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Lofgren, Zoe
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Price (NC)
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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining to vote.

□ 1852

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 5781, FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PAID PARENTAL LEAVE ACT OF 2008

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 5781, including corrections in spelling, punctuation, section and title numbering, cross-referencing, conforming amendments to the table of contents and short titles, and the insertion of appropriate headings.

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

There was no objection.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1284, I call up from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendments to the House amendments to the Senate amendment thereto, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the Senate amendments to the House amendments to the Senate amendment.

The text of the Senate amendments to the House amendments to the Senate amendment is as follows:

Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate amendment:

In lieu of the language proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

TITLE IX

DEFENSE MATTERS

CHAPTER 1

DEFENSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—MILITARY

MILITARY PERSONNEL

MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Military Personnel, Army'', $12,216,715,000.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, NAVY

For an additional amount for ''Military Personnel, Navy'', $894,185,000.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for ''Military Personnel, Marine Corps'', $1,826,688,000.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Military Personnel, Air Force'', $1,355,544,000.

RESERVE PERSONNEL, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Reserve Personnel, Army'', $304,200,000.

RESERVE PERSONNEL, NAVY

For an additional amount for ''Reserve Personnel, Navy'', $72,800,000.

RESERVE PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for ''Reserve Personnel, Marine Corps'', $16,720,000.

RESERVE PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Reserve Personnel, Air Force'', $5,000,000.

NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''National Guard Personnel, Army'', $1,369,747,000.

NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''National Guard Personnel, Air Force'', $4,000,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Army'', $17,223,512,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Navy'', $2,977,864,000: Provided, That up to $112,607,000 shall be transferred to the Coast Guard ''Operating Expenses'' account.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps'', $159,900,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Air Force'', $5,972,520,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide'', $3,657,562,000, of which—

(1) not to exceed $25,000,000 may be used for the Combatant Commander Initiative Fund, to be used in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom;

(2) not to exceed $800,000,000, to remain available until expended, may be used for payments to reimburse key cooperating nations, for logistical, military, and other support provided to United States military operations, notwithstanding any other provision of law: Provided, That these funds may be used for the purpose of providing specialized training and procuring supplies and specialized equipment and providing such supplies and loaning such equipment on a non-reimbursable basis to coalition forces supporting United States military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan: Provided further, That such payments may be made in such amounts as the Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, and in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, may determine, in his discretion, based on documentation determined by the Secretary of Defense to adequately account for the support provided, and such determination is final and conclusive upon the accounting officers of the United States, and 15 days following notification to the appropriate congressional committees: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense shall provide quarterly reports to the congressional defense committees on the use of funds provided in this paragraph: Provided further, That of the amount available under this heading for the Defense Contract Management Agency, $52,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2009.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve'', $164,839,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Navy Reserve'', $109,876,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS RESERVE

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps Reserve'', $70,256,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Air Force Reserve'', $165,994,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard'', $685,644,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard'', $287,369,000.

IRAQ FREEDOM FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Iraq Freedom Fund'', $50,000,000, to remain available for transfer until September 30, 2009, notwithstanding any other provision of law, only for the redevelopment of the Iraqi industrial sector by identifying, and providing assistance to, factories and other industrial facilities that are best situated to resume operations quickly and reemploy the Iraqi workforce: Provided, That the Secretary of Defense shall, not fewer than 15 days prior to making transfers from this appropriation, notify the congressional defense committees in writing of the details of any such transfer.

AFGHANISTAN SECURITY FORCES FUND

For an additional amount for the ''Afghanistan Security Forces Fund'', $1,400,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

IRAQ SECURITY FORCES FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for the ''Iraq Security Forces Fund'', $1,500,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009: Provided, That such funds shall be available to the Secretary of Defense, notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the purpose of allowing the Commander, Multi-National Security Transition Command—Iraq, or the Secretary's designee, to provide assistance, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, to the security forces of Iraq, including the provision of equipment, supplies, services, training, facility and infrastructure repair, renovation, and construction, and funding: Provided further, That none of the assistance provided under this heading in the form of funds may be utilized for the provision of salaries, wages, or bonuses to personnel of the Iraqi Security Forces: Provided further, That the authority to provide assistance under this heading is in addition to any other authority to provide assistance to foreign nations: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense may transfer such funds to appropriations for military personnel; operation and maintenance; Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid; procurement; research, development, test and evaluation; and defense working capital funds to accomplish the purposes provided herein: Provided further, That this transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense: Provided further, That upon a determination that all or part of the funds so transferred from this appropriation are not necessary for the purposes provided herein, such amounts may be transferred back to this appropriation: Provided further, That contributions of funds for the purposes provided herein from any person, foreign government, or international organization may be credited to this Fund, and used for such purposes: Provided further, That the Secretary shall notify the congressional defense committees in writing upon the receipt and upon the transfer of any contribution delineating the sources and amounts of the funds received and the specific use of such contributions: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense shall, not fewer than 15 days prior to making transfers from this appropriation account, notify the congressional defense committees in writing of the details of any such transfer: Provided further, That the Secretary shall submit a report no later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter to the congressional defense committees summarizing the details of the transfer of funds from this appropriation.

PROCUREMENT

AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Aircraft Procurement, Army'', $954,111,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Missile Procurement, Army'', $561,656,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS AND TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Procurement of Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles, Army'', $5,463,471,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Procurement of Ammunition, Army'', $344,900,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Other Procurement, Army'', $16,337,340,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY

For an additional amount for ''Aircraft Procurement, Navy'', $3,563,254,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY

For an additional amount for ''Weapons Procurement, Navy'', $317,456,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for ''Procurement of Ammunition, Navy and Marine Corps'', $304,945,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY

For an additional amount for ''Other Procurement, Navy'', $1,399,135,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for ''Procurement, Marine Corps'', $2,197,390,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Aircraft Procurement, Air Force'', $7,103,923,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Missile Procurement, Air Force'', $66,943,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Procurement of Ammunition, Air Force'', $205,455,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Other Procurement, Air Force'', $1,953,167,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for ''Procurement, Defense-Wide'', $408,209,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010.

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE EQUIPMENT

For an additional amount for ''National Guard and Reserve Equipment'', $825,000,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010: Provided, That the Chiefs of the National Guard and Reserve components shall, prior to the expenditure of funds, and not later than 30 days after the enactment of this Act, individually submit to the congressional defense committees an equipment modernization priority assessment with a detailed plan for the expenditure of funds for their respective National Guard and Reserve components.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army'', $162,958,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, NAVY

For an additional amount for ''Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy'', $366,110,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force'', $399,817,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for ''Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide'', $816,598,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

REVOLVING AND MANAGEMENT FUNDS

DEFENSE WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS

For an additional amount for ''Defense Working Capital Funds'', $1,837,450,000, to remain available for obligation until expended.

NATIONAL DEFENSE SEALIFT FUND

For an additional amount for ''National Defense Sealift Fund'', $5,110,000, to remain available for obligation until expended.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS

DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

For an additional amount for ''Defense Health Program'', $1,413,864,000, of which $957,064,000 shall be for operation and maintenance; of which $91,900,000 is for procurement, to remain available until September 30, 2010; of which $364,900,000 shall be for research, development, test and evaluation, to remain available until September 30, 2009: Provided, That in addition to amounts otherwise contained in this paragraph, $75,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the ''Defense Health Program'' for operation and maintenance for psychological health and traumatic brain injury, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES, DEFENSE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense'', $65,317,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

For an additional amount for ''Office of the Inspector General'', $6,394,000, of which $2,000,000 shall be for research, development, test and evaluation, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS CHAPTER

SEC. 9101. Appropriations provided in this chapter are available for obligation until September 30, 2008, unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

SEC. 9102. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds made available in this chapter are in addition to amounts appropriated or

otherwise made available for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2008.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 9103. Upon the determination of the Secretary of Defense that such action is necessary in the national interest, the Secretary may transfer between appropriations up to $2,500,000,000 of the funds made available to the Department of Defense in this chapter: Provided, That the Secretary shall notify the Congress promptly of each transfer made pursuant to the authority in this section: Provided further, That the authority provided in this section is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense and is subject to the same terms and conditions as the authority provided in section 8005 of Public Law 110–116, except for the fourth proviso.

SEC. 9104. (a) From funds made available for operation and maintenance in this chapter to the Department of Defense, not to exceed $1,226,841,000 may be used, notwithstanding any other provision of law, to fund the Commander's Emergency Response Program, for the purpose of enabling military commanders in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Philippines to respond to urgent humanitarian relief and reconstruction requirements within their areas of responsibility by carrying out programs that will immediately assist the Iraqi, Afghan, and Filipino people.

(b) Not later than 15 days after the end of each fiscal year quarter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report regarding the source of funds and the allocation and use of funds during that quarter that were made available pursuant to the authority provided in this section or under any other provision of law for the purposes of the programs under subsection (a).

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 9105. During fiscal year 2008, the Secretary of Defense may transfer not to exceed $6,500,000 of the amounts in or credited to the Defense Cooperation Account, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2608, to such appropriations or funds of the Department of Defense as the Secretary shall determine for use consistent with the purposes for which such funds were contributed and accepted: Provided, That such amounts shall be available for the same time period as the appropriation to which transferred: Provided further, That the Secretary shall report to the Congress all transfers made pursuant to this authority.

SEC. 9106. Of the amount appropriated by this chapter under the heading ''Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense'', not to exceed $20,000,000 may be used for the provision of support for counter-drug activities of the Governments of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan, as specified in section 1033 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105–85, as amended by Public Laws 106–398, 108–136, 109–364, and 110–181): Provided, That such support shall be in addition to support provided under any other provision of the law.

SEC. 9107. Amounts provided in this chapter for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan may be used by the Department of Defense for the purchase of up to 20 heavy and light armored vehicles for force protection purposes, notwithstanding price or other limitations specified elsewhere in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–116), or any other provision of law: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds provided in Public Law 110–116 and Public Law 110–161 under the heading ''Other Procurement, Navy'' may be used for the purchase of 21 vehicles required for physical security of personnel, notwithstanding price limitations applicable to passenger vehicles but not to exceed $255,000 per vehicle: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense shall submit a report in writing no later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter notifying the congressional defense committees of any purchase described in this section, including cost, purposes, and quantities of vehicles purchased.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 9108. Section 8122(c) of Public Law 110–116 is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(4) Upon a determination that all or part of the funds transferred under paragraph (1) are not necessary to accomplish the purposes specified in subsection (b), such amounts may be transferred back to the 'Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle Fund'.''.

SEC. 9109. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, not to exceed $150,000,000 of funds made available in this chapter may be obligated to conduct or support a program to build the capacity of a foreign country's national military forces in order for that country to conduct counterterrorist operations or participate in or support military and stability operations in which the U.S. Armed Forces are a participant: Provided, That funds available pursuant to the authority in this section shall be subject to the same restrictions, limitations, and reporting requirements as funds available pursuant to section 1206 of Public Law 109–163 as amended.

CHAPTER 2

DEFENSE BRIDGE FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—MILITARY

MILITARY PERSONNEL

MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Military Personnel, Army'', $839,000,000.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, NAVY

For an additional amount for ''Military Personnel, Navy'', $75,000,000.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for ''Military Personnel, Marine Corps'', $55,000,000.

MILITARY PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Military Personnel, Air Force'', $75,000,000.

NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''National Guard Personnel, Army'', $150,000,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Army'', $37,300,000,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Navy'', $3,500,000,000: Provided, That up to $112,000,000 shall be transferred to the Coast Guard ''Operating Expenses'' account.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps'', $2,900,000,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Air Force'', $5,000,000,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide'', $2,648,569,000, of which not to exceed $200,000,000, to remain available until expended, may be used for payments to reimburse key cooperating nations, for logistical, military, and other support provided to United States military operations, notwithstanding any other provision of law: Provided, That these funds may be used for the purpose of providing specialized training and procuring supplies and specialized equipment and providing such supplies and loaning such equipment on a non-reimbursable basis to coalition forces supporting United States military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan: Provided further, That such payments may be made in such amounts as the Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, and in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, may determine, in his discretion, based on documentation determined by the Secretary of Defense to adequately account for the support provided, and such determination is final and conclusive upon the accounting officers of the United States, and 15 days following notification to the appropriate congressional committees: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense shall provide quarterly reports to the congressional defense committees on the use of funds provided in this paragraph.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve'', $79,291,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Navy Reserve'', $42,490,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS RESERVE

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps Reserve'', $47,076,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Air Force Reserve'', $12,376,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard'', $333,540,000.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard'', $52,667,000.

AFGHANISTAN SECURITY FORCES FUND

For an additional amount for the ''Afghanistan Security Forces Fund'', $2,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

IRAQ SECURITY FORCES FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the ''Iraq Security Forces Fund'', $1,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009: Provided, That such funds shall be available to the Secretary of Defense, notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the purpose of allowing the Commander, Multi-National Security Transition Command—Iraq, or the Secretary's designee, to provide assistance, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, to the security forces of Iraq, including the provision of equipment, supplies, services, training, facility and infrastructure repair, renovation, and construction, and funding: Provided further, That none of the assistance provided under this heading in the form of funds may be utilized for the provision of salaries, wages, or bonuses to personnel of the Iraqi Security Forces: Provided further, That the authority to provide assistance under this heading is in addition to any other authority to provide assistance to foreign nations: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense may transfer such funds to appropriations for military personnel; operation and maintenance; Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid; procurement; research, development, test and evaluation; and defense working capital funds to accomplish the purposes provided herein: Provided further, That this transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense: Provided further, That upon a determination that all or part of the funds so transferred from this appropriation are not necessary for the purposes provided herein, such amounts may be transferred back to this appropriation: Provided further, That contributions of funds for the purposes provided herein from any person, foreign government, or international organization may be credited to this

Fund, and used for such purposes: Provided further, That the Secretary shall notify the congressional defense committees in writing upon the receipt and upon the transfer of any contribution delineating the sources and amounts of the funds received and the specific use of such contributions: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense shall, not fewer than 15 days prior to making transfers from this appropriation account, notify the congressional defense committees in writing of the details of any such transfer: Provided further, That the Secretary shall submit a report no later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter to the congressional defense committees summarizing the details of the transfer of funds from this appropriation.

PROCUREMENT

AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Aircraft Procurement, Army'', $84,000,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2011.

PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS AND TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Procurement of Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles, Army'', $822,674,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2011.

PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Procurement of Ammunition, Army'', $46,500,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2011.

OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Other Procurement, Army'', $1,009,050,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2011.

OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY

For an additional amount for ''Other Procurement, Navy'', $27,948,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2011.

PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for ''Procurement, Marine Corps'', $565,425,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2011.

AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Aircraft Procurement, Air Force'', $201,842,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2011.

OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Other Procurement, Air Force'', $1,500,644,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2011.

PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for ''Procurement, Defense-Wide'', $177,237,000, to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2011.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, NAVY

For an additional amount for ''Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy'', $113,228,000, to remain available until September 30, 2010.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force'', $72,041,000, to remain available until September 30, 2010.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for ''Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide'', $202,559,000, to remain available until September 30, 2010.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS

DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

For an additional amount for ''Defense Health Program'', $1,100,000,000 for operation and maintenance.

DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES, DEFENSE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense'', $188,000,000.

JOINT IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DEFEAT FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund'', $2,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2011: Provided, That such funds shall be available to the Secretary of Defense, notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the purpose of allowing the Director of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization to investigate, develop and provide equipment, supplies, services, training, facilities, personnel and funds to assist United States forces in the defeat of improvised explosive devices: Provided further, That within 60 days of the enactment of this Act, a plan for the intended management and use of the amounts provided under this heading shall be submitted to the congressional defense committees: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense shall submit a report not later than 60 days after the end of each fiscal quarter to the congressional defense committees providing assessments of the evolving threats, individual service requirements to counter the threats, the current strategy for predeployment training of members of the Armed Forces on improvised explosive devices, and details on the execution of the Fund: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense may transfer funds provided herein to appropriations for operation and maintenance; procurement; research, development, test and evaluation; and defense working capital funds to accomplish the purpose provided herein: Provided further, That this transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense shall, not fewer than 15 days prior to making transfers from this appropriation, notify the congressional defense committees in writing of the details of any such transfer.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS CHAPTER

SEC. 9201. Appropriations provided in this chapter are not available for obligation until October 1, 2008.

SEC. 9202. Appropriations provided in this chapter are available for obligation until September 30, 2009, unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 9203. Upon the determination of the Secretary of Defense that such action is necessary in the national interest, the Secretary may transfer between appropriations up to $4,000,000,000 of the funds made available to the Department of Defense in this chapter: Provided, That the Secretary shall notify the Congress promptly of each transfer made pursuant to the authority in this section: Provided further, That the authority provided in this section is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense and is subject to the same terms and conditions as the authority provided in section 8005 of Public Law 110–116, except for the fourth proviso.

