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AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes. 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, 3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any 4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban 5 Development, and for sundry independent agencies, 6 7 boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fis-8 cal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other pur-9 poses, namely:

10 TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

11 VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

12 COMPENSATION, PENSION AND BURIAL BENEFITS

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

14 For the payment of compensation benefits to or on 15 behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability ex-16 aminations as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 107, chapters 11, 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61); pension benefits to or 17 18 on behalf of veterans as authorized by law (38 U.S.C. 19 chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61; 92 Stat. 2508); and bur-20ial benefits, emergency and other officers' retirement pay, 21 adjusted-service credits and certificates, payment of pre-22 miums due on commercial life insurance policies guaranteed under the provisions of article IV of the Soldiers' and 23 24 Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 (50 U.S.C. App. 540 et seq.) and for other benefits as authorized by law (38) 25 U.S.C. 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, chapters 23, 51, 53, 26 HR 2861 RDS

55, and 61; 50 U.S.C. App. 540–548; 43 Stat. 122, 123; 1 2 45 Stat. 735; 76 Stat. 1198), \$29,845,127,000, to remain 3 available until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed 4 \$17,617,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading shall be reimbursed to "General operating expenses" 5 and "Medical services for priority 1-6 veterans" for nec-6 7 essary expenses in implementing those provisions author-8 ized in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, 9 and in the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C. 10 chapters 51, 53, and 55), the funding source for which is specifically provided as the "Compensation, pension and 11 burial benefits" appropriation: *Provided further*, That such 12 13 sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying patient basis, shall be reimbursed to "Medical facilities revolving" 14 15 fund" to augment the funding of individual medical facilities for nursing home care provided to pensioners as au-16 17 thorized.

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READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

19 For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation 20benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by law 21 (38 U.S.C. chapters 21, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 39, 51, 53, 22 55, and 61), \$2,529,734,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That expenses for rehabilitation pro-23 24 gram services and assistance which the Secretary is au-25 thorized to provide under section 3104(a) of title 38, United States Code, other than under subsection (a)(1), 26 HR 2861 RDS

1 (2), (5), and (11) of that section, shall be charged to this2 account.

3 VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

For military and naval insurance, national service life
insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled veterans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as
authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 19; 70 Stat. 887; 72
8 Stat. 487, \$29,017,000, to remain available until ex9 pended.

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 VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND PROGRAM

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 ACCOUNT

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such 14 sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as 15 authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, subchapters I–III, 16 as amended: *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost 17 of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 18 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: 19 *Provided further*, That during fiscal year 2004, within the 20 resources available, not to exceed \$300,000 in gross obli-21 gations for direct loans are authorized for specially adapt-22 ed housing loans, 38 U.S.C. 3711(i).

In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$154,850,000,
which may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "General operating expenses".

EDUCATION LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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For the cost of direct loans, \$1,000, as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 3698, 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, as amended: *Provided further*, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$3,400.

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
carry out the direct loan program, \$70,000, which may
be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for
"General operating expenses".

14 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 For the cost of direct loans, \$52,000, as authorized 17 by 38 U.S.C. chapter 31, as amended: *Provided*, That such 18 costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be 19 as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act 20 of 1974, as amended: *Provided further*, That funds made 21available under this heading are available to subsidize 22 gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans 23 not to exceed \$3,938,000.

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program, \$300,000, which may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for
 "General operating expenses".

3 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM

ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

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6 For administrative expenses to carry out the direct 7 loan program authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, sub-8 chapter V, as amended, \$571,000, which may be trans-9 ferred to and merged with the appropriation for "General 10 operating expenses": *Provided*, That no new loans in ex-11 cess of \$40,000,000 may be made in fiscal year 2004.

12 GUARANTEED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING LOANS FOR

13 HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed transitional housing loan program authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, subchapter VI, not to exceed \$350,000 of the amounts appropriated by this Act for Wedical services for priority 1–6 veterans) may be expended.

20 VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

21 MEDICAL SERVICES FOR PRIORITY 1–6 VETERANS

For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized
by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to
beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs other
than veterans described in paragraphs (7) and (8) of section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, including
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care and treatment in facilities not under the jurisdiction 1 2 of the department and including medical supplies and 3 equipment and salaries and expenses of health-care em-4 ployees hired under title 38, United States Code, and aid 5 to State homes as authorized by section 1741 of title 38, United States Code; \$15,779,220,000, plus reimburse-6 7 ments: *Provided*. That of the funds made available under 8 this heading, not less than \$200,000,000 is for the equip-9 ment object classification, which amount shall not become 10 available for obligation until August 1, 2004, and shall remain available until September 30, 2005: Provided fur-11 ther, That of the funds made available under this heading, 12 13 not to exceed \$700,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2005. 14

15 MEDICAL SERVICES FOR PRIORITY 7–8 VETERANS 16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized 18 by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to 19 beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs who 20are veterans described in paragraphs (7) and (8) of section 21 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, including care 22 and treatment in facilities not under the jurisdiction of 23 the Department and including medical supplies and equip-24 ment and salaries and expenses of health-care employees hired under title 38, United States Code, and aid to State 25 homes as authorized by section 1741 of title 38, United 26 HR 2861 RDS

States Code; \$2,164,000,000, plus reimbursements: Pro vided, That of the amounts provided under this heading,
 \$1,500,000,000 shall be derived from amounts deposited
 during the current fiscal year in the Department of Vet erans Affairs Medical Care Collections Fund under section
 1729A of title 38, United States Code, and transferred
 to this account, to remain available until expended.

8 MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

9 For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of 10 medical and prosthetic research and development as authorized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code, 11 12 to remain available until September 30, 2005,13 \$408,000,000, plus reimbursements.

- 14 MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION
- 15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 For necessary expenses in the administration of the 17 medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction, 18 supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-19 ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activities; information technology hardware and software; uni-20 21forms or allowances therefor, as authorized by sections 22 5901–5902 of title 5, United States Code; and administra-23 tive and legal expenses of the department for collecting 24 and recovering amounts owed the department as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, and 25 26 the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 HR 2861 RDS

et seq.); \$4,854,000,000, of which \$300,000,000 shall be 1 2 available until September 30, 2005, plus reimbursements: 3 *Provided*, That funds available under this heading may be 4 transferred to "Medical Services for Priority 1–6 Vet-5 erans" or to "Medical Services for Priority 7–8 Veterans" after notice of the amount and purpose of the transfer 6 7 is provided to the Committees on Appropriations of the 8 Senate and House of Representatives and a period of 30 9 days has elapsed.

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MEDICAL FACILITIES

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

12 For necessary expenses for the maintenance and op-13 eration of hospitals, nursing homes, and domiciliary facilities and other necessary facilities for the Veterans Health 14 15 Administration; for administrative expenses in support of 16 planning, design, project management, real property ac-17 quisition and disposition, construction and renovation of 18 any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the 19 department; for oversight, engineering and architectural 20activities not charged to project costs; for repairing, altering, improving or providing facilities in the several hos-21 pitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the department, 22 23 not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by the 24hire of temporary employees and purchase of materials; for leases of facilities; and for laundry and food services, 25 \$4,000,000,000: Provided, That of the funds made avail-26 HR 2861 RDS

able under this heading, not less than \$80,000,000 is for 1 2 the land and structures object classification, which amount 3 shall not become available for obligation until August 1, 4 2004, and shall remain available until September 30, 5 2005: *Provided further*, That funds available under this heading may be transferred to "Medical Services for Pri-6 ority 1–6 Veterans" or to "Medical Services for Priority 7 8 7–8 Veterans" after notice of the amount and purpose of 9 the transfer is provided to the Committees on Appropria-10 tions of the Senate and House of Representatives and a period of 30 days has elapsed. 11

12 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

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GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

14 For necessary operating expenses of the Department 15 of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including administrative expenses in support of department-wide 16 17 capital planning, management and policy activities, uniforms or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for 18 19 official reception and representation expenses; hire of pas-20senger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General 21 Services Administration for security guard services, and 22 the Department of Defense for the cost of overseas em-23 ployee mail, \$1,283,272,000: *Provided*, That expenses for 24 services and assistance authorized under 38 U.S.C. 25 3104(a)(1), (2), (5), and (11) that the Secretary deter-

mines are necessary to enable entitled veterans: (1) to the 1 2 maximum extent feasible, to become employable and to ob-3 tain and maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve 4 maximum independence in daily living, shall be charged 5 to this account: *Provided further*, That the Veterans Benefits Administration shall be funded at not less than 6 7 \$1,005,000,000: *Provided further*, That of the funds made 8 available under this heading, not to exceed \$66,000,000 9 shall be available for obligation until September 30, 2005: 10 *Provided further*, That from the funds made available under this heading, the Veterans Benefits Administration 11 may purchase up to two passenger motor vehicles for use 12 in operations of that Administration in Manila, Phil-13 ippines: *Provided further*, That travel expenses for this ac-14 15 count shall not exceed \$17,082,000.

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NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

17 For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Ad-18 ministration for operations and maintenance, not otherwise provided for, including uniforms or allowances there-19 20 for; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase 21 of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial oper-22 ations; and hire of passenger motor vehicles. 23 \$144,223,000, to remain available until September 30, 24 2005.

2 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
3 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector
4 General Act of 1978, as amended, \$61,750,000, to remain
5 available until September 30, 2005.

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CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

7 For constructing, altering, extending and improving any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use 8 of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or for any of the 9 purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406, 8102, 10 11 8103, 8106, 8108, 8109, 8110, and 8122 of title 38, 12 United States Code, including planning, architectural and 13 engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period 14 services costs associated with equipment guarantees pro-15 vided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite 16 utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and 17 site acquisition, where the estimated cost of a project is 18 \$4,000,000 or more or where funds for a project were 19 made available in a previous major project appropriation, 20 \$274,690,000, to remain available until expended, of 21 which \$173,000,000 shall be for Capital Asset Realign-22 ment for Enhanced Services (CARES) activities; and of 23 which \$10,000,000 shall be to make reimbursements as provided in 41 U.S.C. 612 for claims paid for contract 24 25 disputes: *Provided*, That except for advance planning activities, including needs assessments which may or may 26 HR 2861 RDS

not lead to capital investments, and other capital asset 1 management related activities, such as portfolio develop-2 3 ment and management activities, and investment strategy 4 studies funded through the advance planning fund and the 5 planning and design activities funded through the design fund and CARES funds, including needs assessments 6 7 which may or may not lead to capital investments, none 8 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be used 9 for any project which has not been approved by the Con-10 gress in the budgetary process: *Provided further*, That funds provided in this appropriation for fiscal year 2004, 11 12 for each approved project (except those for CARES activi-13 ties referenced above) shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a construction documents contract by September 14 15 30, 2004; and (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by September 30, 2004: Provided further, That the 16 17 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall promptly report in 18 writing to the Committees on Appropriations any approved major construction project in which obligations are 19 20 not incurred within the time limitations established above: 21 *Provided further*, That no funds from any other account 22 except the "Parking revolving fund", may be obligated for 23 constructing, altering, extending, or improving a project 24 which was approved in the budget process and funded in 25 this account until one year after substantial completion and beneficial occupancy by the Department of Veterans
 Affairs of the project or any part thereof with respect to
 that part only.

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CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

5 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use 6 7 of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including planning 8 and assessments of needs which may lead to capital invest-9 ments, architectural and engineering services, mainte-10 nance or guarantee period services costs associated with 11 equipment guarantees provided under the project, services 12 of claims analysts, offsite utility and storm drainage sys-13 tem construction costs, and site acquisition, or for any of 14 the purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406, 8102, 15 8103, 8106, 8108, 8109, 8110, 8122, and 8162 of title 16 38, United States Code, where the estimated cost of a project is less than \$4,000,000, \$252,144,000, to remain 17 18 available until expended, along with unobligated balances 19 of previous "Construction, minor projects" appropriations which are hereby made available for any project where the 20estimated cost is less than \$4,000,000, of which 21 22 \$35,000,000 shall be for Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) activities: Provided, That 23 from amounts appropriated under this heading, additional 24 amounts may be used for CARES activities upon notifica-25 tion of and approval by the Committees on Appropria-26 HR 2861 RDS

1 tions: *Provided further*, That funds in this account shall
2 be available for: (1) repairs to any of the nonmedical facili3 ties under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Depart4 ment which are necessary because of loss or damage
5 caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe; and (2)
6 temporary measures necessary to prevent or to minimize
7 further loss by such causes.

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PARKING REVOLVING FUND

9 For the parking revolving fund as authorized by 38
10 U.S.C. 8109, income from fees collected, to remain avail11 able until expended, which shall be available for all author12 ized expenses except operations and maintenance costs,
13 which will be funded from "Medical facilities".

14 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE

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FACILITIES

For grants to assist States to acquire or construct To State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to remodel, modify or alter existing hospital, nursing home and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing care to veterans as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 8131–8137, \$102,100,000, to remain available until expended.

22 GRANTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STATE VETERANS

For grants to aid States in establishing, expanding,or improving State veterans cemeteries as authorized by

CEMETERIES

38 U.S.C. 2408, \$32,000,000, to remain available until
 expended.

- 3 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS
- 4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 101. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2004 for
"Compensation, pension and burial benefits", "Readjustment benefits", and "Veterans insurance and indemnities"
may be transferred to any other of the mentioned appropriations.

