

minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. An amendment shall be considered to fit the description stated in this request if it addresses in whole or in part the object described.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, as I understand this unanimous consent proposal, what this means is that we still face the need to dispose of some 43 amendments. As I calculate it, given the time allotted to each, that means that with the slippage that normally occurs, we are looking at approximately 9 hours of additional debate on these issues, without counting the time that it takes to conduct the roll calls on whatever issues are put to a roll call.

I would urge Members to recognize that if all of these amendments are offered, we are going to be here until the cows come home, as they say in my area, and I think we would prefer to see debate more focused than that.

For instance, under this agreement, we face the prospect of having some 10 amendments on Cuba. I would hope that we could focus that issue on the most important issues that are involved.

Having said that, I would simply like to ask one question under my reservation: It is my understanding that if this unanimous consent agreement is agreed to, that we would proceed to debate further issues until 9:45 tonight. At 9:45, we will take whatever votes are pending. We would then resume action in the House tomorrow at 10 o'clock, and that this committee would be allowed to complete its business before any other matter comes before the House.

Is that a correct understanding?

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBEY. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. LEWIS of California. On behalf of the leadership, let me try to respond. The gentleman's description of the schedule this evening is exactly on target, and it is our intention, the leadership's intention, to come to the Floor at 10 o'clock in the morning. This bill will be up and the committee's work will be done before we proceed to anything else. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman. I would simply like to point out, it is not particularly important to me whether we finish the appropriation bills before we leave for the July 4 recess or not, but I was under the impression that it was important to the gentleman from California and to the majority leadership. I am willing to cooperate in that effort, but I do not want any other committee business to come before the House that would get in the way of accomplishing that end.

So if that is the understanding and if the gentleman is in fact speaking for the leadership on that matter?

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield further. The gentleman and I discussed this earlier. On behalf of the leadership, they have given me direction to publicly outline that agreement. We will be coming in at 10 o'clock in the morning. Our bill will be completed before we proceed to any other matters.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, with that understanding, I would be happy to withdraw my reservation of objection and wish Mr. KNOLLENBERG good luck.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there further objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 342 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 3058.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3058) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, with Mr. BASS (Acting Chairman) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, the amendment by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. DAVIS) had been disposed of and the bill had been read through page 67, line 12.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, no further amendment to the bill may be offered except:

Pro forma amendments offered at any point in the reading by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate;

Amendments printed in the RECORD and numbered 4, 8 and 13;

An amendment by Mr. NADLER regarding HOPWA;

An amendment by Mr. PICKERING regarding enforcement of the Individuals With Disabilities Parking Reform Amendment Act;

An amendment by Mr. OBEY regarding D.C. funding;

An amendment by Mr. SANDERS regarding contracting out flight service stations, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes;

An amendment by Ms. DELAURO regarding corporate entities chartered in Antigua, Panama, Bermuda, Barbados and the Cayman Islands, which shall be debatable for 15 minutes;

An amendment by Mr. OBEY regarding an OMB Circular, which shall be debatable for 40 minutes;

An amendment by Mr. CUELLAR regarding funding for the Community Development Fund;

An amendment by Mrs. JONES of Ohio regarding HOME Investment Partnership Program;

An amendment by Ms. WATERS regarding funding for the Community Development Fund;

An amendment by Mr. COSTELLO regarding cities of Alton and Granite City, Illinois;

An amendment by Mr. KING of Iowa regarding funding for the Supreme Court;

An amendment by Ms. HERSETH regarding judiciary funding;

An amendment by Ms. HOOLEY regarding increasing funds for HIDTA;

An amendment by Ms. VELÁZQUEZ regarding e-travel and small business protection;

An amendment by Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan regarding the sale of Unocal Corporation;

An amendment by Mr. VAN HOLLEN regarding revisions to circular A-76;

An amendment by Mr. TIAHRT regarding regulations on U.S. business competitiveness;

An amendment by Mr. HEFLEY regarding an across-the-board cut;

An amendment by Mr. BROWN of Ohio regarding reporting on the cost of new prescription drugs;

An amendment by Mr. HINCHEY regarding private contractor activity;

An amendment by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey regarding eminent domain;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding the travel ban with Cuba;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding religious exemption on the travel ban with Cuba;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding cap on remittances with Cuba;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding enforcement of the weight limit on baggage for travel to Cuba;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding amateur sports teams travel to Cuba;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding family travel to Cuba by members of the Armed Forces;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding trade agreements and their relationship with Cuba;