SEC. 9204. (a) Not later than December 5, 2008 and every 90 days thereafter through the end of fiscal year 2009, the Secretary of Defense shall set forth in a report to Congress a comprehensive set of performance indicators and measures for progress toward military and political stability in Iraq.

(b) The report shall include performance standards and goals for security, economic, and security force training objectives in Iraq together with a notional timetable for achieving these goals.

(c) In specific, the report requires, at a minimum, the following:

(1) With respect to stability and security in Iraq, the following:

(A) Key measures of political stability, including the important political milestones that must be achieved over the next several years.

(B) The primary indicators of a stable security environment in Iraq, such as number of engagements per day, numbers of trained Iraqi forces, trends relating to numbers and types of ethnic and religious-based hostile encounters, and progress made in the transition of responsibility for the security of Iraqi provinces to the Iraqi Security Forces under the Provincial Iraqi Control (PIC) process.

(C) An assessment of the estimated strength of the insurgency in Iraq and the extent to which it is composed of non-Iraqi fighters.

(D) A description of all militias operating in Iraq, including the number, size, equipment strength, military effectiveness, sources of support, legal status, and efforts to disarm or reintegrate each militia.

(E) Key indicators of economic activity that should be considered the most important for determining the prospects of stability in Iraq, including—

(i) unemployment levels;

(ii) electricity, water, and oil production rates; and

(iii) hunger and poverty levels.

(F) The most recent annual budget for the Government of Iraq, including a description of amounts budgeted for support of Iraqi security and police forces and an assessment of how planned funding will impact the training, equipping and overall readiness of those forces.

(G) The criteria the Administration will use to determine when it is safe to begin withdrawing United States forces from Iraq.

(2) With respect to the training and performance of security forces in Iraq, the following:

(A) The training provided Iraqi military and other Ministry of Defense forces and the equipment used by such forces.

(B) Key criteria for assessing the capabilities and readiness of the Iraqi military and other Ministry of Defense forces, goals for achieving certain capability and readiness levels (as well as for recruiting, training, and equipping these forces), and the milestones and notional timetable for achieving these goals.

(C) The operational readiness status of the Iraqi military forces, including the type, number, size, and organizational structure of Iraq battalions that are—

(i) capable of conducting counterinsurgency operations independently without any support from Coalition Forces;

(ii) capable of conducting counterinsurgency operations with the support of United States or coalition forces; or

(iii) not ready to conduct counterinsurgency operations.

(D) The amount and type of support provided by Coalition Forces to the Iraqi Security Forces at each level of operational readiness.

(E) The number of Iraqi battalions in the Iraqi Army currently conducting operations and the type of operations being conducted.

(F) The rates of absenteeism in the Iraqi military forces and the extent to which insurgents have infiltrated such forces.

(G) The training provided Iraqi police and other Ministry of Interior forces and the equipment used by such forces.

(H) The level and effectiveness of the Iraqi Security Forces under the Ministry of Defense in provinces where the United States has formally transferred responsibility for the security of the province to the Iraqi Security Forces under the Provincial Iraqi Control (PIC) process.

(I) Key criteria for assessing the capabilities and readiness of the Iraqi police and other Ministry of Interior forces, goals for achieving certain capability and readiness levels (as well as for recruiting, training, and equipping), and the milestones and notional timetable for achieving these goals, including—

(i) the number of police recruits that have received classroom training and the duration of such instruction;

(ii) the number of veteran police officers who have received classroom instruction and the duration of such instruction;

(iii) the number of police candidates screened by the Iraqi Police Screening Service, the number of candidates derived from other entry procedures, and the success rates of those groups of candidates;

(iv) the number of Iraqi police forces who have received field training by international police trainers and the duration of such instruction;

(v) attrition rates and measures of absenteeism and infiltration by insurgents; and

(vi) the level and effectiveness of the Iraqi Police and other Ministry of Interior Forces in provinces where the United States has formally transferred responsibility for the security of the province to the Iraqi Security Forces under the Provincial Iraqi Control (PIC) process.

(J) The estimated total number of Iraqi battalions needed for the Iraqi security forces to perform duties now being undertaken by coalition forces, including defending the borders of Iraq and providing adequate levels of law and order throughout Iraq.

(K) The effectiveness of the Iraqi military and police officer cadres and the chain of command.

(L) The number of United States and coalition advisors needed to support the Iraqi security forces and associated ministries.

(M) An assessment, in a classified annex if necessary, of United States military requirements, including planned force rotations, through the end of calendar year 2009.

SEC. 9205. (a) REPORT BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that contains individual transition readiness assessments by unit of Iraq and Afghan security forces. The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees updates of the report required by this subsection every 90 days after the date of the submission of the report until October 1, 2009. The report and updates of the report required by this subsection shall be submitted in classified form.

(b) REPORT BY OMB.—

(1) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense; the Commander, Multi-National Security Transition Command—Iraq; and the Commander, Combined Security Transition Command—Afghanistan, shall submit to the congressional defense committees not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and every 90 days thereafter a report on the proposed use of all funds under each of the headings ''Iraq Security Forces Fund'' and ''Afghanistan Security Forces Fund'' on a project-by-project basis, for which the obligation of funds is anticipated during the 3-month period from such date, including estimates by the commanders referred to in this paragraph of the costs required to complete each such project.

(2) The report required by this subsection shall include the following:

(A) The use of all funds on a project-by-project basis for which funds appropriated under the headings referred to in paragraph (1) were obligated prior to the submission of the report, including estimates by the commanders referred to in paragraph (1) of the costs to complete each project.

(B) The use of all funds on a project-by-project basis for which funds were appropriated under the headings referred to in paragraph (1) in prior appropriations Acts, or for which funds were made available by transfer, reprogramming, or allocation from other headings in prior appropriations Acts, including estimates by the commanders referred to in paragraph (1) of the costs to complete each project.

(C) An estimated total cost to train and equip the Iraq and Afghan security forces, disaggregated by major program and sub-elements by force, arrayed by fiscal year.

(c) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall notify the congressional defense committees of any proposed new projects or transfers of funds between sub-activity groups in excess of $15,000,000 using funds appropriated by this Act under the headings ''Iraq Security Forces Fund'' and ''Afghanistan Security Forces Fund''.

SEC. 9206. Funds available to the Department of Defense for operation and maintenance provided in this chapter may be used, notwithstanding any other provision of law, to provide supplies, services, transportation, including airlift and sealift, and other logistical support to coalition forces supporting military and stability operations in Iraq and Afghanistan: Provided, That the Secretary of Defense shall provide quarterly reports to the congressional defense committees regarding support provided under this section.

SEC. 9207. Supervision and administration costs associated with a construction project funded with appropriations available for operation and maintenance, ''Afghanistan Security Forces Fund'' or ''Iraq Security Forces Fund'' provided in this chapter, and executed in direct support of the Global War on Terrorism only in Iraq and Afghanistan, may be obligated at the time a construction contract is awarded: Provided, That for the purpose of this section, supervision and administration costs include all in-house Government costs.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 9208. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and in addition to amounts otherwise made available by this Act, there is appropriated $1,700,000,000 for the ''Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle Fund'', to remain available until September 30, 2009.

(b) The funds provided by subsection (a) shall be available to the Secretary of Defense to continue technological research and development and upgrades, to procure Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles and associated support equipment, and to sustain, transport, and field Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles.

(c)(1) The Secretary of Defense shall transfer funds provided by subsection (a) to appropriations for operation and maintenance; procurement; and research, development, test and evaluation to accomplish the purposes specified in subsection (b). Such transferred funds shall be merged with and be available for the same purposes and for the same time period as the appropriation to which they are transferred.

(2) The transfer authority provided by this subsection shall be in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense.

(3) The Secretary of Defense shall, not less than 15 days prior to making any transfer under this subsection, notify the congressional defense committees in writing of the details of the transfer.

SEC. 9209. For the purposes of this Act, the term ''congressional defense committees'' means the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives, the Armed Services Committee of the Senate, the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

CHAPTER 3

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

SEC. 9301. Each amount in this title is designated as an emergency requirement and necessary to meet emergency needs pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008.

SEC. 9302. Funds appropriated by this title, or made available by the transfer of funds in this title, for intelligence activities are deemed to be specifically authorized by the Congress for purposes of section 504(a)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 414(a)(1)).

SEC. 9303. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used in contravention of the following laws enacted or regulations promulgated to implement the United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (done at New York on December 10, 1984):

(1) Section 2340A of title 18, United States Code;

(2) Section 2242 of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (division G of Public Law 105–277; 112 Stat. 2681–822; 8 U.S.C. 1231 note) and regulations prescribed thereto, including regulations under part 208 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, and part 95 of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations; and

(3) Sections 1002 and 1003 of the Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–148).

SEC. 9304. (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Director of National Intelligence, shall jointly submit to Congress a report setting forth the global strategy of the United States to combat and defeat al Qaeda and its affiliates.

(b) ELEMENTS OF STRATEGY.—The strategy set forth in the report required under subsection (a) shall include the following elements:

(1) An analysis of the global threat posed by al Qaeda and its affiliates, including an assessment of the relative threat posed in particular regions or countries.

(2) Recommendations regarding the distribution and deployment of United States military, intelligence, diplomatic, and other assets to meet the relative regional and country-specific threats described in paragraph (1).

(3) Recommendations to ensure that the global deployment of United States military personnel and equipment best meet the threat identified and described in paragraph (1) and:

(A) does not undermine the military readiness or homeland security of the United States;

(B) ensures adequate time between military deployments for rest and training; and

(C) does not require further extensions of military deployments to the extent practicable.

(c) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but shall include a classified annex.

SEC. 9305. None of the funds provided in this title may be used to finance programs or activities denied by Congress in fiscal years 2007 or 2008 appropriations to the Department of Defense or to initiate a procurement or research, development, test and evaluation new start program without prior written notification to the congressional defense committees.

SEC. 9306. Section 1002(c)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181) is amended by striking ''$362,159,000'' and inserting ''$435,259,000''.

SEC. 9307. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this title may be obligated or expended to provide award fees to any defense contractor contrary to the provisions of section 814 of the National Defense Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109–364).

(RESCISSIONS)

SEC. 9308. (a) Of the funds made available for ''Defense Health Program'' in Public Law 110–28, $75,000,000 are rescinded.

(b) Of the funds made available for ''Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund'' in division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–161), $71,531,000 are rescinded.

SEC. 9309. Of the funds appropriated in the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110–28) which remain available for obligation under the ''Iraq Freedom Fund'', $150,000,000 is only for the Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell, and $10,000,000 is only for the transportation of fallen service members.

SEC. 9310. None of the funds available to the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to implement any final action on joint basing initiatives required under the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note) until each affected Secretary of a military department or the head of each affected Federal agency certifies to the congressional defense committees that joint basing at the affected military installation will result in significant costs savings and will not negatively impact the morale of members of the Armed Forces.

SEC. 9311. Funds available in this title which are available to the Department of Defense for operation and maintenance may be used to purchase items having an investment unit cost of not more than $250,000: Provided, That upon determination by the Secretary of Defense that such action is necessary to meet the operational requirements of a Commander of a Combatant Command engaged in contingency operations overseas, such funds may be used to purchase items having an investment item unit cost of not more than $500,000.

In lieu of the language proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

TITLE I

OTHER SECURITY, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AND INTERNATIONAL MATTERS

CHAPTER 1

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

PUBLIC LAW 480 TITLE II GRANTS

For an additional amount for ''Public Law 480 Title II Grants'', $850,000,000, to remain available until expended.

For an additional amount for ''Public Law 480 Title II Grants'', $395,000,000, to become available on October 1, 2008, and to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 2

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For an additional amount for the Office of the Inspector General, $4,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities'', $1,648,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses, United States Attorneys'', $5,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $18,621,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $164,965,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $82,600,000 to become available on October 1, 2008 and to remain available until September 30, 2009.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $22,666,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $4,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $9,100,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

CHAPTER 3

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Military Construction, Army'', $1,170,200,000: Provided, That such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: Provided further, That of the funds made available under this heading, $1,033,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2009, and $137,200,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012: Provided further, That funds made available under this heading for military construction projects in Iraq shall not be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Defense certifies to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress that none of the funds are to be used for the purpose of providing facilities for the permanent basing of U.S. military personnel in Iraq.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for ''Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps'', $300,084,000: Provided, That such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: Provided further, That of the funds made available under this heading, $270,785,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2009, and $29,299,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Military Construction, Air Force'', $361,900,000: Provided, That such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: Provided further, That of the funds made available under this heading, $324,300,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2009, and $37,600,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012: Provided further, That funds made available under this heading for military construction projects in Iraq shall not be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Defense certifies to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress that none of the funds are to be used for the purpose of providing facilities for the permanent basing of U.S. military personnel in Iraq.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for ''Military Construction, Defense-Wide'', $27,600,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009: Provided, That such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for ''Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps'', $11,766,000, to remain available until September 30, 2012: Provided, That such funds may be obligated or expended for planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT 2005

For deposit into the Department of Defense Base Closure Account 2005, established by section 2906A(a)(1) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687 note), $1,202,886,000, to remain available until expended.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''General Operating Expenses'', $100,000,000, to remain available until expended.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

For an additional amount for ''Information Technology Systems'', $20,000,000, to remain available until expended.

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

For an additional amount for ''Construction, Major Projects'', $437,100,000, to remain available until expended, which shall be for acceleration and completion of planned major construction of Level I polytrauma rehabilitation centers as identified in the Department of Veterans Affairs' Five Year Capital Plan: Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and major medical facility construction not otherwise authorized by law: Provided further, That within 30 days of enactment of this Act the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this heading.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS CHAPTER

SEC. 1301. In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated or made available under the heading ''Military Construction, Army'', there is hereby appropriated an additional $70,600,000, to remain available until September 30, 2012, for the acceleration and completion of child development center construction as proposed in the fiscal year 2009 budget request for the Department of the Army: Provided, That such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and military construction not otherwise authorized by law.

SEC. 1302. In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated or made available under the heading ''Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps'', there is hereby appropriated an additional $89,820,000, to remain available until September 30, 2012, for the acceleration and completion of child development and youth center construction as proposed in the fiscal year 2009 budget request for the Department of the Navy: Provided, That such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and military construction not otherwise authorized by law.

SEC. 1303. In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated or made available under the heading ''Military Construction, Air Force'', there is hereby appropriated an additional $8,100,000, to remain available until September 30, 2012, for the acceleration and completion of child development center construction as proposed in the fiscal year 2009 budget request for the Department of the Air Force: Provided, That such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and military construction not otherwise authorized by law.

SEC. 1304. In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated or made available under the heading ''Military Construction, Army'', there is hereby appropriated an additional $200,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2012, to accelerate barracks improvements at Department of the Army installations: Provided, That such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and barracks construction not otherwise authorized by law: Provided

further, That within 30 days of enactment of this Act the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for barracks construction prior to obligation.

SEC. 1305. COLLECTION OF CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS WHO DIE OF INJURY INCURRED OR AGGRAVATED IN SERVICE IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN A COMBAT ZONE. (a) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 53 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5302 the following new section:

"§5302A. Collection of indebtedness: certain debts of members of the Armed Forces and veterans who die of injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in a combat zone

''(a) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may not collect all or any part of an amount owed to the United States by a member of the Armed Forces or veteran described in subsection (b) under any program under the laws administered by the Secretary, other than a program referred to in subsection (c), if the Secretary determines that termination of collection is in the best interest of the United States.

''(b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—A member of the Armed Forces or veteran described in this subsection is any member or veteran who dies as a result of an injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty while serving in a theater of combat operations (as determined by the Secretary in consultation with the Secretary of Defense) in a war or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities (as that term is defined in section 1712A(a)(2)(B) of this title) after September 11, 2001.

''(c) INAPPLICABILITY TO HOUSING AND SMALL BUSINESS BENEFIT PROGRAMS.—The limitation on authority in subsection (a) shall not apply to any amounts owed the United States under any program carried out under chapter 37 of this title.''.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 53 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 5302 the following new item:

''5302A. Collection of indebtedness: certain debts of members of the Armed Forces and veterans who die of injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in a combat zone.''.

(b) EQUITABLE REFUND.—In any case where all or any part of an indebtedness of a covered individual, as described in section 5302A(a) of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a)(1), was collected after September 11, 2001, and before the date of the enactment of this Act, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines that such indebtedness would have been terminated had such section been in effect at such time, the Secretary may refund the amount so collected if the Secretary determines that the individual is equitably entitled to such refund.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, and shall apply with respect to collections of indebtedness of members of the Armed Forces and veterans who die on or after September 11, 2001.

(d) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the ''Combat Veterans Debt Elimination Act of 2008''.