10 SEC. 102. Appropriations available to the Depart-11 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2004 for salaries 12 and expenses shall be available for services authorized by 13 5 U.S.C. 3109 hire of passenger motor vehicles; lease of 14 a facility or land or both; and uniforms or allowances 15 therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902.

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

SEC. 104. No appropriations in this Act for the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be available for hospitalization or examination of any persons (except beneficiaries entitled under the laws bestowing such benefits to veterans, and persons receiving such treatment under
5 U.S.C. 7901–7904 or 42 U.S.C. 5141–5204), unless reimbursement of cost is made to the Medical care collections fund account at such rates as may be fixed by the
Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

6 SEC. 105. Appropriations available to the Depart-7 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2004 for "Com-8 pensation, pension and burial benefits", "Readjustment 9 benefits", and "Veterans insurance and indemnities" shall 10 be available for payment of prior year accrued obligations required to be recorded by law against the corresponding 11 12 prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year 2003.13

14 SEC. 106. Appropriations accounts available to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2004 shall 15 be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding 16 17 prior year appropriations accounts resulting from title X of the Competitive Equality Banking Act, Public Law 18 19 100–86, except that if such obligations are from trust fund accounts they shall be payable from "Compensation, 20 21 pension and burial benefits".

SEC. 107. Notwithstanding any other provision of
law, during fiscal year 2004, the Secretary of Veterans
Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance
Fund (38 U.S.C. 1920), the Veterans' Special Life Insur-

ance Fund (38 U.S.C. 1923), and the United States Gov-1 2 ernment Life Insurance Fund (38 U.S.C. 1955), reim-3 burse the "General operating expenses" account for the 4 cost of administration of the insurance programs financed 5 through those accounts: *Provided*, That reimbursement shall be made only from the surplus earnings accumulated 6 7 in an insurance program in fiscal year 2004 that are avail-8 able for dividends in that program after claims have been 9 paid and actuarially determined reserves have been set 10 aside: *Provided further*, That if the cost of administration of an insurance program exceeds the amount of surplus 11 12 earnings accumulated in that program, reimbursement 13 shall be made only to the extent of such surplus earnings: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall determine the 14 15 cost of administration for fiscal year 2004 which is properly allocable to the provision of each insurance program 16 17 and to the provision of any total disability income insur-18 ance included in such insurance program.

19 SEC. 108. Notwithstanding any other provision of 20 law, the Department of Veterans Affairs shall continue the 21 Franchise Fund pilot program authorized to be estab-22 lished by section 403 of Public Law 103–356 until Octo-23 ber 1, 2004: *Provided*, That the Franchise Fund, estab-24 lished by title I of Public Law 104–204 to finance the operations of the Franchise Fund pilot program, shall con tinue until October 1, 2004.

3 SEC. 109. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use 4 lease proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses in-5 curred by that account during a prior fiscal year for pro-6 viding enhanced-use lease services, may be obligated dur-7 ing the fiscal year in which the proceeds are received.

8 SEC. 110. Funds available in any Department of Vet-9 erans Affairs appropriation for fiscal year 2004 or funds 10 for salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Manage-11 ment and the Office of Employment Discrimination Com-12 13 plaint Adjudication for all services provided at rates which 14 will recover actual costs but not exceed \$29,318,000 for 15 the Office of Resolution Management and \$3,010,000 for the Office of Employment and Discrimination Complaint 16 17 Adjudication: *Provided*, That payments may be made in advance for services to be furnished based on estimated 18 costs: *Provided further*, That amounts received shall be 19 credited to "General operating expenses" for use by the 20 21 office that provided the service.

SEC. 111. No appropriations in this Act for the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be available to enter into any new lease of real property if the estimated annual rental is more than \$300,000 unless the Secretary submits a report which the Committees on Appropriations of the
 Congress approve within 30 days following the date on
 which the report is received.

4 SEC. 112. No appropriations in this Act for the De-5 partment of Veterans Affairs shall be available for hos-6 pitalization or treatment of any person by reason of eligi-7 bility under section 1710(a)(3) of title 38, United States 8 Code, unless that person has disclosed to the Secretary 9 of Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary may 10 require—

(1) current, accurate third-party reimbursement
information for purposes of section 1729 of such
title; and

14 (2) annual income information for purposes of15 section 1722 of such title.

16 SEC. 113. Of the amounts provided in this Act,
17 \$25,000,000 shall be for information technology initiatives
18 to support the enterprise architecture of the Department
19 of Veterans Affairs.

20 SEC. 114. Notwithstanding any other provision of 21 law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may establish a pri-22 ority for treatment for veterans who have service-con-23 nected disability, who are lower-income veterans, or who 24 have special needs.

1 SEC. 115. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall 2 conduct by contract a program of recovery audits for the 3 fee basis and other medical services contracts with respect 4 to payments for hospital care. Notwithstanding section 5 3302(b) of title 31, United States Code, amounts collected, by setoff or otherwise, as the result of such audits 6 7 shall be available, without fiscal year limitation, for the 8 purposes for which funds are appropriated under "Medical 9 services for priority 7–8 veterans" and the purposes of 10 paying a contractor a percent of the amount collected as a result of an audit carried out by the contractor. 11

(b) All amounts so collected under subsection (a) with
respect to a designated health care region (as that term
is defined in section 1729A(d)(2) of title 38, United States
Code) shall be allocated, net of payments to the contractor, to that region.

SEC. 116. Amounts made available for Medical Serv-ices are available—

(1) for furnishing veterans provided Medical
Services with recreational facilities, supplies, and
equipment; and

(2) for funeral expenses, burial expenses, and
other expenses incidental to funerals and burials for
beneficiaries receiving care in the department.

SEC. 117. Balances in excess of \$1,500,000,000 in
 the Medical Care Collections Fund as of August 1, 2004
 shall be transferred to "Medical services for priority 7–
 8 veterans" for the purposes under that heading to be
 available until expended.

6 SEC. 118. Amounts made available for fiscal year 7 2004 under the "Medical services for priority 1–6 vet-8 erans" and "Medical services for priority 7–8 veterans" 9 accounts may be transferred between either account to the 10 extent necessary to implement the restructuring of the Veterans Health Administration accounts after notice of 11 12 the amount and purpose of the transfer is provided to the 13 Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives and a period of 30 days has elapsed: 14 15 *Provided*, That the limitation on transfers is ten percent in fiscal year 2004. 16

17 SEC. 119. The Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Houston, Texas, shall after the date of the 18 enactment of this Act be known as designated as the "Mi-19 chael E. DeBakey Department of Veterans Affairs Med-20 21 ical Center". Any reference in any law, regulation, map, 22 document, record, or other paper of the United States to 23 such medical center shall be considered to be a reference 24 to the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Veterans Af-25 fairs Medical Center.

1 SEC. 120. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall 2 maximize, to the greatest extent possible, sharing agree-3 ments for services, programs and facilities with the De-4 partment of Defense, particularly in areas where facilities 5 and/or targeted populations are in close proximity: Pro*vided*, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit 6 7 a report to the Committees on Appropriations no later 8 than December 1, 2003, detailing restrictive regulations, 9 policies, and regulatory redundancies that inhibit resource 10 sharing, and provide milestone dates to address each iden-11 tified issue.

12 TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND 13 URBAN DEVELOPMENT 14 PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING 15 HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND 16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER AND RESCISSION OF FUNDS) 17 For activities and assistance under the United States 18 Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437 et

19 seq.) ("the Act" herein), not otherwise provided for, 20\$18,430,606,000 (increased by \$150,000,000), and 21 amounts that are recaptured in this account, to remain 22 available until expended: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available under this heading, \$14,230,606,000 (in-23 24 creased by \$150,000,000) and the aforementioned recaptures shall be available on October 1, 2003 and 25 \$4,200,000,000 shall be available on October 1, 2004: 26 HR 2861 RDS

Provided further, That amounts made available under this
 heading are provided as follows:

3	(1) $$16,295,578,000$ (increased by
4	\$150,000,000) for expiring or terminating section 8
5	project-based subsidy contracts (including section 8
6	moderate rehabilitation contracts), for amendments
7	to section 8 project-based subsidy contracts, for con-
8	tracts entered into pursuant to section 441 of the
9	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, for the
10	renewal of section 8 contracts for units in projects
11	that are subject to approved plans of action under
12	the Emergency Low Income Housing Preservation
13	Act of 1987 or the Low-Income Housing Preserva-
14	tion and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990, and
15	for renewals of expiring section 8 tenant-based an-
16	nual contributions contracts (including amendments
17	and renewals of enhanced vouchers under any provi-
18	sion of law authorizing such assistance under section
19	8(t) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437 $f(t)$)): Provided,
20	That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
21	Secretary shall renew expiring section 8 tenant-
22	based annual contributions contracts for each public
23	housing agency, (including for agencies participating
24	in the Moving to Work demonstration, unit months
25	representing section 8 tenant-based assistance funds

1 committed by the public housing agency for specific 2 purposes, other than reserves, that are authorized 3 pursuant to any agreement and conditions entered 4 into under such demonstration, and utilized in com-5 pliance with any applicable program obligation dead-6 lines) based on the total number of unit months 7 which were under lease as reported on the most re-8 cent end-of-year financial statement submitted by 9 the public housing agency to the Department, ad-10 justed by such additional information submitted by 11 the public housing agency to the Secretary which the 12 Secretary determines to be timely and reliable regarding the total number of unit months under lease 13 14 at the time of renewal of the annual contributions 15 contract, and by applying an inflation factor based 16 on local or regional factors to the actual per unit 17 cost as reported on such statement: Provided further, 18 That none of the funds made available in this para-19 graph may be used to support a total number of unit 20 months under lease which exceeds a public housing 21 agency's authorized level of units under contract;

(2) \$568,503,000 for a central fund to be allocated by the Secretary for amendments to section 8
tenant-based annual contributions contracts for such
purposes set forth in this paragraph: *Provided*, That

1 subject to the following proviso, the Secretary may 2 use amounts made available in such fund, as nec-3 essary, for contract amendments resulting from a significant increase in the per unit cost of vouchers 4 5 or an increase in the total number of unit months 6 under lease as compared to the per unit cost or the 7 total number of unit months provided for by the an-8 nual contributions contract: *Provided further*, That if 9 a public housing agency, at any point in time during 10 their fiscal year, has obligated the amounts made available to such agency pursuant to paragraph (1) 11 12 under this heading for the renewal of expiring sec-13 tion 8 tenant-based annual contributions contracts, 14 and if such agency has expended fifty percent of the 15 amounts available to such agency in its annual con-16 tributions contract reserve account, the Secretary 17 shall make available such amounts as are necessary 18 from amounts available from such central fund to 19 fund amendments under the preceding proviso with-20 in thirty days of a request from such agency: Pro-21 *vided further*, That none of the funds made available 22 in this paragraph may be used to support a total 23 number of unit months under lease which exceeds a 24 public housing agency's authorized level of units 25 under contract: *Provided further*, That the Secretary

1	shall provide quarterly reports to the Committees on
2	Appropriations of the House and the Senate on the
3	obligation of funds provided in this paragraph in ac-
4	cordance with the directions specified in the report
5	accompanying this Act;
6	(3) \$206,495,100 for section 8 rental assistance
7	for relocation and replacement of housing units that
8	are demolished or disposed of pursuant to the Omni-
9	bus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act
10	of 1996 (Public Law 104–134), conversion of section
11	23 projects to assistance under section 8, the family
12	unification program under section 8(x) of the Act,
13	relocation of witnesses in connection with efforts to
14	combat crime in public and assisted housing pursu-
15	ant to a request from a law enforcement or prosecu-
16	tion agency, enhanced vouchers under any provision
17	of law authorizing such assistance under section $8(t)$
18	of the Act (42 U.S.C.1437 $f(t)$), and tenant protec-
19	tion assistance, including replacement and relocation
20	assistance;
21	(4) \$48,000,000 for family self-sufficiency coor-

21 (4) \$48,000,000 for family self-sufficiency coor22 dinators under section 23 of the Act;

(5) not to exceed \$1,209,020,000 for administrative and other expenses of public housing agencies
in administering the section 8 tenant-based rental

1 assistance program: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding 2 any other provision of law or regulation, the Sec-3 retary shall allocate funds provided in this para-4 graph among public housing agencies in a manner 5 prescribed by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That 6 none of the funds provided in this Act or any other 7 Act may be used to supplement the amounts pro-8 vided in this paragraph: *Provided further*, That, 9 hereafter, the Secretary shall recapture any funds 10 provided under this heading in this Act or any other 11 Act for administrative fees and other expenses from 12 a public housing agency which are in excess of the 13 amounts expended by such agency for the section 8 14 tenant-based rental assistance program and not oth-15 erwise needed to maintain an administrative fee re-16 serve account balance of not to exceed five percent: 17 Provided further, That all such administrative fee 18 amounts provided under this paragraph shall be only 19 for activities directly related to the provision of rent-20 al assistance under section 8; 21 (6) \$100,000,000 for contract administrators 22 for section 8 project-based assistance; and

(7) not less than \$3,010,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for the development of and modifications to information technology

1 systems which serve programs or activities under 2 "Public and Indian Housing": Provided, That the 3 Secretary may transfer up to 15 percent of funds 4 provided under paragraphs (1), (2) or (5), herein to 5 paragraphs (1) or (2), if the Secretary determines 6 that such action is necessary because the funding 7 provided under one such paragraph otherwise would 8 be depleted and as a result, the maximum utilization 9 of section 8 tenant-based assistance with the funds 10 appropriated for this purpose by this Act would not 11 be feasible: *Provided further*, That prior to under-12 taking the transfer of funds in excess of 10 percent 13 from any paragraph pursuant to the previous pro-14 viso, the Secretary shall notify the Chairman and 15 Ranking Member of the Subcommittees on Veterans 16 Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and 17 Independent Agencies of the Committees on Appro-18 priations of the House of Representatives and the 19 Senate and shall not transfer any such funds until 20 30 days after such notification: Provided further, 21 That incremental vouchers previously made available 22 under this heading for non-elderly disabled families 23 shall, to the extent practicable, continue to be pro-24 vided to non-elderly disabled families upon turnover: 25 Provided further, That \$1,372,000,000 is rescinded

1	from unobligated balances remaining from funds ap-
2	propriated to the Department of Housing and Urban
3	Development under this heading or the heading
4	"Annual contributions for assisted housing" or any
5	other heading for fiscal year 2003 and prior years,
6	to be effected by the Secretary no later than Sep-
7	tember 30, 2004: Provided further, That any such
8	balances governed by reallocation provisions under
9	the statute authorizing the program for which the
10	funds were originally appropriated shall be available
11	for the rescission: Provided further, That any obli-
12	gated balances of contract authority from fiscal year
13	1974 and prior that have been terminated shall be
14	cancelled.

