFA's second priority should be to contract for a toll-free number and to implement and maintain an internet site for inquiries regarding Medicare+Choice options. As a third priority, the conferees encourage the agency to operate Medicare+Choice health information fairs and to fund the future dissemination of information regarding Medicare+Choice options through local beneficiary information centers and other forms of public relations.

While the agreement provides authority to collect $95,000,000 in user fees for the Medicare+Choice Program, the conferees direct the Secretary to utilize these resources on a pro-rata basis, with the understanding that the amount may be reduced after the Appropriations Committees have the opportunity to conduct hearings to review the need for resources to implement this program.

The conference agreement does not include language contained in the Senate bill earmarking $2,000,000 of research funding for demonstration projects of Medicaid coverage of community-based attendant care services for people with disabilities which ensures maximum control by consumers to select and manage their attendant care services. The conferees are agreed, however, that $2,000,000 is included for this purpose within funds provided.

The conference agreement does not include language contained in the Senate bill directing that $50,000,000 of 1997 appropriated funds be obligated in 1997 to increase Medicare provider audits and to implement the corrective action plan to the HCFA Chief Financial Officer's audit. The House bill contained no similar provision. The Senate language could not be implemented because 1997 funds had been obligated by the time of the 1998 conference agreement. The conferees have instead included bill language allowing HCFA to use Program Management funds to increase Medicare provider audits and to implement the Department's corrective action plan to the Chief Financial Officer's audit.

The conferees are concerned about the findings of the 1996 Chief Financial Officer's audit, most specifically the reported payment error rate. In response to this concern, it is the conferees' understanding that HCFA will reallocate funds within the Peer Review Organization funding for medical and utilization review activities. Peer review organizations determine whether medical services and items provided under the Medicare program are reasonable and medically necessary and meet professionally-recognized standards of care.

The conferees concur in the language contained in the Senate report relating to continuing the telemedicine pilot sites.

The conferees strongly urge HCFA to extend the chronic ventilator-dependent unit demonstration projects that are currently operating and which have consistently produced superior clinical outcomes according to independent evaluation.

The conferees concur with Senate report language indicating that sufficient funds are included to demonstrate and evaluate model programs developed by nonprofit community and family services organizations which help vulnerable populations understand how to use managed care.

The conference agreement includes $1,000,000 within research to conduct a demonstration of residential treatment facilities at the AIDS Healthcare Foundation in Los Angeles.

The conferees concur with House report language indicating that funds have been included above the Administration's request for research and demonstrations to support the costs of studies and demonstration projects that are mandated in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

The conferees recognize that the forthcoming study by the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding coverage of medical nutrition therapy by registered dietitians in the part B portion of Medicare needs to be comprehensive in documenting the value of this service for all applicable diseases or medical conditions. Separate cost estimates should be prepared for conditions for which the Secretary expects significant utilization of such services, and these costs should be prepared separately for therapy in individual as well as group settings. The conferees recommended that the Secretary take care not to exclude medical conditions such as malnutrition and obesity from the study, recognizing that obesity is the second leading preventable cause of death in the United States.

The conferees note that coronary artery disease is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality among the Medicare population and urges the agency to initiate cost-effectiveness evaluations of

advanced non-invasive imaging technologies, such as coronary artery scanning by ultrafast computerized tomography, and their potential impact on lowering Medicare expenditures.

The conferees encourage HCFA to provide grants to those rural health hospitals or equivalent consortia which to date have received only first or second year grants under the rural health transition grant program.

The conferees concur with Senate report language indicating that the agreement includes $824,200,000 for Medicare contractors in 1998 as requested by the Administration. Any modification of this funding level is subject to normal reprogramming procedures.

The conferees encourage HCFA to utilize commercially available software to detect and stop Medicare billing abuse.

The conferees encourage HCFA to issue a directive to Medicare contractors regarding the extension of claims considered timely filed stating that Medicare will consider claims timely filed if received within one year from the date of the contractor's response to the request for status change to Medicare as primary payer or completion of enrollment in Part B by the Social Security Administration.

The conferees are concerned that HCFA's new Medicare payment policy for erythropoietin may negatively impact the quality of care received by patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD), and may increase overall health care costs. The conferees urge the Secretary to carefully expedite review of the policy to ensure continued quality care for ESRD patients.

The conference agreement includes increases in Federal administration for the costs of converting computer systems to accommodate the millennium date change and the administrative burdens associated with the new agency activities mandated by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

FAMILY SUPPORT PAYMENTS TO STATES

The conference agreement includes a provision as proposed by the Senate and not included in the House bill to correct an error in the allocation of certain child care funds in fiscal year 1997.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The conference agreement includes $1,100,000,000 in advance funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for fiscal year 1999 instead of $1,000,000,000 as proposed by the House and $1,200,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agree that up to $27,500,000 may be used for the leveraging incentive program.

REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE

The conference agreement provides $415,000,000 for Refugee and Entrant Assistance programs as proposed by the House instead of $392,332,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees intend that ORR comply with the directives in the House report regarding communities with large concentrations of refugees whose cultural differences make assimilation especially difficult, refugees

and communities impacted by recent changes in Federal assistance programs relating to welfare reform, and Cuban and Haitian entrants and refugees. The conferees intend that ORR comply with the directive in the Senate report regarding the Voluntary Agency Grant program.

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The conference agreement appropriates $65,672,000 as a supplement to the fiscal year 1998 appropriation that was enacted last year, instead of $26,120,000 as proposed by the Senate and no additional funding as proposed by the House. In addition, the agreement appropriates $1,000,000,000 as an advance appropriation for fiscal year 1999 as proposed in both the House and Senate bills. The agreement further provides that of the $19,120,000 that became available on October 1, 1997 for child care resource and referral and school-aged child care activities, $3,000,000 shall be derived by transfer from funds appropriated in the welfare reform act, instead of $6,120,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House had no similar transfer provision. Lastly, the conferees are concerned about the inadequate supply of quality child care for infants. Therefore, the agreement includes language that was not in either bill that requires the States to utilize $50,000,000 above the amount required by the basic law for activities that improve the quality of child care. These new funds should supplement, not supplant, current and planned activities to increase the supply of quality child care for infants and toddlers.

The basic law requires that not less than four percent of the appropriation be used for such activities.

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

The conference agreement includes $2,299,000,000 for the Social Services Block Grant program instead of $2,245,000,000 provided in the House and Senate bills. The conference agreement also includes a provision setting the amount specified for allocation under section 2003(c) of the Social Security Act at $2,299,000,000 instead of $2,245,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House bill included no similar provision. The conferees intended that ACF comply with the reporting directive in the House report.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

The conference agreement appropriates $5,682,916,000, instead of $5,598,052,000 as proposed by the House and $5,611,094,000 as proposed by the Senate. In addition, the agreement rescinds $21,000,000 from permanent appropriations as proposed by the House and Senate.

The agreement includes a parenthetical legal citation to section 105(a)(2) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agree that within the amount provided for child abuse discretionary activities, $1,000,000 is available for carrying out activities authorized by that section.

The agreement includes an earmark of $279,250,000 for the Early Head Start program for children under the age of three, instead of Senate bill language that would have required that 10 percent of any additional Head Start funds over the fiscal year 1997 amount be used for this purpose. The House bill had no separate provision.

The agreement appropriates $93,000,000 from the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund as proposed by the Senate instead of $99,000,000 as proposed by the House.

The conferees concur in the Senate Report language concerning the job creation demonstration authorized under section 505 of the Family Support Act of 1988 and the language concerning the Alaska Federation of Natives, the donations of surplus property and the prekindergarten initiative for start-up costs and renovation. The conferees support continuing efforts to address the needs of families in public housing, such as American Samoans, who are in danger of becoming homeless.

The conferees strongly recommend that the Department provide sufficient resources to allow for implementation and oversight of the tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Native Employment Works (NEW) programs.

Within the amount provided for Runaway and Homeless Youth, the conference agreement includes the fiscal year 1997 funding level for Center County Youth Services of State College and Three Rivers Youth of Pittsburgh.

ADMINISTRATION ON AGING

AGING SERVICES PROGRAMS

The conference agreement appropriates $865,050,000, instead of $815,270,000 as proposed by the House and $894,074,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement includes statutory earmarks of $4,449,000 for the State ombudsman program and $4,732,000 for prevention of elder abuse proposed by the Senate; the House bill included no earmarks. The agreement includes a legislative provision as proposed by the Senate that requires the Assistant Secretary for Aging when considering grant applications for nutrition services for elder Indian recipients to provide maximum flexibility to applicants who seek to take into account certain factors that are appropriate to the unique cultural, regional and geographic needs of the American Indian, Alaskan and Hawaiian native communities to be served. The House had no similar provision.

The conferees concur in Senate Report language concerning aging research and training activities; however, the conference agreement includes $2,000,000 for social research into Alzheimer's disease, as described in the Senate Report.

The conferees expect the Administration on Aging to ensure that States that have previously received or are currently receiving grant funding for senior legal hotlines are not disqualified from competing for future grant funding.

The conferees recognize the Council of Senior Centers and Services of New York City, Inc. for its grassroots model program to detect and report inaccurate Medicare billings and strongly urge the Department to continue to work with CSCS on this effort.

In view of the regional office consolidation, the conferees expect the Administration on Aging to ensure that States will experience no decline in policy and procedural direction or technical assistance and support so that the needs of the elderly continue to be met in a timely and comprehensive fashion.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

GENERAL DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The conference agreement appropriates $177,482,000, instead of $165,487,000 as proposed by the House and $180,439,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement includes a legal citation proposed by the Senate for the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission but does not include a legal citation proposed by the Senate for research studies under section 1110 of the Social Security Act.

The conferees concur with the Senate Report language concerning the human services transportation technical assistance program.

The conference agreement contains an increase of $3,712,000 over the President's budget request for traditional departmental management activities. These funds are not intended to be used for any other activity. Should the Secretary decide to use any part of these funds for a different purpose, she must first submit a reprogramming request to the Appropriations Committees.

The conference agreement includes $800,000 to conduct research into the possible links between chemical and biological exposures and the illnesses suffered by tens of thousands of Persian Gulf War veterans. The conferees concur in the House Report language with respect to the conduct of this research.

The conference agreement includes $800,000 to support the activities of the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission as authorized by Public Law 103–400. The Commission will assist in assessing and resolving current and potential health problems that affect the general population of the United States-Mexico border area. The conferees understand that the Secretary may utilize funds provided to the agencies of the Public Health Service to support the activities of the Commission. The conferees strongly urge the Commission to focus upon the identification, evaluation, and potential resolution of current and possible health problems affecting the population of the area. The conferees expect the Department to expend funds appropriated for this purpose for needed health assessments, research and studies conducted along and across the United States-Mexico border. The Commission should use a multidisciplinary approach in identifying and assessing health problems in the area so that a variety of viewpoints, including those from the scientific, social, consumer and patient communities, may be included. The conferees emphasize the importance of cultural sensitivity in the conduct of the Commission's activities.

The conference agreement includes $500,000 for the costs of the National Health Museum Commission. This commission is authorized in title VII of this Act.

The conference agreement includes $1,500,000 in the Office of Minority Health for an extramural construction grant for the Uni-

versity of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, an historically black institution, for the purpose of upgrading health-related facilities and equipment. In addition, funds are included in the Office of Minority Health for the Cook County/Rush Health Center (CORE Center) in Chicago and the north Philadelphia Cancer Awareness and Prevention Program. The funds for the CORE Center will be used for the implementation of an information technology infrastructure. The conferees instruct the Department to maintain the current level of support for Meharry Medical College to continue a cooperative agreement to support the development of an integrated health delivery system in a historically underserved community. The conferees expect the Office of Minority Health to provide no more than $1,000,000 of the total amount provided by the Department to Meharry.

The conferees intend that the minority male initiative described in the House Report be funded as a cooperative agreement and not as a consortium.

The conferees are aware of the work being carried out by the President's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality. The conferees are concerned that the various proposals developed by the Commission may not include sufficient analysis of the potential impact of each proposal. Consequently, the conferees strongly urge the Commission to include in its report a thorough cost analysis of the Commission's recommendations.

The conferees concur with the Senate Report language concerning the need for a national public education campaign on osteoporosis.

The conferees encourage the Secretary to consider a transagency initiative that might incorporate promising telecommunications and computing technologies into a national health information infrastructure serving not only providers, payors, researchers and policymakers, but also patients, consumers and caregivers.

The conferees request that the following information regarding the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service be provided to the Committees on Appropriations in the Congressional budget justification on an annual basis: aggregate staffing levels by grade, rank and agency of assignment; the number of officers on detail outside the Department by their agency of assignment, including those detailed to international organizations; and total salaries paid to corps officers, including special or incentive pays.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement appropriates $31,921,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of $30,921,000 as proposed by the House.

POLICY RESEARCH

The conference agreement appropriates $14,000,000 as proposed by the House instead of $9,500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes $5,000,000 for a study on the outcomes of welfare reform. The conferees recommend that this study involve state-specific surveys and data sets, survey data on

the impacts of state waiver programs, and administrative data such as Food Stamp, Social Security and Internal Revenue Service records. The study should measure outcomes in both low and high economic growth areas of the country. The conferees strongly urge the Department to submit its research plan to the National Academy of Sciences to provide guidance on research design and recommend further research. The conferees further expect an interim report to be submitted to the Appropriations Committees within six months.

In addition, the agreement includes $500,000 for carrying out the HELP DESK initiative described in the Senate Report.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

TRANSFER OF HANSEN'S DISEASE FACILITY

The conference agreement includes a provision in the House bill transferring the Gillis W. Long Hansen's disease facility in Carville, Louisiana to the State of Louisiana. The Senate bill had no similar provision.

PARENTAL PARTICIPATION IN FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

The conference agreement includes a provision in the House bill prohibiting the funding of family planning grantees unless the grantee certifies that it encourages family participation in the decision of a minor to seek family planning services and that it provides counseling to minors on resisting attempts to coerce them into engaging in sexual activities. The Senate bill had no similar provision.

INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE STUDY OF NIH PRIORITY SETTING

The conference agreement includes in modified form language contained in the Senate bill directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to contract with the Institute of Medicine to conduct a comprehensive study of the policies and processes used by the National Institutes of Health to determine funding allocations for biomedical research. The conference agreement drops the $300,000 earmark for the study contained in the Senate language. The House bill contained no similar provision.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH REAUTHORIZATION ACT

The conference agreement includes in modified form (section 603) language contained in the Senate bill authorizing funding for Parkinson's disease research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The agreement drops Senate language directing NIH to support particular research mechanisms and authorizes up to $100,000,000 in fiscal year 1998 and such sums thereafter for these research activities. The House bill contained no similar provision. The conferees acknowledge the importance of Parkinson's disease research, but are concerned that inclusion of this language may set an unfortunate precedent for using the appropriations bill as a vehicle whenever the authorizing committees fail to act.

While currently there is no cure for Parkinson's disease, the conferees are encouraged by recent scientific advances. Scientists

have for the first time identified a gene abnormality that causes some cases of Parkinson's disease and which suggests an important new link between Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. This may ultimately help prevent or delay the cell death that is responsible for degenerative brain disease. Due to these promising research discoveries and the threat of more individuals being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in future years, the conferees urge NIH to place stronger emphasis on research in this area.

FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME AUTHORIZATION

The conference agreement does not include a provision in the Senate bill authorizing a program of research, public awareness, and education to help prevent fetal alcohol syndrome. The House bill contained no similar provision. This matter is one that is more appropriately considered by the authorizing committees; those committees have objected to the inclusion of the provision in the conference agreement.

REFUGEE PROGRAM EXTENSION

The conference agreement includes a provision (section 604) proposed by the Senate extending the authorization for the Refugee and Entrant Assistance programs for two years, through fiscal year 1999. The House bill contained no similar provision.

PERCHLORATE STUDY

The conferees have deleted without prejudice a provision in the Senate bill requiring the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study of the health effects of perchlorate on humans and to report the findings within nine months after enactment of the appropriations bill. The House bill contained no similar provision. The conferees believe that this is an important health issue and urge the Department to conduct such a study.

PEBES EMPLOYER STUDY

The conference agreement includes a provision (section 605) proposed by the Senate to require the Social Security Administration to provide information regarding employer contributions on all Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimates Statements (PEBESs). The conferees note that the SSA is currently redesigning the PEBES and direct the agency to expeditiously revise the PEBES to add information regarding employer contributions. This initiative should be fully implemented prior to the first mailing to all workers age 25 and over scheduled for fiscal year 2000. The House bill contained no similar provision.

MEDICAID AND SSI ELIGIBILITY FOR VIET NAMESE COMMANDOS

The conference agreement includes (section 606) language contained in the Senate bill clarifying that payments made by the United States to Viet Namese commandos imprisoned by North Viet Nam are not considered income or resources for the Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid programs for those commandos now in the United States. The House bill contained no similar provision.

ORGAN DONATION STUDY

The conference agreement deletes without prejudice the provision included in the Senate bill directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the General Accounting Office, to conduct a comprehensive study of efforts underway at hospitals to improve organ and tissue procurement. The House bill contained no similar provision. The conferees encourage the Secretary to conduct such a study and to report to the Committees on best practices for identifying donors and communicating with relatives of potential donors.

SENSE OF THE SENATE ON ORGAN PROCUREMENT

The conference agreement does not include language contained in the Senate bill expressing the sense of the Senate urging hospitals through education, establishment of protocols, and assignment of staff teams to ensure that a skilled and sensitive request for organ donation is provided to eligible families. The House bill contained no similar provision. The conferees concur in the sentiment expressed by this sense of the Senate resolution.

FAMILY VIOLENCE WAIVER UNDER WELFARE REFORM

The conference agreement deletes without prejudice a provision included in the Senate bill amending the Social Security Act to clarify that the welfare reform statute does not limit the provision of waivers to victims of domestic violence. The House bill contained no similar provision.

E. COLI RESEARCH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

The conference agreement has deleted without prejudice language included in the Senate bill earmarking $5,000,000 for research, public education and evaluation relating to the E. coli health threat. The House bill had no similar provision. The conferees have included in the statement of the managers for the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention language expressing their concern about the E. coli health threat and urging these agencies to strengthen their research and surveillance in this area.

MEDICAID DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PAYMENTS

The conference agreement includes (sections 601 and 602) bill language not contained in either the House or Senate bill correcting an error in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 which displayed incorrect information about the level of Medicaid disproportionate share hospital payments for the States of Minnesota and Wyoming. The bill corrects these errors only for fiscal year 1998. The conferees expect the authorizing committees to enact the correction on a permanent basis.

TITLE III—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION REFORM

The conference agreement includes $1,275,035,000 for Education Reform, instead of the $1,107,165,000 proposed by the House and $1,310,035,000 as proposed by the Senate. For Goals 2000, the conference provides $491,000,000 instead of the $530,000,000 provided by the Senate and $387,165,000 provided by the House.

The conference agreement also provides $25,000,000 for parental assistance instead of $15,000,000 as proposed by the House and $30,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agree that the increase provided will permit expansion of voluntary parent centers to additional States bringing the total number of States and Territories participating in the program to at least 52. It has been brought to the conferees' attention that many of the grantees currently receiving funding under the parental assistance program are making only minimal efforts to implement Parents as Teachers (PAT) or Home Instruction for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) programs. The conferees urge the Department to provide at least 50 percent of each grant award for PAT or HIPPY and to report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees by April 1, 1998, on steps being taken to assure that the dollars are being spent in accordance with PAT and HIPPY program requirements.

For education technology, the agreement provides $584,035,000 instead of $520,000,000 as proposed by the House and $580,035,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The President's fiscal year 1998 budget requested funding for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund in the Education Reform account and, as in previous years, proposed to fund all other educational technology programs within the Office of Education Research and Improvement (OERI). The House bill followed this structure. The Senate bill included both the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund and the Technology Innovation Challenge Grants within the Education Reform Account with other programs being funded within OERI. The conference agreement includes all educational technology funds within the Education Reform Account including the Challenge Fund and Challenge Grants, Star Schools, Ready to Learn TV and the Telecommunications Demonstration Project for Mathematics. In funding these programs within the Education Reform account, the conferees make no determination as to the offices within the Department best suited to administer these programs, believing that this decision is best left to the Secretary.

Under the Star Schools program, the conferees have included $8,000,000 to continue and expand the Iowa Communications Network state-wide fiber optics demonstration project.

The conferees continue to be concerned by the rapid increase in funding for technology programs and the ability of LEAs to absorb these funds and spend them wisely. The conferees therefore instruct the Department of Education to continue to provide the reports relating to educational technology outlined in the Conference Report on the fiscal year 1997 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

For Technology Innovation Challenge Grants, the conference agreement includes $116,000,000, instead of $85,000,000 as proposed by the House. Included within the funds provided is $30,000,000, as proposed by the Senate, for a new competitive grants program to consortia that have developed exemplary programs to train new and current teachers, administrators and other educators to use advanced technology and to integrate education technology into teaching methods that improve instruction. The House bill contained no similar provision.

The conference agreement includes $5,000,000 for a demonstration project for hospitals, universities, businesses and schools for the Delaware Valley Region of Pennsylvania. Funds would be used for a demonstration project to develop a supercomputer infrastructure with broad-based networking applications for elementary and secondary schools, colleges, and universities with access to science and medical technology.

The conference agreement also includes $7,300,000 to allow the Secretary of Education to fund an effort to integrate technology into eighth grade algebra classrooms. The conferees believe that this level of funding will support three years of funding for the "I Can Learn" project.

The conference agreement includes $800,000 to allow the Secretary of Education to fund an initiative to provide technology training to teachers through a distance education network involving nine school districts and Nicolet Area Technical College. This level of funding will support three years of funding to support a three-tiered training program in the use of technology for all teachers in grades K through eight in the nine participating school districts.

EDUCATION FOR THE DISADVANTAGED

The conference agreement includes $8,021,827,000 for Education for the Disadvantaged, instead of the $8,204,217,000 included in the House and $7,807,349,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the funds made available for basic grants, $1,448,386,000 becomes available on October 1, 1998 for the academic year 1998–99.

The agreement includes $6,273,212,000 for basic state grants and $1,102,020,000 for concentration grants.