An amendment by Ms. LEE regarding academic institutions and travel to Cuba;

An amendment by Mr. RANGEL regarding enforcement of the economic embargo on Cuba;

An amendment by Mr. HONDA regarding military recruiters and the Department of Education;

An amendment by Mr. MARKEY regarding transfer of tax activity among countries;

An amendment by Mr. WYNN regarding financial contractors;

An amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding section 12 of the U.S. Housing Act;

An amendment by Mr. CLAY regarding FHA loans and abusive lending practices;

An amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding funding for the FAA;

An amendment by Mr. SOUDER regarding enforcement of firearms laws in D.C.;

An amendment by Mr. SIMMONS regarding private debt collection;

An amendment by Mr. SOUDER regarding media campaigns; and

An amendment by Mr. KNOLLENBERG regarding funding levels.

Each such amendment may be offered only by the Member named in the request or a designee, or by the Member who caused it to be printed in the RECORD or a designee, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations and the Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of debate; and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

Except as otherwise specified, each amendment shall be debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent.

The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND
(RESCISSION)

Of the unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, remaining from funds appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development under this heading or the heading "Annual contributions for assisted housing" or any other heading for fiscal year 2005 and prior years, \$2,493,600,000 is rescinded, to be effected by the Secretary no later than September 30, 2006: *Provided*, That any such balances governed by reallocation provisions under the statute authorizing the program for which the funds were originally appropriated shall be available for the rescission: *Provided further*, That any obligated balances of contract authority from fiscal year 1974 and prior that have been terminated shall be cancelled: *Provided further*, That no amounts recaptured from amounts appropriated in prior years under this heading or the heading "Annual contributions for assisted housing" and no carryover of such appropriated amounts for project-based assistance shall be available for the calendar year 2006 funding cycle for activities provided for under the heading "Tenant-based rental assistance".

PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For activities and assistance for the provision of project-based subsidy contracts under

the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) ("the Act" herein), not otherwise provided for, \$5,088,300,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the amounts made available under this heading are provided as follows:

(1) \$4,940,100,000 for expiring or terminating section 8 project-based subsidy contracts (including section 8 moderate rehabilitation contracts), for amendments to section 8 project-based subsidy contracts (including section 8 moderate rehabilitation contracts), for contracts entered into pursuant to section 441 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, for renewal of section 8 contracts for units in projects that are subject to approved plans of action under the Emergency Low Income Housing Preservation Act of 1987 or the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990, and for administrative and other expenses associated with project-based activities and assistance funded under this paragraph.

(2) \$147,200,000 for performance-based contract administrators for section 8 project-based assistance: *Provided*, That the Secretary may also use such amounts for performance-based contract administrators for: interest reduction payments pursuant to section 236(a) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1(a)); rent supplement payments pursuant to section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 (12 U.S.C. 1701s); Section 236(f)(2) rental assistance payments (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1(f)(2)); project rental assistance contracts for the elderly under section 202(c)(2) of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701q, 1701q-1); project rental assistance contracts for supportive housing for persons with disabilities under section 811(d)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act; project assistance contracts pursuant to section 202(h) of the Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86-372; 73 Stat. 667); and loans under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (Public Law 86-372; 73 Stat. 667).

(3) \$1,000,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund: *Provided further*, That amounts recaptured under this heading, the heading, "Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing," or the heading, "Housing Certificate Fund," for project-based section 8 activities may be used for renewals of or amendments to section 8 project-based subsidy contracts or for performance-based contract administrators, notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts were appropriated.

PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND
(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For the Public Housing Capital Fund Program to carry out capital and management activities for public housing agencies, as authorized under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437g) (the "Act"), \$2,600,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, during fiscal year 2006, the Secretary may not delegate to any Department official other than the Deputy Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing any authority under paragraph (2) of section 9(j) regarding the extension of the time periods under such section: *Provided further*, That for purposes of such section 9(j), the term "obligate" means, with respect to amounts, that the amounts are subject to a binding agreement that will result in outlays, immediately or in the future: *Provided further*, That of the total amount provided under this heading, up to \$11,000,000 shall be for carrying out activities under section 9(h) of such Act: *Provided further*, That \$10,000,000 shall be transferred to

the Working Capital Fund: *Provided further*, That no funds may be used under this heading for the purposes specified in section 9(k) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended: *Provided further*, That of the total amount provided under this heading, up to \$17,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants, notwithstanding section 305 of this Act, to public housing agencies for emergency capital needs resulting from unforeseen emergencies and natural disasters occurring in fiscal year 2006: *Provided further*, That of the total amount provided under this heading, \$24,000,000 shall be for supportive services, service coordinators and congregate services as authorized by section 34 of the Act and the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996: *Provided further*, That up to \$8,820,000 is to support the costs of administrative and judicial receiverships.

PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

For 2006 payments to public housing agencies for the operation and management of public housing, as authorized by section 9(e) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437g(e)), \$3,600,000,000: *Provided*, That all funds made available under this heading shall be allocated to public housing agencies in accordance with the terms, conditions, criteria and methodology set forth in the "Post 4th Session Rule" issued on June 10, 2004 and shall not be allocated using any other formula unless approved by the Committee: *Provided further*, That of the total amount provided under this heading, up to \$50,000,000 shall be for assistance for the conversion to asset management including project-based accounting, budgeting and management for public housing agencies operating three or more public housing projects, which will under the "Post 4th Session Rule" formula experience a loss of subsidy greater than 5 percent from the amount which would otherwise have been receivable under the Performance Funding System regulations superseded by such formula: *Provided further*, That, in fiscal year 2006 and all fiscal years hereafter, no amounts under this heading in any appropriations Act may be used for payments to public housing agencies for the costs of operation and management of public housing for any year prior to the current year of such Act: *Provided further*, That no funds may be used under this heading for the purposes specified in section 9(k) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the Native American Housing Block Grants program, as authorized under title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), \$600,000,000, to remain available until expended. Notwithstanding the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to determine the amount of the allocation under title I of such Act for each Indian tribe, the Secretary shall apply the formula under section 302 of such Act with the need component based on single-race Census data and with the need component based on multi-race Census data, and the amount of the allocation for each Indian tribe shall be the greater of the two resulting allocation amounts. Of funds made available under this heading, \$1,200,000 shall be contracted through the Secretary as technical assistance and capacity building to be used by the National American Indian Housing Council in support of the implementation of NAHASDA; of which \$2,308,000 shall be to support the inspection of Indian housing units, contract expertise, training, and

technical assistance in the training, oversight, and management of Indian housing and tenant-based assistance, including up to \$300,000 for related travel; of which \$45,000,000 shall be for the Indian Community Development Block Grant program under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), for grants to Indian tribes notwithstanding section 106(a)(1) of such Act, to be allocated using the same methodology as fiscal year 2005 funds of which up to \$4,000,000 may be used for emergencies that constitute imminent threats to health and safety, notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 205 of the Act): *Provided*, That of the amount provided under this heading, \$2,000,000 shall be made available for the cost of guaranteed notes and other obligations, as authorized by title VI of NAHASDA: *Provided further*, That such costs, including the costs of modifying such notes and other obligations, 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 the total principal amount of any notes and other obligations, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$17,926,000: *Provided further*, That for administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, up to \$150,000 from amounts in the first proviso, which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses".

NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT

For the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program, as authorized under title VIII of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), \$8,815,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$352,606 shall be for training and technical assistance activities.

INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a), \$2,645,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such costs, including the costs 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 total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$98,966,942.

In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, up to \$250,000 from amounts in the first paragraph, which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses".

NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the cost of guaranteed loans, as authorized by section 184A of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13b), \$882,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such costs, including the costs 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 total loan principal, any part of which is to be guaranteed, not to exceed \$35,000,000.

In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed loan program, up to \$35,000 from amounts in the first paragraph, which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses."

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

For carrying out the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program, as authorized by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.), \$285,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2007, except that amounts allocated pursuant to section 854(c)(3) of such Act shall remain available until September 30, 2008: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall renew all expiring contracts for permanent supportive housing that were funded under section 854(c)(3) of such Act that meet all program requirements before awarding funds for new contracts and activities authorized under this section: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may use up to \$1,000,000 of the funds under this heading for training, oversight, and technical assistance activities.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. NADLER

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. NADLER:

Page 76, line 24, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$5,000,000)".

Page 95, line 2, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$5,000,000)".

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Chairman, I just want to make sure before I start that we have the amended amendment that says \$5 million, not \$10 million.

The ACTING Chairman. Without objection, the Clerk will report the amendment.

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the amendment.

The ACTING Chairman. Pursuant to the order of the House today, the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER).

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Mr. NADLER. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume, although I am not going to take 5 minutes.