15 PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND16 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

17 For the Public Housing Capital Fund Program to 18 carry out capital and management activities for public 19 housing agencies, as authorized under section 9 of the 20 United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42) U.S.C. 1437g) (the "Act") \$2,712,255,000, to remain 21 available until September 30, 2007: Provided, That of the 22 23 total amount provided under this heading, in addition to 24 amounts otherwise allocated under this heading, \$429,000,000 shall be allocated for such capital and man-25 agement activities only among public housing agencies 26 HR 2861 RDS

that have obligated all assistance for the agency for fiscal 1 years 2001 and 2002 made available under this same 2 3 heading in accordance with the requirements under para-4 graphs (1) and (2) of section 9(j) of such Act: Provided 5 *further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, during fiscal year 2004, the Secretary may 6 7 not delegate to any Department official other than the 8 Deputy Secretary any authority under paragraph (2) of 9 such section 9(j) regarding the extension of the time peri-10 ods under such section for obligation of amounts made available for fiscal year 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 11 2003, or 2004: *Provided further*, That with respect to any 12 13 amounts made available under the Public Housing Capital Fund for fiscal year 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, or 14 15 2004 that remain unobligated in violation of paragraph (1) of such section 9(j) or unexpended in violation of para-16 17 graph (5)(A) of such section 9(j), the Secretary shall re-18 capture any such amounts and reallocate such amounts 19 among public housing agencies determined under section 20 6(j) of the Act to be high-performing: *Provided further*, 21 That for purposes of this heading, the term "obligate" 22 means, with respect to amounts, that the amounts are 23 subject to a binding agreement that will result in outlays, 24 immediately or in the future: *Provided further*, That if the 25 Secretary issues a regulation for effect implementing sec-

tion 9(j) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42) 1 2 U.S.C. 1437g(j), the first and third provisos under this heading shall cease to be effective: *Provided further*, That 3 4 of the total amount provided under this heading, up to 5 \$51,000,000 shall be for carrying out activities under section 9(h) of such Act, of which \$13,000,000 shall be for 6 7 the provision of remediation services to public housing agencies identified as "troubled" under the Section 8 8 9 Management Assessment Program and for surveys used 10 to calculate local Fair Market Rents and assess housing conditions in connection with rental assistance under sec-11 tion 8 of the Act: Provided further, That of the total 12 13 amount provided under this heading, up to \$500,000 shall be for lease adjustments to section 23 projects, and no 14 15 less than \$10,610,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for the development of and modifications to 16 17 information technology systems which serve programs or activities under "Public and Indian housing": Provided 18 *further*, That no funds may be used under this heading 19 20 for the purposes specified in section 9(k) of the United 21 States Housing Act of 1937, as amended: Provided fur-22 ther, That of the total amount provided under this head-23 ing, up to \$40,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary 24 of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to 25 public housing agencies for emergency capital needs resulting from emergencies and natural disasters in fiscal
 year 2004: *Provided further*, That of the total amount pro vided under this heading, \$55,000,000 shall be for sup portive services, service coordinators and congregate serv ices as authorized by section 34 of the Act and the Native
 American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act
 of 1996.

8 The first proviso under this heading in the Depart-9 ments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Devel-10 opment, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 11 2003, is amended by striking "1998, 1999".

12 PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

13 For 2004 payments to public housing agencies for the 14 operation and management of public housing, as author-15 ized by section 9(e) of the United States Housing Act of 16 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437g(e)), \$3,600,000,000: 17 *Provided*, That of the total amount provided under this 18 heading, \$10,000,000 shall be for programs, as determined appropriate by the Attorney General, which assist 19 20in the investigation, prosecution, and prevention of violent 21 crimes and drug offenses in public and federally-assisted 22low-income housing, including Indian housing, which shall 23 be administered by the Department of Justice through a 24 reimbursable agreement with the Department of Housing 25 and Urban Development: *Provided further*, That no funds may be used under this heading for the purposes specified 26 HR 2861 RDS

in section 9(k) of the United States Housing Act of 1937,
 as amended: *Provided further*, That in 2004 and hereafter,
 no amounts provided under this heading may be used for
 payments to public housing agencies for the costs of oper ation and management of public housing in any year prior
 to the current year.

REVITALIZATION OF SEVERELY DISTRESSED PUBLIC HOUSING (HOPE VI)

9 For grants to public housing agencies for demolition, 10 site revitalization, replacement housing, and tenant-based 11 assistance grants to projects as authorized by section 24 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, 12 13 \$50,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, of which the Secretary may use up to \$500,000 (in-14 15 creased by \$4,500,000) for technical assistance and con-16 tract expertise, to be provided directly or indirectly by 17 grants, contracts or cooperative agreements, including 18 training and cost of necessary travel for participants in 19 such training, by or to officials and employees of the de-20 partment and of public housing agencies and to residents: *Provided*, That none of such funds shall be used directly 21 22 or indirectly by granting competitive advantage in awards to settle litigation or pay judgments, unless expressly per-23 mitted herein. 24

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS

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(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

3 For the Native American Housing Block Grants program, as authorized under title I of the Native American 4 5 Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), \$661,600,000, to 6 remain available until expended, of which \$2,200,000 shall 7 8 be contracted through the Secretary as technical assist-9 ance and capacity building to be used by the National 10 American Indian Housing Council in support of the implementation of NAHASDA; of which \$5,000,000 shall be 11 to support the inspection of Indian housing units, contract 12 13 expertise, training, and technical assistance in the train-14 ing, oversight, and management of Indian housing and tenant-based assistance, including up to \$300,000 for re-15 16 lated travel; and of which no less than \$2,720,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for develop-17 18 ment of and modifications to information technology systems which serve programs or activities under "Public and 19 Indian housing": Provided, That of the amount provided 20under this heading, \$1,000,000 shall be made available 21 22for the cost of guaranteed notes and other obligations, as authorized by title VI of NAHASDA: Provided further, 23 24 That such costs, including the costs of modifying such 25 notes and other obligations, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amend-26 HR 2861 RDS

ed: Provided further, That these funds are available to sub-1 2 sidize the total principal amount of any notes and other 3 obligations, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to 4 exceed \$8,049,000: Provided further, That for administra-5 tive expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, up to \$150,000 from amounts in the first proviso, which 6 7 shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation 8 for "Salaries and expenses", to be used only for the ad-9 ministrative costs of these guarantees.

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INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by section 184 of the Housing and Community Development 14 Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a), \$5,300,000, to re-15 16 main available until expended: *Provided*, That such costs, including the costs of modifying such loans, shall be as 17 18 defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act 19 of 1974, as amended: *Provided further*, That these funds 20are available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of 21 which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$197,243,000. 22 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out 23 the guaranteed loan program, up to \$250,000 from 24 amounts in the first paragraph, which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Salaries and 25

expenses", to be used only for the administrative costs of
 these guarantees.

3 NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND

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PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by 7 section 184A of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–13b), \$1,000,000, to 8 9 remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such costs, including the costs of modifying such loans, shall 10 11 be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: Provided further, That these 12 13 funds are available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed 14 \$35,347,985. 15

16 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out 17 the guaranteed loan program, up to \$35,000 from 18 amounts in the first paragraph, which shall be transferred 19 to and merged with the appropriation for "Salaries and 20 expenses", to be used only for the administrative costs of 21 these guarantees.

22 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
23 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS
24 For carrying out the Housing Opportunities for Per25 sons with AIDS program, as authorized by the AIDS
26 Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.),
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\$297,000,000 (increased by \$5,000,000), to remain avail-1 2 able until September 30, 2005: Provided, That the Sec-3 retary shall renew all expiring contracts for permanent 4 supportive housing that were funded under section 5 854(c)(3) of such Act that meet all program requirements before awarding funds for new contracts and activities au-6 7 thorized under this section: *Provided further*, That the 8 Secretary may use up to \$2,000,000 of the funds under 9 this heading for training, oversight, and technical assist-10 ance activities.

11 RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

12 For the Office of Rural Housing and Economic De-13 velopment in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$25,000,000 to remain available until ex-14 15 pended, which amount shall be competitively awarded by 16 June 1, 2004, to Indian tribes, State housing finance 17 agencies, State community and/or economic development 18 agencies, local rural nonprofits and community develop-19 ment corporations to support innovative housing and eco-20nomic development activities in rural areas.

21 EMPOWERMENT ZONES/ENTERPRISE COMMUNITIES

For grants in connection with a second round of empowerment zones and enterprise communities,
\$15,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
2005, for "Urban Empowerment Zones", as authorized in
section 1391(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26

U.S.C. 1391(g)), including \$1,000,000 for each empower ment zone for use in conjunction with economic develop ment activities consistent with the strategic plan of each
 empowerment zone.

5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND
6 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

7 For assistance to units of State and local govern-8 ment, and to other entities, for economic and community 9 development activities, and for other purposes, 10 \$4,959,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 11 2006:Provided. That of the amount provided, 12 \$4,538,650,000 is for carrying out the community devel-13 opment block grant program under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended 14 (the "Act" herein) (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.): Provided fur-15 16 ther, That unless explicitly provided for under this heading (except for planning grants provided in the third para-17 18 graph and amounts made available in the second para-19 graph), not to exceed 20 percent of any grant made with 20 funds appropriated under this heading (other than a grant made available in this paragraph to the Housing Assist-21 22 ance Council or the National American Indian Housing 23 Council, or a grant using funds under section 107(b)(3)24 of the Act) shall be expended for planning and manage-25 ment development and administration: *Provided further*, That \$72,000,000 shall be for grants to Indian tribes not-26

with standing section 106(a)(1) of such Act; \$3,300,0001 2 shall be for a grant to the Housing Assistance Council; 3 \$2,400,000 shall be for a grant to the National American 4 Indian Housing Council; \$5,000,000 shall be available as 5 a grant to the National Housing Development Corporation, for operating expenses not to exceed \$2,000,000 and 6 7 for a program of affordable housing acquisition and reha-8 bilitation; \$5,000,000 shall be available as a grant to the 9 National Council of La Raza for the HOPE Fund, of 10 which \$500,000 is for technical assistance and fund management, and \$4,500,000 is for investments in the HOPE 11 affiliated 12 Fund and financing to organizations; 13 \$43,000,000 shall be for grants pursuant to section 107 of the Act, of which \$9,500,000 shall be for the Native 14 15 Hawaiian block grant authorized under title VIII of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determina-16 17 tion Act of 1996; no less than \$4,900,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for the development 18 19 of and modification to information technology systems which serve programs or activities under "Community 20 21 planning and development"; \$28,000,000 shall be for 22 grants pursuant to the Self Help Homeownership Oppor-23 tunity Program; \$33,250,000 shall be for capacity build-24 ing, of which \$28,250,000 shall be for Capacity Building 25 for Community Development and Affordable Housing for

LISC and the Enterprise Foundation for activities as au-1 thorized by section 4 of the HUD Demonstration Act of 2 3 1993 (42 U.S.C. 9816 note), as in effect immediately be-4 fore June 12, 1997, with not less than \$5,000,000 of the 5 funding to be used in rural areas, including tribal areas, and of which \$5,000,000 shall be for capacity building ac-6 7 tivities administered by Habitat for Humanity Inter-8 national; \$65,000,000 shall be available for YouthBuild 9 program activities authorized by subtitle D of title IV of 10 the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, and such activities shall be an eligible activity 11 12 with respect to any funds made available under this head-13 ing: *Provided* That local YouthBuild programs that demonstrate an ability to leverage private and nonprofit fund-14 15 ing shall be given a priority for YouthBuild funding: Provided further, That no more than 10 percent of any grant 16 17 award under the YouthBuild program may be used for administrative costs: *Provided further*, That of the amount 18 made available for YouthBuild not less than \$10,000,000 19 20 is for grants to establish YouthBuild programs in under-21 served and rural areas and \$2,000,000 is to be made avail-22 able for a grant to YouthBuild USA for capacity building 23 for community development and affordable housing activi-24 ties as specified in section 4 of the HUD Demonstration 25 Act of 1993, as amended.