CHAPTER 4

SUBCHAPTER A—SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for ''Diplomatic and Consular Programs'', $1,413,700,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, of which $212,400,000 for worldwide security protection is available until expended: Provided, That not more than $1,095,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available for diplomatic operations in Iraq: Provided further, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, not more than $30,000,000 shall be made available to establish and implement a coordinated civilian response capacity at the United States Department of State: Provided further, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, up to $5,000,000 shall be made available to establish a United States Consulate in Lhasa, Tibet: Provided further, That the Department of State shall not consent to the opening of a consular post in the United States by the People's Republic of China until such time as a United States Consulate in Lhasa, Tibet is established.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Office of Inspector General'', $12,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009: Provided, That $2,500,000 shall be transferred to the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction for reconstruction oversight, and up to $5,000,000 may be transferred to the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction for reconstruction oversight.

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for ''Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs'', $10,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, of which $5,000,000 shall be for programs and activities in Africa, and $5,000,000 shall be for programs and activities in the Western Hemisphere.

EMBASSY SECURITY, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE

For an additional amount for ''Embassy Security, Construction, and Maintenance'', $76,700,000, to remain available until expended, for facilities in Afghanistan.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

For an additional amount for ''Contributions to International Organizations'', $66,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES

For an additional amount for ''Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities'', $383,600,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, of which $333,600,000 shall be made available for the United Nations-African Union Hybrid Mission in Darfur.

RELATED AGENCY

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for ''International Broadcasting Operations'', $3,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for ''International Disaster Assistance'', $240,000,000, to remain available until expended.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

For an additional amount for ''Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development'', $149,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009: Provided, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, not more than $25,000,000 shall be made available to establish and implement a coordinated civilian response capacity at the United States Agency for International Development.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For an additional amount for ''Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development Office of Inspector General'', $4,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

OTHER BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND

For an additional amount for ''Economic Support Fund'', $1,962,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, of which not more than $398,000,000 may be made available for assistance for Iraq, $150,000,000 shall be made available for assistance for Jordan to meet the needs of Iraqi refugees, and up to $53,000,000 may be made available for energy-related assistance for North Korea, notwithstanding any other provision of law: Provided, That not more than $200,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading in this subchapter shall be made available for assistance for the West Bank: Provided further, That funds made available pursuant to the previous proviso shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That the funds made available under this heading for energy-related assistance for North Korea may be made available to support the goals of the Six Party Talks Agreements after the Secretary of State determines and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that North Korea is continuing to fulfill its commitments under such agreements.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEMOCRACY FUND

For an additional amount for ''Democracy Fund'', $76,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, of which $75,000,000 shall be for democracy programs in Iraq and $1,000,000 shall be for democracy programs in Chad.

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

For an additional amount for ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'', $520,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, of which not more than $25,000,000 shall be made available for security assistance for the West Bank: Provided, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, $1,000,000 shall be made available for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Mexico.

MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for ''Migration and Refugee Assistance'', $330,500,000, to remain available until expended.

UNITED STATES EMERGENCY REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE FUND

For an additional amount for ''United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund'', $36,608,000, to remain available until expended.

NONPROLIFERATION, ANTI-TERRORISM, DEMINING AND RELATED PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for ''Nonproliferation, Anti-Terrorism, Demining and Related Programs'', $10,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for ''Peacekeeping Operations'', $10,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

SUBCHAPTER B—BRIDGE FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for ''Diplomatic and Consular Programs'', $652,400,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available through September 30, 2009: Provided, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, $78,400,000 is for worldwide security protection and shall remain available until

expended: Provided further, That not more than $500,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available for diplomatic operations in Iraq.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Office of Inspector General'', $57,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available through September 30, 2009: Provided, That $36,500,000 shall be transferred to the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction for reconstruction oversight and up to $5,000,000 shall be transferred to the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction for reconstruction oversight.

EMBASSY SECURITY, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE

For an additional amount for ''Embassy Security, Construction, and Maintenance'', $41,300,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available until expended, for facilities in Afghanistan.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

For an additional amount for ''Contributions to International Organizations'', $75,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available through September 30, 2009.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES

For an additional amount for ''Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities'', $150,500,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available through September 30, 2009.

RELATED AGENCY

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for ''International Broadcasting Operations'', $6,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available through September 30, 2009.

BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

GLOBAL HEALTH AND CHILD SURVIVAL

For an additional amount for ''Global Health and Child Survival'', $75,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available through September 30, 2009, for programs to combat avian influenza.

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for ''Development Assistance'', $200,000,000, for assistance for developing countries to address the international food crisis notwithstanding any other provision of law, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available through September 30, 2010: Provided, That such assistance should be carried out consistent with the purposes of section 103(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961: Provided further, That not more than $50,000,000 should be made available for local or regional purchase and distribution of food: Provided further, That the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act, and prior to the initial obligation of funds appropriated under this heading, a report on the proposed uses of such funds to alleviate hunger and malnutrition, including a list of those countries facing significant food shortages.

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for ''International Disaster Assistance'', $200,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available until expended.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

For an additional amount for ''Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development'', $93,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available through September 30, 2009.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For an additional amount for ''Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development Office of Inspector General'', $1,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available through September 30, 2009.

OTHER BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND

For an additional amount for ''Economic Support Fund'', $1,132,300,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available through September 30, 2009, of which not more than $110,000,000 may be made available for assistance for Iraq, $100,000,000 shall be made available for assistance for Jordan, not more than $455,000,000 may be made available for assistance for Afghanistan, not more than $150,000,000 may be made available for assistance for Pakistan, not more than $150,000,000 shall be made available for assistance for the West Bank, and $15,000,000 may be made available for energy-related assistance for North Korea, notwithstanding any other provision of law.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

For an additional amount for ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'', $151,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available through September 30, 2009, of which not more than $50,000,000 shall be made available for security assistance for the West Bank.

MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for ''Migration and Refugee Assistance'', $350,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available until expended.

NONPROLIFERATION, ANTI-TERRORISM, DEMINING AND RELATED PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for ''Nonproliferation, Anti-Terrorism, Demining and Related Programs'', $4,500,000, for humanitarian demining assistance for Iraq, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available through September 30, 2009.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING PROGRAM

For an additional amount for ''Foreign Military Financing Program'', $145,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available through September 30, 2009, of which $100,000,000 shall be made available for assistance for Jordan: Provided, That section 3802(c) of title III, chapter 8 of Public of Law 110–28 shall apply to funds made available under this heading for assistance for Lebanon.

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for ''Peacekeeping Operations'', $85,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008 and remain available through September 30, 2009.

SUBCHAPTER C—GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS CHAPTER

EXTENSION OF AUTHORITIES

SEC. 1401. Funds appropriated by this chapter may be obligated and expended notwithstanding section 10 of Public Law 91–672 (22 U.S.C. 2412), section 15 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2680), section 313 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1994 and 1995 (22 U.S.C. 6212), and section 504(a)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 414(a)(1)).

IRAQ

SEC. 1402. (a) ASSET TRANSFER AGREEMENT.—(1) None of the funds appropriated by this chapter for infrastructure maintenance activities in Iraq may be made available until the Secretary of State certifies and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that the Governments of the United States and Iraq have entered into, and are implementing, an asset transfer agreement that includes commitments by the Government of Iraq to maintain United States-funded infrastructure in Iraq.

(2) None of the funds appropriated by this chapter may be made available for the construction of prison facilities in Iraq.

(b) ANTI-CORRUPTION.—None of the funds appropriated by this chapter for rule of law programs in Iraq may be made available for assistance for the Government of Iraq until the Secretary of State certifies and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that a comprehensive anti-corruption strategy has been developed, and is being implemented, by the Government of Iraq, and the Secretary of State submits a list, in classified form if necessary, to the Committees on Appropriations of senior Iraqi officials who the Secretary has credible evidence to believe have committed corrupt acts.

(c) PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAMS.—None of the funds appropriated by this chapter for the operational or program expenses of Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) in Iraq may be made available until the Secretary of State submits a report to the Committees on Appropriations detailing—

(1) the strategy for the eventual winding down and close out of PRTs;

(2) anticipated costs associated with PRT operations, programs, and eventual winding down and close out, including security for PRT personnel and anticipated Government of Iraq contributions; and

(3) anticipated placement and cost estimates of future United States Consulates in Iraq.

(d) COMMUNITY STABILIZATION PROGRAM.—None of the funds appropriated by this chapter for the Community Stabilization Program in Iraq may be made available until the Secretary of State certifies and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that the United States Agency for International Development is implementing recommendations contained in Office of Inspector General Audit Report No. E–267–08–001–P to ensure accountability of funds.

(e) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated by this chapter for assistance for Iraq shall be made available only to the extent that the Government of Iraq matches such assistance on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

(2) Subsection (e)(1) shall not apply to funds made available for—

(A) grants and cooperative agreements for programs to promote democracy and human rights;

(B) the Community Action Program and other assistance through civil society organizations;

(C) humanitarian demining; or

(D) assistance for refugees, internally displaced persons, and civilian victims of the military operations.

(3) The Secretary of State shall certify to the Committees on Appropriations prior to the initial obligation of funds pursuant to this section that the Government of Iraq has committed to obligate matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The Secretary shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than September 30, 2008 and 180 days thereafter, detailing the amounts of funds obligated and expended by the Government of Iraq to meet the requirements of this section.

(4) Not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations detailing the amounts provided by the Government of Iraq since June 30, 2004, to assist Iraqi refugees in Syria, Jordan, and elsewhere, and the amount of such assistance the Government of Iraq plans to provide in fiscal year 2008. The

Secretary shall work expeditiously with the Government of Iraq to establish an account within its annual budget sufficient to, at a minimum, match United States contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis to organizations and programs for the purpose of assisting Iraqi refugees.

(f) VETTING.—Prior to the initial obligation of funds appropriated for assistance for Iraq in this chapter, the Secretary of State shall, in consultation with the heads of other Federal departments and agencies, take appropriate steps to ensure that such funds are not provided to or through any individual, private entity, or educational institution that the Secretary knows or has reason to believe advocates, plans, sponsors, or engages in, terrorist activities.

(g) IRAQ RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION FUND.—

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the expired balances of funds appropriated or otherwise made available under the heading ''Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund'' in prior Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs shall be rescinded.

(2) None of the funds made available under the heading ''Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund'' in prior Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs may be reprogrammed for any purpose other than that previously notified to the Committees on Appropriations prior to April 30, 2008, and none of such funds may be made available to initiate any new projects or activities.

(3) Not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall report to the Committees on Appropriations on the balances of obligated funds referenced in subsection (g)(1), and estimates of the amount of funds required to close out ongoing projects or for outstanding claims.

AFGHANISTAN

SEC. 1403. (a) ASSISTANCE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS.—Funds appropriated by this chapter under the heading ''Economic Support Fund'' that are available for assistance for Afghanistan shall be made available, to the maximum extent practicable, through local Afghan provincial and municipal governments and Afghan civil society organizations and in a manner that emphasizes the participation of Afghan women and directly improves the economic, social and political status of Afghan women and girls.

(b) HIGHER EDUCATION.—Of the funds appropriated by this chapter under the heading ''Economic Support Fund'' that are made available for education programs in Afghanistan, not less than 50 percent shall be made available to support higher education and vocational training programs in law, accounting, engineering, public administration, and other disciplines necessary to rebuild the country, in which the participation of women is emphasized.

(c) CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE.—Of the funds appropriated by this chapter under the heading ''Economic Support Fund'' that are available for assistance for Afghanistan, not less than $10,000,000 shall be made available for continued support of the United States Agency for International Development's Afghan Civilian Assistance Program, and not less than $2,000,000 shall be made available for a United States contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization/International Security Assistance Force Post-Operations Humanitarian Relief Fund.

(d) ANTI-CORRUPTION.—Not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall—

(1) submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations on actions being taken by the Government of Afghanistan to combat corruption within the national and provincial governments, including to remove and prosecute officials who have committed corrupt acts;

(2) submit a list to the Committees on Appropriations, in classified form if necessary, of senior Afghan officials who the Secretary has credible evidence to believe have committed corrupt acts; and

(3) certify and report to the Committees on Appropriations that effective mechanisms are in place to ensure that assistance to national government ministries and provincial governments will be properly accounted for.

WAIVER OF CERTAIN SANCTIONS AGAINST NORTH KOREA

SEC. 1404. (a) ANNUAL WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the President may waive in whole or in part, with respect to North Korea, the application of any sanction under section 102(b) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2799aa–1(b)), for the purpose of—

(A) assisting in the implementation and verification of the compliance by North Korea with its commitment, undertaken in the Joint Statement of September 19, 2005, to abandon all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programs as part of the verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula; and

(B) promoting the elimination of the capability of North Korea to develop, deploy, transfer, or maintain weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems.

(2) DURATION OF WAIVER.—Any waiver issued under this subsection shall expire at the end of the calendar year in which it is issued.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

(1) LIMITED EXCEPTION RELATED TO CERTAIN SANCTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS.—The authority under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a sanction or prohibition under subparagraph (B), (C), or (G) of section 102(b)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act, unless the President determines and certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that—

(A) all reasonable steps will be taken to assure that the articles or services exported or otherwise provided will not be used to improve the military capabilities of the armed forces of North Korea; and

(B) such waiver is in the national security interests of the United States.

(2) LIMITED EXCEPTION RELATED TO CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—Unless the President determines and certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that using the authority under subsection (a) is vital to the national security interests of the United States, such authority shall not apply with respect to—

(A) an activity described in subparagraph (A) of section 102(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act that occurs after September 19, 2005, and before the date of the enactment of this Act;

(B) an activity described in subparagraph (C) of such section that occurs after September 19, 2005; or

(C) an activity described in subparagraph (D) of such section that occurs after the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) EXCEPTION RELATED TO CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OCCURRING AFTER DATE OF ENACTMENT.—The authority under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to an activity described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 102(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act that occurs after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) NOTIFICATIONS AND REPORTS.—

(1) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—The President shall notify the appropriate congressional committees in writing not later than 15 days before exercising the waiver authority under subsection (a).

(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than January 31, 2009, and annually thereafter, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that—

(A) lists all waivers issued under subsection (a) during the preceding year;

(B) describes in detail the progress that is being made in the implementation of the commitment undertaken by North Korea, in the Joint Statement of September 19, 2005, to abandon all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programs as part of the verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula;

(C) discusses specifically any shortcomings in the implementation by North Korea of that commitment; and

(D) lists and describes the progress and shortcomings, in the preceding year, of all other programs promoting the elimination of the capability of North Korea to develop, deploy, transfer, or maintain weapons of mass destruction or their delivery systems.

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term ''appropriate congressional committees'' means—

(1) the Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, and Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

(2) the Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, and Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

MEXICO

SEC. 1405. (a) ASSISTANCE FOR MEXICO.—Of the funds appropriated in subchapter A under the heading ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'', not more than $350,000,000 may be made available for assistance for Mexico, only to combat drug trafficking and related violence and organized crime, and for judicial reform, anti-corruption, and rule of law activities: Provided, That none of the funds made available under this section shall be made available for budget support or as cash payments: Provided further, That none of the funds made available under this section shall be available for obligation until the Secretary of State determines and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that vetting procedures are in place to ensure that members and units of the Mexican military and police forces that receive assistance pursuant to this section have not been involved in human rights violations or corrupt acts.

(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Twenty-five percent of the funds made available by subchapter A for assistance for Mexico under the heading ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'' may be obligated only after the Secretary of State determines and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that:

(1) The Government of Mexico is—

(A) strengthening the legal authority and independence of the National Human Rights Commission;

(B) establishing police complaints commissions with authority and independence to receive complaints and carry out effective investigations;

(C) establishing an independent mechanism, with representation from civil society, to monitor programs to combat drug trafficking and related violence and organized crime, judicial reform, anti-corruption, and rule of law activities to ensure due process and the protection of freedoms of expression, association, and assembly, and rights of privacy, in accordance with Mexican and international law;

(D) is enforcing the prohibition on the use of testimony obtained through torture or other ill-treatment in violation of Mexican and international law;

(E) is ensuring that the Mexican military justice system is transferring all cases involving allegations of human rights violations by military personnel to civilian prosecutors and judicial authorities, and that the armed forces are fully cooperating with civilian prosecutors and judicial authorities in prosecuting and punishing in civilian courts members of the armed forces who have been credibly alleged to have committed such violations; and

(F) is ensuring that federal and state police forces are fully cooperating with prosecutors and judicial authorities in prosecuting and punishing members of the police forces who have been credibly alleged to have committed violations of human rights.

(2) Civilian prosecutors and judicial authorities are investigating, prosecuting and punishing members of the Mexican military and police forces who have been credibly alleged to have committed human rights violations.

(c) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (b), of the funds made available for assistance for Mexico pursuant to this section, $3,000,000 shall be made available for technical and other assistance to enable the Government of Mexico to implement a unified national registry of federal, state, and municipal police officers, and $5,000,000 should be made available to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to deploy special agents in Mexico to support Mexican law enforcement agencies in tracing seized firearms and investigating firearms trafficking cases.