The conferees have provided no funding for the targeted grants program. The House bill provided $400,000,000 for this purpose. The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The conferees have included a provision proposed by the Senate which provides that in allocating the fiscal year 1998 appropriation for basic and concentration grants under title I, part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended, the Secretary shall apply a 100 percent hold harmless based on total 1997 grants, including supplemental appropriations provided under Public Law 105–18. The conferees concur with the language outlined in the Senate report regarding this issue. The House bill contained no similar provision.

The conference agreement provides $150,000,000 for comprehensive school reform, including $120,000,000 under the title I program, $26,000,000 under the fund for the improvement of education, and $4,000,000 under the regional educational laboratories.

The House bill included $205,000,000 for comprehensive school reform, including $150,000,000 under the title I program, $50,000,000 under the fund for the improvement of education, and $5,000,000 under the regional educational laboratories. The Senate bill included no comparable provisions.

The conferees agree that the purpose of this initiative is to provide financial incentives for schools to develop comprehensive school reforms, based on reliable research and effective practices and including an emphasis on basic academics and parental involvement, so that all children can meet challenging state content and performance goals. The conference agreement establishes a floor of 83% of the total funds provided for local educational agencies (LEAs) eligible for title I basic grants; all LEAs may compete for the remaining funds provide under the fund for the improvement of education. The conferees believe that focusing the bulk of the incentive funding on schools eligible for title I funds will leverage systemic improvements in student achievement throughout the $8 billion title I program.

The conferees are impressed by gains in student performance in a number of schools across the country that are using new comprehensive models for school-wide change covering virtually all aspects of school operations, rather than a piecemeal, fragmented approach to reform. Examples of such comprehensive school reform models including Accelerated Schools, ATLAS Communities, Audrey Cohen College, Coalition of Essential Schools, Community for Learning, Co-NECT, Direct Instruction, Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound, High Schools That Work, Modern Red Schoolhouse, National Alliance for Restructuring Education, Paideia, Roots and Wings, School Development Program, Success for All, Talent Development High School and Urban Learning Center.

While no single school improvement plan can be best for every school, the conferees believe that more schools should be encouraged to examine successful, externally developed comprehensive school reform approaches that can be adapted in their own communities. The conference agreement includes funding under the fund for the improvement of education to enable the Department, in consultation with outside experts, to identify and disseminate information to schools about such approaches. Such approaches must be based on rigorous research and effective practices. However, schools are not restricted to using only those approaches identified by the Department are free to develop their own school-wide reform programs that are based on rigorous research and meet the criteria listed below. Further, the conferees direct that funds made available to schools under this initiative shall be used only for comprehensive school reform programs that:

(a) employ innovative strategies and proven methods for student learning, teaching, and school management that are based on reliable research and effective practices, and have been replicated successfully in schools with diverse characteristics,

(b) have a comprehensive design for effective school functioning, including instruction, assessment, classroom management, professional development, parental involvement, and school management, that aligns the school's curriculum, tech-

nology, professional development into a school-wide reform plan designed to enable all students to meet challenging state content and performance standards and addresses needs identified through a school needs assessment,

(c) provide high-quality and continuous teacher and staff professional development and training,

(d) have measurable goals for student performance and benchmarks for meeting those goals,

(e) are supported by school faculty, administrators and staff,

(f) provide for the meaningful involvement of parents and the local community in planning and implementing school improvement activities,

(g) utilize high-quality external technical support and assistance from a comprehensive school reform entity (which may be a university) with experience or expertise in school-wide reform and improvement,

(h) include a plan for the evaluation of the implementation of school reforms and the student results achieved, and

(i) identify how other resources (federal/state/local/private) available to the school will be utilized to coordinate services to support and sustain the school reform effort.

The conferees direct that the Secretary of Education allocate title I comprehensive school reform funds based on each state's relative share of prior-year title I grants under section 1124 to state educational agencies (SEAs), upon application to the Secretary. In cases where a SEA declines to apply for its formula-based allocation, the Secretary shall reallocate the funds to other states that have a need for additional funds to implement comprehensive school reform programs. The Secretary may reserve up to one percent of the funds for grants to schools supported by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and in the territories, and up to one percent of the funds to conduct national evaluation activities to assess results achieved by the implementation of comprehensive school reform in title I schools. The conferees anticipate that initial evaluation activities will include development of a plan for a third-year national evaluation, collection of baseline data, and assessment of the first-year implementation activities. The plan for a national evaluation should focus on the results achieved by schools undertaking comprehensive school reform and assess the effectiveness of various school reform initiatives in schools with diverse characteristics (urban/rural, title I/non-title I, elementary/middle school/high school, etc.). Prior to the completion of the third-year national evaluation, the Secretary shall submit an interim report to the House and Senate appropriations and authorizing committees.

The conferees direct that each SEA receiving funds under this initiative use such funds to award grants, on a competitive basis, to enable LEAs within the state to implement comprehensive school reform programs. Each SEA application to the Secretary shall describe (1) the process and selection criteria by which the SEA, using expert review, will make competitive grants to eligible LEAs, (2) how the SEA will ensure that only high quality, well-defined, and well-documented comprehensive school reform programs meeting the criteria listed above are funded, (3) how the SEA will

disseminate materials developed by the Department identifying research-based comprehensive school reform models and provide technical assistance to assist LEAs and schools in evaluating, selecting, developing and implementing comprehensive school reforms, (4) how the SEA will evaluate the implementation of comprehensive school reforms and measure the results achieved in improving student academic performance, and (5) such other criteria as the Secretary may reasonably require. The conferees direct that each SEA provide assurances that the financial assistance provided shall supplement, not supplant, federal, state and local funds the LEAs and schools would otherwise receive. The conferees further direct that SEAs provide such information as the Secretary may require, including the names of the LEAs and the individual schools receiving allocations and the amount allocated to each school.

In awarding competitive grants to LEAs using title I funds, the conferees direct SEAs to make awards that are of sufficient size and scope to support the initial start-up costs for particular comprehensive reform plan selected or designed by the schools identified in the LEA application, but that are not less than $50,000 per school and renewable for two additional years after the initial award. In allocating comprehensive school reform funds under this account, the conferees encourage SEAs to award grants to LEAs that will use these funds in schools in need of improvement under section 1116(c) of part 1 of Title I of ESEA. The conferees also encourage SEAs to award grants to LEAs in different parts of the state, including urban and rural communities, to LEAs proposing to serve schools at different grade levels (elementary/middle/high school), and to LEAs that demonstrate a commitment to assisting schools with budget reallocation strategies necessary to ensure that comprehensive school reforms are properly implemented and sustained in the future. SEAs may reserve up to five percent of these funds for administrative, evaluation and technical assistance expenses, including expenses necessary to inform LEAs and schools about research-based comprehensive school reform approaches.

The conferees direct that each LEA application to the SEA for comprehensive school reform funds (1) identify which schools eligible for title I funds within the LEA will implement a comprehensive school reform program and the level of funding requested, (2) describe the research-based comprehensive school reform programs that such schools will implement, (3) describe how the LEA will provide technical assistance and support for the effective implementation of the comprehensive school reform programs selected by such schools, and (4) describe how the LEA will evaluate the implementation of comprehensive school reforms in such schools and measure the results achieved in improving student academic performance.

IMPACT AID

The conference agreement provides $808,000,000 for the Impact Aid programs instead of $796,000,000 as proposed by the House and $794,500,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes legislative provisions regarding eligibility for assistance for heavily impacted districts, the distribution of funds

for Federal Property, timely filing of applications, overpayments, and construction.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

The conference agreement provides $1,538,188,000 for School Improvement Programs, instead of $1,507,388,000 as proposed by the House and $1,542,293,000 as proposed by the Senate. For the Eisenhower professional development activities, the agreement provides $335,000,000 instead of the $310,000,000 provided in both the House and Senate bills. The conferees have included an additional $25,000,000 to improve professional development activities relating to literacy and expect that these funds be used for teacher training which is based on reliable, replicable research to improve student performance in reading. Within the overall amount for School Improvement, the conference agreement provides $556,000,000 for Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities, as proposed by the House. The Senate provided $555,978,000 for this purpose.

The conferees have provided sufficient funds within the safe and drug free schools and communities, national programs to permit the Secretary of Education to establish a program to protect student victims and witnesses of violence in school. The program would provide training and technical assistance to State and local educational agencies to assist them in establishing, and implementing programs designed to protect victims of, and witnesses to, violence in elementary and secondary schools.

The conferees have also set aside $450,000 for student safety toll-free hotlines. The funds are to be provided for pilot programs to provide students in elementary and secondary schools with confidential assistance regarding school crime, violence, drug dealing, and threats to personal safety.

Also within the Safe and Drug Free Schools National Programs, the conferees have set aside $350,000 for the Yonkers School System to allow the expansion of school safety and drug prevention activities in those schools with especially severe drug and violence problems. Funds will help to expand model programs providing peer mediation at the elementary and secondary school level, the training of school personnel and parents to prevent drug use and violent behavior and other activities.

The conferees also encourage the Secretary of Education, working with the Department of Justice, to give consideration to funding comprehensive action plans that pool community, law enforcement and educational resources and stress rehabilitated role models, sustained self-sufficiency and reciprocal restitution to reduce juvenile delinquency.

The conferees agree that of the $10,500,000 provided for Arts in Education, $1,000,000 has been included to support the International Very Special Arts Festival.

The conference agreement includes $80,000,000 for Charter Schools, instead of $100,000,000 as proposed by the House and $50,987,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agree that the Secretary should take appropriate steps, including issuing guidance to relevant State authorities, to enable charter schools to receive other federal funds in their first year operation. These

funds include Title I and all other federal educational assistance monies, that they would otherwise receive notwithstanding the fact that the identity and characteristics of the students enrolling in the school will not be fully and completely determined until it actually opens. The conferees direct the Secretary to report to the Congress within six months on the steps taken to implement this directive. The report should also address the timing problem that accompanies the expansion of enrollment in a school's subsequent years of operation.

The conference agreement deletes language proposed by the Senate earmarking $3,000,000 for continuation costs for innovative programs for magnet schools. The conferees understand that it is the Department's intent to provide continuation costs for this purpose.

For training and advisory services the agreement provides $7,334,000, the same as the House and Senate bills. The funds are provided to continue the 10 regional desegregation centers. No funds are included for civil rights units in State education agencies.

CHILD LITERACY INITIATIVE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For fiscal year 1998, the conference agreement includes $85,000,000 for child literacy initiatives allocated under existing statutory authorities: Even Start Program, Eisenhower Professional Development, Fund for the Improvement of Education, and The Corporation for National and Community Service. The conferees agree that funds are to be used for child literacy initiatives consistent with applicable statutory authorities, and the goals and concepts of a child literacy initiative described in House Report 105–116. Where funds are used for training teachers how to teach reading, the conferees expect such activities to be based on reliable, replicable research.

The conference agreement includes a fiscal year 1999 advance appropriation of $210,000,000 for a child literacy initiative, instead of $260,000,000 proposed by the House and the Senate. The House proposed that if an authorization for child literacy is not enacted by April 1, 1998, funds are to be made available for Special Education for the 1999–2000 school year. The Senate bill provided funds only if specifically authorized by April 1, 1998. The conference agreement provides that if an authorization for child literacy is not enacted by July 1, 1998, funds are to be made available for Special Education State grant program for the 1999–2000 school year.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The conference agreement includes $4,810,646,000 for Special Education, instead of the $4,428,647,000 proposed by the House and $4,958,073,000 as proposed by the Senate. Included in these funds is $3,801,000,000 for Grants to the States, instead of $3,425,911,000 proposed by the House bill and $3,941,837,000 proposed by the Senate.

The conferees are aware that the Department of Education supports an effective program of clearinghouses to collect and dis-

seminate information for students with disabilities about education from preschool through college and graduate school. These clearinghouses, which provide valuable information to assist students with disabilities in planning successful education outcomes, reach millions of children, youth and adults with disabilities and their families and the professionals who work with them. The conferees encourage the Department to continue to support these activities.

The conferees note that both the House and Senate reports identify funding for the Easter Seal Society's Early Childhood Development Project for the Mississippi River Delta Region. The conferees endorse this project and have set aside funds as outlined in the Senate report. Within the Research and Innovation to Improve Services account, the conferees agree that sufficient funds are included for a comprehensive study of the disproportionate number of students from minority backgrounds in special education programs. The conferees direct that the Department of Education contract with the National Academy of Sciences no later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act to conduct this study. The conferees further direct that the study be completed no later than 24 months after the date on which the contract is finalized. As part of this study, the National Academy of Sciences will convene a study panel including appropriate minority representatives. The National Academy of Sciences shall be directed, as part of the contract, to consult with the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations regarding appointments to the study panel.

Included in the conference agreement is $32,523,000 for technology and media services, as proposed by the House, instead of the $32,023,000 as proposed by the Senate bill. The conferees have included within the amounts provided for this activity, $500,000 for a project to develop, refine, and disseminate information on adaptive technologies. Funds would be used to conduct research, develop state-of-the-art personnel preparation programs and for a pilot project using technology to link parents and their children with disabilities to public school districts and community service providers.

The conference agreement includes $6,000,000 for Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic as described in the House and Senate Reports. The increase provided will finance services to an increasing number of visually impaired students and will allow the use of other funds to support the conversion of its analog tape system to a digital format.

The conference agreement also provides $1,500,000 for the Readline Program as proposed by the Senate, and endorses the language included in the Senate report.

REHABILITATION SERVICES AND DISABILITY RESEARCH

The conference agreement includes $2,591,195,000 for Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research, instead of $2,589,176,000 as proposed by the House and $2,591,286,000 proposed by the Senate.

For the National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDR) the conference agreement includes $76,800,000 the same level as proposed by the House, instead of the $71,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes $5,000,000, as proposed by the House, within the funds provided for the National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research to permit the establishment of 15 model systems and a national data center for traumatic brain injury. The Senate bill provided $2,500,000 for this purpose.

The conferees also note that similar language was included in both the House and Senate reports concerning the establishment of a rehabilitation engineering research center focusing on the unique needs of landmine survivors. The conferees have included $850,000 within the amounts for the National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research for this purpose.

The conferees specifically endorse the provisions of the Senate report urging the Secretary to set aside $1,000,000 to support new assisted living programs that develop state-of-the-art electronic technology.

Also included are sufficient funds within the National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research for a demonstration designed to provide summer recreational and residential programs for orthopedically impaired, multiple handicapped and medically frail children and adults. Funds would be used to operate programs with progressive educational and therapeutic techniques that would maximize each individual's mobility and potential for independent living. The conferees note that the Hebrew Academy for Special Education in New York City would be especially suited for such a demonstration.

SPECIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND

The conference agreement provides $8,186,000 for the American Printing House for the Blind as proposed by the House instead of $7,906,000 as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

The conference agreement provides $44,141,000 for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf as proposed by the Senate instead of $43,841,000 as proposed by the House.

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

The conference agreement provides $81,000,000 for Gallaudet University as proposed by the Senate instead of $80,682,000 as proposed by the House.

VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION

The conference agreement includes $1,507,698,000 for Vocational and Adult Education instead of the $1,506,975,000 as proposed by the House and $1,487,698,000 as proposed by the Senate. Included in the agreement for Vocational Education basic state grants, is $1,027,550,000, instead of the $1,035,550,000 as proposed by the House and $1,015,550,000 proposed by the Senate and for Adult Education the agreement provides $345,339,000, instead of the $340,339,000 provided in both the House and Senate bills.

The conferees also endorse language contained in the Senate report under the national programs account regarding a demonstration project to develop work force skills for this nation's expanding audio-visual communications industry.

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The conference agreement provides $8,978,934,000 for Student Financial Assistance instead of $9,046,407,000 as proposed by the House and $8,591,641,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement sets the maximum Pell Grant at $3,000 and provides a program level of $7,154,000,000 for current law Pell Grants which includes $7,058,000,000 in new appropriations and $96,000,000 in carryover funds from the previous year as authorized by law. The agreement provides an additional $286,000,000 which may be used, if not needed to fund the maximum $3,000 Pell Grant according to the latest available estimates at the time the Pell Grant schedules are published, to increase the income protection allowances (IPAs) for independent and dependent students in the need analysis formula used for all need-based student financial assistance programs.

To the extent that Pell Grant funds are available in excess of the amount needed to fund a $3,000 maximum award at the time the Pell Grant payment schedule is issued, the Secretary may increase the IPAs above the statutory amounts previously in effect, up to the amounts established in this conference agreement. The conferees expect the Secretary to provide a full $3,000 maximum Pell Grant. However, in the event that future estimates indicate that the amounts available are not sufficient to fully fund a $3,000 maximum Pell Grant at the IPA levels in effect prior to enactment of this Act, the conference agreement requires the Secretary to reduce Pell Grant awards in accord with the award reduction provisions in this Act. These provisions have been included in each appropriations Act beginning with fiscal year 1994. The conferees wish to emphasize that if Pell Grant funds are projected to be insufficient to support the higher IPA levels permitted by this Act at the time the Pell Grant payment schedules are published, the Secretary must first reduce the IPA levels, and then, if funds are estimated to be insufficient to support a maximum $3,000 Pell Grant at the IPA levels in effect prior to enactment of this Act, reduce Pell Grant award levels below $3,000.

The conferees expect that the Secretary will use the most recent data available to update program and funding estimates and will not artificially alter such estimates for any purpose including masking a potential funding shortfall. While the conferees understand the difficulty of projecting Pell Grant costs several years in the future, they direct the Secretary to determine IPA adjustments based on the best program and funding estimates available, without regard to margins of error associated with statistical estimates. The conferees further direct the Secretary to notify the Appropriations Committees of the Pell Grant program and funding estimates, the related IPA levels to be established for award year 1998–1999, and the methodologies for calculating the above at least 15 days prior to issuing the Pell Grant payment schedule.

The legislative changes described above are included in the conference report with the full concurrence of the authorizing committees of jurisdiction. The IPA changes authorized in this conference agreement are temporary, and the conferees expect the authorizing committees of jurisdiction to establish permanent IPAs in a reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

The conference agreement deletes two provisions proposed by the Senate and not included in the House bill making available funding for the State Student Incentive Grant program and the Education Infrastructure program from unobligated balances previously appropriated for Pell Grants. The State Student Incentive Grant program is separately funded in the conference agreement through new appropriations. The conferees have provided $135,000,000 for new capital contributions under the Perkins Loan program, the amount necessary to maintain the same new loan volume in fiscal year 1998 as was provided for fiscal year 1997.

FEDERAL FAMILY EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The conference agreement provides $46,482,000 for the Federal Family Education Loan Program Account as proposed by the Senate instead of $47,688,000 as proposed by the House.

HIGHER EDUCATION

The conference agreement provides $946,738,000 for Higher Education instead of $909,893,000 as proposed by the House and $929,752,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement deletes a provision in the House bill and not included in the Senate bill which requires Byrd Scholarships to be prorated in order to fund the same number of new scholarships in fiscal year 1998 as was funded in fiscal year 1997. The conference agreement includes a provision as proposed by the Senate to permit the Department to award new and continuing Javits Fellowships. The House bill permitted the award of continuing but not new scholarships. The conference agreement includes a provision not included in either the House or Senate bills providing $3,000,000 for an education technology and distance learning center at Empire State College in New York.

The conferees have included $1,000,000 for the Advanced Technical Center at Mexico, Missouri, for the coordinated delivery of technical education in cooperation with community colleges and secondary education systems including State technical schools. Funds will be used to provide participants with high-capacity voice, video and data line connections to couple the facilities to each other and to satellite up-links. Funds will also be used for training of vocational school instructors, and community college faculty.

The conferees encourage the Department to provide the amounts suggested and to provide full and fair consideration to the potential applicants designated in the Senate report under the heading "Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education".

Regarding International Education and Foreign Language Studies domestic programs, the conferees are aware of the success of the American Overseas Research Center Program and commend the Department for its support of the Centers. However, the conferees are concerned that qualified applicants were denied awards

due to the overall funding limits. To support more overseas centers, the conferees urge the Secretary to allocate $100,000 for grants to additional centers to be awarded on a competitive basis.

It has been brought to the conferees' attention that a problem exists in the distribution of funds to Historically Black Graduate Institutions by the Department of Education. The conferees question the wisdom of removing funds from one institution to transfer them to another institution unless a particular institution is unable to meet the prior year matching requirement. The inequities in the distribution of these funds should be addressed in the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

The conference agreement provides $210,000,000 for Howard University as proposed by the House instead of $198,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement includes a provision proposed by the House to permit Howard University to allocate funds for the endowment as authorized by law. The Senate bill designated for the endowment and made available until expended not less than $3,530,000. The conferees intend that Howard University and the Department comply with the House report directive regarding the endowment.

EDUCATION RESEARCH, STATISTICS AND IMPROVEMENT

The conference agreement includes $431,438,000 for Education Research, Statistics and Improvement, instead of the $423,252,000 as proposed by the House and $323,190,000 as proposed in the Senate. As noted in the section of this Statement on Education Reform, all of the separate technology activities formerly funded in this account are now funded as part of Education Reform.

The conferees note that section 931 of P.L. 103–227 gives the Office of Research, Statistics and Improvement the authority to renew research center grants for five additional years after the first competitive award, based on recommendations of a 1992 National Academy of Sciences review of OERI. The conferees encourage OERI to consider renewal for centers performing high quality research as indicated by the third-year external review.

For regional education laboratories, the conferees provide $56,000,000, instead of the $57,000,000 as proposed in the House bill, and $53,500,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agree that $4,000,000 of this amount shall be used in accordance with the direction in House Report 105–205 regarding comprehensive school reform. Further, the conferees intend that the regional laboratory governing boards set the research and development priorities to guide the work funded and that the funds be obligated and distributed in accordance with the fiscal year 1997 allocations by December 1, 1997. The conferees further agree that $1,000,000, as proposed by the House, shall be for the third year evaluation of the laboratories instead of the $2,500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

For the fund for the improvement of education (FIE), the conferees provide $108,100,000 instead of the $80,000,000 as proposed by the House and $50,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Except

as modified below, the conferees have reviewed and concur in the items identified in the House and Senate reports.