Of the amount made available under this heading, 1 2 \$21,000,000 shall be available for neighborhood initiatives 3 that are utilized to improve the conditions of distressed 4 and blighted areas and neighborhoods, to stimulate invest-5 ment, economic diversification, and community revitalization in areas with population outmigration or a stagnating 6 7 or declining economic base, or to determine whether hous-8 ing benefits can be integrated more effectively with welfare 9 reform initiatives: *Provided*, That amounts made available 10 under this paragraph shall be provided in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the report accom-11 panying this Act. 12

Of the amount made available under this heading, \$137,500,000 shall be available for grants for the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) to finance a variety of targeted economic investments in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the report accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That none of the funds provided under this paragraph may be used for program operations.

The referenced statement of the managers under this heading in Public Law 107–73 is deemed to be amended with respect to the amount made available to the North Carolina Community Land Trust Initiative by striking "North Carolina Community Land Trust Initiative" and inserting "Orange Community Housing and Land Trust". The referenced statement of the managers under this
 heading in Public Law 107–73 is deemed to be amended
 with respect to the amount made available to the Willacy
 County Boys and Girls Club in Willacy County, Texas by
 striking "Willacy County Boys and Girls Club in Willacy
 County, Texas" and inserting "Willacy County, Texas".

7 The referenced statement of the managers under this 8 heading in Public Law 108–10 is deemed to be amended 9 with respect to item number 17 by striking "for sidewalks, 10 curbs, street lighting, outdoor furniture and façade im-11 provements in the Mill Village neighborhood" and insert-12 ing "for the restoration and renovation of houses within 13 the Lincoln or Dallas mill villages".

The referenced statement of the managers under this heading in Public Law 107–73 is deemed to be amended with respect to the amount made available to the Metropolitan Development Association in Syracuse, New York by inserting "and other economic development planning and revitalization activities" after the word "study".

The referenced statement of the managers under this heading in Public Law 107–73 is deemed to be amended with respect to the amount made available to the Staten Island Freedom Memorial Fund by striking all "Staten Island Freedom Memorial Fund for the construction of a memorial in the Staten Island community of St. George, New York" and inserting "Staten Island Botanical Gar den for construction and related activities for a healing
 garden".

4 The referenced statement of the managers under this 5 heading in title II of division K of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Public Law 108–7; H. Rept. 6 7 108–10) is deemed to be amended with respect to item number 526 by striking "for an economic development 8 9 study for the revitalization of Westchester" and inserting 10 "for the reconstruction of renaissance plaza at Main and Mamaroneck in downtown White Plains". 11

12 The referenced statement of the managers under this 13 heading in title II of division K of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Public Law 108–7; H. Rept. 14 15 108–10) is deemed to be amended with respect to item number 877 by striking "West Virginia High Technology 16 Consortium Foundation, Inc. in Marion County, West Vir-17 ginia for facilities construction for a high-tech park" and 18 inserting "Glenville State College in Glenville, West Vir-19 ginia for construction of a new campus community edu-2021 cation center".

The referenced statement of the managers under this
heading in title II of division K of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Public Law 108–7; H. Rept.
108–10) is deemed to be amended with respect to item

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1	number 126 by striking "for construction of" and insert-
2	ing "for facilities improvements and build out for".
3	URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANTS
4	(RESCISSION)
5	From balances of the Urban Development Action
6	Grant Program, as authorized by title I of the Housing
7	and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended,
8	\$30,000,000 are canceled.
9	BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT
10	For competitive economic development grants, as au-
11	thorized by section 108(q) of the Housing and Community
12	Development Act of 1974, as amended, for Brownfields
13	redevelopment projects, \$25,000,000, to remain available
14	until September 30, 2005.
15	HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM
16	(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)
17	For the HOME investment partnerships program, as
18	authorized under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-
19	tional Affordable Housing Act, as amended,
20	\$1,939,100,000, to remain available until September 30,
21	2006: Provided, That of the total amount provided in this
22	paragraph, up to \$40,000,000 shall be available for hous-
23	ing counseling under section 106 of the Housing and
24	Urban Development Act of 1968 and no less than
25	\$2,100,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital
26	Fund for the development of and modifications to informa-

tion technology systems which serve programs or activities
 under "Community planning and development".

3 In addition to amounts otherwise made available 4 under this heading, \$125,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2006, for assistance to homebuyers 5 as authorized under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-6 7 tional Affordable Housing Act, as amended: *Provided*, 8 That the Secretary shall provide such assistance in accord-9 ance with a formula to be established by the Secretary 10 that considers a participating jurisdiction's need for, and 11 prior commitment to, assistance to homebuyers.

12 HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS13 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

14 For the emergency shelter grants program as authorized under subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento 15 Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; the supportive 16 housing program as authorized under subtitle C of title 17 18 IV of such Act; the section 8 moderate rehabilitation sin-19 gle room occupancy program as authorized under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to assist 20 homeless individuals pursuant to section 441 of the 21 22 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; and the shelter 23 plus care program as authorized under subtitle F of title 24 IV of such Act, \$1,242,000,000, of which \$1,222,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2006, and of 25 26 which \$20,000,000 to remain available until expended:

Provided, That not less than 30 percent of funds made 1 2 available, excluding amounts provided for renewals under 3 the shelter plus care program, shall be used for permanent 4 housing: *Provided further*, That all funds awarded for 5 services shall be matched by 25 percent in funding by each grantee: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall renew 6 7 on an annual basis expiring contracts or amendments to 8 contracts funded under the shelter plus care program if 9 the program is determined to be needed under the applica-10 ble continuum of care and meets appropriate program requirements and financial standards, as determined by the 11 12 Secretary: *Provided further*, That all awards of assistance 13 under this heading shall be required to coordinate and integrate homeless programs with other mainstream health, 14 15 social services, and employment programs for which homeless populations may be eligible, including Medicaid, State 16 17 Children's Health Insurance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Food Stamps, and services fund-18 19 ing through the Mental Health and Substance Abuse 20 Block Grant, Workforce Investment Act, and the Welfare-21 to-Work Provided further. That grant program: 22 \$12,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading 23 shall be available for the national homeless data analysis 24 project and technical assistance: *Provided further*, That no 25 less than \$2,580,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund
 for the development of and modifications to information
 technology systems which serve programs or activities
 under "Community planning and development".

5 HOUSING PROGRAMS
6 HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY
7 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

8 For capital advances, including amendments to cap-9 ital advance contracts, for housing for the elderly, as au-10 thorized by section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended, and for project rental assistance for the elderly 11 under section 202(c)(2) of such Act, including amend-12 13 ments to contracts for such assistance and renewal of ex-14 piring contracts for such assistance for up to a 1-year term, and for supportive services associated with the hous-15 16 ing, \$773,320,000, plus recaptures and cancelled commit-17 ments, to remain available until September 30, 2006, of 18 which amount \$50,000,000 shall be for service coordina-19 tors and the continuation of existing congregate service 20grants for residents of assisted housing projects, and of 21 which amount up to \$25,000,000 shall be for grants under 22 section 202b of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q-2) for conversion of eligible projects under such 23 24 section to assisted living or related use: *Provided*, That of the amount made available under this heading, 25 \$16,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary of Housing 26 HR 2861 RDS

and Urban Development only for making competitive 1 2 grants to private nonprofit organizations and consumer 3 cooperatives for covering costs of architectural and engineering work, site control, and other planning relating to 4 5 the development of supportive housing for the elderly that is eligible for assistance under section 202 of the Housing 6 7 Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q): Provided further, That 8 no less than \$470,000 shall be transferred to the Working 9 Capital Fund for the development of and modifications to 10 information technology systems which serve programs or activities under "Housing programs" or "Federal Housing 11 12 Administration": *Provided further*, That the Secretary 13 may waive the provisions of section 202 governing the terms and conditions of project rental assistance, except 14 15 that the initial contract term for such assistance shall not exceed 5 years in duration: *Provided further*, That all bal-16 17 ances outstanding, as of September 30, 2003, for capital advances, including amendments to capital advances, for 18 housing for elderly, as authorized by section 202, for 19 20 project rental assistance for housing for the elderly, as au-21 thorized under section 202(c)(2) of such Act, including 22 amendments to contracts shall be transferred to and 23 merged with the amounts for those purposes under this heading. 24

HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 For capital advance contracts, for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as authorized by section 811 4 5 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, for project rental assistance for supportive housing 6 for persons with disabilities under section 811(d)(2) of 7 8 such Act, including amendments to contracts for such as-9 sistance and renewal of expiring contracts for such assist-10 ance for up to a 1-year term, and for supportive services 11 associated with the housing for persons with disabilities 12 as authorized by section 811(b)(1) of such Act, and for 13 tenant-based rental assistance contracts entered into pursuant to section 811 of such Act, \$250,570,000, plus re-14 15 captures and cancelled commitments to remain available 16 until September 30, 2006: *Provided*, That no less than \$470,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital 17 18 Fund for the development of and modifications to informa-19 tion technology systems which serve programs or activities under "Housing programs" or "Federal Housing Admin-20 istration": Provided further, That of the amount provided 21 22 under this heading, other than amounts for renewal of ex-23 piring project-based or tenant-based rental assistance contracts, the Secretary may designate up to 25 percent for 24 25 tenant-based rental assistance, as authorized by section 811 of such Act, (which assistance is five years in dura-26 HR 2861 RDS

tion): *Provided further*, That the Secretary may waive the 1 provisions of section 811 governing the terms and condi-2 3 tions of project rental assistance and tenant-based assist-4 ance, except that the initial contract term for such assist-5 ance shall not exceed five years in duration: Provided further, That all balances outstanding, as of September 30, 6 7 2003, for capital advances, including amendments to cap-8 ital advances, for supportive housing for persons with dis-9 abilities, as authorized by section 811, for project rental 10 assistance for supportive housing for persons with disabilities, as authorized under section 811(d)(2), including 11 12 amendments to contracts for such assistance and renewal 13 of expiring contracts for such assistance, and for supportive services associated with the housing for persons 14 15 with disabilities as authorized by section 811(b)(1), shall be transferred to and merged with the amounts for these 16 17 purposes under this heading.

- 18 FLEXIBLE SUBSIDY FUND
- 19 (TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

From the Rental Housing Assistance Fund, all uncommitted balances of excess rental charges as of September 30, 2003, and any collections made during fiscal year 2004, shall be transferred to the Flexible Subsidy Fund, as authorized by section 236(g) of the National Housing Act, as amended.

RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE

(RESCISSION)

3 Up to \$303,000,000 of recaptured section 236 budget authority resulting from prepayment of mortgages sub-4 5 sidized under section 236 of the National Housing Act (12) U.S.C. 1715z–1) shall be rescinded in fiscal year 2004: 6 7 *Provided*, That the limitation otherwise applicable to the maximum payments that may be required in any fiscal 8 9 year by all contracts entered into under section 236 is re-10 duced in fiscal year 2004 by not more than \$303,000,000 in uncommitted balances of authorizations of contract au-11 12 thority provided for this purpose in prior appropriations 13 Acts.

14 MANUFACTURED HOUSING FEES TRUST FUND

15 For necessary expenses as authorized by the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Stand-16 17 ards Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.), up to \$13,000,000 to remain available until expended, to 18 19 be derived from the Manufactured Housing Fees Trust Fund: *Provided*, That not to exceed the total amount ap-20 propriated under this heading shall be available from the 21 22 general fund of the Treasury to the extent necessary to 23 incur obligations and make expenditures pending the re-24 ceipt of collections to the Fund pursuant to section 620 of such Act: Provided further, That the amount made 25 available under this heading from the general fund shall 26 HR 2861 RDS

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1 be reduced as such collections are received during fiscal
2 year 2004 so as to result in a final fiscal year 2004 appro3 priation from the general fund estimated at not more than
4 \$0 and fees pursuant to such section 620 shall be modified
5 as necessary to ensure such a final fiscal year 2004 appro6 priation.

7 FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION
8 MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT
9 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

During fiscal year 2004, commitments to guarantee
loans to carry out the purposes of section 203(b) of the
National Housing Act, as amended, shall not exceed a loan

13 principal of \$185,000,000,000.

14 During fiscal year 2004, obligations to make direct 15 loans to carry out the purposes of section 204(g) of the 16 National Housing Act, as amended, shall not exceed \$50,000,000: Provided, That the foregoing amount shall 17 18 be for loans to nonprofit and governmental entities in connection with sales of single family real properties owned 19 20 by the Secretary and formerly insured under the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund. 21

For administrative expenses necessary to carry out
the guaranteed and direct loan program, \$359,000,000,
of which not to exceed \$355,000,000 shall be transferred
to the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses"; and not
to exceed \$4,000,000 shall be transferred to the appro-HR 2861 RDS

priation for "Office of Inspector General". In addition, for 1 2 administrative contract expenses, \$85,000,000, of which 3 no less than \$20,744,000 shall be transferred to the Work-4 ing Capital Fund for the development of and modifications 5 to information technology systems which serve programs 6 or activities under "Housing programs" or "Federal 7 Housing Administration": Provided, That to the extent 8 guaranteed loan commitments exceed \$65,500,000,000 on 9 or before April 1, 2004, an additional \$1,400 for adminis-10 trative contract expenses shall be available for each \$1,000,000 in additional guaranteed loan commitments 11 12 (including a pro rata amount for any amount below 13 \$1,000,000), but in no case shall funds made available by this proviso exceed \$30,000,000. 14

15 GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT 16 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

17 For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by 18 sections 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act (12) 19 U.S.C. 1715z–3 and 1735c), including the cost of loan guarantee modifications, as that term is defined in section 20 21 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amend-22 ed, \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended: Pro-23 *vided*, That these funds are available to subsidize total 24 loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, of 25 up to \$25,000,000,000.