This amendment would increase the appropriation for the Housing Opportunity For Persons with AIDS program.

Mr. Chairman, this amendment would increase the appropriation for the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS program, or HOPWA, by \$5 million.

I thank Chairman KNOLLENBERG and Ranking Member OLVER for recommending a \$3 million increase from last year's appropriation, significantly more than the administration request. But this follows a \$13 million cut last year.

Adequately meeting the housing needs of all those living with HIV/AIDS would take over \$2 billion. More than 100 Members, from both sides of the aisle, joined me in asking the Appropriations committee for \$385 million in HOPWA funding in FY06. This amendment, however, seeks only to restore the cuts from last year and return HOPWA to the FY04 level of \$295 million.

The costs associated with the new AIDS treatments often force people to choose be-

tween essential medications and other necessities, such as housing. HOPWA answers this need. With 91 percent of HOPWA recipients having family incomes less than \$1,000 per month, program recipients simply cannot afford the cuts HOPWA has taken.

HOPWA is an extremely fiscally sound program. It supplies a low-cost alternative to acute-care hospital beds, typically paid for by Medicaid. Acute-care facilities cost Medicaid, on average, more than \$1,000 a day, while assistance under HOPWA costs as little as \$55 to \$110 a day.

Nationwide, thousands of people are now on waiting lists for HOPWA-funded housing. The housing crisis facing people living with HIV/AIDS imposes enormous costs on individuals with the disease and on their families and communities. Without adequate HOPWA funding, AIDS patients will continue to flood our emergency rooms and shelters, and our Medicaid rolls. Let's get back at least to the FY04 funding level.

I thank Messrs. SHAYS and CROWLEY for cosponsoring this amendment, and demonstrating the bipartisan support HOPWA enjoys. I strongly urge the adoption of this amendment.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NADLER. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Chairman, I accept the amendment.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, I was going to add that I want to thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KNOLLENBERG) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. OLVER) for their cooperation, and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. CROWLEY) for cosponsoring the amendment. I appreciate the gentleman's acceptance, and I will take "yes" for an answer, happily.

Mr. Chairman, I yield for the purpose of making a unanimous consent request to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS).

(Mr. SHAYS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in favor of the amendment to increase HOPWA funding to its Fiscal Year 2004 level of \$293 million.

This amendment is tremendously important for thousands of people afflicted with AIDS. I appreciate the good work the Chairman has done on this bill, as well as the fiscal constraints of this budget cycle. The bottom line, Mr. Chairman, is when it comes to the HOPWA program I think we should provide more.

The Centers for Disease Control, CDC, estimates there are between 1 and 1.2 million Americans living with HIV and AIDS. A majority of these individuals will face a housing crisis at some point during their illness as a result of increased medical expenses and lost wages. HOPWA is the only federal program specifically designed to meet their needs.

The HOPWA program is one of the most cost-effective ways to provide people living with HIV/AIDS with adequate and affordable housing. Acute care facilities, under Medicaid cost more than \$1,000 a day as compared to

HOPWA community housing, which averages \$55 to \$110 per day.

The program keeps those living with HIV/AIDS off the streets and out of expensive acute care facilities.

My predecessor, Stewart B. McKinney, died of AIDS-related pneumonia. His wife, Lucie, carries on his work as chairman of the Stewart B. McKinney Foundation. This foundation is dedicated to providing housing to persons and families living with HIV/AIDS. The McKinney House and other HOPWA programs approach the HIV crisis in a truly caring, community-based and cost-effective manner.

Because 90 percent of HOPWA funds are distributed to States by formula, States and localities control how money is spent—not the Federal Government. Communities, are empowered to use HOPWA funds to meet their unique housing needs—from providing short-term supportive housing for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS, to building new community residences.

The flexibility has, in large measure, contributed to the widespread success of the HOPWA program. The bottom line is that money for HOPWA is money well spent. I urge support for this amendment.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIRMAN (Mr. BASS). The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER).

The amendment was agreed to.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

For the Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$10,000,000 to remain available until expended, which amount shall be competitively awarded by September 1, 2006, to Indian tribes, State housing finance agencies, State community and/or economic development agencies, local rural nonprofits and community development corporations to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND
(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For assistance to units of State and local government, and to other entities, for economic and community development activities, and for other purposes, \$4,151,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008, unless otherwise specified: *Provided*, That of the amount provided, \$3,859,900,000 is for carrying out the community development block grant program under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (the "Act" herein) (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.); *Provided further*, That unless explicitly provided for under this heading not to exceed 20 percent of any grant made with funds appropriated under this heading shall be expended for planning and management development and administration: *Provided further*, That \$1,600,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MS. WATERS

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Ms. WATERS:

Page 77, line 24, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(increased by \$6,944,000)".