Within the funds provided, the conferees encourage the Department to conduct a competition for a project to document the educational readiness of at-risk children from birth to age six which could identify at-risk pregnant mothers who would be especially suited to document how different types of support systems promote the development and learning of young children.

Also within FIE, the conferees have included a provision which provides up to $1,000,000 to a State education agency to pay the cost of appraisals, resource studies and other expenses associated with the exchange of state trust land which lies within the boundaries of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument for other lands outside of the monument. This provision would reimburse the state of Utah for certain costs associated with the exchange of this land.

Within FIE, the conferees specifically endorse the language contained in the House report (105–205) relating to the Jump Start program and the Model Youth program and have provided $225,000 for the National Student and Parent Mock Elections.

The conferees have included within the funding available for the fund for the improvement of education, $55,000 for community based projects to assist with the education and mentoring of children who are at-risk. The After School program of the St. Stephen Life Center in Louisville, Kentucky provides assistance to at-risk students with homework, tutoring, computer literacy, humanities instruction and personal finance skills, while stressing self-sufficiency, innovation, respect and quality of life for students.

The conferees have also provided $350,000 for the White Plains City School District to expand the after-school program housed in the schools and run by the City's Youth Bureau. The current program provides child care and recreational activities to low-income families. These funds will be used to add an academic component to the program including computer instructions, literacy and parenting education to parents and expansion of the program to the summer months.

The agreement includes $500,000 for a demonstration project to support public broadcasting of student performed classical music. The Young Performance series, which affords six to eighteen-year-old musicians the opportunity to air their talents, would be especially suited to carry out such a demonstration.

The conferees have included $1,000,000 for the National Museum of Women in the Arts for activities associated with the archiving of works by women artists. The conferees have also included $5,000,000 for programs to provide at-risk children with innovative learning opportunities in safe learning environments. Monies have been provided to the Children's Museums in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston and Children's Museums in Chicago and the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago to operate these programs which will include multidisciplinary cultural programming that integrates the arts and humanities with mathematics and science.

Within the funds provided for FIE, the conferees have included $8,000,000 for a demonstration of public school facilities repair and

construction to be awarded to the Iowa Department of Education. Also included within the funds provided for FIE is $100,000 for a project in Montgomery County Pennsylvania to develop and install computer networking and telecommunications.

The conferees have included $500,000 for enhanced teacher training for a longitudinal project "Early Interventions for Children and Reading Problems" involving nine public elementary schools in the District of Columbia. Such a project will focus upon research-based components critical to success in learning to read and spell (phonemic awareness, alphabetic and orthographic knowledge, and comprehension strategy instruction) all within a literature-rich environment. The Teacher training component will involve five activities: general coordination/training, generic teacher training, comprehension training, teacher processes and curriculum-based assessments.

The conference agreement includes $26,000,000 for comprehensive school reform, instead of $50,000,000 proposed the House and no funding proposed by the Senate. The agreement also provides for extended availability of $25,000,000.

The conferees direct that the $25,000,000 be awarded by the Secretary of Education to SEAs for grants to LEAs, to be used in conjunction with $120,000,000 provided under title I. These funds shall be allocated based on each state's relative share of the school-age (ages 5–17) population to SEAs, upon application to the Secretary, except that the Secretary may utilize other reasonable criteria to determine state allocations. In cases where a SEA declines to apply for its formula-based allocation, the Secretary shall reallocate the funds to other states that have a need for additional funds to implement comprehensive school reform programs. The Secretary may reserve up to one percent of the funds for grants to Indian schools and the territories, and up to one percent of the funds, that combined with the title I evaluation set-aside, shall be used for national evaluation activities.

The conferees intend that schools receiving financial assistance under this account select or develop comprehensive school reform approaches that meet the criteria outlined under title I—demonstration of innovative practices, and that requirements for state and LEA applications outlined under title I—demonstration of innovative practices also apply, except that any school within an LEA may be included in the LEA's application for financial assistance provided under this account. The conferees further agree that the Secretary shall administer the comprehensive school reform initiative as a unified program, and that each SEA and LEA may develop a consolidated application for funds provided under both this and the title I account.

In awarding competitive grants to LEAs using FIE funds, the conferees direct SEAs to make awards that are of sufficient size and scope to support the initial start-up costs for the particular comprehensive reform plan selected or designed by the schools identified in the LEA application, but that are not less than $50,000 per school and renewable for two additional years after the initial award. The conferees encourage SEAs to award grants to LEAs in different parts of the state, including urban and rural communities, and to LEAs proposing to serve schools at different

grade levels (elementary/middle/high school), and to LEAs that demonstrate a commitment to assisting schools with budget reallocation strategies necessary to ensure that comprehensive school reforms are properly implemented and sustained in the future. SEAs may reserve up to five percent of these funds for administrative, evaluation and technical assistance expenses, including expenses necessary to inform LEAs and schools about research-based comprehensive school reform approaches.

The conference agreement also includes $1,000,000 that the Department shall use to identify research-based approaches to comprehensive school reforms that show the most promise of meeting the objectives of this initiative, and disseminate that information to SEAs, LEAs, and schools so that they can make informed choices about what strategies will work best in their communities. In identifying such approaches, the Department shall consult with outside experts in disciplines relevant to school-wide transformation, which may include effective teaching and learning methods, child development, assessment, school finance, school organization and management, and evaluation, on whether such approaches are based on reliable research and effective practices. The Department shall report to the appropriations and authorizing committees on the process and criteria used to determine whether such approaches are based on rigorous, reliable research and effective practices.

The conference agreement includes $40,000,000 for 21st Century Community Learning Centers, instead of $50,000,000 as proposed by the House and $1,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agree that the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program presents an excellent opportunity to engage at-risk young people in productive and constructive activities during their non-school hours. The conferees urge the Department of Education and the Corporation for National and Community Service to seek ways to use volunteers to help in the process of identifying and developing a cadre of local community volunteers to maximize and leverage community resources to the fullest extent.

For Eisenhower professional development national activities, the conferees provide $23,300,000 instead of the $21,000,000 as proposed by the House and the $25,000,000 proposed by the Senate. Included within this amount is $18,500,000 for the Board for Professional Teaching Standards, of which $16,000,000 shall be for assessment development and $2,500,000 shall be for teacher subsidies.

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

The conference agreement provides $146,340,000 for the Institute of Museum and Library Services instead of $142,000,000 as proposed by the House and $146,369,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement provides funding under the heading "Institute of Museum and Library Services" as proposed by the Senate instead of "Libraries" as proposed by the House. The conference agreement deletes a provision of the Senate bill not included in the House bill designating $15,455,000 for national leadership grants. The conferees concur in the provisions of the Senate report regarding a project to digitize a card catalog, a project regarding an historic medical library collection, a one-of-a-kind historical library in

Pennsylvania, and a demonstration of interactive Internet connections.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The conference agreement includes $432,806,000 for Departmental Management, instead of the $415,270,000 as proposed by the House and $429,586,000 in the Senate.

The conferees recognize that Public Service Recognition Week has educated America as to the value of the career workforce which carries out the day-to-day operations of government. This program, which has existed for over ten years, plays an important role in educating our nation's youth and providing them with timely information about their government. The conferees urge the Secretary to support the elementary and secondary education projects of Public Service Recognition Week.

The conferees have deleted without prejudice a provision included in the Senate which provided $1,100,000 for the Millennium 2000 project.

The conferees endorse the language outlined in the Senate report regarding research programs on reading development and disability, and also concur in the directive to the Secretary of Education to consult with the Director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to convene a panel to assess the current status of research and effective approaches to teaching children to read.

The conferees agree that sufficient funds are included to enable the Department to expand its Internet website in order to provide enhanced information to students on public and private student financial assistance programs pursuant to section 409(A)(1) of the Higher Education Act.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SPACE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD

The agreement does not include a provision in the House bill prohibiting the use of funds for the National Academy of Sciences, Space and Technology Advisory Board.

STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENTS

The conference agreement includes a provision proposed by the House and not included in the Senate bill to permit grantees under Title III A and B of the Higher Education Act to use funds for the purposes of endowment as authorized under Part C of the Act.

DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE LENDERS

The conference agreement deletes two provisions proposed by the House and not included in the Senate bill to clarify the definition of "eligible lender" for the purposes of the Federal Family Education Loan program.

STUDENT LOAN GUARANTY AGENCY RESERVE RECAPTURE

The conference agreement provides for the recapture of $282,000,000 in student loan guaranty agency reserves previously held by the Higher Education Assistance Foundation.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE

The conferees have deleted Section 305 of the Senate bill without prejudice. The conferees have indicated in this Statement that funds for elementary and secondary school witnesses and victims of violence are included in Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities National Programs.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE HOTLINES

The agreement deletes Section 306 of the Senate bill without prejudice. The conferees have included funding for school violence hotlines in Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities National Programs.

95 PERCENT OF FUNDS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

The conference agreement deletes section 307 as proposed by the Senate regarding certification from the Department of Education that 95 percent of the funds provided be used directly for teachers and students. The House bill contained no similar provision.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Education to provide to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by April 1, 1998, a certification that not less than 95 percent of the amount appropriated to the Department of Education is being used directly for teachers and students. If the Secretary determines that less than 95 percent of such amount is being used directly for teachers and students, the Secretary shall certify the percentage of such amount that is being used for this purpose.

SMALLER CLASS SIZE

The conference agreement deletes section 308 as proposed by the Senate requiring the Secretary of Education to conduct a study regarding enrollments. The House bill contained no similar provision.

The conferees direct the Secretary to conduct a study examining the economic, educational and societal costs of the increase in enrollment of secondary school students during the period 1998–2008; the creation of smaller class sizes for students enrolled in grades 1 through 3; and the increase in enrollments in relation to the creation of smaller class sizes. The study should also include the cost to state and local school districts. The conferees further direct the Secretary to report to the Congress within 9 months of enactment of this Act. This report should include recommendations regarding what local school districts, States and the Federal Government can do to address the issue of increased enrollments of secondary school students and the need for smaller class sizes in grades 1 through 3.

PELL GRANTS

The conference agreement deletes a provision proposed by the Senate and not included in the House bill expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Pell Grants.

TITLE IV—RELATED AGENCIES

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

The conference agreement provides $68,669,000 for the Armed Forces Retirement Home instead of $70,277,000 as proposed by the House and $65,452,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes a provision not contained in the House or Senate bills which permits the Armed Forces Retirement Home to contract for planned renovation activities specified in the budget request. Due to budgetary constraints, the conferees have not included the full amount requested for capital projects but have provided legislative authority to allow the Home to contract for the completion of the requested capital activities pending future appropriations.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAMS, OPERATING EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides $256,604,000 for the Domestic Volunteer Service programs instead of $227,547,000 as proposed by the House and $232,604,000 as proposed by the Senate.

FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes the citation for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service proposed by the House.

NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes $8,600,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of $8,400,000 as proposed by the House.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides $7,900,000 for the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission as proposed by the House instead of $7,800,000 as proposed by the Senate.

MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides $7,015,000 for the consolidated Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. The House bill provided $3,258,000 for the Physician Payment Review Commission and $3,257,000 for the Prospective Payment Assessment Commis-

sion. The Senate bill provided $3,508,000 for the Physician Payment Review Commission and $3,507,000 for the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission. The Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Review Commission were consolidated into the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission pursuant to section 1805 of P.L. 105–33, the Budget Reconciliation Act for 1997.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

DUAL BENEFITS PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

The conference agreement provides $193,500,000 for dual benefits payments as proposed by the Senate instead of $194,000,000 as proposed by the House.

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement includes a limitation on transfers from the railroad trust funds of $87,228,000 for administrative expenses instead of $85,728,000 as proposed by the House and $87,728,000 as proposed by the Senate.

LIMITATION ON THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement includes a limitation on transfers from the railroad trust funds of $5,794,000 for the Office of Inspector General instead of $5,000,000 as proposed by the House and $5,394,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes a provision by the House prohibiting the use of funds other than those provided under this heading for the Office of Inspector General. The conference agreement includes a provision proposed by the House prohibiting the use of funds for any audit, investigation or review of the Medicare program.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM

The conference agreement includes $16,370,000,000 for the Supplemental Security Income Program instead of $16,380,000,000 as proposed by the House and $16,417,525,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement deletes without prejudice a provision proposed by the Senate and not included in the House bill designating $2,225,000 for a limb loss disability return to work demonstration project.

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes a limitation of $6,409,040,000 on transfers from the Social Security and Medicare trust funds and Supplemental Security Income program for administrative activities instead of $6,418,040,000 as proposed by the House and $6,462,708,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes the citation for section 10203 of Public Law 105–33 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes a provision not proposed in either the House or Senate

bills allowing the Social Security Administration to use unexpended fiscal year 1997 funds for fiscal year 1998 activities.

The conference agreement includes a provision proposed by the House and not included in the Senate bill requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse the trust funds from general revenues for expenditures related to union activities performed on official time. The conferees request that Social Security coordinate with the government-wide reporting effort which will be undertaken by the Office of Personnel Management in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget as required by Public Law 105–61.

The conferees support the Social Security Administration's unique, cooperative training program for Administrative Law Judges which is recognized by State Bar Associations for continuing legal education credits. The conferees encourage the Office of Hearings and Appeals to continue this training program and to expand financial support to enable greater ALJ participation.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The conference agreement provides $48,424,000 for the Office of Inspector General through a combination of general revenues and limitations on trust fund transfers instead of $52,424,000 as proposed by the House and $37,354,000 as proposed by the Senate.

TITLE V—GENERAL PROVISIONS

DISTRIBUTION OF STERILE NEEDLES

Both the House and Senate bills contained restrictions on the use of federal funds for the distribution of sterile needles for the injection of any illegal drug (section 505). The Senate bill repeated language from previous appropriations bills allowing the Secretary to waive the prohibition if she determined that such programs are effective in preventing the spread of HIV and do not encourage the use of illegal drugs. The House bill removed the Secretary's authority over this issue.

The conference agreement includes the House language prohibiting the use of federal funds for carrying out any program for the distribution of sterile needles or syringes for the injection of any illegal drug. This provision is consistent with the goal of discouraging illegal drug use and not increasing the number of needles and syringes in communities.

The conference agreement also includes bill language limiting the use of federal funds for sterile needle and syringe exchange projects until March 31, 1998. After that date such projects may proceed if (1) the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines that exchange projects are effective in preventing the spread of HIV and do not encourage the use of illegal drugs; and (2) the project is operated in accordance with criteria established by the Secretary for preventing the spread of HIV and for ensuring that the project does not encourage the use of illegal drugs. This provision is consistent with the goal of allowing the Secretary maximum authority to protect public health while not increasing the overall number of needles and syringes in communities.

With respect to the first criteria, the conferees expect the Secretary to make a determination based on a review of the relevant science. If the Secretary makes the necessary determination, then the conferees expect the Secretary to require the chief public health officer of the State or political subdivision proposing to use federal funds for exchange projects to notify the Secretary that, at a minimum, all of the following conditions are met: (1) a program for preventing HIV transmission is operating in the community; (2) the State or local health officer has determined that an exchange project is likely to be an effective component of such a prevention program; (3) the exchange project provides referrals for treatment of drug abuse and for other appropriate health and social services; (4) such project provides information on reducing the risk of transmission of HIV; (5) the project complies with established standards for the disposal of hazardous medical waste; and (6) the State or local health officer agrees that, as needs are identified by the Secretary, the officer will collaborate with federally supported programs of research and evaluation that relate to exchange projects.

It is hoped that the delay in implementation of the provision with regard to exchange projects will allow the authorizing committees sufficient time to conduct a complete review and evaluation of the scientific evidence, as well as any conditions proposed by the Secretary, and consider the need for legislation with regard to these programs. It is the intent of the conferees that the Appropriations Committees refrain from further restrictions on the Secretary's authority over exchange after March 31, 1998.

TECHNICAL

The conference agreement inserts the word "the" before the word "Departments" in section 516 as proposed by the House.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES REDUCTION

The conference agreement deletes section 517 of the Senate bill that would have reduced salaries and expenses appropriations for all agencies in the bill by a total of $75,500,000 to be allocated by the Office of Management and Budget. The House had no similar provision.

TEAMSTERS ELECTION

The conference agreement includes a general provision (section 518) proposed by the House that prohibits the use of funds in this Act for the election of officers of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. The conference agreement deletes section 106 of the Senate bill which included a related provision. The conferees are aware that the U.S. District Court is currently supervising the election of IBT officers pursuant to a consent decree between the IBT and the Department of Justice. This consent decree provided, in part, a Federal government option to order supervision of the 1996 election at government expense. While the Department of Labor contributed a portion of the funding to assist the Department of Justice in financing the 1996 election supervision expenses, it is the understanding of the conferees that the cost to rerun this election is expected to be significantly less than the original elec-

tion and will be partially borne by the union. No Department of Labor contribution is provided in this bill.

TOBACCO PROVISIONS

The conferees have deleted four provisions included by the Senate relating to a national tobacco settlement. The conferees concur that these matters should be debated and resolved during consideration of tobacco settlement implementing legislation. The conferees believe, however, that any national tobacco settlement should include a provision requiring public disclosure of all private attorneys' fees paid by all parties in connection with an action maintained by a State against one or more tobacco companies to recover tobacco-related costs affected by any federal tobacco settlement. Furthermore, the conferees agree that the authorizing committees with jurisdiction over the implementing legislation should consider whether the legislation should limit the rate and/or total or private attorneys' fees paid on behalf of attorneys or the plaintiffs or defendants in connection with any action maintained by a State against one or more tobacco companies to recover tobacco-related expenses. Finally, the conferees believe that tobacco growers and tobacco growing communities should be fairly compensated as part of any settlement legislation.

EDUCATION BLOCK GRANTS

The agreement deletes Section 523 of the Senate bill regarding education block grants. The House bill contained no similar provision. The conferees remain concerned by the paperwork and inefficiency associated with the need to apply for the many different federal education programs. The House and Senate Committees on Appropriations want to work with the Department of Education and the General Accounting Office to determine the true paperwork and dollar cost to localities associated with application and record keeping of these various programs.

PROHIBITION ON VOLUNTARY NATIONAL TESTING

The House bill contained a prohibition on the use of federal funds for the development, planning or administration of any national program for testing in reading or mathematics. The provision exempts the National Assessment of Educational Progress and the Third International Math and Science Study.

The House bill also contained a provision prohibiting the administration of any national tests in 4th grade and reading and 8th grade mathematics until the submission of a final report by the National Academy of Sciences.

The Senate bill contained several provisions. The first required the Office of Educational Research and Improvement to submit to the Senate Appropriations Committee a spending plan for activities under the Education Research, Statistics, and Improvement account prior to obligation.

The second gives the National Assessment Governing Board exclusive authority over the policies, direction and guidelines for implementing voluntary national tests for 4th grade reading and 8th grade mathematics. The provision also required that any such

tests be voluntary and that within 90 days of enactment the Board shall review the contact for the national tests and, if necessary, modify or terminate and renegotiate any contracts. The provision lists the specific authorities of the board.

The third provision also expressly prohibited any State or local educational agency from requiring any private, parochial school student or home-schooled student to take any national test without the written consent of the student.

The fourth provision of the Senate bill changed the composition of the National Assessment Governing Board to add one governor, two mayors, and two business representatives and make technical changes to the make-up and process for appointment to the Board.

The conferees and the Administration agree that it is important to have high, voluntary standards in the basic skills of reading and math, to measure whether students are meeting these standards, and to provide that information to students, parents and teachers. The Administration has proposed voluntary national tests in order to measure student achievement related to national standards. However, every state already administers a number of tests and many are concerned that an additional, national, test would be an unnecessary burden.

To address this concern, the conference agreement (sec. 305–311) states that the National Academy of Sciences will be commissioned to conduct a study of the feasibility of equating existing state and commercially available tests with each other and with the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The purpose of this study is to determine whether it will be possible to use existing tests administered by states and local school districts to compare individual student performance with existing, challenging national content and performance standards. The purpose is also to determine if the same tests can be used to compare the performance of students in different states and communities, on different tests, to each other. The NAS shall submit a report on this study to the Congress no later than June 15, 1998, and a final report no later than September 1, 1998.

The NAS will conduct this study in consultation with the National Governors' Association (NGA), the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), NAGB, the Congress and the White House. While the NAS study is being conducted, NAGB will have exclusive authority over contract RJ97153001, as stated in this Act, which will be based on the same content and performance standards as are used for NAEP, and which are linked to NAEP to the maximum extent possible.

The conference agreement further provides that the National Academy of Sciences shall submit a written report by September 1, 1998 to the Committee on Education and Workforce in the House of Representatives, the Committee on Labor and Human Resources in the Senate, and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees that evaluates the technical quality, validity and reliability of developed test items on national 4th grade reading and 8th grade mathematics tests; evaluates whether test items are free from racial, cultural or gender bias; evaluates whether the test items address the needs of disadvantaged, limited English proficient and

disabled students; and evaluates whether the test items can be used for tracking, graduation or promotion of students.

The conferees intend that the National Assessment Governing Board shall hold public hearings on these test development activities and on the recommendations submitted by the National Academy of Sciences. The National Assessment Governing Board shall ensure that such hearings are widely publicized, and that activities conducted to publicize such hearings communicate effectively with the broad and diverse populations that may be affected by such tests.

The Administration and the authorizing Committees of the U.S. Congress will work together to incorporate the findings from the NAS study into the reauthorization of NAEP and NAGB. The conferees understand that the Administration agrees that, where it is feasible and practical to validly and reliably equate test scores and link performance levels on State assessments and commercially available standardized tests with the National Assessment of Education Progress, then these tests may serve the same purpose as the proposed national test. To the extent that NAS study demonstrates ways in which existing tests can be equated with each other and with NAEP, or ways in which existing tests can be modified in order to facilitate such equating, the Administration and the House Committee on Education and Workforce intend to work together to implement these recommendations through the reauthorization of NAEP.