1 Gross obligations for the principal amount of direct 2 loans, as authorized by sections 204(g), 207(l), 238, and 3 519(a) of the National Housing Act, shall not exceed 4 \$50,000,000, of which not to exceed \$30,000,000 shall be 5 for bridge financing in connection with the sale of multifamily real properties owned by the Secretary and for-6 7 merly insured under such Act; and of which not to exceed 8 \$20,000,000 shall be for loans to nonprofit and govern-9 mental entities in connection with the sale of single-family 10 real properties owned by the Secretary and formerly insured under such Act. 11

12 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to 13 carry out the guaranteed and direct loan programs, 14 \$229,000,000, of which \$209,000,000 shall be transferred 15 to the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses"; and of 16 which \$20,000,000 shall be transferred to the appropria-17 tion for "Office of Inspector General".

18 In addition, for administrative contract expenses nec-19 essary to carry out the guaranteed and direct loan pro-20 grams, \$93,780,000, of which no less than \$16,946,000 21 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund for the 22 development of and modifications to information tech-23 nology systems which serve programs or activities under "Housing programs" or "Federal Housing Administra-24 25 tion": Provided, That to the extent guaranteed loan com1 mitments exceed \$8,426,000,000 on or before April 1,
2 2004, an additional \$1,980 for administrative contract ex3 penses shall be available for each \$1,000,000 in additional
4 guaranteed loan commitments over \$8,426,000,000 (in5 cluding a pro rata amount for any increment below
6 \$1,000,000), but in no case shall funds made available by
7 this proviso exceed \$14,400,000.

8 GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
9 GUARANTEES OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES LOAN

10 GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

New commitments to issue guarantees to carry out
the purposes of section 306 of the National Housing Act,
as amended (12 U.S.C. 1721(g)), shall not exceed
\$200,000,000,000, to remain available until September
30, 2005.

For administrative expenses necessary to carry out the guaranteed mortgage-backed securities program, \$10,695,000, to be derived from the GNMA guarantees of mortgage-backed securities guaranteed loan receipt account, of which not to exceed \$10,695,000, shall be transferred to the appropriation for "Salaries and expenses".

23 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

24 RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

For contracts, grants, and necessary expenses of pro grams of research and studies relating to housing and
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urban problems, not otherwise provided for, as authorized 1 by title V of the Housing and Urban Development Act 2 3 of 1970, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701z–1 et seq.), includ-4 ing carrying out the functions of the Secretary under sec-5 tion 1(a)(1)(i) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1968, \$47,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 6 7 2005: *Provided*, That of the total amount provided under 8 this heading, \$7,500,000 shall be for the Partnership for 9 Advancing Technology in Housing (PATH) Initiative.

- 10 FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
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FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

12 For contracts, grants, and other assistance, not oth-13 erwise provided for, as authorized by title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing 14 15 Amendments Act of 1988, and section 561 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended, 16 17 \$46,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 18 2005, of which \$20,250,000 shall be to carry out activities 19 pursuant to such section 561: *Provided*, That no funds 20 made available under this heading shall be used to lobby 21 the executive or legislative branches of the Federal Gov-22 ernment in connection with a specific contract, grant or 23 loan.

OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL

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LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION

3 For the Lead Hazard Reduction Program, as author-4 ized by section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, \$130,000,000, to remain 5 available until September 30, 2005, of which \$10,000,000 6 7 shall be for the Healthy Homes Initiative, pursuant to sec-8 tions 501 and 502 of the Housing and Urban Develop-9 ment Act of 1970 that shall include research, studies, test-10 ing, and demonstration efforts, including education and outreach concerning lead-based paint poisoning and other 11 housing-related diseases and hazards. 12

13 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 For necessary administrative and non-administrative 17 expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-18 opment, not otherwise provided for, including purchase of 19 uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 20U.S.C. 5901–5902; hire of passenger motor vehicles; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109; and not to exceed 21 22 \$25,000 for official reception and representation expenses, 23 \$1,122,130,000, of which \$564,000,000 shall be provided 24 from the various funds of the Federal Housing Adminis-25 tration, \$10,695,000 shall be provided from funds of the Government National Mortgage Association, \$150,000 26 HR 2861 RDS

shall be provided by transfer from the "Native American 1 2 housing block grants" account, \$250,000 shall be provided by transfer from the "Indian housing loan guarantee fund 3 4 program" account and \$35,000 shall be transferred from 5 the "Native Hawaiian housing loan guarantee fund" account: *Provided*, That funds made available under this 6 7 heading shall only be allocated in the manner specified in 8 the report accompanying this Act unless the Committees 9 on Appropriations of both the House of Representatives 10 and the Senate are notified of any changes in an operating plan or reprogramming: *Provided further*, That no official 11 12 or employee of the Department shall be designated as an 13 allotment holder unless the Office of the Chief Financial 14 Officer (OCFO) has determined that such allotment hold-15 er has implemented an adequate system of funds control and has received training in funds control procedures and 16 17 directives: *Provided further*, That the Chief Financial Offi-18 cer shall establish positive control of and maintain ade-19 quate systems of accounting for appropriations and other available funds as required by 31 U.S.C. 1514: Provided 20 21 further, That for purposes of funds control and deter-22 mining whether a violation exists under the Anti-Defi-23 ciency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341 et seq.), the point of obligation shall be the executed agreement or contract, except with 24 25 respect to insurance and guarantee programs, certain

types of salaries and expenses funding, and incremental 1 2 funding that is authorized under an executed agreement 3 or contract, and shall be designated in the approved funds 4 control plan: *Provided further*, That the Chief Financial 5 Officer shall: (a) appoint qualified personnel to conduct investigations of potential or actual violations; (b) estab-6 7 lish minimum training requirements and other qualifica-8 tions for personnel that may be appointed to conduct in-9 vestigations; (c) establish guidelines and timeframes for 10 the conduct and completion of investigations; (d) prescribe the content, format and other requirements for the sub-11 12 mission of final reports on violations; and (e) prescribe 13 such additional policies and procedures as may be required for conducting investigations of, and administering, proc-14 15 essing, and reporting on, potential and actual violations of the Anti-Deficiency Act and all other statutes and regu-16 17 lations governing the obligation and expenditure of funds made available in this or any other Act: *Provided further*, 18 That the Secretary shall fill 7 out of 10 vacancies at the 19 20 GS-14 and GS-15 levels until the total number of GS-21 14 and GS-15 positions in the Department has been re-22 duced from the number of GS-14 and GS-15 positions 23 on the date of enactment of Public Law 106–377 by $2^{1/2}$ 24 percent: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall submit 25 a staffing plan for the Department by November 15, 2003.

1 The tenth proviso under this heading in the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Devel-2 3 opment, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 4 2003, is amended by striking "the purpose of" and inserting "purposes of funds control and" and before the colon 5 insert the following ", except with respect to insurance and 6 7 guarantee programs, certain types of salaries and ex-8 penses funding, and incremental funding that is author-9 ized under an executed agreement or contract".

10 WORKING CAPITAL FUND

11 For additional capital for the Working Capital Fund 12 (42 U.S.C. 3535) for the development of, modifications 13 to, and infrastructure for Department-wide information technology systems, and for the continuing operation of 14 15 both Department-wide and program-specific information 16 systems, \$240,000,000 (reduced by \$150,000,000), to remain available until September 30, 2005: Provided, That 17 18 any amounts transferred to this Fund under this Act shall 19 remain available until expended.

- 20 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
- 21 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978,
as amended, \$100,080,000, of which \$24,000,000 shall be
provided from the various funds of the Federal Housing
Administration: *Provided*, That the Inspector General
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shall have independent authority over all personnel issues
 within this office: *Provided further*, That no less than
 \$300,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital
 Fund for the development of and modifications to informa tion technology systems for the Office of Inspector Gen eral.

7 CONSOLIDATED FEE FUND 8 (RESCISSION)

9 All unobligated balances remaining available from
10 fees and charges under section 7(j) of the Department of
11 Housing and Urban Development Act on October 1, 2003
12 are rescinded.

13 OFFICE OF FEDERAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE OVERSIGHT

14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

16 For carrying out the Federal Housing Enterprises 17 Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992, including 18 not to exceed \$500 for official reception and representation expenses, \$32,415,000, to remain available until ex-19 pended, to be derived from the Federal Housing Enter-20 prises Oversight Fund: *Provided*, That not to exceed such 21 22 amount shall be available from the general fund of the 23 Treasury to the extent necessary to incur obligations and make expenditures pending the receipt of collections to the 24Fund: *Provided further*, That the general fund amount 25 26 shall be reduced as collections are received during the fis1 cal year so as to result in a final appropriation from the2 general fund estimated at not more than \$0.

3 Administrative Provisions

4 SEC. 201. Fifty percent of the amounts of budget au-5 thority, or in lieu thereof 50 percent of the cash amounts 6 associated with such budget authority, that are recaptured 7 from projects described in section 1012(a) of the Stewart 8 B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 9 1988 (42 U.S.C. 1437 note) shall be rescinded, or in the 10 case of cash, shall be remitted to the Treasury, and such 11 amounts of budget authority or cash recaptured and not 12 rescinded or remitted to the Treasury shall be used by 13 State housing finance agencies or local governments or local housing agencies with projects approved by the Sec-14 retary of Housing and Urban Development for which set-15 tlement occurred after January 1, 1992, in accordance 16 17 with such section. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, the Secretary may award up to 15 percent of the budget 18 19 authority or cash recaptured and not rescinded or remitted 20 to the Treasury to provide project owners with incentives 21 to refinance their project at a lower interest rate.

SEC. 202. None of the amounts made available under
this Act may be used during fiscal year 2003 to investigate
or prosecute under the Fair Housing Act any otherwise
lawful activity engaged in by one or more persons, includ-

ing the filing or maintaining of a non-frivolous legal ac tion, that is engaged in solely for the purpose of achieving
 or preventing action by a Government official or entity,
 or a court of competent jurisdiction.

5 SEC. 203. (a) Notwithstanding section 854(c)(1)(A) 6 of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 7 12903(c)(1)(A)), from any amounts made available under 8 this title for fiscal year 2004 that are allocated under such 9 section, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development 10 shall allocate and make a grant, in the amount determined 11 under subsection (b), for any State that—

12 (1) received an allocation in a prior fiscal year13 under clause (ii) of such section; and

(2) is not otherwise eligible for an allocation for
fiscal year 2004 under such clause (ii) because the
areas in the State outside of the metropolitan statistical areas that qualify under clause (i) in fiscal year
2004 do not have the number of cases of acquired
immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) required under
such clause.

(b) The amount of the allocation and grant for any
State described in subsection (a) shall be an amount based
on the cumulative number of AIDS cases in the areas of
that State that are outside of metropolitan statistical
areas that qualify under clause (i) of such section

854(c)(1)(A) in fiscal year 2004, in proportion to AIDS
 cases among cities and States that qualify under clauses
 (i) and (ii) of such section and States deemed eligible
 under subsection (a).

5 SEC. 204. (a) Section 225(a) of the Departments of 6 Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, 7 and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, Pub-8 lic Law 106–74 (113 Stat. 1076), is amended by striking 9 "year 2000, and the amounts that would otherwise be allo-10 cated for fiscal year 2001 and fiscal year 2002", and in-11 serting "years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004".

12 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the 13 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall allo-14 cate to Wake County, North Carolina, the amounts that 15 otherwise would be allocated for fiscal year 2004 under section 854(c) of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42) 16 17 U.S.C. 12903(c)) to the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, on behalf of the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, North Caro-18 19 lina Metropolitan Statistical Area. Any amounts allocated 20 to Wake County shall be used to carry out eligible activi-21 ties under section 855 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12904) 22 within such metropolitan statistical area.

SEC. 205. (a) During fiscal year 2004, in the provision of rental assistance under section 8(o) of the United
States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) in con-

nection with a program to demonstrate the economy and 1 2 effectiveness of providing such assistance for use in as-3 sisted living facilities that is carried out in the counties 4 of the State of Michigan specified in subsection (b) of this 5 section, notwithstanding paragraphs (3) and (18)(B)(iii)of such section 8(0), a family residing in an assisted living 6 7 facility in any such county, on behalf of which a public 8 housing agency provides assistance pursuant to section 9 8(0)(18) of such Act, may be required, at the time the 10 family initially receives such assistance, to pay rent in an amount exceeding 40 percent of the monthly adjusted in-11 12 come of the family by such a percentage or amount as 13 the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development determines to be appropriate. 14

(b) The counties specified in this subsection are Oak16 land County, Macomb County, Wayne County, and
17 Washtenaw County, in the State of Michigan.

18 SEC. 206. Except as explicitly provided in law, any 19 grant, cooperative agreement or other assistance made 20 pursuant to title II of this Act shall be made on a competi-21 tive basis and in accordance with section 102 of the De-22 partment of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act 23 of 1989.

SEC. 207. Funds of the Department of Housing andUrban Development subject to the Government Corpora-

tion Control Act or section 402 of the Housing Act of 1 2 1950 shall be available, without regard to the limitations 3 on administrative expenses, for legal services on a contract 4 or fee basis, and for utilizing and making payment for 5 services and facilities of the Federal National Mortgage Association, Government National Mortgage Association, 6 7 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Federal Fi-8 nancing Bank, Federal Reserve banks or any member 9 thereof, Federal Home Loan banks, and any insured bank 10 within the meaning of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1811–1831). 11

12 SEC. 208. Unless otherwise provided for in this Act 13 or through a reprogramming of funds, no part of any ap-14 propriation for the Department of Housing and Urban 15 Development shall be available for any program, project 16 or activity in excess of amounts set forth in the budget 17 estimates submitted to Congress.