(d) REPORT.—The report required in subsection (b) shall include a description of actions taken with respect to each requirement specified in subsection (b) and the cases or issues brought to the attention of the Secretary of State for which the response or action taken has been inadequate.

(e) NOTIFICATION.—Funds made available for Mexico in subchapter A shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations and section 634A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2394–1).

(f) SPENDING PLAN.—Not later than 45 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations a detailed spending plan for funds appropriated or otherwise made available for Mexico in subchapter A, which shall include a strategy for combating drug trafficking and related violence and organized crime, judicial reform, preventing corruption, and strengthening the rule of law, with concrete goals, actions to be taken, budget proposals, and anticipated results.

(g) CONSULTATION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 120 days thereafter until September 30, 2010, the Secretary of State shall consult with Mexican and internationally recognized human rights organizations on progress in meeting the requirements described in subsection (b).

CENTRAL AMERICA

SEC. 1406. (a) ASSISTANCE FOR THE COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA.—Of the funds appropriated in subchapter A under the headings ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'' and ''Economic Support Fund'', not more than $100,000,000 may be made available for assistance for the countries of Central America, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic only to combat drug trafficking and related violence and organized crime, and for judicial reform, anti-corruption, and rule of law activities: Provided, That of the funds appropriated under the heading ''Economic Support Fund'', $40,000,000 shall be made available through the United States Agency for International Development for an Economic and Social Development Fund for Central America: Provided further, That of the funds made available pursuant to this section, $5,000,000 shall be made available for assistance for Haiti and $5,000,000 shall be made available for assistance for the Dominican Republic: Provided further, That of the funds made available pursuant to this section that are available for assistance for Guatemala, not less than $1,000,000 shall be made available for a United States contribution to the International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala: Provided further, That none of the funds shall be made available for budget support or as cash payments: Provided further, That, with the exception of the first and third provisos in this section, none of the funds shall be available for obligation until the Secretary of State determines and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that vetting procedures are in place to ensure that members and units of the military and police forces of the countries of Central America, Haiti and the Dominican Republic that receive assistance pursuant to this section have not been involved in human rights violations or corrupt acts.

(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Twenty-five percent of the funds made available by subchapter A for assistance for the countries of Central America, Haiti and the Dominican Republic under the heading ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'' may be obligated only after the Secretary of State determines and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that the government of such country is—

(1) establishing a police complaints commission with authority and independence to receive complaints and carry out effective investigations;

(2) implementing reforms to improve the capacity and ensure the independence of the judiciary; and

(3) suspending, prosecuting and punishing members of the military and police forces who have been credibly alleged to have committed violations of human rights and corrupt acts.

(c) REPORT.—The report required in subsection (b) shall include actions taken with respect to each requirement and the cases or issues brought to the attention of the Secretary for which the response or action taken has been inadequate.

(d) NOTIFICATION.—Funds made available for assistance for the countries of Central America, Haiti and the Dominican Republic in subchapter A shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations and section 634A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2394–1).

(e) SPENDING PLAN.—Not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations a detailed spending plan for funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the countries of Central America, Haiti and the Dominican Republic in subchapter A, which shall include a strategy for combating drug trafficking and related violence and organized crime, judicial reform, preventing corruption, and strengthening the rule of law, with concrete goals, actions to be taken, budget proposals and anticipated results.

(f) CONSULTATION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act and every 120 days thereafter until September 30, 2010, the Secretary of State shall consult with internationally recognized human rights organizations, and human rights organizations in the countries of Central America, Haiti and the Dominican Republic receiving assistance pursuant to this section, on progress in meeting the requirements described in subsection (b).

(g) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this section, the term ''countries of Central America'' means Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama.

TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 1407. (a) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available under the heading ''Economic Support Fund'' by title III of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (division J of Public Law 110–161), up to $7,800,000 may be made available, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes, for administrative expenses of the United States Agency for International Development for alternative development programs in the Andean region of South America. These funds may be used to reimburse funds appropriated under the heading ''Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development'' for obligations incurred for the purposes provided under this section prior to enactment of this Act.

(b) AUTHORITY.—Funds appropriated or otherwise made available by title III of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (division J of Public Law 110–161) under the heading ''Economic Support Fund'' that are available for a competitively awarded grant for nuclear security initiatives relating to North Korea shall be made available notwithstanding any other provision of law.

(c) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—Not more than $1,350,000 of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available under the heading ''Foreign Military Financing Program'' by the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (division J of Public Law 110–161) that were previously transferred to and merged with ''Diplomatic and Consular Programs'' may be made available for any purposes authorized for that account, of which up to $500,000 shall be made available to increase the capacity of the United States Embassy in Mexico City to vet members and units of Mexican military and police forces that receive assistance made available by this Act and to monitor the uses of such assistance.

(d) REIMBURSEMENTS.—Any agreement for the transfer or allocation of funds appropriated by this Act, or prior Acts, entered into between the United States Agency for International Development and another agency of the United States Government under the authority of section 632(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 or any comparable provision of law, shall include the provision of sufficient funds to fully reimburse the United States Agency for International Development for the administrative costs, including the cost of direct hire personnel, incurred in implementing and managing the programs and activities under such transfer or allocation. Such funds transferred or allocated to the United States Agency for International Development for administrative costs shall be transferred to and merged with ''Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development''.

(e) EXCEPTION.—Section 8002 of title VIII of this Act shall not apply to this section.

(f) SPENDING AUTHORITY.—Funds made available by this chapter may be expended notwithstanding section 699K of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (division J of Public Law 110–161).

BUYING POWER MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 1408. (a) Of the funds appropriated under the heading ''Diplomatic and Consular Programs'' and allocated by section 3810 of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110–28), $26,000,000 shall be transferred to and merged with funds in the ''Buying Power Maintenance Account'': Provided, That of the funds made available by this chapter up to an additional $74,000,000 may be transferred to and merged with the ''Buying Power Maintenance Account'', subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations and in accordance with the procedures in section 34 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2706). Any funds transferred pursuant to this section shall be available, without fiscal year limitation, pursuant to section 24 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2696).

(b) Section 24(b)(7) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2696(b)(7)) is amended by amending subparagraph (D) to read as follows:

''(D) The authorities contained in this paragraph may be exercised only with respect to funds appropriated or otherwise made available after fiscal year 2008.''.

SERBIA

SEC. 1409. (a) Of the funds made available for assistance for Serbia under the heading ''Assistance for Eastern Europe and the Baltic States''

by title III of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (division J of Public Law 110–161), an amount equivalent to the costs of damage to the United States Embassy in Belgrade, Serbia, as estimated by the Secretary of State, resulting from the February 21, 2008 attack on such Embassy, shall be transferred to, and merged with, funds provided under the heading ''Embassy Security, Construction, and Maintenance'' to be used for necessary repairs or future construction.

(b) The requirements of subsection (a) shall not apply if the Secretary of State certifies to the Committees on Appropriations that the Government of Serbia has provided full compensation to the Department of State for damages to the United States Embassy in Belgrade, Serbia resulting from the February 21, 2008 attack on such Embassy.

(c) Section 8002 of title VIII of this Act shall not apply to this section.

RESCISSIONS

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

SEC. 1410. (a) WORLD FOOD PROGRAM.—

(1) For an additional amount for a contribution to the World Food Program to assist farmers in countries affected by food shortages to increase crop yields, notwithstanding any other provision of law, $20,000,000, to remain available until expended.

(2) Of the funds appropriated under the heading ''Andean Counterdrug Initiative'' in prior acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, $20,000,000 are rescinded.

(b) SUDAN.—

(1) For an additional amount for ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'', $10,000,000, for assistance for Sudan to support formed police units, to remain available until September 30, 2009, and subject to prior consultation with the Committees on Appropriations.

(2) Of the funds appropriated under the heading ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'' in prior acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, $10,000,000 are rescinded.

(c) MEXICO.—Of the unobligated balances of funds appropriated for ''Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund'' in prior Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, $50,000,000 are rescinded, notwithstanding section 1402(g) of this Act.

(d) HORN OF AFRICA.—

(1) For an additional amount for ''Economic Support Fund'', $40,000,000 for programs to promote development and counter extremism in the Horn of Africa, to be administered by the United States Agency for International Development, and to remain available until September 30, 2009.

(2) Of the unobligated balances of funds appropriated for ''Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund'' in prior Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, $40,000,000 are rescinded, notwithstanding section 1402(g) of this Act.

(e) EXCEPTION.—Section 8002 of title VIII of this Act shall not apply to subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

DARFUR PEACEKEEPING

SEC. 1411. Funds appropriated under the headings ''Foreign Military Financing Program'' and ''Peacekeeping Operations'' by the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (division J of Public Law 110–161) and by prior Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs may be used to transfer or lease helicopters necessary to the operations of the African Union/United Nations peacekeeping operation in Darfur, Sudan, that was established pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1769. The President may utilize the authority of sections 506 or 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2318, 2321j) or section 61 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2796) in order to effect such transfer or lease, notwithstanding any other provision of law except for sections 502B(a)(2), 620A and 620J of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(a)(2), 2371, 2378d) and section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780). Any exercise of the authority of section 506 of the Foreign Assistance Act pursuant to this section may include the authority to acquire helicopters by contract.

FOOD SECURITY AND CYCLONE NARGIS RELIEF

(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

SEC. 1412. (a) For an additional amount for ''International Disaster Assistance'', $225,000,000, to address the international food crisis globally and for assistance for Burma to address the effects of Cyclone Nargis: Provided, That not less than $125,000,000 should be made available for the local or regional purchase and distribution of food to address the international food crisis: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated under this heading may be made available for assistance for the State Peace and Development Council.

(b) Of the unexpended balances of funds appropriated under the heading ''Millennium Challenge Corporation'' in prior Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing and related programs, $225,000,000 are rescinded.

(c) Section 8002 of title VIII of this Act shall not apply to this section.

JORDAN

(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

SEC. 1413. (a) For an additional amount for ''Economic Support Fund'' for assistance for Jordan, $100,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

(b) For an additional amount for ''Foreign Military Financing Program'' for assistance for Jordan, $200,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

(c) Of the unexpended balances of funds appropriated under the heading ''Millennium Challenge Corporation'' in prior Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, $300,000,000 are rescinded.

(d) Section 8002 of title VIII of this Act shall not apply to this section.

ALLOCATIONS

SEC. 1414. (a) Funds provided by this chapter for the following accounts shall be made available for programs and countries in the amounts contained in the respective tables included in the explanatory statement accompanying this Act:

''Diplomatic and Consular Programs''.

''Economic Support Fund''.

(b) Any proposed increases or decreases to the amounts contained in such tables in the statement accompanying this Act shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations and section 634A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

REPROGRAMMING AUTHORITY

SEC. 1415. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to include minimum funding requirements or funding directives, funds made available under the headings ''Development Assistance'' and ''Economic Support Fund'' in prior Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs may be made available to address critical food shortages, subject to prior consultation with, and the regular notification procedures of, the Committees on Appropriations.

SPENDING PLANS AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

SEC. 1416. (a) SUBCHAPTER A SPENDING PLAN.—Not later than 45 days after the enactment of this Act the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations a report detailing planned expenditures for funds appropriated under the headings in subchapter A, except for funds appropriated under the headings ''International Disaster Assistance'', ''Migration and Refugee Assistance'', and ''United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund''.

(b) SUBCHAPTER B SPENDING PLAN.—The Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations not later than November 1, 2008, and prior to the initial obligation of funds, a detailed spending plan for funds appropriated or otherwise made available in subchapter B, except for funds appropriated under the headings ''International Disaster Assistance'', ''Migration and Refugee Assistance'', and ''United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund''.

(c) NOTIFICATION.—Funds made available in this chapter shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations and section 634A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

SEC. 1417. Unless otherwise provided for in this Act, funds appropriated, or otherwise made available, by this chapter shall be available under the authorities and conditions provided in the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (division J of Public Law 110–161).

TITLE II

DOMESTIC MATTERS

CHAPTER 1

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for salaries and expenses of the Food and Drug Administration, $265,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009: Provided, That of the amount provided: (1) $119,000,000 shall be for the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition and related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (2) $48,500,000 shall be for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research and related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (3) $23,500,000 shall be for the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research and related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (4) $10,700,000 shall be for the Center for Veterinary Medicine and related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (5) $35,500,000 shall be for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health and related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (6) $6,000,000 shall be for the National Center for Toxicological Research; and (7) $21,800,000 shall be for other activities, including the Office of the Commissioner, the Office of Scientific and Medical Programs; the Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness; the Office of International and Special Programs; the Office of Operations; and central services for these offices.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

For an additional amount for plans, construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities of or used by the Food and Drug Administration, where not otherwise provided, $10,000,000, to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 2

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

PERIODIC CENSUSES AND PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for ''Periodic Censuses and Programs'', $210,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the 2010 Decennial Census: Provided, That not less than $3,000,000 shall be transferred to the ''Office of Inspector General'' at the Department of Commerce for necessary expenses associated with oversight activities of the

2010 Decennial Census: Provided further, That $1,000,000 shall be used only for a reimbursable agreement with the Defense Contract Management Agency to provide continuing contract management oversight of the 2010 Decennial Census.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $50,000,000 for the United States Marshals Service to implement and enforce the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act (Public Law 109–248) to track down and arrest non-compliant sex offenders.

FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $178,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008.

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program as authorized by subpart 1 of part E of title I of Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Street Act of 1968 (''1968 Act''), (except that section 1001(c), and the special rules for Puerto Rico under section 505(g), of the 1968 Act, shall not apply for purposes of this Act), $490,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008.

For an additional amount for ''State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance'', $100,000,000 for competitive grants to provide assistance and equipment to local law enforcement along the Southern border and in High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas to combat criminal narcotic activity stemming from the Southern border, of which $10,000,000 shall be for the ATF Project Gunrunner.

SCIENCE

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

RETURN TO FLIGHT

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in carrying out return to flight activities associated with the space shuttle and activities from which funds were transferred to accommodate return to flight activities, $200,000,000.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

For additional expenses in carrying out the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1861–1875), $150,000,000.

EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

For additional expenses in carrying out science and engineering education and human resources programs and activities pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1861–1875), $50,000,000.

CHAPTER 3

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

NON-DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

For an additional amount for ''Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup'', $5,000,000, to remain available until expended.

URANIUM ENRICHMENT DECONTAMINATION AND DECOMMISSIONING FUND

For an additional amount for ''Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund'', $52,000,000, to remain available until expended.

SCIENCE

For an additional amount for ''Science'', $100,000,000, to remain available until expended.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

For an additional amount for ''Defense Environmental Cleanup'', $243,000,000, to remain available until expended.

GENERAL PROVISION—THIS CHAPTER

SEC. 2301. INCENTIVES FOR ADDITIONAL DOWNBLENDING OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION. The USEC Privatization Act (42 U.S.C. 2297h et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 3102, by striking ''For purposes'' and inserting ''Except as provided in section 3112A, for purposes'';

(2) in section 3112(a), by striking ''The Secretary'' and inserting ''Except as provided in section 3112A(d), the Secretary''; and

(3) by inserting after section 3112 the following:

''SEC. 3112A. INCENTIVES FOR ADDITIONAL DOWNBLENDING OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

''(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

''(1) COMPLETION OF THE RUSSIAN HEU AGREEMENT.—The term 'completion of the Russian HEU Agreement' means the importation into the United States from the Russian Federation pursuant to the Russian HEU Agreement of uranium derived from the downblending of not less than 500 metric tons of highly enriched uranium of weapons origin.

''(2) DOWNBLENDING.—The term 'downblending' means processing highly enriched uranium into a uranium product in any form in which the uranium contains less than 20 percent uranium-235.

''(3) HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM.—The term 'highly enriched uranium' has the meaning given that term in section 3102(4).

''(4) HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM OF WEAPONS ORIGIN.—The term 'highly enriched uranium of weapons origin' means highly enriched uranium that—

''(A) contains 90 percent or more uranium-235; and

''(B) is verified by the Secretary of Energy to be of weapons origin.

''(5) LOW-ENRICHED URANIUM.—The term 'low-enriched uranium' means a uranium product in any form, including uranium hexafluoride (UF_6) and uranium oxide (UO_2), in which the uranium contains less than 20 percent uranium-235, without regard to whether the uranium is incorporated into fuel rods or complete fuel assemblies.

''(6) RUSSIAN HEU AGREEMENT.—The term 'Russian HEU Agreement' has the meaning given that term in section 3102(11).

''(7) URANIUM-235.—The term 'uranium-235' means the isotope ^{235}U.

''(b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States to support the continued downblending of highly enriched uranium of weapons origin in the Russian Federation in order to protect the essential security interests of the United States with respect to the nonproliferation of nuclear weapons.

''(c) PROMOTION OF DOWNBLENDING OF RUSSIAN HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM.—

''(1) INCENTIVES FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE RUSSIAN HEU AGREEMENT.—Prior to the completion of the Russian HEU Agreement, the importation into the United States of low-enriched uranium, including low-enriched uranium obtained under contracts for separative work units, that is produced in the Russian Federation and is not imported pursuant to the Russian HEU Agreement may not exceed the following amounts:

''(A) In each of the calendar years 2008 and 2009, not more than 22,500 kilograms.