In order to inform future deliberations on the appropriate uses of tests measuring student academic performance and to prevent the misuse of such tests, particularly for minority and limited English proficient students, the conference agreement provides for a third study to be conducted by the National Academy of Sciences that makes recommendations on appropriate methods, practices, and safeguards to ensure that existing and new tests that may be used to measure student performance are not used in a discriminatory manner or inappropriately for tracking or other "high stakes" purposes. The NAS is also directed to report on ways to ensure that such tests adequately assess student reading and mathematics comprehension in the form most likely to yield accurate information regarding student achievement in reading and mathematics. The conference agreement provides that this NAS report shall be submitted to the White House, National Assessment Governing Board, the Committee on Education and the Workforce in the House of Representatives and the Committee on Labor and Human Services in the Senate, and the Committees on Appropriations in the House of Representatives and Senate not later than September 1, 1998.

The conferees encourage the National Assessment Governing Board and the National Academy of Sciences, in convening any advisory committees or expert panels needed to carry out the requirements of this Act, to take into account racial, ethnic and gender diversity and balance.

The conference agreement further provides that the federal government shall not require any state, local educational agency or school district to administer or implement any pilot or field test in any subject or grade, or require any student to take any national

test in any subject or grade. In addition, no federal, state or local educational agency may require any private or parochial school student, or home-schooled student, to take any pilot or field test developed under this Act without the written consent of the parents or legal guardians.

The Conferees understand that the Administration will submit legislation for a revised school facilities initiative.

LIMITATION ON PENALTIES UNDER THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT

The agreement deletes section 521 of the House bill limiting the penalties the Secretary of Education may impose on states not providing special education services to individuals 18 years or older who are incarcerated in adult state prisons.

ABORTION FUNDING RESTRICTION

Both the House and Senate bills contain a revised version of the Hyde amendment. This updated version clarifies the intent of that amendment, approved annually since 1976 by Congress. Since 1993 the Hyde amendment has prohibited federal funding of abortions in Medicaid and other programs governed by the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill, except when the relevant federal agency is notified that the pregnancy is due to rape or incest or that the mother's life would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term.

A technical clarification is deemed necessary because many states are now arranging for delivery of health benefits through managed care, using federal funds to help pay for premiums for health benefits packages instead of suing them to reimburse for specific procedures after the fact. The words "managed care" in subsections 509(c) and 510(c) are intended to cover any arrangement that involves contracting for a package of health benefits, as opposed to providing reimbursement for specific procedures.

The intent of section 509 is to ensure that no federal funds are used to pay for abortions, or to contract with a provider or insurer for a package of health benefits that includes abortions, beyond those abortions specified in subsection 510(a). The amendment does not affect or apply to the use of separate state, local, or private funds, other than Medicaid matching funds, to pay for abortions or to contract for abortion coverage, so long as such coverage is contracted for separately from the federally subsidized contract. It does not bar a state or locality from contracting separately with a managed care provider or insuring organization for abortions or abortion coverage for patients who use a federal program, so long as the State's or locality's contribution of Medicaid matching funds is not used for this purpose. Federal agencies or entities of the federal government may not separately provide or contract for such abortions or abortion coverage, because they are barred from funding abortions or including abortion coverage (beyond those abortions specified in subsection 510(a)) in health benefits packages paid for in whole or in part with funds appropriated under this Act. (The conferees note that Congress has also prohibited the use of

federal funds to subsidize contracts including abortion coverage, while allowing states to contract separately for abortion coverage if they choose to do so, under the State Children's Health Insurance Program P.L. 105–33).

This amendment also clarifies the intent of the Hyde amendment's "life of the mother" exception, restricting it to cases "where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness" that a physician has certified would "place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed." Similar language has been approved repeatedly by Congress as part of a proposed ban on partial-birth abortion. The life-endangering physical condition may be one that is "caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself"—that is, it may be a life-threatening physical illness that did not pre-exist the woman's pregnancy.

This language is intended to prevent expansive interpretations of the "life of the mother" exception. The exception applies only if the individual woman herself suffers from "a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness" that would, "as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed."

TITLE VI—OTHER PROVISIONS

The conference agreement includes a number of legislative provisions which the conferees have consolidated into a separate title of the bill. These provisions concern the following subjects: Parkinson's disease research, Minnesota and Wyoming Medicaid disproportionate share hospitals, refugee program authorization, Social Security personal earnings and benefit estimates, a technical correction to the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, a technical correction to the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 related to the welfare-to-work program, and Medicaid eligibility for Vietnamese commandos imprisoned by North Vietnam. Most of them are discussed in this joint statement at the places where they originally appeared in the bill.

H.R. 2169, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT TECHNICAL AMENDMENT

The conference agreement includes a provision (section 607) that makes available an additional $50,000,000 in liquidating cash in fiscal year 1998 for trust fund share of expenses. This provision is necessary to provide sufficient liquidating cash in fiscal year 1998 to cover the contract authority made available for transit formula grants in the H.R. 2169, the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. This appropriation corrects an error in the fiscal year 1998 Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act and is scored as a mandatory appropriation in the annual budget process.

WELFARE TO WORK TECHNICAL AMENDMENT

The conference agreement includes a technical correction to the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 with respect to the welfare-to-work program. The provision corrects a drafting error with respect to the

State matching requirement. This provision was not contained in either the House or the Senate bill.

STUDENT LOAN CONSOLIDATION

The conference agreement includes a new provision (section 609) of the bill which was not included in either the House or Senate bills. This provision amends the Higher Education Act to permit the consolidation of certain student loans and to clarify the treatment of education tax credits in determining the amount of Federal student financial assistance available to individual students.

TITLE VII—NATIONAL HEALTH MUSEUM

The conference agreement includes a new title VII of the bill that inserts the National Health Museum Development Act. This Act specifies that the National Health Museum shall be located on or near the Mall on land owned by the Federal government or the District of Columbia in the District of Columbia. It also establishes a commission to conduct a study of the appropriate Federal role in the planning and operation of the National Health Museum. The Commission will submit the study within one year of its first meeting and then terminate. The Museum would be the nation's central public resource for education in the health sciences. This provision was not in either the House or Senate bills.

CONFERENCE AGREEMENT

The following table displays the amounts agreed to for each program, project or activity with appropriate comparisons:

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
TITLE I - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR									
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION									
TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (1)									
Grants to States:									
Adult Training	895,000	1,063,990	1,042,990	955,000	955,000	+60,000	-87,990	---	D
Youth Training	126,672	129,965	129,965	129,965	129,965	+3,293	---	---	D
Summer Youth Program (2)	871,000	871,000	871,000	871,000	871,000	---	---	---	D
Dislocated Worker Assistance	1,286,200	1,350,510	1,350,510	1,350,510	1,350,510	+64,310	---	---	D
Federally administered programs:									
Native Americans	52,502	52,502	52,502	55,127	53,815	+1,313	+1,313	-1,312	D
Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers	69,285	69,285	69,285	72,749	71,017	+1,732	+1,732	-1,732	D
Job Corps:									
Operations	1,064,824	1,127,726	1,127,726	1,127,726	1,127,726	+62,902	---	---	D
Construction and Renovation (3)	88,685	118,491	118,491	118,491	118,491	+29,806	---	---	D
Subtotal, Job Corps	1,153,509	1,246,217	1,246,217	1,246,217	1,246,217	+92,708	---	---	
Veterans' employment	7,300	7,300	7,300	7,300	7,300	---	---	---	D

(1) Forward funded except where noted.

(2) Current funded.

(3) 3 year availability.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
National activities:									
Pilots and Demonstrations	27,140	23,717	42,500	83,000	65,717	+38,577	+23,217	-17,283	D
Research, Demos, evaluation	6,196	10,196	8,196	8,196	8,196	+2,000	---	---	D
Opportunity Areas for Youth	---	250,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
Opportunity Areas for Youth -- Advance, FY99	---	---	100,000	250,000	250,000	+250,000	+150,000	---	D
Other	13,489	10,489	13,489	16,489	17,489	+4,000	+4,000	+1,000	D
Subtotal, National activities	46,825	294,402	164,185	357,685	341,402	+294,577	+177,217	-16,283	
Current Year: FY97/98	(46,825)	(294,402)	(64,185)	(107,685)	(91,402)	(+44,577)	(+27,217)	(-16,283)	
FY98/99	---	---	(100,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(+250,000)	(+150,000)	---	
Subtotal, Federal activities	1,329,421	1,669,706	1,539,489	1,739,078	1,719,751	+390,330	+180,262	-19,327	
Current Year: FY97/98	(1,329,421)	(1,669,706)	(1,439,489)	(1,489,078)	(1,469,751)	(+140,330)	(+30,262)	(-19,327)	
FY98/99	---	---	(100,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(+250,000)	(+150,000)	---	
Total, Job Training Partnership Act	4,508,293	5,085,171	4,933,954	5,045,553	5,026,226	+517,933	+92,272	-19,327	
Current Year: FY97/98	(4,508,293)	(5,085,171)	(4,833,954)	(4,795,553)	(4,776,226)	(+267,933)	(-57,728)	(-19,327)	
FY98/99	---	---	(100,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(+250,000)	(+150,000)	---	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
Women in Apprenticeship (1)	610	647	647	3,000	1,000	+390	+353	-2,000	D
Skills Standards	7,000	7,000	7,000	9,000	8,000	+1,000	+1,000	-1,000	D
Subtotal, National activities, TES	(54,435)	(302,049)	(171,832)	(369,685)	(350,402)	(+295,967)	(+178,570)	(-19,283)	
School-to-Work (2)	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	---	---	---	D
Homeless Veterans (1)	---	2,500	---	2,500	3,000	+3,000	+3,000	+500	D
Total, Training and Employment Services	4,715,903	5,295,318	5,141,601	5,260,053	5,238,226	+522,323	+96,625	-21,827	
Current Year: FY97/98	(4,715,903)	(5,295,318)	(5,041,601)	(5,010,053)	(4,988,226)	(+272,323)	(-53,375)	(-21,827)	
FY98/99	---	---	(100,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(+250,000)	(+150,000)	---	
Subtotal, forward funded	(3,844,293)	(4,421,171)	(4,169,954)	(4,133,553)	(4,113,226)	(+268,933)	(-56,728)	(-20,327)	
Community Serv. Employment Older Americans (3)	463,000	440,200	440,200	453,000	440,200	-22,800	---	-12,800	D
FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND ALLOWANCES									
Trade Adjustment	276,100	304,700	304,700	304,700	304,700	+28,600	---	---	M
NAFTA Activities	48,400	44,300	44,300	44,300	44,300	-4,100	---	---	M
Total	324,500	349,000	349,000	349,000	349,000	+24,500	---	---	

(1) Current funded.

(2) 15-month forward funded availability.

(3) The budget request proposed transfer of this funding to the Administration on Aging.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OPERATIONS									
Unemployment Compensation (Trust Funds):									
State Operations	(2,115,125)	(2,204,125)	(2,115,125)	(2,115,125)	(2,115,125)	---	---	---	TF*
National Activities	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	---	---	---	TF*
Year 2000 Computer conversion	---	(200,000)	(183,000)	(150,000)	(160,000)	(+160,000)	(-23,000)	(+10,000)	TF*
Advance for FY99	---	---	---	---	(40,000)	(+40,000)	(+40,000)	(+40,000)	TF*
Contingency	(216,333)	(216,333)	(196,333)	(212,333)	(196,333)	(-20,000)	---	(-16,000)	TF*
Subtotal, Unemployment Comp (trust funds)	(2,341,458)	(2,630,458)	(2,504,458)	(2,487,458)	(2,521,458)	(+180,000)	(+17,000)	(+34,000)	
Current year	(2,341,458)	(2,630,458)	(2,504,458)	(2,487,458)	(2,481,458)	(+140,000)	(-23,000)	(-6,000)	
FY99	---	---	---	---	(40,000)	(+40,000)	(+40,000)	(+40,000)	
Employment Service:									
Allotments to States:									
Federal Funds	23,452	23,452	23,452	23,452	23,452	---	---	---	D
Trust Funds	(738,283)	(738,283)	(738,283)	(738,283)	(738,283)	---	---	---	TF*
Subtotal	761,735	761,735	761,735	761,735	761,735	---	---	---	
National Activities:									
Trust Funds (1)	(62,735)	(62,735)	(62,735)	(62,735)	(62,735)	---	---	---	TF*
Subtotal, Employment Service	824,470	824,470	824,470	824,470	824,470	---	---	---	
Federal funds	23,452	23,452	23,452	23,452	23,452	---	---	---	
Trust funds	(801,018)	(801,018)	(801,018)	(801,018)	(801,018)	---	---	---	

(1) Includes $20 million related to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit which is unauthorized for FY98.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
One Stop Career Centers	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	---	---	---	D
Total, State Unemployment	3,315,928	3,604,928	3,478,928	3,461,928	3,495,928	+180,000	+17,000	+34,000	
Federal Funds	173,452	173,452	173,452	173,452	173,452	---	---	---	
Trust Funds	(3,142,476)	(3,431,476)	(3,305,476)	(3,288,476)	(3,322,476)	(+180,000)	(+17,000)	(+34,000)	
Current year	(3,142,476)	(3,431,476)	(3,305,476)	(3,288,476)	(3,282,476)	(+140,000)	(-23,000)	(-6,000)	
FY99	---	---	---	---	(40,000)	(+40,000)	(+40,000)	(+40,000)	
Advances to the UI and Other Trust Funds (1)	373,000	392,000	392,000	392,000	392,000	+19,000	---	---	M

(1) Two year availability.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION									
Adult Employment and Training	25,842	26,486	26,100	26,100	26,100	+258	---	---	D
Trust Funds	(2,237)	(2,331)	(2,259)	(2,259)	(2,259)	(+22)	---	---	TF*
Youth Employment and Training	29,607	31,871	29,903	29,903	29,903	+296	---	---	D
Employment Security	6,081	4,601	6,142	6,142	6,142	+61	---	---	D
Trust Funds	(37,324)	(39,807)	(37,697)	(37,697)	(37,697)	(+373)	---	---	TF*
Apprenticeship Services	16,271	17,367	16,434	16,434	16,434	+163	---	---	D
Executive Direction	5,672	5,889	5,729	5,729	5,729	+57	---	---	D
Trust Funds	(1,316)	(1,291)	(1,329)	(1,329)	(1,329)	(+13)	---	---	TF*
Welfare to Work	---	6,200	---	4,000	6,000	+6,000	+6,000	+2,000	D
Subtotal, Program Administration	124,350	135,843	125,593	129,593	131,593	+7,243	+6,000	+2,000	
Federal funds	83,473	92,414	84,308	88,308	90,308	+6,835	+6,000	+2,000	
Trust funds	(40,877)	(43,429)	(41,285)	(41,285)	(41,285)	(+408)	---	---	
Subtotal, Employment & Training Administration	9,316,681	10,217,289	9,927,322	10,045,574	10,046,947	+730,266	+119,625	+1,373	
Federal funds	6,133,328	6,742,384	6,580,561	6,715,813	6,683,186	+549,858	+102,625	-32,627	
Current Year: FY97/98	(6,133,328)	(6,742,384)	(6,480,561)	(6,465,813)	(6,433,186)	(+299,858)	(-47,375)	(-32,627)	
FY98/99	---	---	(100,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(+250,000)	(+150,000)	---	
Trust funds	(3,183,353)	(3,474,905)	(3,346,761)	(3,329,761)	(3,363,761)	(+180,408)	(+17,000)	(+34,000)	
Current Year: FY97/98	(3,183,353)	(3,474,905)	(3,346,761)	(3,329,761)	(3,323,761)	(+140,408)	(-23,000)	(-6,000)	
FY98/99	---	---	---	---	(40,000)	(+40,000)	(+40,000)	(+40,000)	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
PENSION AND WELFARE BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION									
SALARIES AND EXPENSES									
Enforcement and Compliance	61,476	67,463	66,100	66,100	66,100	+4,624	---	---	D
Policy, Regulation and Public Service	11,781	13,158	12,281	12,281	12,281	+500	---	---	D
Program Oversight	3,583	3,686	3,619	3,619	3,619	+36	---	---	D
Subtotal, PWBA	76,840	84,307	82,000	82,000	82,000	+5,160	---	---	
PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION									
Program Administration subject to limitation (TF) (1)	(10,330)	(10,625)	(10,433)	(10,433)	(10,433)	(+103)	---	---	TF
Termination services not subject to limitation (NA)	(125,338)	(137,376)	(137,376)	(137,376)	(137,376)	(+12,038)	---	---	NA
Subtotal, PBGC new BA	(10,330)	(10,625)	(10,433)	(10,433)	(10,433)	(+103)	---	---	
Subtotal, PBGC (Program level)	(135,668)	(148,001)	(147,809)	(147,809)	(147,809)	(+12,141)	---	---	

(1) This limitation is scored as BA in FY98; see scorekeeping summary.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION									
SALARIES AND EXPENSES									
Enforcement of Wage and Hour Standards	117,904	124,505	121,213	121,213	121,213	+3,309	---	---	D
Office of Labor-Management Standards	25,489	26,382	26,709	26,709	26,709	+1,220	---	---	D
Federal Contractor EEO Standards Enforcement	58,972	68,728	60,618	62,271	62,271	+3,299	+1,653	---	D
Federal Programs for Workers' Compensation	75,670	81,199	77,783	77,783	77,783	+2,113	---	---	D
Trust Funds (1)	(983)	(1,760)	(993)	(993)	(993)	(+10)	---	---	TF
Program Direction and Support	11,366	11,629	11,684	11,684	11,684	+318	---	---	D
Subtotal, ESA salaries and expenses	290,384	314,203	299,000	300,653	300,653	+10,269	+1,653	---	
Federal funds	289,401	312,443	298,007	299,660	299,660	+10,259	+1,653	---	
Trust funds	(983)	(1,760)	(993)	(993)	(993)	(+10)	---	---	
SPECIAL BENEFITS									
Federal employees compensation benefits	209,000	197,000	197,000	197,000	197,000	-12,000	---	---	M
Longshore and harbor workers' benefits	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	---	---	---	M
Subtotal, Special Benefits	213,000	201,000	201,000	201,000	201,000	-12,000	---	---	

(1) This limitation is scored as BA in FY98; see scorekeeping summary.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
BLACK LUNG DISABILITY TRUST FUND									
Benefit payments and interest on advances	961,665	960,650	960,650	960,650	960,650	-1,015	---	---	M
Employment Standards Adm. S&E	26,053	26,147	26,147	26,147	26,147	+94	---	---	M
Departmental Management S&E	19,621	19,551	19,551	19,551	19,551	-70	---	---	M
Departmental Management, Inspector General	287	296	296	296	296	+9	---	---	M
Subtotal, Black Lung Disablty. Trust Fund, apprn	1,007,626	1,006,644	1,006,644	1,006,644	1,006,644	-982	---	---	
Treasury Adm. Costs (Indefinite)	356	356	356	356	356	---	---	---	M
Total, Black Lung Disability Trust Fund	1,007,982	1,007,000	1,007,000	1,007,000	1,007,000	-982	---	---	
Total, Employment Standards Administration	1,511,366	1,522,203	1,507,000	1,508,653	1,508,653	-2,713	+1,653	---	
Federal funds	1,510,383	1,520,443	1,506,007	1,507,660	1,507,660	-2,723	+1,653	---	
Trust funds	(983)	(1,760)	(993)	(993)	(993)	(+10)	---	---	
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION									
SALARIES AND EXPENSES									
Safety and Health Standards	11,971	12,566	12,091	12,091	12,091	+120	---	---	D
Federal Enforcement	125,907	135,689	127,166	130,606	128,886	+2,979	+1,720	-1,720	D
State Enforcement Programs	77,169	79,175	77,941	77,941	77,941	+772	---	---	D
Technical Support	17,417	17,617	17,591	17,591	17,591	+174	---	---	D
Compliance Assistance: Federal Assistance	37,351	46,285	45,725	41,734	43,729	+6,378	-1,996	+1,995	D
State Consultation Grants	34,477	35,373	34,822	35,373	35,373	+896	+551	---	D
Safety and Health Statistics	14,142	14,460	14,283	14,283	14,283	+141	---	---	D
Executive Direction and Administration	6,521	6,640	6,586	6,586	6,586	+65	---	---	D
Total, OSHA	324,955	347,805	336,205	336,205	336,480	+11,525	+275	+275	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION									
SALARIES AND EXPENSES									
Coal Enforcement	106,993	107,419	108,063	107,419	107,419	+426	-644	---	D
Metal/Non-Metal Enforcement	41,994	44,315	42,414	44,315	43,681	+1,687	+1,267	-634	D
Standards Development	1,008	1,426	1,018	1,426	1,290	+282	+272	-136	D
Assessments	3,497	3,578	3,532	3,578	3,555	+58	+23	-23	D
Educational Policy and Development	14,782	14,834	14,930	14,834	14,834	+52	-96	---	D
Technical Support	21,268	24,870	21,481	24,870	23,740	+2,472	+2,259	-1,130	D
Program Administration	7,645	9,362	7,721	9,362	8,815	+1,170	+1,094	-547	D
Total, Mine Safety and Health Administration	197,187	205,804	199,159	205,804	203,334	+6,147	+4,175	-2,470	
BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS									
SALARIES AND EXPENSES									
Employment and Unemployment Statistics	102,169	109,955	109,955	106,415	110,955	+8,786	+1,000	+4,540	D
Labor Market Information (Trust Funds)	(52,053)	(52,848)	(52,848)	(52,574)	(52,848)	(+795)	---	(+274)	TF*
Prices and Cost of Living	100,134	107,028	108,028	107,028	107,028	+6,894	-1,000	---	D
Compensation and Working Conditions	56,834	58,909	58,909	57,402	58,909	+2,075	---	+1,507	D
Productivity and Technology	7,263	7,248	7,248	7,336	7,248	-15	---	-88	D
Economic Growth and Employment Projections	4,640	4,728	4,728	4,686	4,728	+88	---	+42	D
Executive Direction and Staff Services	21,584	23,311	23,311	21,800	23,311	+1,727	---	+1,511	D
Consumer Price Index Revision (1)	16,145	15,430	15,430	15,430	15,430	-715	---	---	D
Total, Bureau of Labor Statistics	360,822	379,457	380,457	372,671	380,457	+19,635	---	+7,786	
Federal Funds	308,769	326,609	327,609	320,097	327,609	+18,840	---	+7,512	
Trust Funds	(52,053)	(52,848)	(52,848)	(52,574)	(52,848)	(+795)	---	(+274)	