18 SEC. 209. Corporations and agencies of the Department of Housing and Urban Development which are sub-19 ject to the Government Corporation Control Act, as 20 21 amended, are hereby authorized to make such expendi-22 tures, within the limits of funds and borrowing authority 23 available to each such corporation or agency and in ac-24 cordance with law, and to make such contracts and com-25 mitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as pro-

vided by section 104 of such Act as may be necessary in 1 2 carrying out the programs set forth in the budget for 2003 3 for such corporation or agency except as hereinafter pro-4 vided: *Provided*, That collections of these corporations and 5 agencies may be used for new loan or mortgage purchase commitments only to the extent expressly provided for in 6 7 this Act (unless such loans are in support of other forms 8 of assistance provided for in this or prior appropriations 9 Acts), except that this proviso shall not apply to the mort-10 gage insurance or guaranty operations of these corpora-11 tions, or where loans or mortgage purchases are necessary 12 to protect the financial interest of the United States Gov-13 ernment.

14 SEC. 210. None of the funds provided in this title 15 for technical assistance, training, or management improvements may be obligated or expended unless HUD provides 16 to the Committees on Appropriations a description of each 17 proposed activity and a detailed budget estimate of the 18 19 costs associated with each program, project or activity as 20 part of the Budget Justifications. For fiscal year 2004, 21 HUD shall transmit this information to the Committees 22 by November 15, 2003 for 30 days of review.

SEC. 211. A public housing agency or such other entity that administers Federal housing assistance in the
states of Alaska, Iowa, and Mississippi shall not be re-

quired to include a resident of public housing or a recipi-1 2 ent of assistance provided under section 8 of the United 3 States Housing Act of 1937 on the board of directors or 4 a similar governing board of such agency or entity as re-5 quired under section (2)(b) of such Act. Each public housing agency or other entity that administers Federal hous-6 7 ing assistance under section 8 in the states of Alaska, 8 Iowa and Mississippi shall establish an advisory board of 9 not less than 6 residents of public housing or recipients 10 of section 8 assistance to provide advice and comment to the public housing agency or other administering entity 11 12 on issues related to public housing and section 8. Such 13 advisory board shall meet not less than quarterly.

14 SEC. 212. The Secretary of Housing and Urban De-15 velopment shall provide quarterly reports to the House 16 and Senate Committees on Appropriations regarding all 17 uncommitted, unobligated, recaptured and excess funds in 18 each program and activity within the jurisdiction of the 19 Department and shall submit additional, updated budget 20 information to these Committees upon request.

- 21 TITLE III—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
- 22 American Battle Monuments Commission
- 23 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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

the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign coun-1 2 tries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United 3 4 States and its territories and possessions; rent of office 5 and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; 6 7 and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign coun-8 tries, when required by law of such countries, \$47,276,000 9 (of which \$10,000,000 shall not become available until Septmeber 1, 2004), to remain available until expended. 10 11 CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD 12 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

13 For necessary expenses in carrying out activities pur-14 suant to section 112(r)(6) of the Clean Air Act, as amend-15 ed, including hire of passenger vehicles, uniforms or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902, 16 17 and for services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 but at rates 18 for individuals not to exceed the per diem equivalent to the maximum rate payable for senior level positions under 19 20 5 U.S.C. 5376, \$8,550,000: *Provided*, That the Chemical 21 Safety and Hazard Investigation Board shall have not 22 more than three career Senior Executive Service positions. 23 EMERGENCY FUND

For necessary expenses of the Chemical Safety andHazard Investigation Board for accident investigations

not otherwise provided for, \$450,000, to remain available
 until expended.

3 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
6 FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

7 To carry out the Community Development Banking 8 and Financial Institutions Act of 1994, including services 9 authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals 10 not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for ES-3, \$51,000,000, to remain available until September 11 12 30, 2005, of which \$3,000,000 shall be for financial assist-13 ance, technical assistance, training and outreach programs designed to benefit Native American, Native Hawaiian, 14 15 and Alaskan Native communities and provided primarily through qualified community development lender organi-16 zations with experience and expertise in community devel-17 opment banking and lending in Indian country, Native 18 19 American organizations, tribes and tribal organizations 20 and other suitable providers, and up to \$13,000,000 may 21 be used for administrative expenses, including administra-22 tion of the New Markets Tax Credit, up to \$6,000,000 23 may be used for the cost of direct loans, and up to 24 \$250,000 may be used for administrative expenses to 25 carry out the direct loan program: *Provided*, That the cost of direct loans, including the cost of modifying such loans,
 shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional
 Budget Act of 1974, as amended: *Provided further*, That
 these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for
 the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed
 \$11,000,000.

- 7 Consumer Product Safety Commission
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SALARIES AND EXPENSES

9 For necessary expenses of the Consumer Product 10 Safety Commission, including hire of passenger motor vehicles, services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at 11 rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equiv-12 13 alent to the maximum rate payable under 5 U.S.C. 5376, purchase of nominal awards to recognize non-Federal offi-14 15 cials' contributions to Commission activities, and not to exceed \$500 for official reception and representation ex-16 penses, \$60,000,000: *Provided*, That up to \$1,000,000 is 17 for purposes of carrying out the Inspector General Act of 18 19 1978.

20 Corporation for National and Community Service

21 NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

22 OPERATING EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the Corporation for National and Community Service (the "Corporation") in carrying out programs, activities, and initiatives under the

National and Community Service Act of 1990 (the "Act") 1 2 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.), \$363,452,000, to remain avail-3 able until September 30, 2005: Provided, That not more than \$30,500,000 shall be available for administrative ex-4 5 penses authorized under section 501(a)(4): Provided further, That not more than \$2,500 shall be for official recep-6 7 tion and representation expenses: *Provided further*, That 8 \$244,352,000 of the amount provided under this heading 9 shall be available for grants under the National Service 10 Trust program authorized under subtitle C of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.) (relating to activities 11 12 including the AmeriCorps program), and for grants to or-13 ganizations operating projects under the AmeriCorps Edu-14 cation Awards Program (without regard to the require-15 ments of sections 121(d) and (e), 131(e), 132, and 140(a), 16 (d), and (e) of the Act): of which not more than 17 \$50,000,000 may be used to administer, reimburse, or 18 support any national service program authorized under 19 section 121(d)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12581(d)(2)): *Provided further*, That to the maximum extent feasible, 20 21 funds appropriated under subtitle C of title I of the Act 22 shall be provided in a manner that is consistent with the 23 recommendations of peer review panels in order to ensure 24 that priority is given to programs that demonstrate qual-25 ity, innovation, replicability, and sustainability: *Provided*

further, That not more than \$10,000,000 of the funds 1 2 made available under this heading shall be for the Points 3 of Light Foundation for activities authorized under title 4 III of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12661 et seq.), of which not 5 more than \$2,500,000 may be used to support an endowment fund, the corpus of which shall remain intact and 6 7 the interest income from which shall be used to support 8 activities described in title III of the Act, provided that 9 the Foundation may invest the corpus and income in fed-10 erally insured bank savings accounts or comparable interest bearing accounts, certificates of deposit, money market 11 12 funds, mutual funds, obligations of the United States, and 13 other market instruments and securities but not in real 14 estate investments: Provided further, That no funds shall 15 be available for national service programs run by Federal agencies authorized under section 121(b) of such Act (42) 16 U.S.C. 12571(b)): Provided further, That not less than 17 \$24,000,000 of the funds made available under this head-18 ing shall be available for the Civilian Community Corps 19 authorized under subtitle E of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 2021 12611 et seq.): Provided further, That not more than 22 \$40,000,000 shall be available for school-based and com-23 munity-based service-learning programs authorized under 24subtitle B of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.): 25 *Provided further*, That not more than \$6,100,000 shall be

available for quality and innovation activities authorized 1 2 under subtitle H of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12853) 3 et seq.): Provided further, That not more than \$5,000,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be 4 5 made available to America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth, Inc. only to support efforts to mobilize individuals, 6 7 groups, and organizations to build and strengthen the 8 character and competence of the Nation's youth: *Provided* 9 *further*, That not more than \$3,500,000 shall be available 10 for audits and other evaluations authorized under section 11 179 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12639).

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NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST

13 For payment of educational awards authorized under 14 subtitle D of title I of the National Community Service 15 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12601), \$110,771,000, to remain available until expended; of which \$5,000,000 shall be 16 available for national service scholarships for high school 17 18 students performing community service, and \$10,000,000 19 shall be held in reserve as defined in Public Law 108– 2045: *Provided*, That the Corporation for National and Com-21 munity Service shall enroll no more than 55,000 volun-22 teers in the National Service Trust with the funds provided in this Act. 23

24 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

25 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
26 General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, HR 2861 RDS 1 as amended, \$6,000,000, to remain available until Sep-2 tember 30, 2005.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the term 5 "qualified student loan" with respect to national service education awards shall mean any loan determined by an 6 7 institution of higher education to be necessary to cover 8 a student's cost of attendance at such institution and 9 made, insured, or guaranteed directly to a student by a 10 State agency, in addition to other meanings under section 148(b)(7) of the National and Community Service Act. 11

12 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds 13 made available under section 129(d)(5)(B) of the National 14 and Community Service Act to assist entities in placing 15 applicants who are individuals with disabilities may be 16 provided to any entity that receives a grant under section 17 121 of the Act.

18 U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the operation of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as authorized by 38 U.S.C. 7251–7298, \$15,938,000 of which \$1,175,000 shall be available for the purpose of providing financial assistance as described, and in accordance with the process and reporting procedures set forth, under this heading in Public Law 102–229.

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1	Department of Defense—Civil
2	CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY
3	SALARIES AND EXPENSES
4	For necessary expenses, as authorized by law, for
5	maintenance, operation, and improvement of Arlington
6	National Cemetery and Soldiers' and Airmen's Home Na-
7	tional Cemetery, including the purchase of one passenger
8	motor vehicle for replacement only, and not to exceed
9	\$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses,
10	\$25,961,000, to remain available until expended.
11	Department of Health and Human Services
12	NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
13	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
14	SCIENCES
15	For necessary expenses for the National Institute of
16	Environmental Health Sciences in carrying out activities
17	set forth in section 311(a) of the Comprehensive Environ-
18	mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
19	1980, as amended, and section $126(g)$ of the Superfund
20	Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986,
21	\$80,000,000.

1	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease
2	REGISTRY

3 TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC

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HEALTH

5 For necessary expenses for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) in carrying out 6 7 activities set forth in sections 104(i), 111(c)(4), and 8 111(c)(14) of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-9 sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 10 (CERCLA), as amended; section 118(f) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), 11 as amended; and section 3019 of the Solid Waste Disposal 12 13 Act, as amended, \$73,467,000, to be derived from the Hazardous Substance Superfund Trust Fund pursuant to 14 15 section 517(a) of SARA (26 U.S.C. 9507): Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, in lieu of per-16 17 forming a health assessment under section 104(i)(6) of 18 CERCLA, the Administrator of ATSDR may conduct 19 other appropriate health studies, evaluations, or activities, including, without limitation, biomedical testing, clinical 2021 evaluations, medical monitoring, and referral to accredited 22 health care providers: *Provided further*, That in per-23 forming any such health assessment or health study, eval-24 uation, or activity, the Administrator of ATSDR shall not be bound by the deadlines in section 104(i)(6)(A) of 25

CERCLA: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appro priated under this heading shall be available for ATSDR
 to issue in excess of 40 toxicological profiles pursuant to
 section 104(i) of CERCLA during fiscal year 2004, and
 existing profiles may be updated as necessary.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
7 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

8 For science and technology, including research and 9 development activities, which shall include research and 10 development activities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 11 1980, as amended; necessary expenses for personnel and 12 13 related costs and travel expenses, including uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-14 15 5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equiv-16 alent to the maximum rate payable for senior level posi-17 18 tions under 5 U.S.C. 5376; procurement of laboratory 19 equipment and supplies; other operating expenses in sup-20 port of research and development; construction, alteration, 21 repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to 22 exceed \$75,000 per project, \$767,115,000 (reduced by 23 \$7,300,000) which shall remain available until September 24 30, 2005.

2 For environmental programs and management, in-3 cluding necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for 4 personnel and related costs and travel expenses, including 5 uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 6 7 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per 8 diem rate equivalent to the maximum rate payable for sen-9 ior level positions under 5 U.S.C. 5376; hire of passenger 10 motor vehicles; hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft; purchase of reprints; library memberships in soci-11 12 eties or associations which issue publications to members 13 only or at a price to members lower than to subscribers who are not members; construction, alteration, repair, re-14 15 habilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project; and not to exceed \$9,000 for official 16 reception and representation expenses, \$2,192,552,000 17 (increased by \$550,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000) (in-18 19 creased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$5,400,000) (increased by \$5,400,000), which shall remain available until 20 21 September 30, 2005, including administrative costs of the 22 brownfields program under the Small Business Liability 23 Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002.

24 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

25 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
26 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector
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General Act of 1978, as amended, and for construction,
 alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facili ties, not to exceed \$75,000 per project, \$36,808,000, to
 remain available until September 30, 2005.