''(B) In each of the calendar years 2010 and 2011, not more than 45,000 kilograms.

''(C) In calendar year 2012 and each calendar year thereafter through the calendar year of the completion of the Russian HEU Agreement, not more than 67,500 kilograms.

''(2) INCENTIVES TO CONTINUE DOWNBLENDING RUSSIAN HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE RUSSIAN HEU AGREEMENT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—In each calendar year beginning after the calendar year of the completion of the Russian HEU Agreement and before the termination date described in paragraph (8), the importation into the United States of low-enriched uranium, including low-enriched uranium obtained under contracts for separative work units, that is produced in the Russian Federation, whether or not such low-enriched uranium is derived from highly enriched uranium of weapons origin, may not exceed 400,000 kilograms.

''(B) ADDITIONAL IMPORTS.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the amount authorized to be imported under subparagraph (A) and except as provided in clause (ii), 20 kilograms of low-enriched uranium, whether or not such low-enriched uranium is derived from highly enriched uranium of weapons origin, may be imported for every 3 kilograms of Russian highly enriched uranium of weapons origin that was downblended in the preceding calendar year, subject to the verification of the Secretary of Energy under paragraph (10).

''(ii) MAXIMUM ANNUAL IMPORTS.—Not more than 200,000 kilograms of low-enriched uranium may be imported in a calendar year under clause (i).

''(3) EXCEPTION WITH RESPECT TO INITIAL CORES.—The import limitations described in paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not apply to low-enriched uranium produced in the Russian Federation that is imported into the United States for use in the initial core of a new nuclear reactor.

''(4) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in the second calendar year after the calendar year of the completion of the Russian HEU Agreement, the Secretary of Energy shall increase or decrease the amount of low-enriched uranium that may be imported in a calendar year under paragraph (2) (including the amount of low-enriched uranium that may be imported for each kilogram of highly enriched uranium downblended under paragraph (2)(B)(i)) by a percentage equal to the percentage increase or decrease, as the case may be, in the average amount of uranium loaded into nuclear power reactors in the United States in the most recent 3-calendar-year period for which data are available, as reported by the Energy Information Administration of the Department of Energy, compared to the average amount of uranium loaded into such reactors during the 3-calendar-year period beginning on January 1, 2011, as reported by the Energy Information Administration.

''(B) PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTMENTS.—As soon as practicable, but not later than July 31 of each calendar year, the Secretary of Energy shall publish in the Federal Register the amount of low-enriched uranium that may be imported in the current calendar year after the adjustment under subparagraph (A).

''(5) AUTHORITY FOR ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENT.—In addition to the annual adjustment under paragraph (4), the Secretary of Commerce may adjust the import limitations under paragraph (2)(A) for a calendar year if the Secretary—

''(A) in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, determines that the available supply of low-enriched uranium from the Russian Federation and the available stockpiles of uranium of the Department of Energy are insufficient to meet demand in the United States in the following calendar year; and

''(B) notifies Congress of the adjustment not less than 45 days before making the adjustment.

''(6) EQUIVALENT QUANTITIES OF LOW-ENRICHED URANIUM IMPORTS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The import limitations described in paragraphs (1) and (2) are expressed in terms of uranium containing 4.4 percent uranium-235 and a tails assay of 0.3 percent.

''(B) ADJUSTMENT FOR OTHER URANIUM.—Imports of low-enriched uranium under paragraphs (1) and (2) shall count against the import limitations described in such paragraphs in amounts calculated as the quantity of low-enriched uranium containing 4.4 percent uranium-

235 necessary to equal the total amount of uranium-235 contained in such imports.

''(7) DOWNBLENDING OF OTHER HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The downblending of highly enriched uranium not of weapons origin may be counted for purposes of paragraph (2)(B) or (8)(B), subject to verification under paragraph (10), if the Secretary of Energy determines that the highly enriched uranium to be downblended poses a risk to the national security of the United States.

''(B) EQUIVALENT QUANTITIES OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM.—For purposes of determining the additional low-enriched uranium imports allowed under paragraph (2)(B) and for purposes of paragraph (8)(B), highly enriched uranium not of weapons origin downblended pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall count as downblended highly enriched uranium of weapons origin in amounts calculated as the quantity of highly enriched uranium containing 90 percent uranium-235 necessary to equal the total amount of uranium-235 contained in the highly enriched uranium not of weapons origin downblended pursuant to subparagraph (A).

''(8) TERMINATION OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AFTER DOWNBLENDING OF AN ADDITIONAL 300 METRIC TONS OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM.—The provisions of this subsection shall terminate on the later of—

''(A) December 31, 2020; or

''(B) the date on which the Secretary of Energy certifies to Congress that, after the completion of the Russian HEU Agreement, not less than an additional 300 metric tons of Russian highly enriched uranium of weapons origin have been downblended.

''(9) SPECIAL RULE IF IMPORTATION UNDER RUSSIAN HEU AGREEMENT TERMINATES EARLY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no low-enriched uranium produced in the Russian Federation that is not derived from highly enriched uranium of weapons origin, including low-enriched uranium obtained under contracts for separative work units, may be imported into the United States if, before the completion of the Russian HEU Agreement, the Secretary of Energy determines that the Russian Federation has taken deliberate action to disrupt or halt the importation into the United States of low-enriched uranium under the Russian HEU Agreement.

''(10) TECHNICAL VERIFICATIONS BY SECRETARY OF ENERGY.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall verify the origin, quantity, and uranium-235 content of the highly enriched uranium downblended for purposes of paragraphs (2)(B), (7), and (8)(B).

''(B) METHODS OF VERIFICATION.—In conducting the verification required under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of Energy shall employ the transparency measures provided for in the Russian HEU Agreement for monitoring the downblending of Russian highly enriched uranium of weapons origin and such other methods as the Secretary determines appropriate.

''(11) ENFORCEMENT OF IMPORT LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary of Commerce shall be responsible for enforcing the import limitations imposed under this subsection and shall enforce such import limitations in a manner that imposes a minimal burden on the commercial nuclear industry.

''(12) EFFECT ON OTHER AGREEMENTS.—

''(A) RUSSIAN HEU AGREEMENT.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify the terms of the Russian HEU Agreement, including the provisions of the Agreement relating to the amount of low-enriched uranium that may be imported into the United States.

''(B) OTHER AGREEMENTS.—If a provision of any agreement between the United States and the Russian Federation, other than the Russian HEU Agreement, relating to the importation of low-enriched uranium into the United States conflicts with a provision of this section, the provision of this section shall supersede the provision of the agreement to the extent of the conflict.

''(d) DOWNBLENDING OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM IN THE UNITED STATES.—The Secretary of Energy may sell uranium in the jurisdiction of the Secretary, including downblended highly enriched uranium, at fair market value to a licensed operator of a nuclear reactor in the United States—

''(1) in the event of a disruption in the nuclear fuel supply in the United States; or

''(2) after a determination of the Secretary under subsection (c)(9) that the Russian Federation has taken deliberate action to disrupt or halt the importation into the United States of low-enriched uranium under the Russian HEU Agreement.''.

CHAPTER 4

GENERAL PROVISION—THIS CHAPTER

SEC. 2401. VETERANS BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTERS. There are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, $600,000 for the ''Salaries and Expenses'' account of the Small Business Administration, for grants in the amount of $200,000 to veterans business resource centers that received grants from the National Veterans Business Development Corporation in fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

CHAPTER 5

GENERAL PROVISION—THIS CHAPTER

SEC. 2501. For fiscal year 2008, there is appropriated $400,000,000, to remain available until December 31, 2008, for payments described in sections 101, 102(b)(3), and 103(b)(2) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–393).

CHAPTER 6

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for ''State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service Operations'' for grants to the States for the administration of State unemployment insurance, $110,000,000, which may be expended from the Employment Security Administration Account in the Unemployment Trust Fund, to be used for unemployment insurance workloads experienced by the States through September 30, 2008, which shall be available for Federal obligation through December 31, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

DISEASE CONTROL, RESEARCH, AND TRAINING

For an additional amount for ''Disease Control, Research, and Training'', $26,000,000, for the prevention of and response to medical errors including research, education and outreach activities; of which no less than $5,000,000 shall be for responding to outbreaks of communicable diseases related to the re-use of syringes in outpatient clinics, including reimbursement of local health departments for testing and genetic sequencing of persons potentially exposed.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health'', $400,000,000.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS CHAPTER

SEC. 2601. In addition to amounts otherwise made available for fiscal year 2008, there are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, for making payments under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8623).

SEC. 2602. REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF PAST AND FUTURE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8104 of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110–28; 121 Stat. 189) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8104. REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF PAST AND FUTURE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES.

''(a) STUDY.—Beginning on the date that is 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and every year thereafter until the minimum wage in the respective territory is $7.25 per hour, the Government Accountability Office shall conduct a study to—

''(1) assess the impact of the minimum wage increases that occurred in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in 2007 and 2008, as required under Public Law 110–28, on the rates of employment and the living standards of workers, with full consideration of the other factors that impact rates of employment and the living standards of workers such as inflation in the cost of food, energy, and other commodities; and

''(2) estimate the impact of any further wage increases on rates of employment and the living standards of workers in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, with full consideration of the other factors that may impact the rates of employment and the living standards of workers, including assessing how the profitability of major private sector firms may be impacted by wage increases in comparison to other factors such as energy costs and the value of tax benefits.

''(b) REPORT.—No earlier than March 15, 2009, and not later than April 15, 2009, the Government Accountability Office shall transmit its first report to Congress concerning the findings of the study required under subsection (a). The Government Accountability Office shall transmit any subsequent reports to Congress concerning the findings of a study required by subsection (a) between March 15 and April 15 of each year.

''(c) ECONOMIC INFORMATION.—To provide sufficient economic data for the conduct of the study under subsection (a)—

''(1) the Department of Labor shall include and separately report on American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in its household surveys and establishment surveys;

''(2) the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce shall include and separately report on American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in its gross domestic product data; and

''(3) the Bureau of the Census of the Department of Commerce shall include and separately report on American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in its population estimates and demographic profiles from the American Community Survey,

with the same regularity and to the same extent as the Department or each Bureau collects and reports such data for the 50 States. In the event that the inclusion of American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in such surveys and data compilations requires time to structure and implement, the Department of Labor, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and the Bureau of the Census (as the case may be) shall in the interim annually report the best available data that can feasibly be secured with respect to such territories. Such interim reports shall describe the steps the Department or the respective Bureau will take to improve future data collection in the territories to achieve comparability with the data collected in the United States. The Department of Labor, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and the Bureau of the Census, together with the Department of the Interior, shall coordinate their efforts to achieve such improvements.''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

CHAPTER 7

RELATED AGENCY

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT

For an additional amount for ''Foreign Currency Fluctuations Account'', $10,000,000, to remain available until expended, for purposes authorized by section 2109 of title 36, United States Code.

TITLE III

HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS

CHAPTER 1

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FARM SERVICE AGENCY

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

For the purposes of carrying out the Emergency Conservation Program, there is hereby appropriated $49,413,000, to remain available until expended.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for ''Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations'', for emergency recovery operations, $130,464,000, to remain available until expended.

GENERAL PROVISION—THIS CHAPTER

(INCLUDING RESCISSION)

SEC. 3101. Of the funds made available in the second paragraph under the heading ''Rural Utilities Service, Rural Electrification and Telecommunications Loans Program Account'' in chapter 1 of division B of the Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico, and Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–148; 119 Stat. 2746), the Secretary may use an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 of remaining unobligated funds for the cost of loan modifications to rural electric loans made or guaranteed under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, to respond to damage caused by any weather related events since Hurricane Katrina, to remain available until expended: Provided, That $1,000,000 of the remaining unobligated funds under such paragraph are rescinded.

CHAPTER 2

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for economic development assistance as provided by section 3082(a) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–114), $75,000,000.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS, RESEARCH, AND FACILITIES

For an additional amount for ''Operations, Research, and Facilities'' for necessary expenses related to economic impacts associated with commercial fishery failures, fishery resource disasters, and regulations on commercial fishing industries, $75,000,000.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for ''State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance'', for discretionary grants authorized by subpart 2 of part E, of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 as in effect on September 30, 2006, $75,000,000: Provided, That the amount made available under this heading shall be for local law enforcement initiatives in the Gulf Coast region related to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

CHAPTER 3

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for ''Construction'' for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, and for recovery from other natural disasters $5,033,345,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary of the Army is directed to use $4,362,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading to modify authorized projects in southeast Louisiana to provide hurricane and storm damage reduction and flood damage reduction in the greater New Orleans and surrounding areas to provide the levels of protection necessary to achieve the certification required for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program under the base flood elevations current at the time of this construction; $1,657,000,000 shall be used for the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity; $1,415,000,000 shall be used for the West Bank and Vicinity project; and $1,290,000,000 shall be for elements of the Southeast Louisiana Urban Drainage project, that are within the geographic perimeter of the West Bank and Vicinity and Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity projects to provide for interior drainage of runoff from rainfall with a 10 percent annual exceedance probability: Provided further, That none of this $4,362,000,000 shall become available for obligation until October 1, 2008: Provided further, That non-Federal cost allocations for these projects shall be consistent with the cost-sharing provisions under which the projects were originally constructed: Provided further, That the $1,315,000,000 non-Federal cost share for these projects shall be repaid in accordance with provisions of section 103(k) of Public Law 99–662 over a period of 30 years: Provided further, That the expenditure of funds as provided above may be made without regard to individual amounts or purposes except that any reallocation of funds that are necessary to accomplish the established goals are authorized, subject to the approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That the Secretary of the Army is directed to use $604,745,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading to provide hurricane and storm damage reduction, flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration along the Gulf Coast of Mississippi and surrounding areas generally as described in the Mobile District Engineer's Mississippi Coastal Improvements Program Comprehensive Plan Report; $173,615,000 shall be used for ecosystem restoration projects; $4,550,000 shall be used for the Moss Point Municipal Relocation project; $5,000,000 shall be used for the Waveland Floodproofing project; $150,000 shall be used for the Mississippi Sound Sub Aquatic Vegetation project; $15,430,000 shall be used for the Coast-wide Dune Restoration project; $397,000,000 shall be used for the Homeowners Assistance and Relocation project; and $9,000,000 shall be used for the Forrest Heights Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction project: Provided further, That none of this $604,745,000 shall become available for obligation until October 1, 2008: Provided further, That these projects shall be initiated only after non-Federal interests have entered into binding agreements with the Secretary requiring the non-Federal interests to pay 100 percent of the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation costs of the project and to hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction or operation and maintenance of the project, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors: Provided further, That the $211,661,000 non-Federal cost share for these projects shall be repaid in accordance with the provisions of section 103(k) of Public Law 99–662 over a period of 30 years: Provided further, That the expenditure of funds as provided above may be made without regard to individual amounts or purposes except that any reallocation of funds that are necessary to accomplish the established goals are authorized, subject to the approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That the Secretary of the Army is directed to use $66,600,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading to address emergency situations at Corps of Engineers projects and rehabilitate and repair damages to Corps projects caused by recent natural disasters: Provided further, That the Chief of Engineers, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, shall provide a monthly report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations detailing the allocation and obligation of these funds, beginning not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

For an additional amount for ''Mississippi River and Tributaries'' for recovery from natural disasters, $17,700,000, to remain available until expended to repair damages to Federal projects caused by recent natural disasters.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

For an additional amount for ''Operations and Maintenance'' to dredge navigation channels and repair other Corps projects related to natural disasters, $338,800,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Chief of Engineers, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, shall provide a monthly report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations detailing the allocation and obligation of these funds, beginning not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act.

FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

For an additional amount for ''Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies'', as authorized by section 5 of the Act of August 18, 1941 (33 U.S.C. 701n), for necessary expenses relating to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes, and for recovery from other natural disasters, $3,368,400,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary of the Army is directed to use $2,926,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading to modify, at full Federal expense, authorized projects in southeast Louisiana to provide hurricane and storm damage reduction and flood damage reduction in the greater New Orleans and surrounding areas; $704,000,000 shall be used to modify the 17th Street, Orleans Avenue, and London Avenue drainage canals and install pumps and closure structures at or near the lakefront; $90,000,000 shall be used for stormproofing interior pump stations to ensure the operability of the stations during hurricanes, storms, and high water events; $459,000,000 shall be used for armoring critical elements of the New Orleans hurricane and storm damage reduction system; $53,000,000 shall be used to improve protection at the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal; $456,000,000 shall be used to replace or modify certain non-Federal levees in Plaquemines Parish to incorporate the levees into the existing New Orleans to Venice hurricane protection project; $412,000,000 shall be used for reinforcing or replacing flood walls, as necessary, in the existing Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity project and the existing West Bank and Vicinity project to improve the performance of the systems; $393,000,000 shall be used for repair and restoration of authorized protections and floodwalls; $359,000,000 shall be to complete the authorized protection for the Lake Ponchartrain and Vicinity Project and for the West Bank and Vicinity Project: Provided further, That none of this $2,926,000,000 shall become available for obligation until October 1, 2008: Provided further, That any project using funds appropriated under this heading shall be initiated only after non-Federal interests have entered into binding agreements with the Secretary requiring the non-Federal interests to pay 100 percent of the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation costs of the project and to hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction or operation and maintenance of the project, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors: Provided

further, That the Secretary of the Army, within available funds, is directed to continue the NEPA alternative evaluation of all options with particular attention to Options 1, 2 and 2a of the report to Congress, dated August 30, 2007, provided in response to the requirements of chapter 3, section 4303 of Public Law 110–28, and within 90 days of enactment of this Act provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations cost estimates to implement Options 1, 2 and 2a of the above cited report: Provided further, That the expenditure of funds as provided above may be made without regard to individual amounts or purposes except that any reallocation of funds that are necessary to accomplish the established goals are authorized, subject to the approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That $348,000,000 of the amount provided under this heading shall be used for barrier island restoration and ecosystem restoration to restore historic levels of storm damage reduction to the Mississippi Gulf Coast: Provided further, That none of this $348,000,000 shall become available for obligation until October 1, 2008: Provided further, That this work shall be carried out at full Federal expense: Provided further, That the Secretary of the Army is directed to use $94,400,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading to support emergency operations, to repair eligible projects nationwide, and for other activities in response to recent natural disasters: Provided further, That the Chief of Engineers, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, shall provide a monthly report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations detailing the allocation and obligation of these funds, beginning not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act.

GENERAL EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''General Expenses'' for increased efforts by the Mississippi Valley Division to oversee emergency response and recovery activities related to the consequences of hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005, $1,500,000, to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 4

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS CHAPTER

SEC. 3401. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and not later than 30 days after the date of submission of a request for a single payment, the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall provide a single payment for any eligible costs under section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for any police station, fire station, or criminal justice facility that was damaged by Hurricane Katrina of 2005 or Hurricane Rita of 2005: Provided, That nothing in this section may be construed to alter the appeal or review process relating to assistance provided under section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act: Provided further, That the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall not reduce the amount of assistance provided under section 406(c)(1) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for such facilities.

SEC. 3402. Until such time as the updating of flood insurance rate maps under section 19 of the Flood Modernization Act of 2007 is completed (as determined by the district engineer) for all areas located in the St. Louis District of the Mississippi Valley Division of the Corps of Engineers, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall not adjust the chargeable premium rate for flood insurance under this section for any type or class of property located in an area in that District nor require the purchase of flood insurance for any type or class of property located in an area in that District not subject to such purchase requirement prior to the updating of such national flood insurance program rate map: Provided, That for purposes of this section, the term ''area'' does not include any area (or subdivision thereof) that has chosen not to participate in the flood insurance program under this section as of the date of enactment of this Act.

CHAPTER 5

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Wildland Fire Management'', $125,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which $100,000,000 is for emergency wildland fire suppression activities, and of which $25,000,000 is for rehabilitation and restoration of Federal lands: Provided, That emergency wildland fire suppression funds are also available for repayment to other appropriations accounts from which funds were transferred for wildfire suppression.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

For an additional amount for the ''Historic Preservation Fund'', for expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina, $15,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the funds provided under this heading shall be provided to the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer, after consultation with the National Park Service, for grants for restoration and rehabilitation at Jackson Barracks: Provided further, That no more than 5 percent of funds provided under this heading for disaster relief grants may be used for administrative expenses.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

For an additional amount for ''State and Tribal Assistance Grants'', for expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina, $5,000,000, to remain available until expended, for a grant to Cameron Parish, Louisiana, for construction of drinking water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure and for water quality protection: Provided, That for purposes of this grant, the grantee shall contribute not less than 45 percent of the cost of the project unless the grantee is approved for a waiver by the Agency.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Wildland Fire Management'', $325,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which $250,000,000 shall be available for emergency wildfire suppression, and of which $75,000,000 shall be available for rehabilitation and restoration of Federal lands and may be transferred to other Forest Service accounts as necessary: Provided, That emergency wildfire suppression funds are also available for repayment to other appropriations accounts from which funds were transferred for wildfire suppression.

CHAPTER 6

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

For grants to States, consistent with section 6201(a)(4) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, to make payments as defined by the Secretary in the methodology used for the Provider Stabilization grants to those Medicare participating general acute care hospitals, as defined in section 1886(d) of the Social Security Act, and currently operating in Jackson, Forrest, Hancock, and Harrison Counties of Mississippi and Orleans and Jefferson Parishes of Louisiana which continue to experience severe financial exigencies and other economic losses attributable to Hurricane Katrina or its subsequent flooding, and are in need of supplemental funding to relieve the financial pressures these hospitals face resulting from increased wage rates in hiring and retaining staff in order to stabilize access to patient care, $350,000,000, to be made available until September 30, 2010.

CHAPTER 7

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Military Construction, Army National Guard'', $11,503,000, to remain available until September 30, 2012: Provided, That such funds may be obligated or expended for planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: Provided further, That of the funds appropriated for ''Military Construction, Army National Guard'' under Public Law 109–234, $7,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

GENERAL PROVISION—THIS CHAPTER

SEC. 3701. Within the funds available in the Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund as credited in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 2883(c), $10,500,000 shall be available for use at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi, under the terms and conditions specified by 10 U.S.C. 2883, to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 8

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

For an additional amount for the Emergency Relief Program as authorized under section 125 of title 23, United States Code, for eligible disasters occurring in fiscal years 2005 to the present, $451,126,383, to remain available until expended.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

For the provision of permanent supportive housing units as identified in the plan of the Louisiana Recovery Authority and approved by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, $73,000,000 to remain available until expended, of which not less than $20,000,000 shall be for project-based vouchers under section 8(o)(13) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)), not less than $50,000,000 shall be for grants under the Shelter Plus Care Program as authorized under subtitle F of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11403 et seq.), and not more than $3,000,000 shall be for related administrative expenses of the State of Louisiana or its designee or designees: Provided, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall, upon request, make funds available under this paragraph to the State of Louisiana or its designee or designees: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the purpose of administering the amounts provided under this paragraph, the State of Louisiana or its designee or designees may act in all respects as a public housing agency as defined in section 3(b)(6) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(6)): Provided further, That subparagraphs (B) and (D) of section 8(o)(13) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)) shall not apply with respect to vouchers made available under this paragraph.

PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount to areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina in the State of Mississippi for project-based vouchers under section 8(o)(13) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)13)), $20,000,000, to remain available until expended.

HOUSING TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount to the State of Louisiana for case management and housing transition services for families in areas impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita of 2005, $3,000,000, to remain available until expended.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

For an additional amount for the ''Community development fund'' for necessary expenses related to any uncompensated housing damage directly related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina in the State of Alabama, $50,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That prior to the obligation of funds the State shall submit a plan to the Secretary detailing the proposed use of all funds, including criteria for eligibility and how the use of these funds will address uncompensated housing damage: Provided further, That such funds may not be used for activities reimbursable by or for which funds are made available by the Federal Emergency Management Agency: Provided further, That the State may use up to 5 percent of its allocation for administrative costs: Provided further, That in administering the funds under this paragraph, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation by the Secretary or the use by the recipient of these funds or guarantees (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment), upon a request by the State that such waiver is required to facilitate the use of such funds or guarantees, and a finding by the Secretary that such waiver would not be inconsistent with the overall purpose of the statute: Provided further, That the Secretary may waive the requirement that activities benefit persons of low and moderate income, except that at least 50 percent of the funds made available under this heading must benefit primarily persons of low and moderate income unless the Secretary otherwise makes a finding of compelling need: Provided further, That the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register any waiver of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers pursuant to title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 no later than 5 days before the effective date of such waiver.

(RESCISSION)

Of the unobligated balances remaining from funds appropriated under this heading by section 159 of Public Law 110–116 for the Louisiana Road Home program, $200,000,000 are rescinded.

TITLE IV—VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

SEC. 4001. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008''.

SEC. 4002. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) On September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the United States, and the brave members of the Armed Forces of the United States were called to the defense of the Nation.

(2) Service on active duty in the Armed Forces has been especially arduous for the members of the Armed Forces since September 11, 2001.

(3) The United States has a proud history of offering educational assistance to millions of veterans, as demonstrated by the many ''G.I. Bills'' enacted since World War II. Educational assistance for veterans helps reduce the costs of war, assist veterans in readjusting to civilian life after wartime service, and boost the United States economy, and has a positive effect on recruitment for the Armed Forces.

(4) The current educational assistance program for veterans is outmoded and designed for peacetime service in the Armed Forces.

(5) The people of the United States greatly value military service and recognize the difficult challenges involved in readjusting to civilian life after wartime service in the Armed Forces.

(6) It is in the national interest for the United States to provide veterans who serve on active duty in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, with enhanced educational assistance benefits that are worthy of such service and are commensurate with the educational assistance benefits provided by a grateful Nation to veterans of World War II.

SEC. 4003. EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO SERVE AFTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.

(a) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Part III of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 32 the following new chapter:

"CHAPTER 33—POST–9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

''SUBCHAPTER I—DEFINITIONS

''Sec.
''3301. Definitions.

''SUBCHAPTER II—EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

''3311. Educational assistance for service in the Armed Forces commencing on or after September 11, 2001: entitlement.
''3312. Educational assistance: duration.
''3313. Educational assistance: amount; payment.
''3314. Tutorial assistance.
''3315. Licensure and certification tests.
''3316. Supplemental educational assistance: members with critical skills or specialty; members serving additional service.
''3317. Public-private contributions for additional educational assistance.
''3318. Additional assistance: relocation or travel assistance for individual relocating or traveling significant distance for pursuit of a program of education.

''SUBCHAPTER III—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

''3321. Time limitation for use of and eligibility for entitlement.
''3322. Bar to duplication of educational assistance benefits.
''3323. Administration.
''3324. Allocation of administration and costs.

''SUBCHAPTER I—DEFINITIONS

"§3301. Definitions

''In this chapter:

''(1) The term 'active duty' has the meanings as follows (subject to the limitations specified in sections 3002(6) and 3311(b) of this title):

''(A) In the case of members of the regular components of the Armed Forces, the meaning given such term in section 101(21)(A) of this title.

''(B) In the case of members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, service on active duty under a call or order to active duty under section 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12302, or 12304 of title 10.

''(2) The term 'entry level and skill training' means the following:

''(A) In the case of members of the Army, Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training.

''(B) In the case of members of the Navy, Recruit Training (or Boot Camp) and Skill Training (or so-called 'A' School).

''(C) In the case of members of the Air Force, Basic Military Training and Technical Training.

''(D) In the case of members of the Marine Corps, Recruit Training and Marine Corps Training (or School of Infantry Training).

''(E) In the case of members of the Coast Guard, Basic Training.

''(3) The term 'program of education' has the meaning the meaning given such term in section 3002 of this title, except to the extent otherwise provided in section 3313 of this title.

''(4) The term 'Secretary of Defense' has the meaning given such term in section 3002 of this title.

''SUBCHAPTER II—EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

"§3311. Educational assistance for service in the Armed Forces commencing on or after September 11, 2001: entitlement

''(a) ENTITLEMENT.—Subject to subsections (d) and (e), each individual described in subsection (b) is entitled to educational assistance under this chapter.

''(b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—An individual described in this subsection is any individual as follows:

''(1) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves an aggregate of at least 36 months on active duty in the Armed Forces (including service on active duty in entry level and skill training); and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) continues on active duty; or

''(ii) is discharged or released from active duty as described in subsection (c).

''(2) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves at least 30 continuous days on active duty in the Armed Forces; and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A), is discharged or released from active duty in the Armed Forces for a service-connected disability.

''(3) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves an aggregate of at least 30 months, but less than 36 months, on active duty in the Armed Forces (including service on active duty in entry level and skill training); and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) continues on active duty for an aggregate of less than 36 months; or

''(ii) before completion of service on active duty of an aggregate of 36 months, is discharged or released from active duty as described in subsection (c).

''(4) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves an aggregate of at least 24 months, but less than 30 months, on active duty in the Armed Forces (including service on active duty in entry level and skill training); and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) continues on active duty for an aggregate of less than 30 months; or

''(ii) before completion of service on active duty of an aggregate of 30 months, is discharged or released from active duty as described in subsection (c).

''(5) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves an aggregate of at least 18 months, but less than 24 months, on active duty in the Armed Forces (excluding service on active duty in entry level and skill training); and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) continues on active duty for an aggregate of less than 24 months; or

''(ii) before completion of service on active duty of an aggregate of 24 months, is discharged or released from active duty as described in subsection (c).

''(6) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves an aggregate of at least 12 months, but less than 18 months, on active duty in the Armed Forces (excluding service on active duty in entry level and skill training); and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) continues on active duty for an aggregate of less than 18 months; or

''(ii) before completion of service on active duty of an aggregate of 18 months, is discharged or released from active duty as described in subsection (c).

''(7) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves an aggregate of at least 6 months, but less than 12 months, on active duty in the Armed Forces (excluding service on active duty in entry level and skill training); and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) continues on active duty for an aggregate of less than 12 months; or

''(ii) before completion of service on active duty of an aggregate of 12 months, is discharged or released from active duty as described in subsection (c).

''(8) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves an aggregate of at least 90 days, but less than 6 months, on active duty in the Armed Forces (excluding service on active duty in entry level and skill training); and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) continues on active duty for an aggregate of less than 6 months; or

''(ii) before completion of service on active duty of an aggregate of 6 months, is discharged or released from active duty as described in subsection (c).

''(c) COVERED DISCHARGES AND RELEASES.—A discharge or release from active duty of an individual described in this subsection is a discharge or release as follows:

''(1) A discharge from active duty in the Armed Forces with an honorable discharge.

''(2) A release after service on active duty in the Armed Forces characterized by the Secretary concerned as honorable service and placement on the retired list, transfer to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, or placement on the temporary disability retired list.

''(3) A release from active duty in the Armed Forces for further service in a reserve component of the Armed Forces after service on active duty characterized by the Secretary concerned as honorable service.

''(4) A discharge or release from active duty in the Armed Forces for—

''(A) a medical condition which preexisted the service of the individual as described in the applicable paragraph of subsection (b) and which the Secretary determines is not service-connected;

''(B) hardship; or

''(C) a physical or mental condition that was not characterized as a disability and did not result from the individual's own willful misconduct but did interfere with the individual's performance of duty, as determined by the Secretary concerned in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

''(d) PROHIBITION ON TREATMENT OF CERTAIN SERVICE AS PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY.—The following periods of service shall not be considered a part of the period of active duty on which an individual's entitlement to educational assistance under this chapter is based:

''(1) A period of service on active duty of an officer pursuant to an agreement under section 2107(b) of title 10.

''(2) A period of service on active duty of an officer pursuant to an agreement under section 4348, 6959, or 9348 of title 10.

''(3) A period of service that is terminated because of a defective enlistment and induction based on—

''(A) the individual's being a minor for purposes of service in the Armed Forces;

''(B) an erroneous enlistment or induction; or

''(C) a defective enlistment agreement.

''(e) TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS ENTITLED UNDER MULTIPLE PROVISIONS.—In the event an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter is entitled by reason of both paragraphs (4) and (5) of subsection (b), the individual shall be treated as being entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of paragraph (5) of such subsection.

''§ 3312. Educational assistance: duration

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 3695 of this title and except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter is entitled to a number of months of educational assistance under section 3313 of this title equal to 36 months.

''(b) CONTINUING RECEIPT.—The receipt of educational assistance under section 3313 of this title by an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter is subject to the provisions of section 3321(b)(2) of this title.

''(c) DISCONTINUATION OF EDUCATION FOR ACTIVE DUTY.—(1) Any payment of educational assistance described in paragraph (2) shall not—

''(A) be charged against any entitlement to educational assistance of the individual concerned under this chapter; or

''(B) be counted against the aggregate period for which section 3695 of this title limits the individual's receipt of educational assistance under this chapter.

''(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the payment of educational assistance described in this paragraph is the payment of such assistance to an individual for pursuit of a course or courses under this chapter if the Secretary finds that the individual—

''(A)(i) in the case of an individual not serving on active duty, had to discontinue such course pursuit as a result of being called or ordered to serve on active duty under section 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12302, or 12304 of title 10; or

''(ii) in the case of an individual serving on active duty, had to discontinue such course pursuit as a result of being ordered to a new duty location or assignment or to perform an increased amount of work; and

''(B) failed to receive credit or lost training time toward completion of the individual's approved education, professional, or vocational objective as a result of having to discontinue, as described in subparagraph (A), the individual's course pursuit.