(1) Two year availability.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT									
SALARIES AND EXPENSES									
Executive Direction	20,029	19,714	18,209	19,714	18,962	-1,067	+753	-752	D
Legal Services	59,911	64,813	64,813	64,813	64,813	+4,902	---	---	D
Trust Funds	(297)	(282)	(282)	(282)	(282)	(-15)	---	---	TF*
International Labor Affairs	9,465	11,095	13,095	11,095	12,095	+2,630	-1,000	+1,000	D
Administration and Management	13,904	14,259	14,043	14,259	14,151	+247	+108	-108	D
Adjudication	20,483	20,979	20,688	20,688	20,688	+205	---	---	D
Promoting Employment of People with Disabilities	4,358	4,439	4,402	4,439	4,421	+63	+19	-18	D
Women's Bureau	7,743	7,569	7,569	7,743	7,743	---	+174	---	D
Civil Rights Activities	4,535	4,598	4,580	4,580	4,580	+45	---	---	D
Chief Financial Officer	4,394	4,930	4,800	4,800	4,800	+406	---	---	D
Total, Salaries and expenses	145,119	152,678	152,481	152,413	152,535	+7,416	+54	+122	
Federal funds	144,822	152,396	152,199	152,131	152,253	+7,431	+54	+122	
Trust funds	(297)	(282)	(282)	(282)	(282)	(-15)	---	---	
VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING									
State Administration: Disabled Veterans Outreach Program	(81,993)	(80,040)	(80,040)	(80,040)	(80,040)	(-1,953)	---	---	TF*
Local Veterans Employment Program	(75,125)	(77,078)	(77,078)	(77,078)	(77,078)	(+1,953)	---	---	TF*
Subtotal, State Administration	(157,118)	(157,118)	(157,118)	(157,118)	(157,118)	---	---	---	
Federal Administration	(22,733)	(22,837)	(24,837)	(22,837)	(24,837)	(+2,104)	---	(+2,000)	TF*
National Veterans Training Institute	(2,000)	(2,000)	---	(2,000)	---	(-2,000)	---	(-2,000)	TF*
Total, Veterans Employment & Training (TF)	(181,851)	(181,955)	(181,955)	(181,955)	(181,955)	(+104)	---	---	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL									
Program Activities	37,480	37,345	36,345	37,345	36,845	-635	+500	-500	D
Trust Funds	(3,543)	(3,645)	(3,645)	(3,645)	(3,645)	(+102)	---	---	TF*
Executive Direction and Management	5,958	5,760	5,760	5,760	5,760	-198	---	---	D
Total, Office of the Inspector General	46,981	46,750	45,750	46,750	46,250	-731	+500	-500	
Federal funds	43,438	43,105	42,105	43,105	42,605	-833	+500	-500	
Trust funds	(3,543)	(3,645)	(3,645)	(3,645)	(3,645)	(+102)	---	---	
Total, Departmental Management	373,951	381,383	380,186	381,118	380,740	+6,789	+554	-378	
Federal funds	188,260	195,501	194,304	195,236	194,858	+6,598	+554	-378	
Trust funds	(185,691)	(185,882)	(185,882)	(185,882)	(185,882)	(+191)	---	---	
Total, Labor Department	12,172,132	13,148,873	12,822,762	12,942,458	12,949,044	+776,912	+126,282	+6,586	
Federal funds	8,739,722	9,422,853	9,225,845	9,362,815	9,335,127	+595,405	+109,282	-27,688	
Current Year: FY97/98	(8,739,722)	(9,422,853)	(9,125,845)	(9,112,815)	(9,085,127)	(+345,405)	(-40,718)	(-27,688)	
FY98/99	---	---	(100,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(+250,000)	(+150,000)	---	
Trust funds	(3,432,410)	(3,726,020)	(3,596,917)	(3,579,643)	(3,613,917)	(+181,507)	(+17,000)	(+34,274)	
Current Year: FY97/98	(3,432,410)	(3,726,020)	(3,596,917)	(3,579,643)	(3,573,917)	(+141,507)	(-23,000)	(-5,726)	
FY98/99	---	---	---	---	(40,000)	(+40,000)	(+40,000)	(+40,000)	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
TITLE II - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES									
HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION									
HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES									
Consolidated health centers	802,009	809,868	826,000	826,000	826,000	+23,991	---	---	D
National Health Service Corps:									
Field placements	37,244	37,244	37,244	37,244	37,244	---	---	---	D
Recruitment	78,166	78,166	82,756	78,166	78,166	---	-4,590	---	D
Subtotal, National Health Service Corps	115,410	115,410	120,000	115,410	115,410	---	-4,590	---	
Health Professions									
Grants to Communities for Scholarships	532	---	545	---	534	+2	-11	+534	D
Health Professions data systems	236	---	241	---	237	+1	-4	+237	D
Research on Health Professions Issues	450	---	461	---	452	+2	-9	+452	D
Nurse loan repayment for shortage area service	2,197	---	2,251	---	2,205	+8	-46	+2,205	D
Workforce Development Cluster (proposed)	---	623	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
Centers of excellence	24,714	---	27,300	---	24,798	+84	-2,502	+24,798	D
Health careers opportunity program	26,779	---	30,000	---	26,870	+91	-3,130	+26,870	D
Exceptional financial need scholarships	11,332	---	11,610	---	11,371	+39	-239	+11,371	D
Faculty loan repayment	1,061	---	1,087	---	1,065	+4	-22	+1,065	D
Fin. Assistance for disadvantaged HP students	6,718	---	6,883	---	6,741	+23	-142	+6,741	D
Scholarships for disadvantaged students	18,673	---	21,100	---	18,737	+64	-2,363	+18,737	D
Minority/Disadvantaged Cluster (proposed)	---	89,277	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
Family medicine training/departments	49,256	---	50,464	---	49,424	+168	-1,040	+49,424	D
General internal medicine and pediatrics	17,618	---	18,050	---	17,678	+60	-372	+17,678	D

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
Physician assistants	6,376	---	6,532	---	6,398	+22	-134	+6,398	D
Public health and preventive medicine	7,998	---	8,194	---	8,025	+27	-169	+8,025	D
Health administration traineeships/projects	1,095	---	1,122	---	1,099	+4	-23	+1,099	D
Primary Care Medicine & Pub Health Cluster (proposed)	---	7,700	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
Area health education centers	28,490	---	29,189	---	28,587	+97	-602	+28,587	D
Border health training centers	3,752	---	3,844	---	3,765	+13	-79	+3,765	D
General dentistry residencies	3,785	---	3,878	---	3,798	+13	-80	+3,798	D
Allied health special projects	3,832	---	3,926	---	3,845	+13	-81	+3,845	D
Geriatric education centers and training	8,881	---	9,099	---	8,911	+30	-188	+8,911	D
Rural interdisciplinary traineeships	4,153	---	4,255	---	4,167	+14	-88	+4,167	D
Podiatric Medicine	677	---	694	---	679	+2	-15	+679	D
Chiropractic demonstration grants	1,025	---	1,050	---	1,029	+4	-21	+1,029	D
Enhanced Area Health Education Cluster (proposed)	---	24,700	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
Advanced Nurse Education	12,467	---	12,773	---	12,510	+43	-263	+12,510	D
Nurse practitioners/nurse midwives	17,586	---	18,017	---	17,646	+60	-371	+17,646	D
Special projects	10,564	---	10,823	---	10,600	+36	-223	+10,600	D
Nurse disadvantaged assistance	3,865	---	3,960	---	3,878	+13	-82	+3,878	D
Professional nurse traineeships	15,941	---	16,332	---	15,995	+54	-337	+15,995	D
Nurse anesthetists	2,765	---	2,833	---	2,774	+9	-59	+2,774	D
Nurse Education / Practice Init Cluster (proposed)	---	7,700	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
Consolidated Title VII programs	---	---	---	165,000	---	---	---	-165,000	D
Consolidated Title VIII programs	---	---	---	55,000	---	---	---	-55,000	D
Subtotal, Health professions	292,818	130,000	306,513	220,000	293,818	+1,000	-12,695	+73,818	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
Other HRSA Programs:									
Hansen's Disease Services Cluster (1).....	17,094	16,469	17,094	14,424	17,094	---	---	+2,670	D
Maternal & Child Health Block Grant.....	681,000	681,000	685,000	681,000	683,000	+2,000	-2,000	+2,000	D
Healthy Start.....	95,982	95,982	95,982	95,982	95,982	---	---	---	D
Organ Transplantation.....	2,278	3,891	2,278	2,778	2,778	+500	+500	---	D
Health Teaching Facilities Interest Subsidies.....	297	225	225	225	225	-72	---	---	D
Bone Marrow Program.....	15,270	15,270	15,270	15,270	15,270	---	---	---	D
Rural outreach grants.....	27,796	25,092	27,796	30,092	32,592	+4,796	+4,796	+2,500	D
Emergency medical services for children.....	12,493	12,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	+507	---	---	D
Black lung clinics.....	4,000	1,906	5,000	5,000	5,000	+1,000	---	---	D
Alzheimer's demonstration grants (2).....	5,999	---	5,999	5,999	5,999	---	---	---	D
Payment to Hawaii, treatment of Hansen's (1).....	2,045	---	2,045	2,045	2,045	---	---	---	D
Subtotal, Other HRSA programs.....	864,254	851,835	869,689	865,815	872,985	+8,731	+3,296	+7,170	

(1) Proposed for consolidation.

(2) Proposed for transfer to AoA.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
Ryan White AIDS Programs:									
Emergency Assistance	449,943	454,943	471,663	457,943	464,800	+14,857	-6,863	+6,857	D
Comprehensive Care Programs	416,954	431,954	560,994	469,954	543,000	+126,046	-17,994	+73,046	D
AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) (NA)	(167,000)	(167,000)	(299,000)	(217,000)	(285,500)	(+118,500)	(-13,500)	(+68,500)	NA
Early Intervention Program	69,568	84,568	72,928	79,568	76,300	+6,732	+3,372	-3,268	D
Pediatric Demonstrations	36,000	40,000	37,720	45,000	41,000	+5,000	+3,280	-4,000	D
AIDS Dental Services	7,500	7,500	7,860	7,500	7,800	+300	-60	+300	D
Education and Training Centers	16,287	17,287	17,087	17,287	17,300	+1,013	+213	+13	D
Subtotal, Ryan White AIDS programs	996,252	1,036,252	1,168,252	1,077,252	1,150,200	+153,948	-18,052	+72,948	
Family Planning	198,452	203,452	194,452	208,452	203,452	+5,000	+9,000	-5,000	D
Rural Health Research	8,713	8,713	8,713	11,713	11,713	+3,000	+3,000	---	D
Health Care and Other Facilities	12,902	---	---	10,000	28,000	+15,098	+28,000	+18,000	D
Buildings and Facilities (1)	828	---	2,500	---	2,500	+1,672	---	+2,500	D
National Practitioner Data Bank	6,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	+2,000	---	---	D
User Fees	-6,000	-8,000	-8,000	-8,000	-8,000	-2,000	---	---	D
Program Management	112,929	110,949	110,949	114,429	114,059	+1,130	+3,110	-370	D
Total, Health resources and services	3,404,567	3,266,479	3,607,068	3,449,071	3,618,137	+213,570	+11,069	+169,066	

(1) Proposed for consolidation.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
MEDICAL FACILITIES GUARANTEE AND LOAN FUND:									
Interest subsidy program	7,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	-1,000	---	---	M
HEALTH EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOANS PROGRAM (HEAL):									
New loan subsidies	477	1,020	1,020	1,020	1,020	+543	---	---	M
Liquidating account (NA)	(37,608)	(29,566)	(29,566)	(29,566)	(29,566)	(-8,042)	---	---	NA
HEAL loan limitation (NA)	(140,000)	(85,000)	(85,000)	(85,000)	(85,000)	(-55,000)	---	---	NA
Program management	2,688	2,688	2,688	2,688	2,688	---	---	---	D
Total, HEAL	3,165	3,708	3,708	3,708	3,708	+543	---	---	
VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM TRUST FUND:									
Post-FY88 claims (TF)	50,476	42,448	42,448	42,448	42,448	-8,028	---	---	M
HRSA administration (TF)	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	---	---	---	M
Subtotal, Vaccine injury compensation trust fund	53,476	45,448	45,448	45,448	45,448	-8,028	---	---	
VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION:									
Pre-FY89 claims (appropriation)	110,000	---	---	---	---	-110,000	---	---	M
Total, Vaccine injury	163,476	45,448	45,448	45,448	45,448	-118,028	---	---	
Total, Health Resources & Services Admin	3,578,208	3,321,635	3,662,224	3,504,227	3,673,293	+95,085	+11,069	+169,066	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION									
DISEASE CONTROL, RESEARCH AND TRAINING									
Preventive Health Services Block Grant	153,994	143,940	155,000	143,940	150,000	-3,994	-5,000	+6,060	D
Prevention Centers	8,099	8,099	8,099	8,099	8,099	---	---	---	D
Childhood immunization (1)	467,583	427,312	440,030	445,545	427,312	-40,271	-12,718	-18,233	D
HCFA vaccine purchase (NA)	372,534	437,104	437,104	437,104	437,104	+64,570	---	---	NA
Subtotal, CDC/HCFA vaccine program level	467,583	427,312	440,030	445,545	427,312	-40,271	-12,718	-18,233	
AIDS	616,790	634,266	621,790	646,790	634,266	+17,476	+12,476	-12,524	D
Tuberculosis	119,294	119,236	119,236	119,236	119,236	-58	---	---	D
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	106,203	111,171	111,171	111,171	113,671	+7,468	+2,500	+2,500	D
Chronic and Environmental Disease Prevention	166,874	191,039	228,039	203,454	217,136	+50,262	-10,903	+13,682	D
Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening	139,659	141,897	145,000	141,897	145,000	+5,341	---	+3,103	D
Infectious Diseases	87,720	112,428	118,000	112,428	115,214	+27,494	-2,786	+2,786	D
Lead Poisoning Prevention	38,181	38,154	38,200	38,200	38,200	+19	---	---	D
Injury Control	43,182	49,033	55,933	45,063	50,507	+7,325	-5,426	+5,444	D
Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)	141,340	148,463	148,840	148,463	152,840	+11,500	+4,000	+4,377	D
Mine Safety and Health	31,913	32,000	32,000	40,000	36,000	+4,087	+4,000	-4,000	D
Epidemic Services	69,608	69,322	69,322	69,322	69,322	-286	---	---	D