5 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

For construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities of,
or for use by, the Environmental Protection Agency,
\$42,918,000 (reduced by \$550,000), to remain available
until expended.

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HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SUPERFUND

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

13 For necessary expenses to carry out the Comprehen-14 sive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-15 ity Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, including sec-16 tions 111(c)(3), (c)(5), (c)(6), and (e)(4) (42 U.S.C. 17 9611), and for construction, alteration, repair, rehabilita-18 tion, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project; \$1,275,000,000, to remain available until ex-19 pended, consisting of \$200,000,000, as authorized by sec-20 21 tion 517(a) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthor-22 ization Act of 1986(SARA), amended, as and 23 \$1,075,000,000 as a payment from general revenues to 24 the Hazardous Substance Superfund for purposes as authorized by section 517(b) of SARA, as amended: Pro-25 26 *vided*, That funds appropriated under this heading may

be allocated to other Federal agencies in accordance with 1 2 section 111(a) of CERCLA: Provided further, That of the 3 funds appropriated under this heading, \$13,214,000 shall 4 be transferred to the "Office of Inspector General" appro-5 priation to remain available until September 30, 2005, and \$44,697,000 shall be transferred to the "Science and 6 7 technology" appropriation to remain available until September 30, 2005. 8

9 LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND

10 For necessary expenses to carry out leaking underground storage tank cleanup activities authorized by sec-11 tion 205 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthoriza-12 13 tion Act of 1986, and for construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed 14 15 \$75,000 project, \$72,545,000 (increased per by 16 \$7,300,000), to remain available until expended.

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OIL SPILL RESPONSE

For expenses necessary to carry out the Environmental Protection Agency's responsibilities under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, \$16,209,000, to be derived from the Oil Spill Liability trust fund, to remain available until expended.

23 STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

For environmental programs and infrastructure assistance, including capitalization grants for State revolving funds and performance partnership grants,
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\$3,601,950,000, to remain available until expended, of 1 2 which \$1,200,000,000 shall be for making capitalization 3 grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds under 4 title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as 5 amended (the "Act"), of which up to \$68,000,000 shall be available for loans, including interest free loans as au-6 thorized by 33 U.S.C. 1383(d)(1)(A), to municipal, inter-7 8 municipal, interstate, or State agencies or nonprofit enti-9 ties for projects that provide treatment for or that mini-10 mize sewage or stormwater discharges using one or more approaches which include, but are not limited to, decen-11 12 tralized or distributed stormwater controls, decentralized 13 wastewater treatment, low-impact development practices, 14 conservation easements, stream buffers, or wetlands res-15 toration; \$850,000,000 shall be for capitalization grants for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds under sec-16 17 tion 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended; 18 \$50,000,000 shall be for architectural, engineering, planning, design, construction and related activities in connec-19 tion with the construction of high priority water and 20 21 wastewater facilities in the area of the United States-Mex-22 ico Border, after consultation with the appropriate border 23 commission; \$25,000,000 shall be for grants to the State 24 of Alaska to address drinking water and wastewater infra-25 structure needs of rural and Alaska Native Villages;

1 \$195,000,000 shall be for making grants for the construc-2 tion of drinking water, wastewater and storm water infra-3 structure and for water quality protection in accordance 4 with the terms and conditions specified for such grants 5 in the report accompanying this legislation; \$8,250,000 for grants for construction of alternative decentralized 6 7 wastewater facilities under the National Decentralized 8 Wastewater Demonstration program, in accordance with 9 the terms and conditions specified in the report accom-10 panying this legislation; \$93,500,000 shall be to carry out 11 section 104(k) of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-12 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 sponse, 13 (CERCLA), as amended, including grants, interagency agreements, and associated program support costs; and 14 15 \$1,180,200,000 shall be for grants, including associated program support costs, to States, federally recognized 16 17 tribes, interstate agencies, tribal consortia, and air pollution control agencies for multi-media or single media pol-18 lution prevention, control and abatement and related ac-19 20tivities, including activities pursuant to the provisions set 21 forth under this heading in Public Law 104–134, and for 22 making grants under section 103 of the Clean Air Act for 23 particulate matter monitoring and data collection activi-24 ties, of which and subject to terms and conditions specified 25 by the Administrator, \$50,000,000 shall be for carrying

128CERCLA, as 1 out section of amended, and 2 \$20,000,000 shall be for National Environmental Infor-3 mation Exchange Network grants, including associated 4 program support costs: *Provided*, That for fiscal year 5 2004, State authority under section 302(a) of Public Law 104–182 shall remain in effect: Provided further, That 6 7 notwithstanding section 603(d)(7) of the Act, the limita-8 tion on the amounts in a State water pollution control re-9 volving fund that may be used by a State to administer 10 the fund shall not apply to amounts included as principal in loans made by such fund in fiscal year 2004 and prior 11 12 years where such amounts represent costs of admin-13 istering the fund to the extent that such amounts are or were deemed reasonable by the Administrator, accounted 14 15 for separately from other assets in the fund, and used for eligible purposes of the fund, including administration: 16 17 *Provided further*, That for fiscal year 2004, and notwithstanding section 518(f) of the Act, the Administrator is 18 19 authorized to use the amounts appropriated for any fiscal 20 year under section 319 of that Act to make grants to In-21 dian tribes pursuant to sections 319(h) and 518(e) of that 22 Act: Provided further, That for fiscal year 2004, notwith-23 standing the limitation on amounts in section 518(c) of 24 the Act, up to a total of $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent of the funds appro-25 priated for State Revolving Funds under title VI of that

Act may be reserved by the Administrator for grants 1 under section 518(c) of such Act: *Provided further*, That 2 3 no funds provided by this legislation to address the water, wastewater and other critical infrastructure needs of the 4 5 colonias in the United States along the United States-Mexico border shall be made available to a county or mu-6 7 nicipal government unless that government has established 8 an enforceable local ordinance, or other zoning rule, which 9 prevents in that jurisdiction the development or construc-10 tion of any additional colonia areas, or the development within an existing colonia the construction of any new 11 home, business, or other structure which lacks water, 12 13 wastewater, or other necessary infrastructure: *Provided further*. That the referenced statement of the managers 14 15 under this heading in Public Law 108–7, item number 383, is deemed to be amended by adding after the word 16 "overflow", "and water infrastructure": Provided further, 17 18 That the referenced statement of the managers under this heading in Public Law 108–07, item number 255, is 19 deemed to be amended by inserting "water and" after the 20 21 words "Mississippi for": Provided further, That the ref-22 erenced statement of the managers under this heading in 23 Public Law 108–07, item number 256, is deemed to be amended by adding after the word "for", "water and". 24

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

2 For fiscal year 2004, notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3 6303(1) and 6305(1), the Administrator of the Environ-4 mental Protection Agency, in carrying out the Agency's 5 function to implement directly Federal environmental programs required or authorized by law in the absence of an 6 7 acceptable tribal program, may award cooperative agree-8 ments to federally-recognized Indian Tribes or Intertribal 9 consortia, if authorized by their member Tribes, to assist 10 the Administrator in implementing Federal environmental programs for Indian Tribes required or authorized by law, 11 12 except that no such cooperative agreements may be award-13 ed from funds designated for State financial assistance 14 agreements.

None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be used to promulgate a final regulation to implement changes in the payment of pesticide tolerance processing fees as proposed at 64 Fed. Reg. 31040, or any similar proposals. The Environmental Protection Agency may proceed with the development of such a rule.

The Environmental Protection Agency may not use any of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act to implement the Registration Fee system codified at 40 Code of Federal Regulations Subpart U

1	(sections 152.400 et seq.) if its authority to collect mainte-
2	nance fees pursuant to FIFRA section $4(i)(5)$ is extended
3	for at least 1 year beyond September 30, 2003.
4	Section 136a–1 of title 7, U.S.C. is amended—
5	(1) in subsection $(i)(5)(C)(i)$ by striking
6	"2003" and inserting "2004";
7	(2) in subsection $(i)(5)(H)$ by striking "2003"
8	and inserting "2004";
9	(3) in subsection (i)(6) by striking "2003" and
10	inserting "2004"; and
11	(4) in subsection $(k)(3)(A)$ by striking "2003"
12	and inserting "2004".
13	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
14	OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
15	For necessary expenses of the Office of Science and
16	Technology Policy, in carrying out the purposes of the Na-
17	tional Science and Technology Policy, Organization, and
18	Priorities Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6601 and 6671), hire
19	of passenger motor vehicles, and services as authorized by
20	5 U.S.C. 3109, not to exceed \$2,500 for official reception
21	and representation expenses, and rental of conference
22	rooms in the District of Columbia, \$7,027,000.
23	COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND OFFICE OF
24	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
25	For necessary expenses to continue functions as-
26	signed to the Council on Environmental Quality and Office
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of Environmental Quality pursuant to the National Envi-1 2 ronmental Policy Act of 1969, the Environmental Quality 3 Improvement Act of 1970, and Reorganization Plan No. 4 1 of 1977, and not to exceed \$750 for official reception 5 and representation expenses, \$3,238,000: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 202 of the National Environ-6 7 mental Policy Act of 1970, the Council shall consist of 8 one member, appointed by the President, by and with the 9 advice and consent of the Senate, serving as chairman and 10 exercising all powers, functions, and duties of the Council. 11 FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION 12 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL 13 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector 14 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector 15 General Act of 1978, as amended, \$30,125,000, to be derived from the Bank Insurance Fund, the Savings Asso-16 17 ciation Insurance Fund, and the FSLIC Resolution Fund. 18 GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION 19 FEDERAL CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER FUND 20 For necessary expenses of the Federal Citizen Infor-21 mation Center, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 22 3109, \$12,500,000, to be deposited into the Federal Cit-23 izen Information Center Fund: *Provided*, That the appro-24 priations, revenues, and collections deposited into the 25 Fund shall be available for necessary expenses of Federal

Citizen Information Center activities in the aggregate
 amount of \$18,000,000. Appropriations, revenues, and
 collections accruing to this Fund during fiscal year 2004
 in excess of \$18,000,000 shall remain in the Fund and
 shall not be available for expenditure except as authorized
 in appropriations Acts.

7 INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON THE HOMELESS
8 OPERATING EXPENSES

9 For necessary expenses (including payment of sala-10 ries, authorized travel, hire of passenger motor vehicles, the rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia, 11 12 and the employment of experts and consultants under sec-13 tion 3109 of title 5, United States Code) of the Interagency Council on the Homeless in carrying out the func-14 15 tions pursuant to title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended, \$1,500,000. 16

17 NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

18 SPACE FLIGHT CAPABILITIES

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
in the conduct and support of space flight capabilities research and development activities, including research, development, operations, support and services; maintenance;
construction of facilities including repair, rehabilitation,
revitalization and modification of facilities, construction of
new facilities and additions to existing facilities, facility
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planning and design, and acquisition or condemnation of 1 2 real property, as authorized by law; environmental compli-3 ance and restoration; space flight, spacecraft control and 4 communications activities including operations, produc-5 tion, and services; program management; personnel and related costs, including uniforms or allowances therefor, 6 7 as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; travel expenses; 8 purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to ex-9 ceed \$35,000 for official reception and representation ex-10 penses; and purchase, lease, charter, maintenance and op-11 eration of mission administrative and aircraft, 12 \$7,806,100,000, to remain available until September 30, 13 2005, of which \$15,000,000 of amounts for the Space Shuttle Life Extension Program shall be for the develop-14 15 ment and independent assessment of concepts to increase Space Shuttle crew survivability for crew sizes of 4 to 7 16 astronauts by at least a factor of 20 relative to the dem-17 18 onstrated crew survival rate of the Space Shuttle to date, 19 and of which amounts as determined by the Administrator for salaries and benefits; training, travel and awards; facil-2021 ity and related costs; information technology services; 22 science, engineering, fabricating and testing services; and 23 other administrative services may be transferred to 24 "Science, aeronautics and exploration" in accordance with

section 312(b) of the National Aeronautics and Space Act
 of 1958, as amended by Public Law 106–377.

3 SCIENCE, AERONAUTICS AND EXPLORATION 4 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

5 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in the conduct and support of science, aeronautics and ex-6 7 ploration research and development activities, including 8 research, development, operations, support and services; 9 maintenance; construction of facilities including repair, rehabilitation, revitalization, and modification of facilities, 10 11 construction of new facilities and additions to existing fa-12 cilities, facility planning and design, and acquisition or 13 condemnation of real property, as authorized by law; environmental compliance and restoration; space flight, space-14 15 craft control and communications activities including oper-16 ations, production, and services; program management; personnel and related costs, including uniforms or allow-17 ances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; 18 19 travel expenses; purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed \$35,000 for official reception and rep-20resentation expenses; and purchase, lease, charter, mainte-21 nance and operation of mission and administrative air-22 23 craft, \$7,707,900,000, to remain available until Sep-24 tember 30, 2005, of which amounts as determined by the Administrator for salaries and benefits; training, travel 25 and awards; facility and related costs; information tech-26 HR 2861 RDS

nology services; science, engineering, fabricating and test ing services; and other administrative services may be
 transferred to "Space flight capabilities" in accordance
 with section 312(b) of the National Aeronautics and Space
 Act of 1958, as amended by Public Law 106-377.

6 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
8 General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978,
9 as amended, \$26,300,000.