Page 157, line 17, after the dollar amount, insert the following: "(reduced by \$6,944,000)".

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Chairman, I reserve a point of order on the gentlewoman's amendment.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the order of the House today, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KNOLLENBERG) each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS).

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I offer this amendment that is basically known as the section 108 loan guarantee amendment. This is an amendment that is offered to the Community Development Grant Fund for cities and counties that would allow them to continue to have a section 108 loan guarantee program for the purpose of big-scale developments in the cities that would be guaranteed by the CDBG funds.

These are very important economic development funds. In the past, we have had a substantial amount of money in this fund, and it has been used by the cities to create jobs and to rebuild downtowns, to rehabilitate old towns, to basically not only create jobs, but revitalize cities.

So we are simply asking that we take a small amount of money from the advertising section of the drug policy section of the budget so that we not only not transfer, but we keep some money in this fund by which to keep section 108 a viable program.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I oppose any amendment to continue the section 108 loan program which is recommended for elimination as part of a broad sweep of lower-priority programs. We must reduce or eliminate these programs in order to free up the funds for the highest priorities in HUD: assistance to extremely low-income families and restoring funds for community development.

There are many good reasons for terminating the program which the administration has proposed to do for the last 4 years. This program has been rated as ineffective, underutilized, and lacks accountability.

First and foremost, this program duplicates several others that, relatively speaking, have a long history of success. CDBG economic development loans and grants average about \$500 million annually. New markets tax credits, \$15 billion in subsidy over 5 years. Empowerment Zones, enterprise and renewal community tax credits and SBA loans are part as well of this successful side.

Mr. Chairman, I want to state further that section 108 loans are among the most expensive forms of financing relative to tax-exempt State and local borrowing. The program is contrary to the Department of Treasury rules and principles in effect today for all loan programs.

The program is already in decline. Last year, only 74 took out section 108 loans, 74 out of 4,000 eligible communities.

Finally, the program will not end in 2006 even if there are no funds in 2006. Ample funds from prior years will carry the program forward for at least the next 2 years. Over \$13 million is still available to guarantee over 550 million in new loans, even if no new funds are provided.

So I would urge my colleagues to vote against restoring this program. I know the gentlewoman wants it very badly, but we really do not have a need for it; and we want to preserve HUD's highest-priority programs instead.

Mr. Chairman, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER).

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Chairman, I also want to talk briefly about the offset from ONDCP, the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the national ad campaign. This was funded under former President Clinton at a level of \$180 million back in the 1990s. What we have seen is it is reduced all the way down to \$120 million in this bill, which means that it is barely able to sustain itself, given that advertising costs have gone up.

There is an amendment later in this bill that the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON) and I are doing in a bipartisan way to try to increase the dollars so we can afford and fund anti-meth campaigns around this country, as we are also doing under ONDCP in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking area.

This amendment, though it is not a large amount, would potentially be an absolutely crippling blow to this particular program and certainly would end any chance for us to do any meth advertising in this budget. Thus, I ask people who support our efforts to combat methamphetamine to vote against this amendment.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I think the gentleman from Michigan has described something other than section 108 loan guarantee programs. Section 108 loan guarantee programs are considered one of the most potent and important public investment tools that HUD offers to local governments. It allows agencies to transform a small portion of their CDBG funds into federally guaranteed loans large enough to pursue physical and economic revitalization projects that can renew entire neighborhoods. It is a very effective public investment.

The small amount of money that I am asking to be taken from the drug program is from the advertising budget. I do not want to spend a lot of time

talking about the ineffectiveness of that program; I simply can say that that program has not reduced drug use in this country, despite the millions of dollars that we have spent.

Again, \$120 million is a lot of money for an advertising program that does very little to deter anybody from using drugs. I would hope that some day there will be some restructuring of that program to try and make it more effective, because I really do think it is a waste, practically, of the taxpayers' money.

Having said that, I would advise my colleagues that many of you have section 108 loan programs in your districts that are providing funds for great revitalization; and should these funds not be available or we not continue this program or show some support for this program, in addition to whatever dollars are remaining, I think you will find that your cities will be very disappointed, because this is the only money that they have been able to count on that is not scored against the budget to do this kind of revitalization and job creation.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS).