(1) Request includes bill language exempting from the excise tax vaccine purchased with appropriated funds; savings are estimated at $25 million.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
National Center for Health Statistics:									
Program Operations	37,612	18,963	37,612	18,033	26,780	-10,832	-10,832	+8,747	D
1% evaluation funds (NA)	(48,400)	(70,063)	(48,400)	(70,063)	(59,232)	(+10,832)	(+10,832)	(-10,831)	NA
Subtotal, health statistics	(86,012)	(89,026)	(86,012)	(88,096)	(86,012)	---	---	(-2,084)	
Buildings and Facilities	30,553	23,007	20,000	23,007	21,504	-9,049	+1,504	-1,503	D
Program Management	2,563	2,465	2,465	2,465	2,465	-98	---	---	D
Subtotal, Centers for Disease Control	2,261,168	2,270,795	2,350,737	2,317,113	2,327,552	+66,384	-23,185	+10,439	
Crime Bill Activities:									
Rape Prevention and Education	35,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	+10,000	---	---	D
Domestic Violence Community Demonstrations	6,000	---	---	6,000	6,000	---	+6,000	---	D
Subtotal, Crime bill activities	41,000	45,000	45,000	51,000	51,000	+10,000	+6,000	---	
Total, Disease Control	2,302,168	2,315,795	2,395,737	2,368,113	2,378,552	+76,384	-17,185	+10,439	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH									
National Cancer Institute	2,389,065	2,217,482	2,513,020	2,558,377	2,547,314	+158,249	+34,294	-11,063	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(224,256)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NCI	(2,389,065)	(2,441,738)	(2,513,020)	(2,558,377)	(2,547,314)	(+158,249)	(+34,294)	(-11,063)	
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute	1,431,830	1,404,770	1,513,004	1,539,898	1,531,061	+99,231	+18,057	-8,837	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(62,419)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NHLBI	(1,431,830)	(1,467,189)	(1,513,004)	(1,539,898)	(1,531,061)	(+99,231)	(+18,057)	(-8,837)	
National Institute of Dental Research	197,063	190,081	209,403	211,611	209,415	+12,352	+12	-2,196	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(12,750)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NIDR	(197,063)	(202,831)	(209,403)	(211,611)	(209,415)	(+12,352)	(+12)	(-2,196)	
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases	813,149	821,164	874,337	883,321	873,860	+60,711	-477	-9,461	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(12,638)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NIDDK	(813,149)	(833,802)	(874,337)	(883,321)	(873,860)	(+60,711)	(-477)	(-9,461)	
National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke	729,259	722,712	763,325	781,351	780,713	+51,454	+17,388	-638	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(25,116)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NINDS	(729,259)	(747,828)	(763,325)	(781,351)	(780,713)	(+51,454)	(+17,388)	(-638)	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.	1,257,794	634,272	1,339,459	1,359,688	1,351,655	+93,861	+12,196	-8,033	D
AIDS (NA).....	---	(678,230)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NIAID.....	(1,257,794)	(1,312,502)	(1,339,459)	(1,359,688)	(1,351,655)	(+93,861)	(+12,196)	(-8,033)	
National Institute of General Medical Sciences.....	995,471	992,032	1,047,963	1,058,969	1,065,947	+70,476	+17,984	+6,978	D
AIDS (NA).....	---	(28,160)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NIGMS.....	(995,471)	(1,020,192)	(1,047,963)	(1,058,969)	(1,065,947)	(+70,476)	(+17,984)	(+6,978)	
National Institute of Child Health & Human Development	631,628	582,032	666,682	676,870	674,766	+43,138	+8,084	-2,104	D
AIDS (NA).....	---	(65,247)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NICHD.....	(631,628)	(647,279)	(666,682)	(676,870)	(674,766)	(+43,138)	(+8,084)	(-2,104)	
National Eye Institute.....	331,606	330,955	354,032	357,695	355,691	+24,085	+1,659	-2,004	D
AIDS (NA).....	---	(9,476)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NEI.....	(331,606)	(340,431)	(354,032)	(357,695)	(355,691)	(+24,085)	(+1,659)	(-2,004)	
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences...	307,562	313,583	328,583	331,969	330,108	+22,546	+1,525	-1,861	D
AIDS (NA).....	---	(6,324)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NIEHS.....	(307,562)	(319,907)	(328,583)	(331,969)	(330,108)	(+22,546)	(+1,525)	(-1,861)	
National Institute on Aging.....	484,326	495,202	509,811	520,705	519,279	+34,953	+9,468	-1,426	D
AIDS (NA).....	---	(1,874)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NIA.....	(484,326)	(497,076)	(509,811)	(520,705)	(519,279)	(+34,953)	(+9,468)	(-1,426)	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases	256,228	258,932	269,807	272,631	274,760	+18,532	+4,953	+2,129	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(4,310)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NIAMS	(256,228)	(263,242)	(269,807)	(272,631)	(274,760)	(+18,532)	(+4,953)	(+2,129)	
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders	188,273	192,447	198,373	200,428	200,695	+12,422	+2,322	+267	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(1,774)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NIDCD	(188,273)	(194,221)	(198,373)	(200,428)	(200,695)	(+12,422)	(+2,322)	(+267)	
National Institute of Nursing Research	59,554	55,692	62,451	64,016	63,597	+4,043	+1,146	-419	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(5,360)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NINR	(59,554)	(61,052)	(62,451)	(64,016)	(63,597)	(+4,043)	(+1,146)	(-419)	
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	211,254	208,112	226,205	228,585	227,175	+15,921	+970	-1,410	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(11,234)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NIAAA	(211,254)	(219,346)	(226,205)	(228,585)	(227,175)	(+15,921)	(+970)	(-1,410)	
National Institute on Drug Abuse	490,113	358,475	525,641	531,751	527,175	+37,062	+1,534	-4,576	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(163,440)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NIDA	(490,113)	(521,915)	(525,641)	(531,751)	(527,175)	(+37,062)	(+1,534)	(-4,576)	
National Institute of Mental Health	700,701	629,739	744,235	753,334	750,241	+49,540	+6,006	-3,093	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(98,510)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NIMH	(700,701)	(728,249)	(744,235)	(753,334)	(750,241)	(+49,540)	(+6,006)	(-3,093)	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
National Human Genome Research Institute	188,957	202,197	211,772	218,851	217,704	+28,747	+5,932	-1,147	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(2,990)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NHGRI	(188,957)	(205,187)	(211,772)	(218,851)	(217,704)	(+28,747)	(+5,932)	(-1,147)	
National Center for Research Resources	414,049	333,868	436,961	455,805	453,883	+39,834	+16,922	-1,922	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(77,053)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NCRR	(414,049)	(410,921)	(436,961)	(455,805)	(453,883)	(+39,834)	(+16,922)	(-1,922)	
John Fogarty International Center	26,504	16,755	27,620	28,468	28,289	+1,785	+669	-179	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(10,413)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, FIC	(26,504)	(27,168)	(27,620)	(28,468)	(28,289)	(+1,785)	(+669)	(-179)	
National Library of Medicine	150,376	152,689	161,171	162,825	161,185	+10,809	+14	-1,640	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(3,279)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, NLM	(150,376)	(155,968)	(161,171)	(162,825)	(161,185)	(+10,809)	(+14)	(-1,640)	
Office of the Director	286,081	234,247	298,339	292,196	296,373	+10,292	-1,966	+4,177	D
AIDS (NA)	---	(35,912)	---	---	---	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, OD	(286,081)	(270,159)	(298,339)	(292,196)	(296,373)	(+10,292)	(-1,966)	(+4,177)	
Buildings and Facilities	200,000	190,000	223,100	203,500	206,957	+6,957	-16,143	+3,457	D
Office of AIDS Research	---	1,540,765	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
Total N.I.H.	12,740,843	13,078,203	13,505,294	13,692,844	13,647,843	+907,000	+142,549	-45,001	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION									
Mental Health:									
Knowledge development and application	57,964	58,032	58,032	57,964	57,964	---	-68	---	D
Mental Health Performance Partnership	275,420	275,420	275,420	275,420	275,420	---	---	---	D
Children's Mental Health	69,896	69,927	72,927	69,896	72,927	+3,031	---	+3,031	D
Grants to States for the Homeless (PATH)	20,000	20,000	23,000	20,000	23,000	+3,000	---	+3,000	D
Protection and Advocacy	21,957	21,957	21,957	21,957	21,957	---	---	---	D
Subtotal, mental health	445,237	445,336	451,336	445,237	451,268	+6,031	-68	+6,031	
Substance Abuse Treatment:									
Knowledge Development and Application	155,868	156,000	159,000	155,868	155,868	---	-3,132	---	D
Substance Abuse Performance Partnership -- (BA)	1,310,107	1,320,107	1,320,107	1,310,107	1,310,107	---	-10,000	---	D
P.L. 104-121 funding	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, Substance Abuse Treatment (BA)	1,465,975	1,476,107	1,479,107	1,465,975	1,465,975	---	-13,132	---	
Total, Treatment program level	(1,515,975)	(1,526,107)	(1,529,107)	(1,515,975)	(1,515,975)	---	(-13,132)	---	
Substance Abuse Prevention:									
Knowledge Development and Application	155,869	151,000	151,000	151,000	151,000	-4,869	---	---	D
High Risk Youth Grants	---	---	---	10,000	6,000	+6,000	+6,000	-4,000	D
Subtotal, Substance abuse prevention	155,869	151,000	151,000	161,000	157,000	+1,131	+6,000	-4,000	
Program Management and Buildings and Facilities	54,431	55,500	55,500	54,431	54,500	+69	-1,000	+69	D
Data Collection	---	28,000	15,000	---	18,000	+18,000	+3,000	+18,000	D
1% evaluation funding (NA)	---	---	---	(10,000)	---	---	---	(-10,000)	NA
Total, Substance Abuse and Mental Health (BA)	2,121,512	2,155,943	2,151,943	2,126,643	2,146,743	+25,231	-5,200	+20,100	
Total, Program level	(2,171,512)	(2,205,943)	(2,201,943)	(2,176,643)	(2,196,743)	(+25,231)	(-5,200)	(+20,100)	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
RETIREMENT PAY AND MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS									
Retirement payments	139,299	149,217	149,217	149,217	149,217	+9,918	---	---	M
Survivors benefits	10,417	11,643	11,643	11,643	11,643	+1,226	---	---	M
Dependents' medical care	26,363	27,470	27,470	27,470	27,470	+1,107	---	---	M
Military services credits	2,556	2,409	2,409	2,409	2,409	-147	---	---	M
Total, Retirement pay and medical benefits	178,635	190,739	190,739	190,739	190,739	+12,104	---	---	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE POLICY AND RESEARCH									
Research on Health Care Systems Cost & Access:									
Federal Funds	35,650	17,170	35,573	17,170	25,214	-10,436	-10,359	+8,044	D
1% evaluation funding (NA)	(8,750)	(29,515)	(11,112)	(29,515)	(19,906)	(+11,156)	(+8,794)	(-9,609)	NA
Subtotal	(44,400)	(46,685)	(46,685)	(46,685)	(45,120)	(+720)	(-1,565)	(-1,565)	
Health Insurance & Expenditure Surveys:									
Federal Funds	224	10,000	---	10,000	---	-224	---	-10,000	D
1% evaluation funding (NA)	(38,662)	(26,300)	(36,300)	(26,300)	(36,300)	(-2,362)	---	(+10,000)	NA
Subtotal	(38,886)	(36,300)	(36,300)	(36,300)	(36,300)	(-2,586)	---	---	
Research on Health Care Outcomes & Quality:									
Federal Funds	57,963	57,600	63,785	48,187	62,785	+4,822	-1,000	+14,598	D
1% evaluation funding (NA)	---	(6,185)	---	(9,185)	---	---	---	(-9,185)	NA
Subtotal	(57,963)	(63,785)	(63,785)	(57,372)	(62,785)	(+4,822)	(-1,000)	(+5,413)	
Program Support	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	2,230	---	---	---	D
Total, AHCPR	143,479	149,000	149,000	142,587	146,435	+2,956	-2,565	+3,848	
Federal Funds	96,067	87,000	101,588	77,587	90,229	-5,838	-11,359	+12,642	
1% evaluation funding (non-add)	(47,412)	(62,000)	(47,412)	(65,000)	(56,206)	(+8,794)	(+8,794)	(-8,794)	
Total, Public Health Service	21,017,433	21,149,315	22,007,525	21,960,153	22,127,399	+1,109,966	+119,874	+167,246	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION									
GRANTS TO STATES FOR MEDICAID									
Medicaid current law benefits	98,210,228	99,144,000	99,144,000	99,144,000	99,144,000	+933,772	---	---	M
State and local administration	4,633,884	4,874,546	4,874,546	4,874,546	4,874,546	+240,662	---	---	M
Vaccines for Children	522,904	365,104	365,104	437,104	437,104	-85,800	+72,000	---	M
Subtotal, Medicaid program level, FY 1997 / 1998	103,367,016	104,383,650	104,383,650	104,455,650	104,455,650	+1,088,634	+72,000	---	
Carryover balance	-2,155,048	-4,864,228	-4,864,228	-4,864,228	-4,864,228	-2,709,180	---	---	M
Less funds advanced in prior year	-26,155,350	-27,988,993	-27,988,993	-27,988,993	-27,988,993	-1,833,643	---	---	M
Total, request, FY 1997 / 1998	75,056,618	71,530,429	71,530,429	71,602,429	71,602,429	-3,454,189	+72,000	---	
New advance 1st quarter, FY 98/99	27,988,993	27,800,689	27,800,689	27,800,689	27,800,689	-188,304	---	---	M
PAYMENTS TO HEALTH CARE TRUST FUNDS									
Supplemental medical insurance	59,456,000	63,416,000	63,416,000	63,416,000	60,739,000	+1,283,000	-2,677,000	-2,677,000	M
Hospital insurance for the uninsured	405,000	-52,000	-52,000	-52,000	-52,000	-457,000	---	---	M
Federal uninsured payment	76,000	86,000	86,000	86,000	86,000	+10,000	---	---	M
Program management	142,000	131,000	131,000	131,000	131,000	-11,000	---	---	M
Total, Payments to Trust Funds, current law	60,079,000	63,581,000	63,581,000	63,581,000	60,904,000	+825,000	-2,677,000	-2,677,000	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT									
Research, demonstration, and evaluation: Regular Program	(44,000)	(45,000)	(49,000)	(47,000)	(50,000)	(+6,000)	(+1,000)	(+3,000)	TF*
Medicare Contractors	(1,207,200)	(1,223,000)	(1,134,000)	(1,189,000)	(1,174,000)	(-33,200)	(+40,000)	(-15,000)	TF*
H.R. 3103 funding (non-add)	(440,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(+60,000)	---	---	NA
Subtotal, Contractors program level	(1,647,200)	(1,723,000)	(1,634,000)	(1,689,000)	(1,674,000)	(+26,800)	(+40,000)	(-15,000)	
State Survey and Certification	(158,000)	(148,000)	(148,000)	(158,000)	(154,000)	(-4,000)	(+6,000)	(-4,000)	TF*
Federal Administration	(327,173)	(360,434)	(350,369)	(327,173)	(367,000)	(+39,827)	(+16,631)	(+39,827)	TF*
User Fees	(-1,932)	(-1,934)	(-1,934)	(-1,932)	(-1,934)	(-2)	---	(-2)	TF*
Subtotal, Federal Administration	(325,241)	(358,500)	(348,435)	(325,241)	(365,066)	(+39,825)	(+16,631)	(+39,825)	
Total, Program management	(1,734,441)	(1,774,500)	(1,679,435)	(1,719,241)	(1,743,066)	(+8,625)	(+63,631)	(+23,825)	
Medicare Trust Fund Activity: Hospital Insurance TF (1)	(-12,800,000)	(-20,100,000)	(-20,100,000)	(-20,100,000)	(-20,100,000)	(-7,300,000)	---	---	NA
Supplemental Medical Insurance TF (2)	(4,000,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(-3,500,000)	---	---	NA
Total, Health Care Financing Administration	164,859,052	164,686,618	164,591,553	164,703,359	162,050,184	-2,808,868	-2,541,369	-2,653,175	
Federal funds	163,124,611	162,912,118	162,912,118	162,984,118	160,307,118	-2,817,493	-2,605,000	-2,677,000	
Current year, FY 1997 / 1998	(135,135,618)	(135,111,429)	(135,111,429)	(135,183,429)	(132,506,429)	(-2,629,189)	(-2,605,000)	(-2,677,000)	
New advance, 1st quarter, FY 1998 / 1999	(27,988,993)	(27,800,689)	(27,800,689)	(27,800,689)	(27,800,689)	(-188,304)	---	---	
Trust funds	(1,734,441)	(1,774,500)	(1,679,435)	(1,719,241)	(1,743,066)	(+8,625)	(+63,631)	(+23,825)	

(1) Intermediate estimates: page 40 of the 1997 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund.

(2) Intermediate estimates: page 29 of the 1997 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES									
FAMILY SUPPORT PAYMENTS TO STATES (1)									
Payments to territories	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	M
Repatriation	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	M
Undistributed	9,600,000	---	---	---	---	-9,600,000	---	---	M
Subtotal, Welfare payments	9,600,000	---	---	---	---	-9,600,000	---	---	
Child Support Enforcement: (2) Net welfare reform child support appropriation	2,158,000	---	---	---	---	-2,158,000	---	---	M
Total, Payments, FY 1997 / 1998 program level	11,758,000	---	---	---	---	-11,758,000	---	---	
Less funds advanced in previous years	-4,800,000	---	---	---	---	+4,800,000	---	---	M
Total, payments, current request, FY97/98	6,958,000	---	---	---	---	-6,958,000	---	---	
New advance, 1st quarter, FY98/99	607,000	660,000	660,000	660,000	660,000	+53,000	---	---	M

(1) Funds for these activities for FY98 are provided through permanent appropriations in the Personal Responsibility & Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The President's budget does not request funding for these programs in FY98; the Congressional justification indicates a budget amendment will be transmitted to Congress to request indefinite appropriations for these programs in FY98.

(2) Carry over funds from FY97 and the first quarter advance appropriation for FY98 are estimated to be sufficient to cover necessary costs of this program for FY98.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS).....	300,000	---	---	---	---	-300,000	---	---	M
LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE									
Advance from prior year (NA).....	---	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(+1,000,000)	---	---	NA
Adjustment.....	1,000,000	---	---	---	---	-1,000,000	---	---	D
FY 1997 / 1998 program level.....	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	---	---	---	
Emergency Allocation -- Advance from prior year (NA)..	(300,000)	---	---	---	---	(-300,000)	---	---	NA
New Emergency Allocation (NA).....	---	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	(+300,000)	---	---	NA
Advance funding (FY98/99).....	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,200,000	1,100,000	+100,000	+100,000	-100,000	D
REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE									
Transitional and Medical Services.....	246,502	227,138	230,698	227,138	230,698	-15,804	---	+3,560	D
Social Services.....	110,882	110,882	129,990	110,882	129,990	+19,108	---	+19,108	D
Preventive Health.....	4,835	4,835	4,835	4,835	4,835	---	---	---	D
Targeted Assistance.....	49,857	49,477	49,477	49,477	49,477	-380	---	---	D
Total, Refugee and entrant assistance (BA).....	412,076	392,332	415,000	392,332	415,000	+2,924	---	+22,668	
CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT: Advance funding FY98/99.....	937,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	+63,000	---	---	D
Forward funding provided in prior year.....	(934,642)	---	---	---	---	(-934,642)	---	---	NA
Advance funding from prior year (NA).....	---	(937,000)	(937,000)	(937,000)	(937,000)	(+937,000)	---	---	NA
Adjustment (current funding).....	19,120	63,000	---	26,120	65,672	+46,552	+65,672	+39,552	D
Current year program level (FY97/98).....	(953,762)	(1,000,000)	(937,000)	(963,120)	(1,002,672)	(+48,910)	(+65,672)	(+39,552)	
Social Services Block Grant (Title XX).....	2,500,000	2,380,000	2,245,000	2,245,000	2,299,000	-201,000	+54,000	+54,000	M

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS									
Programs for Children, Youth, and Families: Head Start	3,980,546	4,305,000	4,305,000	4,305,000	4,355,000	+374,454	+50,000	+50,000	D
Consolidated Runaway, Homeless Youth Prog	---	58,602	---	58,602	---	---	---	-58,602	D
Runaway and Homeless Youth	43,653	---	43,653	---	43,653	---	---	+43,653	D
Runaway Youth -- Transitional Living	14,949	---	14,949	---	14,949	---	---	+14,949	D
Subtotal, runaway	58,602	58,602	58,602	58,602	58,602	---	---	---	
Child Abuse State Grants	21,026	21,026	21,026	21,026	21,026	---	---	---	D
Child Abuse Discretionary Activities	14,154	14,154	14,154	14,154	14,154	---	---	---	D
Abandoned Infants Assistance	12,251	12,251	12,251	12,251	12,251	---	---	---	D
Child Welfare Services	291,989	291,989	291,989	291,989	291,989	---	---	---	D
Child Welfare Training	4,000	4,000	4,000	8,000	6,000	+2,000	+2,000	-2,000	D
Adoption Opportunities	13,000	13,000	13,000	18,000	23,000	+10,000	+10,000	+5,000	D
Adoption Initiative	---	21,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
Family Violence (1)	62,000	---	---	---	10,000	-52,000	+10,000	+10,000	D
Social Services and Income Maintenance Research	44,000	18,043	21,000	21,000	26,000	-18,000	+5,000	+5,000	D
Community Based Resource Centers	32,835	32,835	32,835	32,835	32,835	---	---	---	D

(1) The request and the bill provide funding for this activity in the Battered Women's Shelter program.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
Developmental disabilities program:									
State Councils	64,803	64,803	64,803	65,574	64,803	---	---	-771	D
Protection and Advocacy	26,718	26,718	26,718	27,036	26,718	---	---	-318	D
Developmental Disabilities Special Projects	5,250	5,250	---	5,250	5,250	---	+5,250	---	D
Developmental Disabilities University Affiliated	17,461	17,461	17,461	17,669	17,461	---	---	-208	D
Subtotal, Developmental disabilities	114,232	114,232	108,982	115,529	114,232	---	+5,250	-1,297	
Native American Programs	34,933	34,933	34,933	34,933	34,933	---	---	---	D
Community services:									
Grants to States for Community Services	489,600	414,720	489,600	492,600	490,600	+1,000	+1,000	-2,000	D
Community initiative program:									
Economic Development	27,332	---	30,065	27,332	30,065	+2,733	---	+2,733	D
Rural Community Facilities	3,500	---	3,500	3,500	3,500	---	---	---	D
Subtotal, discretionary funds	30,832	---	33,565	30,832	33,565	+2,733	---	+2,733	
National Youth Sports	12,000	---	14,000	12,000	14,000	+2,000	---	+2,000	D
Community Food and Nutrition	4,000	---	---	4,000	4,000	---	+4,000	---	D
Subtotal, Community services	536,432	414,720	537,165	539,432	542,165	+5,733	+5,000	+2,733	
Program Direction	143,061	143,115	143,115	138,343	140,729	-2,332	-2,386	+2,386	D
Rescission of permanent appropriations	-27,000	---	-21,000	-21,000	-21,000	+6,000	---	---	D
Total, Children & Families Services Programs	5,336,061	5,498,900	5,577,052	5,590,094	5,661,916	+325,855	+84,864	+71,822	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION PROGRAMS:									
Community Schools	12,800	12,800	---	---	---	-12,800	---	---	D
Runaway Youth Prevention	8,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	+7,000	---	---	D
Domestic Violence Hotline	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	---	---	---	D
Battered Women's Shelters	10,800	70,000	82,800	76,800	76,800	+66,000	-6,000	---	D
Total, Violent crime reduction programs	32,800	99,000	99,000	93,000	93,000	+60,200	-6,000	---	
Family Support and Preservation	240,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	255,000	+15,000	---	---	M
PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE									
Foster Care	3,807,143	3,540,300	3,540,300	3,540,300	3,540,300	-266,843	---	---	M
Adoption Assistance	567,888	700,700	700,700	700,700	700,700	+132,812	---	---	M
Independent living	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	---	---	---	M
Total, Program level: Payment to States	4,445,031	4,311,000	4,311,000	4,311,000	4,311,000	-134,031	---	---	
Less Advances from Prior Year	---	-1,111,000	-1,111,000	-1,111,000	-1,111,000	-1,111,000	---	---	M
Total, request, FY 1997 / 1998	4,445,031	3,200,000	3,200,000	3,200,000	3,200,000	-1,245,031	---	---	
New Advance, 1st quarter, FY 1998/1999	1,111,000	1,157,500	1,157,500	1,157,500	1,157,500	+46,500	---	---	M
Total, Administration for Children and Families	24,898,088	15,705,732	15,608,552	15,819,046	15,907,088	-8,991,000	+298,536	+88,042	
Current year, FY 1997 / 1998	(21,243,088)	(11,888,232)	(11,791,052)	(11,801,546)	(11,989,588)	(-9,253,500)	(+198,536)	(+188,042)	
FY 1998 / 1999	(3,655,000)	(3,817,500)	(3,817,500)	(4,017,500)	(3,917,500)	(+262,500)	(+100,000)	(-100,000)	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
ADMINISTRATION ON AGING									
Grants to States:									
Supportive Services and Centers	300,556	291,375	309,819	317,556	309,500	+8,944	-319	-8,056	D
Preventive Health	15,623	15,623	---	17,623	16,123	+500	+16,123	-1,500	D
Title VII	---	9,181	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
Nutrition:									
Congregate Meals	364,535	359,810	364,535	380,716	374,412	+9,877	+9,877	-6,304	D
Home Delivered Meals	105,339	110,064	110,064	122,064	112,000	+6,661	+1,936	-10,064	D
Frail Elderly In-Home Services	9,263	9,263	---	11,263	9,763	+500	+9,763	-1,500	D
Grants to Indians	16,057	16,057	16,057	20,057	18,457	+2,400	+2,400	-1,600	D
Aging Research, Training and Special Projects	4,000	4,000	---	10,000	10,000	+6,000	+10,000	---	D
Program Administration	14,758	14,795	14,795	14,795	14,795	+37	---	---	D
Alzheimer's Initiative	---	8,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
Total, Administration on Aging	830,131	838,168	815,270	894,074	865,050	+34,919	+49,780	-29,024	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY									
GENERAL DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT:									
Federal Funds	96,135	96,517	101,329	98,517	102,329	+6,194	+1,000	+3,812	D
Trust Funds	(5,851)	(5,851)	(5,851)	(5,851)	(5,851)	---	---	---	TF*
1% Evaluation funds (ASPE) (NA)	(20,552)	(20,552)	(20,552)	(20,552)	(20,552)	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal	(122,538)	(122,920)	(127,732)	(124,920)	(128,732)	(+6,194)	(+1,000)	(+3,812)	
Adolescent Family Life (Title XX)	14,206	14,209	14,209	19,209	16,709	+2,503	+2,500	-2,500	D
Physical Fitness and Sports	998	1,000	998	998	998	---	---	---	D
Minority health	34,584	23,100	23,100	23,600	29,100	-5,484	+6,000	+5,500	D
Office of women's health	12,495	12,500	12,500	18,500	12,495	---	-5	-6,005	D
Anti-Terrorism	13,764	10,000	7,500	13,764	10,000	-3,764	+2,500	-3,764	D
Total, General Departmental Management	178,033	163,177	165,487	180,439	177,482	-551	+11,995	-2,957	
Federal funds	172,182	157,326	159,636	174,588	171,631	-551	+11,995	-2,957	
Trust funds	(5,851)	(5,851)	(5,851)	(5,851)	(5,851)	---	---	---	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL:									
Federal Funds	34,790	31,921	30,921	31,921	31,921	-2,869	+1,000	---	D
H.R. 3103 funding (non-add)	(60,000)	(80,500)	(80,500)	(80,500)	(80,500)	(+20,500)	---	---	NA
Total, Office of the Inspector General	34,790	31,921	30,921	31,921	31,921	-2,869	+1,000	---	
OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS:									
Federal Funds	16,183	17,216	16,345	16,345	16,345	+162	---	---	D
Trust Funds	(3,307)	(3,314)	(3,314)	(3,314)	(3,314)	(+7)	---	---	TF*
Total, Office for Civil Rights	19,490	20,530	19,659	19,659	19,659	+169	---	---	
Federal funds	16,183	17,216	16,345	16,345	16,345	+162	---	---	
Trust funds	(3,307)	(3,314)	(3,314)	(3,314)	(3,314)	(+7)	---	---	
Policy Research	18,486	9,000	14,000	9,500	14,000	-4,486	---	+4,500	D
Total, Office of the Secretary	250,799	224,628	230,067	241,519	243,062	-7,737	+12,995	+1,543	
Federal funds	241,641	215,463	220,902	232,354	233,897	-7,744	+12,995	+1,543	
Trust funds	(9,158)	(9,165)	(9,165)	(9,165)	(9,165)	(+7)	---	---	
Public Health & Social Services Emergency Fund	15,000	---	---	---	---	-15,000	---	---	D
Total, Department of Health and Human Services	211,870,503	202,604,461	203,252,967	203,618,151	201,192,783	-10,677,720	-2,060,184	-2,425,368	
Federal Funds	210,126,904	200,820,796	201,564,367	201,889,745	199,440,552	-10,686,352	-2,123,815	-2,449,193	
Current year, FY 1997 / 1998	(178,482,911)	(169,202,607)	(169,946,178)	(170,071,556)	(167,722,363)	(-10,760,548)	(-2,223,815)	(-2,349,193)	
FY 1998 / 1999	(31,643,993)	(31,618,189)	(31,618,189)	(31,818,189)	(31,718,189)	(+74,196)	(+100,000)	(-100,000)	
Trust funds	(1,743,599)	(1,783,665)	(1,688,600)	(1,728,406)	(1,752,231)	(+8,632)	(+63,631)	(+23,825)	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
TITLE III - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION									
EDUCATION REFORM (1)									
Goals 2000: Educate America Act: State & Local Ed. Systemic Improvement Grants.....	476,000	603,500	370,665	500,000	464,500	-11,500	+93,835	-35,500	D
State & Local Ed. Systemic Improvement Grants (2).	---	1,500	1,500	---	1,500	+1,500	---	+1,500	D
Parental Assistance (2).....	15,000	15,000	15,000	30,000	25,000	+10,000	+10,000	-5,000	D
Subtotal, Goals 2000.....	491,000	620,000	387,165	530,000	491,000	---	+103,835	-39,000	
School-to-work opportunities: School-to-Work Opportunities.....	199,973	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	+27	---	---	D
Education Technology: (2) (3) Technology for Education.....	266,965	510,000	520,000	541,000	541,000	+274,035	+21,000	---	D
Star Schools.....	30,000	26,000	---	30,000	34,000	+4,000	+34,000	+4,000	D
Ready to Learn Television.....	7,000	7,000	---	7,000	7,000	---	+7,000	---	D
Telcom Demo Project for Mathematics.....	1,035	2,035	---	2,035	2,035	+1,000	+2,035	---	D
Subtotal, Education technology.....	305,000	545,035	520,000	580,035	584,035	+279,035	+64,035	+4,000	
Subtotal, Non-Goals 2000 Ed Reform.....	504,973	745,035	720,000	780,035	784,035	+279,062	+64,035	+4,000	
Total.....	995,973	1,365,035	1,107,165	1,310,035	1,275,035	+279,062	+167,870	-35,000	
Subtotal, Forward funded.....	(675,973)	(803,500)	(570,665)	(700,000)	(664,500)	(-11,473)	(+93,835)	(-35,500)	

(1) Forward funded except where noted.