10 Administrative provisions

11 Notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of funds appropriated for "Science, aeronautics and explo-12 ration", or "Space flight capabilities" by this appropria-13 14 tions Act, when any activity has been initiated by the incurrence of obligations for construction of facilities or en-15 16 vironmental compliance and restoration activities as authorized by law, such amount available for such activity 17 18 shall remain available until expended. This provision does 19 not apply to the amounts appropriated for institutional 20minor revitalization and construction of facilities, and in-21 stitutional facility planning and design.

Notwithstanding the limitation on the availability of
funds appropriated for "Science, aeronautics and exploration", or "Space flight capabilities" by this appropriations Act, the amounts appropriated for construction of
facilities shall remain available until September 30, 2006.

From amounts made available in this Act for these
 activities, the Administration may transfer amounts be tween aeronautics of the "Science, Aeronautics and Explo ration" account and crosscutting technologies of the
 "Space flight capabilities" account.

6 Funds for announced prizes otherwise authorized7 shall remain available, without fiscal year limitation, until8 the prize is claimed or the offer is withdrawn.

9 The unexpired balances of prior appropriations to 10 NASA for activities for which funds are provided under this Act may be transferred to the new account established 11 12 for the appropriation that provides such activity under this 13 Act. Balances so transferred may be merged with funds in the newly established account and thereafter may be 14 15 accounted for as one fund under the same terms and conditions. 16

17	NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION
18	CENTRAL LIQUIDITY FACILITY

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

During fiscal year 2004, gross obligations of the Central Liquidity Facility for the principal amount of new direct loans to member credit unions, as authorized by 12 U.S.C. 1795 et seq., shall not exceed \$1,500,000,000: *Provided*, That administrative expenses of the Central Liquidity Facility in fiscal year 2004 shall not exceed \$310,000. 1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND

For the Community Development Revolving Loan
Fund program as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 9812, 9822
and 9910, \$1,000,000 for technical assistance to low-income and community development credit unions.

6 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION7 RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

8 For necessary expenses in carrying out the National 9 Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 10 1861–1875), and the Act to establish a National Medal of Science (42 U.S.C. 1880–1881); services as authorized 11 by 5 U.S.C. 3109; maintenance and operation of aircraft 12 13 and purchase of flight services for research support; acquisition of aircraft; and authorized travel; \$4,306,360,000 14 15 (reduced by \$5,000,000), of which not more than \$355,000,000 (reduced by \$5,000,000) shall remain avail-16 17 able until expended for Polar research and operations support, and for reimbursement to other Federal agencies for 18 19 operational and science support and logistical and other 20 related activities for the United States Antarctic program; 21 the balance to remain available until September 30, 2005: 22 *Provided*, That receipts for scientific support services and 23 materials furnished by the National Research Centers and 24 other National Science Foundation supported research fa-25 cilities may be credited to this appropriation: *Provided fur-* 1 ther, That to the extent that the amount appropriated is
2 less than the total amount authorized to be appropriated
3 for included program activities, all amounts, including
4 floors and ceilings, specified in the authorizing Act for
5 those program activities or their subactivities shall be re6 duced proportionally and used for authorized purposes of
7 this account.

8 MAJOR RESEARCH EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

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CONSTRUCTION

For necessary expenses for the acquisition, construction, commissioning, and upgrading of major research equipment, facilities, and other such capital assets pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, including authorized travel, \$192,330,000, to remain available until expended.

16

EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

17 For necessary expenses in carrying out science and 18 engineering education and human resources programs and 19 activities pursuant to the National Science Foundation 20 Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1861–1875), including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, authorized 21 22 travel, and rental of conference rooms in the District of 23 Columbia, \$910,680,000, to remain available until Sep-24 tember 30, 2005: *Provided*, That to the extent that the amount of this appropriation is less than the total amount 25 authorized to be appropriated for included program activi-26

ties, all amounts, including floors and ceilings, specified
 in the authorizing Act for those program activities or their
 subactivities shall be reduced proportionally.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

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5 For salaries and expenses necessary in carrying out the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended 6 7 (42 U.S.C. 1861–1875); services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 8 3109; hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed 9 \$9,000 for official reception and representation expenses; 10 uniforms or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; rental of conference rooms in the District of 11 12 Columbia; reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services; \$215,900,000: Pro-13 *vided*, That contracts may be entered into under "Salaries 14 15 and expenses" in fiscal year 2004 for maintenance and 16 operation of facilities, and for other services, to be pro-17 vided during the next fiscal year.

18 OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

19 For necessary expenses (including payment of sala-20 ries, authorized travel, hire of passenger motor vehicles, 21 the rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia, and the employment of experts and consultants under sec-22 23 tion 3109 of title 5, United States Code) involved in car-24 rying out section 4 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1863) and Public Law 86–209 25 (42 U.S.C. 1880 et seq.), \$3,800,000: *Provided*, That not 26 HR 2861 RDS

more than \$9,000 shall be available for official reception
 and representation expenses.

3 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

4 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
5 General as authorized by the Inspector General Act of
6 1978, as amended, \$10,000,000, to remain available until
7 September 30, 2005.

8 NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

9 PAYMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT

CORPORATION

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For payment to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation for use in neighborhood reinvestment activities,
as authorized by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 8101–8107), \$115,000,000.

15 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

16 Section 605(a) of the Neighborhood Reinvestment
17 Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 8104) is amended by—

(1) striking out "compensation" and inserting
"salary"; and striking out "highest rate provided for
GS-18 of the General Schedule under section 5332
of title 5 United States Code"; and inserting "rate
for level IV of the Executive Schedule"; and

(2) inserting after the end the following sentence: "The Corporation shall also apply the provisions of section 5307 (a)(1), (b)(1), and (b)(2) of
title 5, United States Code, governing limitations on
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1	certain pay as if its employees were Federal employ-
2	ees receiving payments under title 5.".
3	Selective Service System
4	SALARIES AND EXPENSES
5	For necessary expenses of the Selective Service Sys-
6	tem, including expenses of attendance at meetings and of
7	training for uniformed personnel assigned to the Selective
8	Service System, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 4101–4118 for
9	civilian employees; purchase of uniforms, or allowances
10	therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901–5902; hire of
11	passenger motor vehicles; services as authorized by 5
12	U.S.C. 3109; and not to exceed \$750 for official reception
13	and representation expenses; \$28,290,000: Provided, That
14	during the current fiscal year, the President may exempt
15	this appropriation from the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1341,
16	whenever the President deems such action to be necessary
17	in the interest of national defense: Provided further, That
18	none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be ex-
19	pended for or in connection with the induction of any per-
20	son into the Armed Forces of the United States.

21 TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 401. 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. 402. No funds appropriated by this Act may be
 expended—

3 (1) pursuant to a certification of an officer or
4 employee of the United States unless—

5 (A) such certification is accompanied by, 6 or is part of, a voucher or abstract which de-7 scribes the payee or payees and the items or 8 services for which such expenditure is being 9 made; or

10 (B) the expenditure of funds pursuant to
11 such certification, and without such a voucher
12 or abstract, is specifically authorized by law;
13 and

14 (2) unless such expenditure is subject to audit
15 by the General Accounting Officer or is specifically
16 exempt by law from such audit.

17 SEC. 403. None of the funds provided in this Act to any department or agency may be obligated or expended 18 for: (1) the transportation of any officer or employee of 19 20 such department or agency between the domicile and the 21 place of employment of the officer or employee, with the 22 exception of an officer or employee authorized such trans-23 portation under 31 U.S.C. 1344 or 5 U.S.C. 7905 or (2) 24 to provide a cook, chauffeur, or other personal servants 25 to any officer or employee of such department or agency.

1 SEC. 404. None of the funds provided in this Act may 2 be used for payment, through grants or contracts, to re-3 cipients that do not share in the cost of conducting re-4 search resulting from proposals not specifically solicited 5 by the Government: *Provided*, That the extent of cost sharing by the recipient shall reflect the mutuality of in-6 7 terest of the grantee or contractor and the Government 8 in the research.

9 SEC. 405. None of the funds provided in this Act may 10 be used, directly or through grants, to pay or to provide 11 reimbursement for payment of the salary of a consultant 12 (whether retained by the Federal Government or a grant-13 ee) at more than the daily equivalent of the rate paid for 14 level IV of the Executive Schedule, unless specifically au-15 thorized by law.

16 SEC. 406. None of the funds provided in this Act may 17 be used to pay the expenses of, or otherwise compensate, 18 non-Federal parties intervening in regulatory or adjudica-19 tory proceedings. Nothing herein affects the authority of 20 the Consumer Product Safety Commission pursuant to 21 section 7 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 22 2056 et seq.).

SEC. 407. Except as otherwise provided under existing law, or under an existing Executive order issued pursuant to an existing law, the obligation or expenditure of

any appropriation under this Act for contracts for any 1 2 consulting service shall be limited to contracts which are: 3 (1) a matter of public record and available for public in-4 spection; and (2) thereafter included in a publicly available 5 list of all contracts entered into within 24 months prior to the date on which the list is made available to the public 6 7 and of all contracts on which performance has not been 8 completed by such date. The list required by the preceding 9 sentence shall be updated quarterly and shall include a 10 narrative description of the work to be performed under each such contract. 11

12 SEC. 408. None of the funds appropriated in this Act 13 may be used to implement any cap on reimbursements to 14 grantees for indirect costs, except as published in Office 15 of Management and Budget Circular A–21.

SEC. 409. Such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
year 2004 pay raises for programs funded by this Act shall
be absorbed within the levels appropriated in this Act.

19 SEC. 410. None of the funds made available in this 20 Act may be used for any program, project, or activity, 21 when it is made known to the Federal entity or official 22 to which the funds are made available that the program, 23 project, or activity is not in compliance with any Federal 24 law relating to risk assessment, the protection of private 25 property rights, or unfunded mandates.

SEC. 411. Except in the case of entities that are 1 2 funded solely with Federal funds or any natural persons 3 that are funded under this Act, none of the funds in this 4 Act shall be used for the planning or execution of any pro-5 gram to pay the expenses of, or otherwise compensate, non-Federal parties to lobby or litigate in respect to adju-6 7 dicatory proceedings funded in this Act. A chief executive 8 officer of any entity receiving funds under this Act shall 9 certify that none of these funds have been used to engage 10 in the lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States unless authorized under existing 11 12 law.

13 SEC. 412. No part of any funds appropriated in this Act shall be used by an agency of the executive branch, 14 15 other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for publicity or propaganda purposes, and 16 17 for the preparation, distribution or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, radio, television or film presen-18 tation designed to support or defeat legislation pending 19 before the Congress, except in presentation to the Con-20 gress itself. 21

SEC. 413. All departments and agencies funded under
this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing
statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of
"E-Commerce" technologies and procedures in the con-

duct of their business practices and public service activi ties.

3 SEC. 414. None of the funds made available in this 4 Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-5 strumentality of the United States Government except 6 pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-7 vided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.

8 SEC. 415. None of the funds provided in this Act to 9 any department or agency shall be obligated or expended 10 to procure passenger automobiles as defined in 15 U.S.C. 11 2001 with an EPA estimated miles per gallon average of 12 less than 22 miles per gallon.

SEC. 416. Section 312 of the National Aeronautics
and Space Administration of 1958, as amended, is further
amended—

16 (1) by striking the second Sec. "312" and in17 serting "313";

18 (2) by inserting the title, "Full Cost Appropria19 tions Account Structure", before Sec. 313;

20 (3) in subsection (a)—
21 (A) by striking "Human space flight" and
22 inserting "Space flight capabilities";
23 (B) by striking "technology" and inserting

23 (B) by striking "technology" and inserting
24 "exploration"; and

1 (C) by striking "2002" and inserting 2 "2004"; and

3 (4) by striking subsection (c), and inserting the4 following new subsection:

5 "(c) The unexpired balances of prior appropriations 6 to the Administration for activities authorized under this 7 Act may be transferred to the new account established for 8 such activity in subsection (a). Balances so transferred 9 may be merged with funds in the newly established ac-10 count and thereafter may be accounted for as one fund 11 under the same terms and conditions".

12 SEC. 417. None of the funds made available in this 13 Act may be used to implement any policy prohibiting the 14 Directors of the Veterans Integrated Service Networks 15 from conducting outreach or marketing to enroll new vet-16 erans within their respective Networks.

SEC. 418. None of the funds provided in this Act may
be expended to apply, in a numerical estimate of the benefits of an agency action prepared pursuant to Executive
Order No. 12866 or section 812 of the Clean Air Act,
monetary values for adult premature mortality that differ
based on the age of the adult.

1 SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING WAIT TIMES FOR

VETERANS

3 SEC. 419. It is the sense of Congress that no veteran
4 should wait more than 30 days for an initial doctor's ap5 pointment.

6 SEC. 420. None of the funds made available in this
7 Act may be used to accept, consider, or rely on third-party
8 intentional dosing human studies for pesticides.

9 SEC. 421. None of the funds made available in this 10 Act may be used for voluntary separation incentive payments as provided for in subchapter II of chapter 35 of 11 12 title 5, United States Code, unless the Administrator has 13 first certified to Congress that such payments would not result in the loss of skills related to the safety of the Space 14 15 Shuttle or the International Space Station or to the conduct of independent safety oversight in the National Aero-16 nautics and Space Administration. 17

18 This Act may be cited as the "Departments of Vet19 erans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and
20 Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004".

Passed the House of Representatives July 25, 2003.

Attest:

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JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.

By DAN STRODEL, Assistant to the Clerk.