''(3) The period for which, by reason of this subsection, educational assistance is not charged against entitlement or counted toward the applicable aggregate period under section 3695 of this title shall not exceed the portion of the period of enrollment in the course or courses from which the individual failed to receive credit or with respect to which the individual lost training time, as determined under paragraph (2)(B).

''§ 3313. Educational assistance: amount; payment

''(a) PAYMENT.—The Secretary shall pay to each individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter who is pursuing an approved program of education (other than a program covered by subsections (e) and (f)) the amounts specified in subsection (c) to meet the expenses of such individual's subsistence, tuition, fees, and other educational costs for pursuit of such program of education.

''(b) APPROVED PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION.—A program of education is an approved program of education for purposes of this chapter if the program of education is offered by an institution of higher learning (as that term is defined in section 3452(f) of this title) and is approved for purposes of chapter 30 of this title (including approval by the State approving agency concerned).

''(c) AMOUNT OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—The amounts payable under this subsection for pursuit of an approved program of education are amounts as follows:

''(1) In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of section 3311(b)(1) or 3311(b)(2) of this title, amounts as follows:

''(A) An amount equal to the established charges for the program of education, except that the amount payable under this subparagraph may not exceed the maximum amount of established charges regularly charged in-State students for full-time pursuit of approved programs of education for undergraduates by the public institution of higher education offering approved programs of education for undergraduates in the State in which the individual is enrolled that has the highest rate of regularly-charged established charges for such programs of education among all public institutions of higher education in such State offering such programs of education.

''(B) A monthly stipend in an amount as follows:

''(i) For each month the individual pursues the program of education, other than a program of education offered through distance learning, a monthly housing stipend amount equal to the monthly amount of the basic allowance for housing payable under section 403 of title 37 for a member with dependents in pay grade E–5 residing in the military housing area that encompasses all or the majority portion of the ZIP code area in which is located the institution of higher education at which the individual is enrolled.

''(ii) For the first month of each quarter, semester, or term, as applicable, of the program of education pursued by the individual, a lump sum amount for books, supplies, equipment, and other educational costs with respect to such quarter, semester, or term in the amount equal to—

''(I) $1,000, multiplied by

''(II) the fraction which is the portion of a complete academic year under the program of education that such quarter, semester, or term constitutes.

''(2) In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of section 3311(b)(3) of this title, amounts equal to 90 percent of the amounts that would be payable to the individual under paragraph (1) for the program of education if the individual were entitled to amounts for the program of education under paragraph (1) rather than this paragraph.

''(3) In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of section 3311(b)(4) of this title, amounts equal to 80 percent of the amounts that would be payable to the individual under paragraph (1) for the program of education if the individual were entitled to amounts for the program of education under paragraph (1) rather than this paragraph.

''(4) In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of section 3311(b)(5) of this title, amounts equal to 70 percent of the amounts that would be payable to the individual under paragraph (1) for the program of education if the individual were entitled to amounts for the program of education under paragraph (1) rather than this paragraph.

''(5) In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of section 3311(b)(6) of this title, amounts equal to 60 percent of the amounts that would be payable to the individual under paragraph (1) for the program of education if the individual were entitled to amounts for the program of education under paragraph (1) rather than this paragraph.

''(6) In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of section 3311(b)(7) of this title, amounts equal to 50 percent of the amounts that would be payable to the individual under paragraph (1) for the program of education if the individual were entitled to amounts for the program of education under paragraph (1) rather than this paragraph.

''(7) In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of section 3311(b)(8) of this title, amounts equal to 40 percent of the amounts that would be payable to the individual under paragraph (1) for the program of education if the individual were entitled to amounts for the program of education under paragraph (1) rather than this paragraph.

''(d) FREQUENCY OF PAYMENT.—(1) Payment of the amounts payable under subsection (c)(1)(A), and of similar amounts payable under paragraphs (2) through (7) of subsection (c), for

pursuit of a program of education shall be made for the entire quarter, semester, or term, as applicable, of the program of education.

''(2) Payment of the amount payable under subsection (c)(1)(B), and of similar amounts payable under paragraphs (2) through (7) of subsection (c), for pursuit of a program of education shall be made on a monthly basis.

''(3) The Secretary shall prescribe in regulations methods for determining the number of months (including fractions thereof) of entitlement of an individual to educational assistance this chapter that are chargeable under this chapter for an advance payment of amounts under paragraphs (1) and (2) for pursuit of a program of education on a quarter, semester, term, or other basis.

''(e) PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION PURSUED ON ACTIVE DUTY.—(1) Educational assistance is payable under this chapter for pursuit of an approved program of education while on active duty.

''(2) The amount of educational assistance payable under this chapter to an individual pursuing a program of education while on active duty is the lesser of—

''(A) the established charges which similarly circumstanced nonveterans enrolled in the program of education involved would be required to pay; or

''(B) the amount of the charges of the educational institution as elected by the individual in the manner specified in section 3014(b)(1) of this title.

''(3) Payment of the amount payable under paragraph (2) for pursuit of a program of education shall be made for the entire quarter, semester, or term, as applicable, of the program of education.

''(4) For each month (as determined pursuant to the methods prescribed under subsection (d)(3)) for which amounts are paid an individual under this subsection, the entitlement of the individual to educational assistance under this chapter shall be charged at the rate of one month for each such month.

''(f) PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION PURSUED ON HALF-TIME BASIS OR LESS.—(1) Educational assistance is payable under this chapter for pursuit of an approved program of education on half-time basis or less.

''(2) The educational assistance payable under this chapter to an individual pursuing a program of education on half-time basis or less is the amounts as follows:

''(A) The amount equal to the lesser of—

''(i) the established charges which similarly circumstanced nonveterans enrolled in the program of education involved would be required to pay; or

''(ii) the maximum amount that would be payable to the individual for the program of education under paragraph (1)(A) of subsection (c), or under the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (7) of subsection (c) applicable to the individual, for the program of education if the individual were entitled to amounts for the program of education under subsection (c) rather than this subsection.

''(B) A stipend in an amount equal to the amount of the appropriately reduced amount of the lump sum amount for books, supplies, equipment, and other educational costs otherwise payable to the individual under subsection (c).

''(3) Payment of the amounts payable to an individual under paragraph (2) for pursuit of a program of education on half-time basis or less shall be made for the entire quarter, semester, or term, as applicable, of the program of education.

''(4) For each month (as determined pursuant to the methods prescribed under subsection (d)(3)) for which amounts are paid an individual under this subsection, the entitlement of the individual to educational assistance under this chapter shall be charged at a percentage of a month equal to—

''(A) the number of course hours borne by the individual in pursuit of the program of education involved, divided by

''(B) the number of course hours for full-time pursuit of such program of education.

''(g) PAYMENT OF ESTABLISHED CHARGES TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—Amounts payable under subsections (c)(1)(A) (and of similar amounts payable under paragraphs (2) through (7) of subsection (c)), (e)(2) and (f)(2)(A) shall be paid directly to the educational institution concerned.

''(h) ESTABLISHED CHARGES DEFINED.—(1) In this section, the term 'established charges', in the case of a program of education, means the actual charges (as determined pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary) for tuition and fees which similarly circumstanced nonveterans enrolled in the program of education would be required to pay.

''(2) Established charges shall be determined for purposes of this subsection on the following basis:

''(A) In the case of an individual enrolled in a program of education offered on a term, quarter, or semester basis, the tuition and fees charged the individual for the term, quarter, or semester.

''(B) In the case of an individual enrolled in a program of education not offered on a term, quarter, or semester basis, the tuition and fees charged the individual for the entire program of education.

''§ 3314. Tutorial assistance

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter shall also be entitled to benefits provided an eligible veteran under section 3492 of this title.

''(b) CONDITIONS.—(1) The provision of benefits under subsection (a) shall be subject to the conditions applicable to an eligible veteran under section 3492 of this title.

''(2) In addition to the conditions specified in paragraph (1), benefits may not be provided to an individual under subsection (a) unless the professor or other individual teaching, leading, or giving the course for which such benefits are provided certifies that—

''(A) such benefits are essential to correct a deficiency of the individual in such course; and

''(B) such course is required as a part of, or is prerequisite or indispensable to the satisfactory pursuit of, an approved program of education.

''(c) AMOUNT.—(1) The amount of benefits described in subsection (a) that are payable under this section may not exceed $100 per month, for a maximum of 12 months, or until a maximum of $1,200 is utilized.

''(2) The amount provided an individual under this subsection is in addition to the amounts of educational assistance paid the individual under section 3313 of this title.

''(d) NO CHARGE AGAINST ENTITLEMENT.—Any benefits provided an individual under subsection (a) are in addition to any other educational assistance benefits provided the individual under this chapter.

''§ 3315. Licensure and certification tests

''(a) IN GENERAL.—An individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter shall also be entitled to payment for one licensing or certification test described in section 3452(b) of this title.

''(b) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT.—The amount payable under subsection (a) for a licensing or certification test may not exceed the lesser of—

''(1) $2,000; or

''(2) the fee charged for the test.

''(c) NO CHARGE AGAINST ENTITLEMENT.—Any amount paid an individual under subsection (a) is in addition to any other educational assistance benefits provided the individual under this chapter.

''§ 3316. Supplemental educational assistance: members with critical skills or specialty; members serving additional service

''(a) INCREASED ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS WITH CRITICAL SKILLS OR SPECIALTY.—(1) In the case of an individual who has a skill or specialty designated by the Secretary concerned as a skill or specialty in which there is a critical shortage of personnel or for which it is difficult to recruit or, in the case of critical units, retain personnel, the Secretary concerned may increase the monthly amount of educational assistance otherwise payable to the individual under paragraph (1)(B) of section 3313(c) of this title, or under paragraphs (2) through (7) of such section (as applicable).

''(2) The amount of the increase in educational assistance authorized by paragraph (1) may not exceed the amount equal to the monthly amount of increased basic educational assistance providable under section 3015(d)(1) of this title at the time of the increase under paragraph (1).

''(b) SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICE.—(1) The Secretary concerned may provide for the payment to an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter of supplemental educational assistance for additional service authorized by subchapter III of chapter 30 of this title. The amount so payable shall be payable as an increase in the monthly amount of educational assistance otherwise payable to the individual under paragraph (1)(B) of section 3313(c) of this title, or under paragraphs (2) through (7) of such section (as applicable).

''(2) Eligibility for supplement educational assistance under this subsection shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 30 of this title, except that any reference in such provisions to eligibility for basic educational assistance under a provision of subchapter II of chapter 30 of this title shall be treated as a reference to eligibility for educational assistance under the appropriate provision of this chapter.

''(3) The amount of supplemental educational assistance payable under this subsection shall be the amount equal to the monthly amount of supplemental educational payable under section 3022 of this title.

''(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretaries concerned shall administer this section in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary of Defense shall prescribe.

''§ 3317. Public-private contributions for additional educational assistance

''(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—In instances where the educational assistance provided pursuant to section 3313(c)(1)(A) does not cover the full cost of established charges (as specified in section 3313 of this title), the Secretary shall carry out a program under which colleges and universities can, voluntarily, enter into an agreement with the Secretary to cover a portion of those established charges not otherwise covered under section 3313(c)(1)(A), which contributions shall be matched by equivalent contributions toward such costs by the Secretary. The program shall only apply to covered individuals described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 3311(b).

''(b) DESIGNATION OF PROGRAM.—The program under this section shall be known as the 'Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program'.

''(c) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary shall enter into an agreement with each college or university seeking to participate in the program under this section. Each agreement shall specify the following:

''(1) The manner (whether by direct grant, scholarship, or otherwise) of the contributions to be made by the college or university concerned.

''(2) The maximum amount of the contribution to be made by the college or university concerned with respect to any particular individual in any given academic year.

''(3) The maximum number of individuals for whom the college or university concerned will make contributions in any given academic year.

''(4) Such other matters as the Secretary and the college or university concerned jointly consider appropriate.

''(d) MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.—(1) In instances where the educational assistance provided an individual under section 3313(c)(1)(A) of this title does not cover the full cost of tuition and mandatory fees at a college or university, the Secretary shall provide up to 50 percent of the remaining costs for tuition and mandatory fees if the college or university voluntarily enters into an agreement with the Secretary to match an equal percentage of any of the remaining costs for such tuition and fees.

''(2) Amounts available to the Secretary under section 3324(b) of this title for payment of the costs of this chapter shall be available to the Secretary for purposes of paragraph (1).

''(e) OUTREACH.—The Secretary shall make available on the Internet website of the Department available to the public a current list of the colleges and universities participating in the program under this section. The list shall specify, for each college or university so listed, appropriate information on the agreement between the Secretary and such college or university under subsection (c).

''§ 3318. Additional assistance: relocation or travel assistance for individual relocating or traveling significant distance for pursuit of a program of education

''(a) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—Each individual described in subsection (b) shall be paid additional assistance under this section in the amount of $500.

''(b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—An individual described in this subsection is any individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter—

''(1) who resides in a highly rural area (as determined by the Bureau of the Census); and

''(2) who—

''(A) physically relocates a distance of at least 500 miles in order to pursue a program of education for which the individual utilizes educational assistance under this chapter; or

''(B) travels by air to physically attend an institution of higher education for pursuit of such a program of education because the individual cannot travel to such institution by automobile or other established form of transportation due to an absence of road or other infrastructure.

''(c) PROOF OF RESIDENCE.—For purposes of subsection (b)(1), an individual may demonstrate the individual's place of residence utilizing any of the following:

''(1) DD Form 214, Certification of Release or Discharge from Active Duty.

''(2) The most recent Federal income tax return.

''(3) Such other evidence as the Secretary shall prescribe for purposes of this section.

''(d) SINGLE PAYMENT OF ASSISTANCE.—An individual is entitled to only one payment of additional assistance under this section.

''(e) NO CHARGE AGAINST ENTITLEMENT.—Any amount paid an individual under this section is in addition to any other educational assistance benefits provided the individual under this chapter.''.

''SUBCHAPTER III—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

''§ 3321. Time limitation for use of and eligibility for entitlement

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in this section, the period during which an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter may use such individual's entitlement expires at the end of the 15-year period beginning on the date of such individual's last discharge or release from active duty.

''(b) EXCEPTIONS.—(1) Subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section 3031 of this title shall apply with respect to the running of the 15-year period described in subsection (a) of this section in the same manner as such subsections apply under section 3031 of this title with respect to the running of the 10-year period described in section 3031(a) of this title.

''(2) Section 3031(f) of this title shall apply with respect to the termination of an individual's entitlement to educational assistance under this chapter in the same manner as such section applies to the termination of an individual's entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 30 of this title, except that, in the administration of such section for purposes of this chapter, the reference to section 3013 of this title shall be deemed to be a reference to 3312 of this title.

''(3) For purposes of subsection (a), an individual's last discharge or release from active duty shall not include any discharge or release from a period of active duty of less than 90 days of continuous service, unless the individual is discharged or released as described in section 3311(b)(2) of this title.

''§ 3322. Bar to duplication of educational assistance benefits

''(a) IN GENERAL.—An individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter who is also eligible for educational assistance under chapter 30, 31, 32, or 35 of this title, chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10, or the provisions of the Hostage Relief Act of 1980 (Public Law 96–449; 5 U.S.C. 5561 note) may not receive assistance under two or more such programs concurrently, but shall elect (in such form and manner as the Secretary may prescribe) under which chapter or provisions to receive educational assistance.

''(b) INAPPLICABILITY OF SERVICE TREATED UNDER EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS.—A period of service counted for purposes of repayment of an education loan under chapter 109 of title 10 may not be counted as a period of service for entitlement to educational assistance under this chapter.

''(c) SERVICE IN SELECTED RESERVE.—An individual who serves in the Selected Reserve may receive credit for such service under only one of this chapter, chapter 30 of this title, and chapters 1606 and 1607 of title 10, and shall elect (in such form and manner as the Secretary may prescribe) under which chapter such service is to be credited.

''(d) ADDITIONAL COORDINATION MATTERS.—In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under chapter 30, 31, 32, or 35 of this title, chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10, or the provisions of the Hostage Relief Act of 1980, or making contributions toward entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 30 of this title, as of August 1, 2009, coordination of entitlement to educational assistance under this chapter, on the one hand, and such chapters or provisions, on the other, shall be governed by the provisions of section ____03(c) of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008.

''§ 3323. Administration

''(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the provisions specified in section 3034(a)(1) of this title shall apply to the provision of educational assistance under this chapter.

''(2) In applying the provisions referred to in paragraph (1) to an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter for purposes of this section, the reference in such provisions to the term 'eligible veteran' shall be deemed to refer to an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter.

''(3) In applying section 3474 of this title to an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter for purposes of this section, the reference in such section 3474 to the term 'educational assistance allowance' shall be deemed to refer to educational assistance payable under section 3313 of this title.

