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To authorize appropriations for activities under the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 for fiscal years 2004 through 2006, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan (for himself and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States Fire
5 Administration Authorization Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATOR.**

7 Notwithstanding section 1513 of the Homeland Secu-
8 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 553), the Administrator of the
9 United States Fire Administration shall continue to be ap-

1 pointed and compensated as provided under section 5(b)
2 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974
3 (15 U.S.C. 2204(b)).

4 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER STRAT-**
5 **EGY.**

6 Section 30 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Con-
7 trol Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2226) is amended—

8 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
9 “The Director, acting”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(b) NATIONAL RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER
13 STRATEGY.—The Administrator shall develop and imple-
14 ment a strategy for promoting the installation and use of
15 residential fire sprinklers. The strategy shall include—

16 “(1) advocacy and informational support to rel-
17 evant stakeholders, including builders, insurers, and
18 State and local decisionmakers;

19 “(2) promotion of residential sprinklers in resi-
20 dences supported by the Federal Government;

21 “(3) a particular focus on residences—

22 “(A) at high risk to fire hazards; and

23 “(B) with occupants at high risk to fire
24 hazards, such as senior citizens; and

1 “(4) a particular focus on localized fire suppres-
2 sion in high-risk areas of residences, such as kitch-
3 ens.”.

4 **SEC. 4. SUPPORT FOR TRAINING TO FIGHT MARITIME**
5 **FIRES.**

6 Subsection (b)(3)(B) of the first section 33 of the
7 Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15
8 U.S.C. 2229(b)(3)(B)) is amended by inserting “maritime
9 firefighting,” after “arson prevention and detection,”.

10 **SEC. 5. FIREFIGHTER ASSISTANCE GRANTS PROGRAM.**

11 The first section 33 of the Federal Fire Prevention
12 and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “Director” each place it appears
14 and inserting “Administrator”;

15 (2) by amending subsection (b)(2) to read as
16 follows:

17 “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE.—The Ad-
18 ministrator shall establish specific criteria for the se-
19 lection of recipients of assistance under this section
20 and shall provide grant-writing assistance to appli-
21 cants.”; and

22 (3) in subsection (e)(2), by striking “operate
23 the office established under subsection (b)(2) and”.

1 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Section 17(g) of the Federal Fire Prevention and
3 Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2216(g)) is amended by
4 striking “to carry out the purposes” and all that follows
5 through the end of subparagraph (K) and inserting “to
6 the Administrator to carry out the purposes of this Act,
7 other than the firefighter assistance program under sec-
8 tion 33—

9 “(A) \$61,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;

10 “(B) \$62,830,000 for fiscal year 2005; and

11 “(C) \$65,000,000 for fiscal year 2006.”.

12 **SEC. 7. COURSES AND TRAINING ASSISTANCE.**

13 Section 7(l) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Con-
14 trol Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2206(l)) is amended by adding
15 at the end the following: “The Superintendent shall offer,
16 at the Academy and at other sites, courses and training
17 assistance as necessary to accommodate all geographic re-
18 gions and needs of career and volunteer firefighters.”.

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