The amendment was rejected.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The Committee will rise informally.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYES) assumed the Chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 120. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30777 Rancho California Road in Temecula, California, as the "Dalip Singh Saund Post Office Building".

H.R. 289. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8200 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the "Sergeant First Class John Marshall Post Office Building".

H.R. 324. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 321 Montgomery Road in Altamonte Springs, Florida, as the "Arthur Stacey Mastrapa Post Office Building".

H.R. 504. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4960 West Washington Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the "Ray Charles Post Office Building".

H.R. 627. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Putnam Avenue in Hamden, Connecticut, as the "Linda White-Epps Post Office".

H.R. 1001. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 South Heatherwilde Boulevard in Pflugerville, Texas, as the "Sergeant Byron W. Norwood Post Office Building".

H.R. 1072. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 151 West End Street in Goliad, Texas, as the "Judge Emilio Vargas Post Office Building".

H.R. 1082. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Illinois Avenue in Vinita, Oklahoma, as the "Francis C. Goodpaster Post Office Building".

H.R. 1236. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 750 4th Street in Sparks, Nevada, as the "Mayor Tony Armstrong Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 1460. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6200 Rolling Road in Springfield, Virginia, as the "Captain Mark Stubenhofer Post Office Building".

H.R. 1524. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12433 Antioch Road in Overland Park, Kansas, as the "Ed Eilert Post Office Building".

H.R. 1542. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Pleasant Street in New Bedford, Massachusetts, as the "Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building".

H.R. 2326. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 614 West Old County Road in Belhaven, North Carolina, as the "Floyd Lupton Post Office".

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 571. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1915 Fulton Street in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Congresswoman Shirley A. Chisholm Post Office Building".

S. 775. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 W. 7th Street in Holdenville, Oklahoma, as the "Boone Pickens Post Office".

S. 904. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1560 Union Valley Road in West Milford, New Jersey, as the "Brian P. Parrello Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Committee will resume its sitting.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

The Committee resumed its sitting.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

Of the amount made available under this heading, \$290,000,000 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 statement of managers accompanying this Act: *Provided*, That none of the funds provided under this paragraph may be used for program operations.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the HOME investment partnerships program, as authorized under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, \$1,850,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2008: *Provided*, That of the total amount provided in this paragraph, up to \$41,700,000 shall be

available for housing counseling under section 106 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and \$1,000,000 shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund.

In addition to amounts otherwise made available under this heading, \$50,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008, for assistance to homebuyers as authorized under title I of the American Dream Downpayment Act.

SELF-HELP AND ASSISTED HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

For the Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program, \$60,800,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008: *Provided*, That of the total amount provided in this heading \$23,800,000 shall be made available to the Self Help Homeownership Opportunity Program as authorized under section 11 of the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996 as amended: *Provided further*, That \$28,000,000 shall be made available for capacity building, of which \$27,000,000 shall be for capacity building for Community Development and affordable Housing for LIHC and the Enterprise Foundation for activities authorized by Section 4 of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 (42 USC 9816 note), as in effect immediately before June 12, 1997 and \$1,000,000 shall be made available for capacity building activities administered by Habitat for Humanity International: *Provided further*, That \$3,000,000 shall be made available to the Housing Assistance Council, \$1,000,000 shall be made available to the Native American Indian Housing Council, \$4,000,000 shall be made available to the Housing Partnership Network, and \$1,000,000 shall be made available to the Special Olympics, to remain available until September 30, 2008.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the emergency shelter grants program as authorized under subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; the supportive housing program as authorized under subtitle C of title IV of such Act; the section 8 moderate rehabilitation single room occupancy program as authorized under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to assist homeless individuals pursuant to section 441 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; and the shelter plus care program as authorized under subtitle F of title IV of such Act, \$1,340,000,000, of which \$1,320,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008, and of which \$20,000,000 shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That not less than 30 percent of funds made available, excluding amounts provided for renewals under the shelter plus care program, shall be used for permanent housing: *Provided further*, That all funds awarded for services shall be matched by 25 percent in funding by each grantee: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall renew on an annual basis expiring contracts or amendments to contracts funded under the shelter plus care program if the program is determined to be needed under the applicable continuum of care and meets appropriate program requirements and financial standards, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That all awards of assistance under this heading shall be required to coordinate and integrate homeless programs with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which homeless populations may be eligible, including Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Food Stamps, and services funding through the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grant, Workforce Investment Act, and the Welfare-to-Work