(2) Current funded.

(3) Star Schools, Ready to Learn, Telecommunications Demonstration, and one component of the Technology for Education were funded in the House and Senate bills in the Education Research and Statistics account.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
EDUCATION FOR THE DISADVANTAGED (1)									
Grants to Local Education Agencies (LEAs):									
Basic Grants	6,269,712	6,187,350	6,187,850	6,269,712	6,269,712	---	+81,862	---	D
Basic Grants (2)	3,500	4,000	3,500	4,000	3,500	---	---	-500	D
Subtotal, Basic grants	6,273,212	6,191,350	6,191,350	6,273,712	6,273,212	---	+81,862	-500	
Concentration Grants	1,022,020	999,249	949,249	1,022,020	1,102,020	+80,000	+152,771	+80,000	D
Targeted Grants	---	350,000	400,000	---	---	---	-400,000	---	D
Comprehensive School Reform	---	---	150,000	---	120,000	+120,000	-30,000	+120,000	D
Subtotal, Grants to LEAs	7,295,232	7,540,599	7,690,599	7,295,732	7,495,232	+200,000	-195,367	+199,500	
Capital Expenses for Private School Children	41,119	41,119	41,119	41,119	41,119	---	---	---	D
Even Start	101,992	108,000	108,000	108,000	124,000	+22,008	+16,000	+16,000	D
State agency programs:									
Migrant	305,473	319,500	305,473	305,473	305,473	---	---	---	D
Neglected and Delinquent/High Risk Youth	39,311	40,333	39,311	40,333	39,311	---	---	-1,022	D
State School Improvement	---	8,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
Evaluation (2)	6,977	10,000	10,000	6,977	6,977	---	-3,023	---	D
Total, ESEA	7,790,104	8,067,551	8,194,502	7,797,634	8,012,112	+222,008	-182,390	+214,478	

(1) Forward funded except where noted.

(2) Current funded.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
Migrant education:									
High School Equivalency Program (1)	7,441	7,634	7,634	7,634	7,634	+193	---	---	D
College Assistance Migrant Program (1)	2,028	2,081	2,081	2,081	2,081	+53	---	---	D
Subtotal, migrant education	9,469	9,715	9,715	9,715	9,715	+246	---	---	
Total, Compensatory education programs	7,799,573	8,077,266	8,204,217	7,807,349	8,021,827	+222,254	-182,390	+214,478	
Subtotal, forward funded	(7,779,627)	(8,053,551)	(8,181,002)	(7,786,657)	(8,001,635)	(+222,008)	(-179,367)	(+214,978)	
IMPACT AID									
Basic Support Payments	615,500	584,000	667,000	623,500	662,000	+46,500	-5,000	+38,500	D
Payments for Children with Disabilities	40,000	40,000	40,000	80,000	50,000	+10,000	+10,000	-30,000	D
Payments for Heavily Impacted Districts (Sec. f)	52,000	20,000	62,000	52,000	62,000	+10,000	---	+10,000	D
Subtotal	707,500	644,000	769,000	755,500	774,000	+66,500	+5,000	+18,500	
Facilities Maintenance (Sec. 8008)	---	10,000	---	10,000	3,000	+3,000	+3,000	-7,000	D
Construction (Sec. 8007)	5,000	4,000	7,000	5,000	7,000	+2,000	---	+2,000	D
Payments for Federal Property (Sec. 8002)	17,500	---	20,000	24,000	24,000	+6,500	+4,000	---	D
Total, Impact aid	730,000	658,000	796,000	794,500	808,000	+78,000	+12,000	+13,500	

(1) Current funded.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS									
Professional development (1)	310,000	360,000	310,000	310,000	335,000	+25,000	+25,000	+25,000	D
Program innovation (1)	310,000	---	350,000	310,000	350,000	+40,000	---	+40,000	D
Safe and drug-free schools:									
State Grants (1)	530,978	590,000	531,000	555,978	531,000	+22	---	-24,978	D
National Programs	25,000	30,000	25,000	---	25,000	---	---	+25,000	D
Subtotal, Safe and drug-free schools	555,978	620,000	556,000	555,978	556,000	+22	---	+22	
Inexpensive Book Distribution (RIF)	10,265	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	+1,735	---	---	D
Arts in Education	9,000	9,500	9,500	10,500	10,500	+1,500	+1,000	---	D
Other school improvement programs:									
Magnet Schools Assistance	95,000	95,000	105,000	95,000	101,000	+6,000	-4,000	+6,000	D
Education for Homeless Children & Youth (1)	25,000	27,000	27,000	28,800	28,800	+3,800	+1,800	---	D
Women's Education Equity	2,000	4,000	2,000	4,000	3,000	+1,000	+1,000	-1,000	D
Training and Advisory Services (Civil Rights)	7,334	14,334	7,334	7,334	7,334	---	---	---	D
Ellender Fellowships/Close Up (1)	1,500	---	1,500	1,500	1,500	---	---	---	D
Education for Native Hawaiians	15,000	15,000	---	20,000	18,000	+3,000	+18,000	-2,000	D
Alaska Native Education Equity	8,000	8,000	---	10,640	8,000	---	+8,000	-2,640	D
Charter Schools	50,987	100,000	100,000	50,987	80,000	+29,013	-20,000	+29,013	D
Education Infrastructure	---	---	---	100,000	---	---	---	-100,000	D
Subtotal, other school improvement programs	204,821	263,334	242,834	318,261	247,634	+42,813	+4,800	-70,627	
Comprehensive Regional Assistance Centers	25,554	34,388	27,054	25,554	27,054	+1,500	---	+1,500	D
Total, School improvement programs	1,425,618	1,299,222	1,507,388	1,542,293	1,538,188	+112,570	+30,800	-4,105	
Subtotal, forward funded	(1,177,478)	(977,000)	(1,219,500)	(1,206,278)	(1,246,300)	(+68,822)	(+26,800)	(+40,022)	

(1) Forward funded.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
LITERACY INITIATIVE									
Current year	---	260,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
1999 advance funding	---	---	260,000	260,000	210,000	+210,000	-50,000	-50,000	D
Total, Literacy initiative	---	260,000	260,000	260,000	210,000	+210,000	-50,000	-50,000	
INDIAN EDUCATION (1)									
Grants to Local Educational Agencies	58,050	59,750	59,750	59,750	59,750	+1,700	---	---	D
Office of Indian Education	2,943	2,850	2,850	2,850	2,850	-93	---	---	D
Total, Indian Education	60,993	62,600	62,600	62,600	62,600	+1,607	---	---	
BILINGUAL AND IMMIGRANT EDUCATION									
Bilingual education: Instructional Services	141,700	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000	+18,300	---	---	D
Support Services	10,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	+4,000	---	---	D
Professional Development	5,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	+20,000	---	---	D
Immigrant Education	100,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	+50,000	---	---	D
Foreign Language Assistance	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	---	---	---	D
Total, Bilingual and Immigrant Education	261,700	354,000	354,000	354,000	354,000	+92,300	---	---	

(1) Funding for this account for FY97 was provided in the Interior Appropriations Bill and is shown here for purposes of comparability.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
SPECIAL EDUCATION									
State grants: (1)									
Grants to States Part B	3,107,522	3,240,750	3,425,911	3,941,837	3,801,000	+693,478	+375,089	-140,837	D
Preschool Grants	360,409	374,825	388,985	378,985	373,985	+13,576	-15,000	-5,000	D
Grants for Infants and Families	315,754	323,964	340,790	350,790	350,000	+34,246	+9,210	-790	D
Evaluation	1,873	6,300	6,300	6,300	5,000	+3,127	-1,300	-1,300	D
Evaluation (2)	---	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	+1,700	---	---	D
Subtotal, State grants	3,785,558	3,947,539	4,163,686	4,679,612	4,531,685	+746,127	+367,999	-147,927	
IDEA National Programs (P.L. 105-17):									
State Program Improvement Grants (1)	26,988	35,200	35,200	35,200	35,200	+8,212	---	---	D
Research and Innovation to Improve Services	62,803	64,508	64,508	64,508	64,508	+1,705	---	---	D
Technical Assistance and Dissemination	34,337	35,056	35,056	44,556	44,556	+10,219	+9,500	---	D
Personnel Preparation	80,735	82,139	82,139	82,139	82,139	+1,404	---	---	D
Parent Information Centers	15,535	15,535	15,535	18,535	18,535	+3,000	+3,000	---	D
Technology and Media Services	30,023	30,023	32,523	32,023	32,523	+2,500	---	+500	D
Public telecom Info/training Dissemination	---	---	---	1,500	1,500	+1,500	+1,500	---	D
Subtotal, IDEA special programs reauthorization	250,421	262,461	264,961	278,461	278,961	+28,540	+14,000	+500	
Total, Special education	4,035,979	4,210,000	4,428,647	4,958,073	4,810,646	+774,667	+381,999	-147,427	
Subtotal, Forward funded	(3,812,546)	(3,981,039)	(4,197,186)	(4,713,112)	(4,565,185)	(+752,639)	(+367,999)	(-147,927)	

(1) Forward funded except where noted.

(2) Current funded.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
REHABILITATION SERVICES AND DISABILITY RESEARCH									
Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants	2,176,038	2,246,888	2,246,888	2,246,888	2,246,888	+70,850	---	---	M
Client Assistance State grants	10,392	10,714	10,714	10,714	10,714	+322	---	---	M
Training	39,629	39,629	39,629	39,629	39,629	---	---	---	M
Special demonstration programs	18,942	16,942	15,942	20,836	15,942	-3,000	---	-4,894	M
Migratory workers	1,850	2,350	2,350	2,350	2,350	+500	---	---	M
Recreational programs	2,596	2,596	2,596	2,596	2,596	---	---	---	M
Protection and advocacy of individual rights (PAIR)	7,657	7,894	9,894	7,894	9,894	+2,237	---	+2,000	M
Projects with industry	22,071	22,071	22,071	22,071	22,071	---	---	---	M
Supported employment State grants	38,152	38,152	38,152	38,152	38,152	---	---	---	M
Independent living:									
State grants	21,859	21,859	21,859	21,859	21,859	---	---	---	M
Centers	42,876	44,205	44,205	46,205	45,205	+2,329	+1,000	-1,000	M
Services for older blind individuals	9,952	9,952	9,952	11,947	10,950	+998	+998	-997	M
Subtotal, Independent living	74,687	76,016	76,016	80,011	78,014	+3,327	+1,998	-1,997	
Program Improvement	2,391	3,900	2,900	3,900	2,900	+509	---	-1,000	M
Evaluation	1,587	1,587	1,587	1,587	1,587	---	---	---	M
Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths & Adults	7,337	7,528	7,528	7,549	7,549	+212	+21	---	M
National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)	69,990	71,000	76,800	71,000	76,800	+6,810	---	+5,800	M
Subtotal, mandatory programs	2,473,319	2,547,267	2,553,067	2,555,177	2,555,086	+81,767	+2,019	-91	
Assistive Technology	36,109	36,109	36,109	36,109	36,109	---	---	---	D
Total, Rehabilitation services	2,509,428	2,583,376	2,589,176	2,591,286	2,591,195	+81,767	+2,019	-91	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
SPECIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES									
AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND.....	6,680	6,680	8,186	7,906	8,186	+1,506	---	+280	D
NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF.....	43,041	43,041	43,841	44,141	44,141	+1,100	+300	---	D
GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY.....	79,182	79,182	80,682	81,000	81,000	+1,818	+318	---	D
Total, Special Inst for Persons with Disabilities.	128,903	128,903	132,709	133,047	133,327	+4,424	+618	+280	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION (1)									
Vocational education:									
Basic State Grants	1,015,550	1,043,550	1,035,550	1,015,550	1,027,550	+12,000	-8,000	+12,000	D
Tech-Prep Education	100,000	105,000	105,000	100,000	103,000	+3,000	-2,000	+3,000	D
Tribally Controlled Postsecondary Vocational Institutions (2)	2,919	2,919	3,100	3,100	3,100	+181	---	---	D
National Progams: Research	13,497	20,497	13,497	13,497	13,497	---	---	---	D
Subtotal, Vocational education	1,131,966	1,171,966	1,157,147	1,132,147	1,147,147	+15,181	-10,000	+15,000	
Adult education:									
State Programs	340,339	382,000	340,339	340,339	345,339	+5,000	+5,000	+5,000	D
National programs:									
Evaluation and Technical Assistance	4,998	6,000	4,998	4,998	4,998	---	---	---	D
National Institute for Literacy	4,491	6,000	4,491	5,491	5,491	+1,000	+1,000	---	D
Subtotal, National programs	9,489	12,000	9,489	10,489	10,489	+1,000	+1,000	---	
Literacy Programs for Prisoners	4,723	---	---	4,723	4,723	---	+4,723	---	D
Subtotal, adult education	354,551	394,000	349,828	355,551	360,551	+6,000	+10,723	+5,000	
Total, Vocational and adult education	1,486,517	1,565,966	1,506,975	1,487,698	1,507,698	+21,181	+723	+20,000	
Subtotal, forward funded	(1,483,598)	(1,563,047)	(1,503,875)	(1,484,598)	(1,504,598)	(+21,000)	(+723)	(+20,000)	

(1) Forward funded except where noted.

(2) Current funded.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE									
Pell Grant -- maximum grant (NA)	(2,700)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(+300)	---	---	NA
Pell Grants -- Regular Program	5,919,000	7,635,000	7,438,000	6,910,334	7,344,934	+1,425,934	-93,066	+434,600	D
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	583,407	583,407	583,407	634,407	614,000	+30,593	+30,593	-20,407	D
Federal Work Study	830,000	857,000	860,000	830,000	830,000	---	-30,000	---	D
Federal Perkins loans:									
Capital Contributions	158,000	158,000	135,000	158,000	135,000	-23,000	---	-23,000	D
Loan Cancellations	20,000	30,000	30,000	23,900	30,000	+10,000	---	+6,100	D
Subtotal, Federal Perkins loans	178,000	188,000	165,000	181,900	165,000	-13,000	---	-16,900	
State Student Incentive Grants	50,000	---	---	35,000	25,000	-25,000	+25,000	-10,000	D
Total, Student financial assistance	7,560,407	9,263,407	9,046,407	8,591,641	8,978,934	+1,418,527	-67,473	+387,293	
FEDERAL FAMILY EDUCATION LOANS PROGRAM									
Federal Administration	46,482	47,688	47,688	46,482	46,482	---	-1,206	---	D

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
HIGHER EDUCATION									
Aid for institutional development:									
Strengthening Institutions	55,450	55,450	55,450	55,450	55,450	---	---	---	D
Hispanic Serving Institutions	10,800	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	+1,200	---	---	D
Hispanic serving institutions (Agriculture bill)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	---	---	---	NA
Subtotal, Hispanic serving institutions	(12,800)	(14,000)	(14,000)	(14,000)	(14,000)	(+1,200)	---	---	
Strengthening Historically Black Colleges (HBCUs)	108,990	113,000	120,000	108,990	118,495	+9,505	-1,505	+9,505	D
Strengthening historically black graduate insts	19,606	19,606	25,000	19,606	25,000	+5,394	---	+5,394	D
Endowment Challenge Grants, HBCU set-aside	---	2,015	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
Subtotal, Institutional development	194,846	202,071	212,450	196,046	210,945	+16,099	-1,505	+14,899	
Program development:									
Fund for the Improvement of Postsec. Ed. (FIPSE)	18,000	18,000	18,000	30,000	25,200	+7,200	+7,200	-4,800	D
Minority Teacher Recruitment	2,212	3,727	2,500	2,212	2,212	---	-288	---	D
Minority Science Improvement	5,255	5,255	5,255	5,255	5,255	---	---	---	D
International educ & foreign language studies:									
Domestic Programs	53,481	53,481	54,481	53,481	53,581	+100	-900	+100	D
Overseas Programs	5,270	5,770	5,770	5,870	5,770	+500	---	-100	D
Institute for International Public Policy	1,000	1,000	---	1,000	1,000	---	+1,000	---	D
Subtotal, International education	59,751	60,251	60,251	60,351	60,351	+600	+100	---	
Urban Community Service	9,200	---	---	4,900	4,900	-4,300	+4,900	---	D
Subtotal, Program development	94,418	87,233	86,006	102,718	97,918	+3,500	+11,912	-4,800	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
Interest Subsidy Grants for Prior Year Construction...	15,673	13,700	13,700	13,700	13,700	-1,973	---	---	D
Special grants:									
Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial Fine Arts Center.....	1,400	---	6,620	1,400	6,620	+5,220	---	+5,220	D
Federal TRIO Programs.....	499,994	525,000	532,000	525,000	529,667	+29,673	-2,333	+4,667	D
National Early Intervention Scholarships and Partn	3,600	---	---	3,600	3,600	---	+3,600	---	D
Advanced Placement Fees.....	---	6,000	---	3,000	3,000	+3,000	+3,000	---	D
Scholarships:									
Byrd Honors Scholarships.....	29,117	39,288	29,117	39,288	39,288	+10,171	+10,171	---	D
Presidential Honors Scholarships.....	---	132,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
George Bush Fellowships.....	3,000	---	---	---	---	-3,000	---	---	D
Edmund Muskie Foundation.....	3,000	---	---	---	---	-3,000	---	---	D
Pell Institute for International Relations.....	3,000	---	---	---	---	-3,000	---	---	D
Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation.....	1,000	---	---	---	---	-1,000	---	---	D
Subtotal, Scholarships.....	39,117	171,288	29,117	39,288	39,288	+171	+10,171	---	
Graduate fellowships:									
Javits Fellowships.....	5,931	---	---	---	---	-5,931	---	---	D
Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need.....	24,069	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	+5,931	---	---	D
Subtotal, Graduate fellowships.....	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	---	---	---	
Youth Offender Grants.....	---	---	---	15,000	12,000	+12,000	+12,000	-3,000	D
Total, Higher education.....	879,048	1,035,292	909,893	929,752	946,738	+67,690	+36,845	+16,986	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
HOWARD UNIVERSITY									
Academic Program	166,511	162,981	180,511	164,981	180,511	+14,000	---	+15,530	D
Endowment Program	---	3,530	---	3,530	---	---	---	-3,530	D
Howard University Hospital	29,489	29,489	29,489	29,489	29,489	---	---	---	D
Total, Howard University	196,000	196,000	210,000	198,000	210,000	+14,000	---	+12,000	
COLLEGE HOUSING & ACADEMIC FACILITIES LOANS PROGRAM: Federal Administration	698	1,069	698	698	698	---	---	---	D
HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAPITAL FINANCING PROGRAM									
Federal Administration	104	104	104	104	104	---	---	---	D

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
EDUCATION RESEARCH, STATISTICS, AND IMPROVEMENT (1)									
Research and statistics:									
Research	72,567	81,035	81,035	72,567	72,567	---	-8,468	---	D
Regional Education Laboratories	51,000	53,500	57,000	53,500	56,000	+5,000	-1,000	+2,500	D
Statistics	50,000	66,250	66,250	52,000	59,000	+9,000	-7,250	+7,000	D
Assessment:									
National Assessment	29,752	35,502	35,502	29,752	32,000	+2,248	-3,502	+2,248	D
National Assessment Governing Board	2,865	2,871	2,865	2,871	3,471	+606	+606	+600	D
Subtotal, Assessment	32,617	38,373	38,367	32,623	35,471	+2,854	-2,896	+2,848	
Subtotal, Research and statistics	206,184	239,158	242,652	210,690	223,038	+16,854	-19,614	+12,348	
Fund for the Improvement of Education	40,000	40,000	80,000	50,000	108,100	+68,100	+28,100	+58,100	D
International Education Exchange	5,000	5,000	---	5,000	5,000	---	+5,000	---	D
21st Century Community Learning Centers	1,000	---	50,000	1,000	40,000	+39,000	-10,000	+39,000	D
Civics Education	4,500	4,500	5,500	4,500	5,500	+1,000	---	+1,000	D
Eisenhower Professional Dvp. National Activities	13,342	30,000	21,000	25,000	23,300	+9,958	+2,300	-1,700	D
Eisenhower Regional Math & Science Ed. Consortia	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	---	---	---	D
Javits Gifted and Talented Education	5,000	7,000	6,000	7,000	6,500	+1,500	+500	-500	D
National Writing Project	3,100	---	3,100	5,000	5,000	+1,900	+1,900	---	D
After School Learning Centers	---	50,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
Total, ERSI	293,126	390,658	423,252	323,190	431,438	+138,312	+8,186	+108,248	

(1) Education Technology funded in Education Reform.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
LIBRARIES (1)									
Public libraries: Services	100,636	---	---	---	---	-100,636	---	---	D
Construction	16,369	---	---	---	---	-16,369	---	---	D
Interlibrary Cooperation	11,864	---	---	---	---	-11,864	---	---	D
Library Education and Training	2,500	---	---	---	---	-2,500	---	---	D
Research and Demonstrations	5,000	---	---	---	---	-5,000	---	---	D
Institute of Museum and Library Services	---	136,369	142,000	146,369	146,340	+146,340	+4,340	-29	D
Total, Libraries	136,369	136,369	142,000	146,369	146,340	+9,971	+4,340	-29	
DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT									
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	326,217	341,039	329,579	340,064	341,064	+14,847	+11,485	+1,000	D
OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS	54,900	61,500	55,449	57,522	61,500	+6,600	+6,051	+3,978	D
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL	29,943	32,000	30,242	32,000	30,242	+299	---	-1,758	D
Total, Departmental management	411,060	434,539	415,270	429,586	432,806	+21,746	+17,536	+3,220	

(1) The library authorizing statue requires appropriations to be made to the Department of Education and then transferred to the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
STUDENT LOANS									
New Annual Loan Volume (including consolidation):									
Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL).....	(23,038,000)	(22,995,000)	(22,995,000)	(22,995,000)	(22,995,000)	(-43,000)	---	---	NA
Federal Direct Student Loans (FDSL).....	(13,789,000)	(16,930,000)	(16,930,000)	(16,930,000)	(16,930,000)	(+3,141,000)	---	---	NA
Total Outstanding Loan Volume:									
Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL).....	(88,864,000)	(101,148,000)	(101,148,000)	(101,148,000)	(101,148,000)	(+12,284,000)	---	---	NA
Federal Direct Student Loans (FDSL).....	(23,153,000)	(36,829,000)	(36,829,000)	(36,829,000)	(36,829,000)	(+13,676,000)	---	---	NA
Total, Department of Education.....	28,957,978	32,069,494	32,144,189	31,966,703	32,506,056	+3,548,078	+361,867	+539,353	
Current year.....	(28,957,978)	(32,069,494)	(31,884,189)	(31,706,703)	(32,296,056)	(+3,338,078)	(+411,867)	(+589,353)	
1999 advance.....	---	---	(260,000)	(260,000)	(210,000)	(+210,000)	(-50,000)	(-50,000)	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
TITLE IV - RELATED AGENCIES									
ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME									
Operations and Maintenance: TF Limitation.....	55,663	55,452	55,452	55,452	55,452	-211	---	---	D
Capital Program: TF Limitation.....	432	24,525	14,825	10,000	13,217	+12,785	-1,608	+3,217	D
Total, AFRH.....	56,095	79,977	70,277	65,452	68,669	+12,574	-1,608	+3,217	
CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE									
Domestic Volunteer Service Programs: (1) Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA).....	41,235	54,000	41,235	45,235	65,235	+24,000	+24,000	+20,000	D
National Senior Volunteer Corps: Foster Grandparents Program.....	77,812	85,972	84,106	85,593	87,593	+9,781	+3,487	+2,000	D
Senior Companion Program.....	31,244	35,449	34,669	34,368	35,368	+4,124	+699	+1,000	D
Retired Senior Volunteer Program.....	35,708	45,043	39,408	39,279	40,279	+4,571	+871	+1,000	D
Senior Demonstration Program.....	---	10,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	D
Subtotal, Senior Volunteers.....	144,764	176,464	158,183	159,240	163,240	+18,476	+5,057	+4,000	
Program Administration.....	27,850	29,836	28,129	28,129	28,129	+279	---	---	D
Total, Domestic Volunteer Service Programs.....	213,849	260,300	227,547	232,604	256,604	+42,755	+29,057	+24,000	
Corporation for Public Broadcasting: FY2000 (current request) with FY99 comparable.....	250,000	325,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	+50,000	---	---	D
FY99 advance with FY98 comparable (NA).....	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	---	---	---	NA
FY98 advance with FY97 comparable (NA).....	(260,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(-10,000)	---	---	NA
Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.....	32,525	33,481	33,481	33,481	33,481	+956	---	---	D
Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Comm'n.....	6,049	6,060	6,060	6,060	6,060	+11	---	---	D

(1) The request earmarks $38 million for America Reads. Appropriations for Americorps are included in the VA-HUD bill.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
National Commission on Libraries and Info Science.....	897	1,123	1,000	1,000	1,000	+103	---	---	D
National Council on Disability.....	1,791	1,793	1,793	1,793	1,793	+2	---	---	D
National Education Goals Panel.....	1,495	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	+505	---	---	D
National Commission on Cost of Higher Education.....	650	---	---	---	---	-650	---	---	D
National Labor Relations Board.....	174,661	186,434	174,661	174,661	174,661	---	---	---	D
National Mediation Board.....	8,284	8,100	8,400	8,600	8,600	+316	+200	---	D
Occupational Safety and Health Review Comm'n.....	7,738	7,800	7,900	7,800	7,900	+162	---	+100	D
Physician Payment Review Commission (TF) (1).....	(3,258)	(3,578)	(3,258)	(3,508)	(3,508)	(+250)	(+250)	---	TF*
Prospective Payment Assessment Commission (TF) (1)....	(3,257)	(3,579)	(3,257)	(3,507)	(3,507)	(+250)	(+250)	---	TF*
RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD									
Dual Benefits Payments Account.....	223,000	206,000	206,000	205,500	205,500	-17,500	-500	---	D
Less Income Tax Receipts on Dual Benefits.....	-9,000	-12,000	-12,000	-12,000	-12,000	-3,000	---	---	D
Subtotal, Dual Benefits.....	214,000	194,000	194,000	193,500	193,500	-20,500	-500	---	
Federal Payment to the RR Retirement Account.....	300	50	50	50	50	-250	---	---	M
Limitation on administration:									
Consolidated Account.....	(87,728)	(88,800)	(85,728)	(87,728)	(87,228)	(-500)	(+1,500)	(-500)	TF*
Inspector General.....	(5,394)	(5,400)	(5,000)	(5,394)	(5,794)	(+400)	(+794)	(+400)	TF*

(1) The conference agreement provides funding for the newly created Medicare Advisory Commission.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION									
Payments to Social Security Trust Funds.....	20,923	20,308	20,308	20,308	20,308	-615	---	---	M
Additional Administrative Expenses (1).....	10,000	---	---	---	---	-10,000	---	---	M
SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR DISABLED COAL MINERS									
Benefit payments.....	625,450	581,470	581,470	581,470	581,470	-43,980	---	---	M
Administration.....	4,620	4,620	4,620	4,620	4,620	---	---	---	M
Subtotal, Black Lung, FY97/98 program level.....	630,070	586,090	586,090	586,090	586,090	-43,980	---	---	
Less funds advanced in prior year.....	-170,000	-160,000	-160,000	-160,000	-160,000	+10,000	---	---	M
Total, Black Lung, current request, FY97/98.....	460,070	426,090	426,090	426,090	426,090	-33,980	---	---	
New advances, 1st quarter FY98/99.....	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000	---	---	---	M

(1) No-year availability.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME									
Federal benefit payments	26,559,100	23,710,300	23,710,300	23,710,300	23,710,300	-2,848,800	---	---	M
Beneficiary services	100,000	46,000	46,000	46,000	46,000	-54,000	---	---	M
Research and demonstration	7,000	16,700	16,700	9,225	16,700	+9,700	---	+7,475	M
Administration	1,946,015	2,037,000	2,037,000	2,037,000	2,027,000	+80,985	-10,000	-10,000	D
Automation investment initiative	19,895	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	+30,105	---	---	D
Subtotal, SSI FY97/98 program level	28,632,010	25,860,000	25,860,000	25,852,525	25,850,000	-2,782,010	-10,000	-2,525	
Less funds advanced in prior year	-9,260,000	-9,690,000	-9,690,000	-9,690,000	-9,690,000	-430,000	---	---	M
Subtotal, regular SSI current year, FY 1997 / 1998	19,372,010	16,170,000	16,170,000	16,162,525	16,160,000	-3,212,010	-10,000	-2,525	
Additional CDR funding	25,000	75,000	75,000	120,000	75,000	+50,000	---	-45,000	D
User Fee Activities	---	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	+35,000	---	---	D
SSI reforms (welfare)	150,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	-50,000	---	---	D
Total, SSI, current request, FY 1997 / 1998	19,547,010	16,380,000	16,380,000	16,417,525	16,370,000	-3,177,010	-10,000	-47,525	
New advance, 1st quarter, FY98/99	9,690,000	8,680,000	8,680,000	8,680,000	8,680,000	-1,010,000	---	---	M

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (1)									
OASDI Trust Funds	(3,068,300)	(2,992,440)	(2,934,440)	(2,934,440)	(2,900,440)	(-167,860)	(-34,000)	(-34,000)	TF
HI/SMI Trust Funds	(846,099)	(965,000)	(965,000)	(965,000)	(965,000)	(+118,901)	---	---	TF*
Social Security Advisory Board	(1,268)	(1,600)	(1,600)	(1,268)	(1,600)	(+332)	---	(+332)	TF
SSI	(1,946,015)	(2,037,000)	(2,037,000)	(2,037,000)	(2,027,000)	(+80,985)	(-10,000)	(-10,000)	TF
Subtotal, regular LAE	(5,861,682)	(5,996,040)	(5,938,040)	(5,937,708)	(5,894,040)	(+32,358)	(-44,000)	(-43,668)	
User Fee Activities	---	(35,000)	(35,000)	(35,000)	(35,000)	(+35,000)	---	---	TF
OASDI Automation	(215,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(140,000)	(-75,000)	(-10,000)	(-10,000)	TF
SSI Automation	(19,895)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(+30,105)	---	---	TF
Subtotal, automation initative	(234,895)	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	(190,000)	(-44,895)	(-10,000)	(-10,000)	
TOTAL, REGULAR LAE	(6,096,577)	(6,231,040)	(6,173,040)	(6,172,708)	(6,119,040)	(+22,463)	(-54,000)	(-53,668)	
Additional CDR funding (2)	(160,000)	(190,000)	(145,000)	(190,000)	(190,000)	(+30,000)	(+45,000)	---	TF
SSI reforms (welfare)	(150,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(-50,000)	---	---	TF
TOTAL, LAE	(6,406,577)	(6,521,040)	(6,418,040)	(6,462,708)	(6,409,040)	(+2,463)	(-9,000)	(-53,668)	

(1) All trust fund limitations will be scored as BA in FY 98. Comparable adjustments for FY 97 and FY 98 displayed as scorekeeping adjustments.

(2) The request is $45 million above the authorized amount. The recommendation is for the full authorized amount.

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL									
Federal Funds	6,265	10,164	10,164	6,265	10,164	+3,899	---	+3,899	D
Trust Funds	(31,089)	---	---	---	---	(-31,089)	---	---	TF
Portion treated as budget authority	---	(34,260)	(42,260)	(31,089)	(38,260)	(+38,260)	(-4,000)	(+7,171)	TF*
Total, Office of the Inspector General	37,354	44,424	52,424	37,354	48,424	+11,070	-4,000	+11,070	
Federal funds	6,265	10,164	10,164	6,265	10,164	+3,899	---	+3,899	
Trust funds	(31,089)	(34,260)	(42,260)	(31,089)	(38,260)	(+7,171)	(-4,000)	(+7,171)	
Total, Social Security Administration	36,331,934	32,231,862	32,136,862	32,203,985	32,113,862	-4,218,072	-23,000	-90,123	
Federal funds	29,894,268	25,676,562	25,676,562	25,710,188	25,666,562	-4,227,706	-10,000	-43,626	
Current year FY 1997 / 1998	(20,044,268)	(16,836,562)	(16,836,562)	(16,870,188)	(16,826,562)	(-3,217,706)	(-10,000)	(-43,626)	
New advances, 1st quarter FY 1998 / 1999	(9,850,000)	(8,840,000)	(8,840,000)	(8,840,000)	(8,840,000)	(-1,010,000)	---	---	
Trust funds	(6,437,666)	(6,555,300)	(6,460,300)	(6,493,797)	(6,447,300)	(+9,634)	(-13,000)	(-46,497)	
United States Institute of Peace	11,149	11,160	11,160	11,160	11,160	+11	---	---	D
Total, Title IV, Related Agencies	37,411,054	33,450,497	33,272,434	33,342,283	33,279,377	-4,131,677	+6,943	-62,906	
Federal Funds (all years)	30,873,751	26,793,840	26,714,891	26,748,349	26,732,040	-4,141,711	+17,149	-16,309	
Current year, FY 1997 / 1998	(20,773,751)	(17,628,840)	(17,574,891)	(17,608,349)	(17,592,040)	(-3,181,711)	(+17,149)	(-16,309)	
FY 1998 / 1999	(9,850,000)	(8,840,000)	(8,840,000)	(8,840,000)	(8,840,000)	(-1,010,000)	---	---	
FY 1999 / 2000	(250,000)	(325,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	(+50,000)	---	---	
Trust funds	(6,537,303)	(6,656,657)	(6,557,543)	(6,593,934)	(6,547,337)	(+10,034)	(-10,206)	(-46,597)	
TITLE V									
Undistrubted reductions	---	---	---	-75,500	---	---	---	+75,500	D

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
SUMMARY									
Title I - Department of Labor:									
Federal Funds	8,739,722	9,422,853	9,225,845	9,362,815	9,335,127	+595,405	+109,282	-27,688	
Current year	(8,739,722)	(9,422,853)	(9,125,845)	(9,112,815)	(9,085,127)	(+345,405)	(-40,718)	(-27,688)	
1999 advance	---	---	(100,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(+250,000)	(+150,000)	---	
Trust Funds	(3,432,410)	(3,726,020)	(3,596,917)	(3,579,643)	(3,613,917)	(+181,507)	(+17,000)	(+34,274)	
Current year	(3,432,410)	(3,726,020)	(3,596,917)	(3,579,643)	(3,573,917)	(+141,507)	(-23,000)	(-5,726)	
1999 advance	---	---	---	---	(40,000)	(+40,000)	(+40,000)	(+40,000)	
Title II - Department of Health and Human Services:									
Federal Funds	210,126,904	200,820,796	201,564,367	201,889,745	199,440,552	-10,686,352	-2,123,815	-2,449,193	
Current year	(178,482,911)	(169,202,607)	(169,946,178)	(170,071,556)	(167,722,363)	(-10,760,548)	(-2,223,815)	(-2,349,193)	
1999 advance	(31,643,993)	(31,618,189)	(31,618,189)	(31,818,189)	(31,718,189)	(+74,196)	(+100,000)	(-100,000)	
Trust Funds	(1,743,599)	(1,783,665)	(1,688,600)	(1,728,406)	(1,752,231)	(+8,632)	(+63,631)	(+23,825)	
Title III - Department of Education:									
Federal Funds	28,957,978	32,069,494	32,144,189	31,966,703	32,506,056	+3,548,078	+361,867	+539,353	
Current year	(28,957,978)	(32,069,494)	(31,884,189)	(31,706,703)	(32,296,056)	(+3,338,078)	(+411,867)	(+589,353)	
1999 advance	---	---	(260,000)	(260,000)	(210,000)	(+210,000)	(-50,000)	(-50,000)	
Title IV - Related Agencies:									
Federal Funds	30,873,751	26,793,840	26,714,891	26,748,349	26,732,040	-4,141,711	+17,149	-16,309	
Current year	(20,773,751)	(17,628,840)	(17,574,891)	(17,608,349)	(17,592,040)	(-3,181,711)	(+17,149)	(-16,309)	
1999 advance	(9,850,000)	(8,840,000)	(8,840,000)	(8,840,000)	(8,840,000)	(-1,010,000)	---	---	
2000 advance	(250,000)	(325,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	(+50,000)	---	---	
Trust Funds	(6,537,303)	(6,656,657)	(6,557,543)	(6,593,934)	(6,547,337)	(+10,034)	(-10,206)	(-46,597)	
Title V - Undistributed reductions	---	---	---	-75,500	---	---	---	+75,500	
Total, all titles:									
Federal Funds	278,698,355	269,106,983	269,649,292	269,892,112	268,013,775	-10,684,580	-1,635,517	-1,878,337	
Current year	(236,954,362)	(228,323,794)	(228,531,103)	(228,423,923)	(226,695,586)	(-10,258,776)	(-1,835,517)	(-1,728,337)	
1999 advance	(41,493,993)	(40,458,189)	(40,818,189)	(41,168,189)	(41,018,189)	(-475,804)	(+200,000)	(-150,000)	
2000 advance	(250,000)	(325,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	(300,000)	(+50,000)	---	---	
Trust Funds	(11,713,312)	(12,166,342)	(11,843,060)	(11,901,983)	(11,913,485)	(+200,173)	(+70,425)	(+11,502)	
Current year	(11,713,312)	(12,166,342)	(11,843,060)	(11,901,983)	(11,873,485)	(+160,173)	(+30,425)	(-28,498)	
1999 advance	---	---	---	---	(40,000)	(+40,000)	(+40,000)	(+40,000)	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
BUDGET ENFORCEMENT ACT RECAP									
Federal Funds (all years)	278,698,355	269,106,983	269,649,292	269,892,112	268,013,775	-10,684,580	-1,635,517	-1,878,337	
Mandatory, total in bill	211,774,424	198,673,540	198,544,340	198,610,975	195,995,359	-15,779,065	-2,548,981	-2,615,616	
Less advances for subsequent years	-39,556,993	-38,458,189	-38,458,189	-38,458,189	-38,458,189	+1,098,804	---	---	
Plus advances provided in prior years	40,385,350	38,949,993	38,949,993	38,949,993	38,949,993	-1,435,357	---	---	
Adjustment for savings related to CDRs	-100,000	---	---	---	---	+100,000	---	---	
Total, mandatory, current year	212,502,781	199,165,344	199,036,144	199,102,779	196,487,163	-16,015,618	-2,548,981	-2,615,616	
Discretionary, total in bill	66,923,931	70,433,443	71,104,952	71,281,137	72,018,416	+5,094,485	+913,464	+737,279	
Less advances for subsequent years	-2,187,000	-2,325,000	-2,660,000	-3,010,000	-2,860,000	-673,000	-200,000	+150,000	
Plus advances provided in prior years	260,000	2,187,000	2,187,000	2,187,000	2,187,000	+1,927,000	---	---	
Scorekeeping adjustments:									
Trust funds considered budget authority	6,110,432	6,597,917	6,378,594	6,392,849	6,458,019	+347,587	+79,425	+65,170	
Childcare welfare reform rescission	-6,120	---	---	-6,120	-3,000	+3,120	-3,000	+3,120	
Title I advance funding, 1997/1998	1,298,239	1,298,386	1,298,239	1,298,386	1,298,386	+147	+147	---	
Title I advance funding, 1998/1999	-1,298,239	-1,298,386	-1,298,239	-1,298,386	-1,448,386	-150,147	-150,147	-150,000	
LIHEAP 1997 Contingency	300,000	---	---	---	---	-300,000	---	---	
Adjustment to balance with 1997 bill	-9,778	---	---	---	---	+9,778	---	---	
Community schools transfer	(12,800)	---	---	---	---	(-12,800)	---	---	
Adjustment for leg cap on Title XX SSBGs	120,000	---	---	-135,000	-81,000	-201,000	-81,000	+54,000	
Emer designations, child care & terrorism	-28,575	---	---	---	---	+28,575	---	---	

	FY 1997 Comparable	FY 1998 Request	House	Senate	Conference	Conference vs FY 1997	Conference vs House	Conference vs Senate	Mand Disc
Reclassification of non-BA trust funds (1)....	3,461,970	3,271,425	3,167,466	3,167,134	3,168,466	-293,504	+1,000	+1,332	
Supplemental Child Care provision.....	1,000	---	---	---	---	-1,000	---	---	
HEAL provision.....	499	---	1,000	1,000	1,000	+501	---	---	
SSA User Fee Collection.....	---	-35,000	-35,000	-35,000	-35,000	-35,000	---	---	
Direct Loan Administration limitation.....	-218,000	---	---	---	10,000	+228,000	+10,000	+10,000	
Pell Grant unobligated balances.....	---	---	---	-96,000	---	---	---	+96,000	
MN & WY Disproportionate Share Hospitals.....	---	---	---	---	8,000	+8,000	+8,000	+8,000	
Trust Fund advances for subsequent years.....	---	---	---	---	-40,000	-40,000	-40,000	-40,000	
NIH Foundation.....	---	---	---	---	1,000	+1,000	+1,000	+1,000	
Guaranty Reserve Recapture.....	---	---	---	---	-280,000	-280,000	-280,000	-280,000	
Total, discretionary, current year.....	74,728,359	80,129,785	80,144,012	79,747,000	80,402,901	+5,674,542	+258,889	+655,901	
Crime trust fund.....	61,000	144,000	144,000	144,000	144,000	+83,000	---	---	
General purposes.....	74,667,359	79,985,785	80,000,012	79,603,000	80,258,901	+5,591,542	+258,889	+655,901	
Grand total, current year.....	287,231,140	279,295,129	279,180,156	278,849,779	276,890,064	-10,341,076	-2,290,092	-1,959,715	
Total amount provided in this bill.....	278,698,355	269,106,983	269,649,292	269,892,112	268,013,775	-10,684,580	-1,635,517	-1,878,337	
Total 602(b) adjustments.....	8,532,785	10,188,146	9,530,864	8,957,667	8,876,289	+343,504	-654,575	-81,378	
Grand total, current year.....	287,231,140	279,295,129	279,180,156	278,849,779	276,890,064	-10,341,076	-2,290,092	-1,959,715	

(1) Reflects adjustments in scoring adopted in FY98. These adjustments are included in the FY97 comparable figures only for the purposes of comparability.

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