''(4) In applying section 3482(g) of this title to an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter for purposes of this section—

''(A) the first reference to the term 'educational assistance allowance' in such section 3482(g) shall be deemed to refer to educational assistance payable under section 3313 of this title; and

''(B) the first sentence of paragraph (1) of such section 3482(g) shall be applied as if such sentence ended with 'equipment'.

''(b) INFORMATION ON BENEFITS.—(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide the information described in paragraph (2) to each member of the Armed Forces at such times as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly prescribe in regulations.

''(2) The information described in this paragraph is information on benefits, limitations, procedures, eligibility requirements (including time-in-service requirements), and other important aspects of educational assistance under this chapter, including application forms for such assistance under section 5102 of this title.

''(3) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall furnish the information and forms described in paragraph (2), and other educational materials on educational assistance under this chapter, to educational institutions, training establishments, military education personnel, and such other persons and entities as the Secretary considers appropriate.

''(c) REGULATIONS.—(1) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations for the administration of this chapter.

''(2) Any regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense for purposes of this chapter shall apply uniformly across the Armed Forces.

''§ 3324. Allocation of administration and costs

''(a) ADMINISTRATION.—Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the Secretary shall administer the provision of educational assistance under this chapter.

''(b) COSTS.—Payments for entitlement to educational assistance earned under this chapter shall be made from funds appropriated to, or otherwise made available to, the Department of Veterans Affairs for the payment of readjustment benefits.''.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The tables of chapters at the beginning of title 38, United States Code, and at the beginning of part III of such title, are each amended by inserting after the item relating to chapter 32 the following new item:

''33. Post-9/11 Educational Assistance 3301''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) AMENDMENTS RELATING TO DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS.—

(A) Section 3033 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(i) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting ''33,'' after ''32,''; and

(ii) in subsection (c), by striking ''both the program established by this chapter and the program established by chapter 106 of title 10'' and inserting ''two or more of the programs established by this chapter, chapter 33 of this title, and chapters 1606 and 1607 of title 10''.

(B) Paragraph (4) of section 3695(a) of such title is amended to read as follows:

''(4) Chapters 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 of this title.''.

(C) Section 16163(e) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting ''33,'' after ''32,''.

(2) ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Title 38, United States Code, is further amended by inserting ''33,'' after ''32,'' each place it appears in the following provisions:

(i) In subsections (b) and (e)(1) of section 3485.

(ii) In section 3688(b).

(iii) In subsections (a)(1), (c)(1), (c)(1)(G), (d), and (e)(2) of section 3689.

(iv) In section 3690(b)(3)(A).

(v) In subsections (a) and (b) of section 3692.

(vi) In section 3697(a).

(B) Section 3697A(b)(1) of such title is amended by striking ''or 32'' and inserting ''32, or 33''.

(c) APPLICABILITY TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER MONTGOMERY GI BILL PROGRAM.—

(1) INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE TO ELECT PARTICIPATION IN POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—An

individual may elect to receive educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), if such individual—

(A) as of August 1, 2009—

(i) is entitled to basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, and has used, but retains unused, entitlement under that chapter;

(ii) is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10, United States Code, and has used, but retains unused, entitlement under the applicable chapter;

(iii) is entitled to basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, but has not used any entitlement under that chapter;

(iv) is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10, United States Code, but has not used any entitlement under such chapter;

(v) is a member of the Armed Forces who is eligible for receipt of basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, and is making contributions toward such assistance under section 3011(b) or 3012(c) of such title; or

(vi) is a member of the Armed Forces who is not entitled to basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, by reason of an election under section 3011(c)(1) or 3012(d)(1) of such title; and

(B) as of the date of the individual's election under this paragraph, meets the requirements for entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added).

(2) CESSATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD GI BILL.—Effective as of the first month beginning on or after the date of an election under paragraph (1) of an individual described by subparagraph (A)(v) of that paragraph, the obligation of the individual to make contributions under section 3011(b) or 3012(c) of title 38, United States Code, as applicable, shall cease, and the requirements of such section shall be deemed to be no longer applicable to the individual.

(3) REVOCATION OF REMAINING TRANSFERRED ENTITLEMENT.—

(A) ELECTION TO REVOKE.—If, on the date an individual described in subparagraph (A)(i) or (A)(iii) of paragraph (1) makes an election under that paragraph, a transfer of the entitlement of the individual to basic educational assistance under section 3020 of title 38, United States Code, is in effect and a number of months of the entitlement so transferred remain unutilized, the individual may elect to revoke all or a portion of the entitlement so transferred that remains unutilized.

(B) AVAILABILITY OF REVOKED ENTITLEMENT.—Any entitlement revoked by an individual under this paragraph shall no longer be available to the dependent to whom transferred, but shall be available to the individual instead for educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added), in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

(C) AVAILABILITY OF UNREVOKED ENTITLEMENT.—Any entitlement described in subparagraph (A) that is not revoked by an individual in accordance with that subparagraph shall remain available to the dependent or dependents concerned in accordance with the current transfer of such entitlement under section 3020 of title 38, United States Code.

(4) POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B) and except as provided in paragraph (5), an individual making an election under paragraph (1) shall be entitled to educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added), in accordance with the provisions of such chapter, instead of basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, or educational assistance under chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10, United States Code, as applicable.

(B) LIMITATION ON ENTITLEMENT FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—In the case of an individual making an election under paragraph (1) who is described by subparagraph (A)(i) of that paragraph, the number of months of entitlement of the individual to educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added), shall be the number of months equal to—

(i) the number of months of unused entitlement of the individual under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, as of the date of the election, plus

(ii) the number of months, if any, of entitlement revoked by the individual under paragraph (3)(A).

(5) CONTINUING ENTITLEMENT TO EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE NOT AVAILABLE UNDER 9/11 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In the event educational assistance to which an individual making an election under paragraph (1) would be entitled under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, or chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10, United States Code, as applicable, is not authorized to be available to the individual under the provisions of chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added), the individual shall remain entitled to such educational assistance in accordance with the provisions of the applicable chapter.

(B) CHARGE FOR USE OF ENTITLEMENT.—The utilization by an individual of entitlement under subparagraph (A) shall be chargeable against the entitlement of the individual to educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added), at the rate of one month of entitlement under such chapter 33 for each month of entitlement utilized by the individual under subparagraph (A) (as determined as if such entitlement were utilized under the provisions of chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, or chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10, United States Code, as applicable).

(6) ADDITIONAL POST-9/11 ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS HAVING MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD GI BILL.—

(A) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—In the case of an individual making an election under paragraph (1) who is described by clause (i), (iii), or (v) of subparagraph (A) of that paragraph, the amount of educational assistance payable to the individual under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added), as a monthly stipend payable under paragraph (1)(B) of section 3313(c) of such title (as so added), or under paragraphs (2) through (7) of that section (as applicable), shall be the amount otherwise payable as a monthly stipend under the applicable paragraph increased by the amount equal to—

(i) the total amount of contributions toward basic educational assistance made by the individual under section 3011(b) or 3012(c) of title 38, United States Code, as of the date of the election, multiplied by

(ii) the fraction—

(I) the numerator of which is—

(aa) the number of months of entitlement to basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, remaining to the individual at the time of the election; plus

(bb) the number of months, if any, of entitlement under such chapter 30 revoked by the individual under paragraph (3)(A); and

(II) the denominator of which is 36 months.

(B) MONTHS OF REMAINING ENTITLEMENT FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—In the case of an individual covered by subparagraph (A) who is described by paragraph (1)(A)(v), the number of months of entitlement to basic educational assistance remaining to the individual for purposes of subparagraph (A)(ii)(I)(aa) shall be 36 months.

(C) TIMING OF PAYMENT.—The amount payable with respect to an individual under subparagraph (A) shall be paid to the individual together with the last payment of the monthly stipend payable to the individual under paragraph (1)(B) of section 3313(c) of title 38, United States Code (as so added), or under paragraphs (2) through (7) of that section (as applicable), before the exhaustion of the individual's entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 33 of such title (as so added).

(7) CONTINUING ENTITLEMENT TO ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR CRITICAL SKILLS OR SPECIALITY AND ADDITIONAL SERVICE.—An individual making an election under paragraph (1)(A) who, at the time of the election, is entitled to increased educational assistance under section 3015(d) of title 38, United States Code, or section 16131(i) of title 10, United States Code, or supplemental educational assistance under subchapter III of chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, shall remain entitled to such increased educational assistance or supplemental educational assistance in the utilization of entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added), in an amount equal to the quarter, semester, or term, as applicable, equivalent of the monthly amount of such increased educational assistance or supplemental educational assistance payable with respect to the individual at the time of the election.

(8) IRREVOCABILITY OF ELECTIONS.—An election under paragraph (1) or (3)(A) is irrevocable.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall take effect on August 1, 2009.

SEC. 4004. INCREASE IN AMOUNTS OF BASIC EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL.

(a) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BASED ON THREE-YEAR PERIOD OF OBLIGATED SERVICE.—Subsection (a)(1) of section 3015 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraph:

''(A) for months occurring during the period beginning on August 1, 2008, and ending on the last day of fiscal year 2009, $1,321; and''; and

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (B).

(b) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BASED ON TWO-YEAR PERIOD OF OBLIGATED SERVICE.—Subsection (b)(1) of such section is amended—

(1) by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraph:

''(A) for months occurring during the period beginning on August 1, 2008, and ending on the last day of fiscal year 2009, $1,073; and''; and

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (B).

(c) MODIFICATION OF MECHANISM FOR COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.—Subsection (h)(1) of such section is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

''(A) the average cost of undergraduate tuition in the United States, as determined by the National Center for Education Statistics, for the last academic year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year for which the increase is made, exceeds

''(B) the average cost of undergraduate tuition in the United States, as so determined, for the academic year preceding the academic year described in subparagraph (A).''.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on August 1, 2008.

(2) NO COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.—The adjustment required by subsection (h) of section 3015 of title 38, United States Code (as amended by this section), in rates of basic educational assistance payable under subsections (a) and (b) of such section (as so amended) shall not be made for fiscal year 2009.

SEC. 4005. MODIFICATION OF AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES ADMINISTERING VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS.

Section 3674(a)(4) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''may not exceed''

and all that follows through the end and inserting ''shall be $19,000,000.''.

TITLE V—EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

FEDERAL-STATE AGREEMENTS

SEC. 5001. (a) IN GENERAL.—Any State which desires to do so may enter into and participate in an agreement under this title with the Secretary of Labor (in this title referred to as the ''Secretary''). Any State which is a party to an agreement under this title may, upon providing 30 days written notice to the Secretary, terminate such agreement.

(b) PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT.—Any agreement under subsection (a) shall provide that the State agency of the State will make payments of emergency unemployment compensation to individuals who—

(1) have exhausted all rights to regular compensation under the State law or under Federal law with respect to a benefit year (excluding any benefit year that ended before May 1, 2007);

(2) have no rights to regular compensation or extended compensation with respect to a week under such law or any other State unemployment compensation law or to compensation under any other Federal law (except as provided under subsection (e)); and

(3) are not receiving compensation with respect to such week under the unemployment compensation law of Canada.

(c) EXHAUSTION OF BENEFITS.—For purposes of subsection (b)(1), an individual shall be deemed to have exhausted such individual's rights to regular compensation under a State law when—

(1) no payments of regular compensation can be made under such law because such individual has received all regular compensation available to such individual based on employment or wages during such individual's base period; or

(2) such individual's rights to such compensation have been terminated by reason of the expiration of the benefit year with respect to which such rights existed.

(d) WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT, ETC.—For purposes of any agreement under this title—

(1) the amount of emergency unemployment compensation which shall be payable to any individual for any week of total unemployment shall be equal to the amount of the regular compensation (including dependents' allowances) payable to such individual during such individual's benefit year under the State law for a week of total unemployment;

(2) the terms and conditions of the State law which apply to claims for regular compensation and to the payment thereof shall apply to claims for emergency unemployment compensation and the payment thereof, except where otherwise inconsistent with the provisions of this title or with the regulations or operating instructions of the Secretary promulgated to carry out this title; and

(3) the maximum amount of emergency unemployment compensation payable to any individual for whom an emergency unemployment compensation account is established under section 5002 shall not exceed the amount established in such account for such individual.

(e) ELECTION BY STATES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law (and if State law permits), the Governor of a State that is in an extended benefit period may provide for the payment of emergency unemployment compensation prior to extended compensation to individuals who otherwise meet the requirements of this section.

EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACCOUNT

SEC. 5002. (a) IN GENERAL.—Any agreement under this title shall provide that the State will establish, for each eligible individual who files an application for emergency unemployment compensation, an emergency unemployment compensation account with respect to such individual's benefit year.

(b) AMOUNT IN ACCOUNT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount established in an account under subsection (a) shall be equal to the lesser of—

(A) 50 percent of the total amount of regular compensation (including dependents' allowances) payable to the individual during the individual's benefit year under such law, or

(B) 13 times the individual's average weekly benefit amount for the benefit year.

(2) WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT.—For purposes of this subsection, an individual's weekly benefit amount for any week is the amount of regular compensation (including dependents' allowances) under the State law payable to such individual for such week for total unemployment.

(c) SPECIAL RULE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if, at the time that the individual's account is exhausted or at any time thereafter, such individual's State is in an extended benefit period (as determined under paragraph (2)), then, such account shall be augmented by an amount equal to the amount originally established in such account (as determined under subsection (b)(1)).

(2) EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD.—For purposes of paragraph (1), a State shall be considered to be in an extended benefit period, as of any given time, if—

(A) such a period is then in effect for such State under the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970;

(B) such a period would then be in effect for such State under such Act if section 203(d) of such Act—

(i) were applied by substituting ''4'' for ''5'' each place it appears; and

(ii) did not include the requirement under paragraph (1)(A); or

(C) such a period would then be in effect for such State under such Act if—

(i) section 203(f) of such Act were applied to such State (regardless of whether the State by law had provided for such application); and

(ii) such section 203(f)—

(I) were applied by substituting ''6.0'' for ''6.5'' in paragraph (1)(A)(i); and

(II) did not include the requirement under paragraph (1)(A)(ii).

PAYMENTS TO STATES HAVING AGREEMENTS FOR THE PAYMENT OF EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

SEC. 5003. (a) GENERAL RULE.—There shall be paid to each State that has entered into an agreement under this title an amount equal to 100 percent of the emergency unemployment compensation paid to individuals by the State pursuant to such agreement.

(b) TREATMENT OF REIMBURSABLE COMPENSATION.—No payment shall be made to any State under this section in respect of any compensation to the extent the State is entitled to reimbursement in respect of such compensation under the provisions of any Federal law other than this title or chapter 85 of title 5, United States Code. A State shall not be entitled to any reimbursement under such chapter 85 in respect of any compensation to the extent the State is entitled to reimbursement under this title in respect of such compensation.

(c) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT.—Sums payable to any State by reason of such State having an agreement under this title shall be payable, either in advance or by way of reimbursement (as may be determined by the Secretary), in such amounts as the Secretary estimates the State will be entitled to receive under this title for each calendar month, reduced or increased, as the case may be, by any amount by which the Secretary finds that the Secretary's estimates for any prior calendar month were greater or less than the amounts which should have been paid to the State. Such estimates may be made on the basis of such statistical, sampling, or other method as may be agreed upon by the Secretary and the State agency of the State involved.

FINANCING PROVISIONS

SEC. 5004. (a) IN GENERAL.—Funds in the extended unemployment compensation account (as established by section 905(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1105(a)) of the Unemployment Trust Fund (as established by section 904(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1104(a)) shall be used for the making of payments to States having agreements entered into under this title.

(b) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall from time to time certify to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to each State the sums payable to such State under this title. The Secretary of the Treasury, prior to audit or settlement by the Government Accountability Office, shall make payments to the State in accordance with such certification, by transfers from the extended unemployment compensation account (as so established) to the account of such State in the Unemployment Trust Fund (as so established).

(c) ASSISTANCE TO STATES.—There are appropriated out of the employment security administration account (as established by section 901(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1101(a)) of the Unemployment Trust Fund, without fiscal year limitation, such funds as may be necessary for purposes of assisting States (as provided in title III of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 501 et seq.)) in meeting the costs of administration of agreements under this title.

(d) APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN PAYMENTS.—There are appropriated from the general fund of the Treasury, without fiscal year limitation, to the extended unemployment compensation account (as so established) of the Unemployment Trust Fund (as so established) such sums as the Secretary estimates to be necessary to make the payments under this section in respect of—

(1) compensation payable under chapter 85 of title 5, United States Code; and

(2) compensation payable on the basis of services to which section 3309(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 applies.

Amounts appropriated pursuant to the preceding sentence shall not be required to be repaid.

FRAUD AND OVERPAYMENTS

SEC. 5005. (a) IN GENERAL.—If an individual knowingly has made, or caused to be made by another, a false statement or representation of a material fact, or knowingly has failed, or caused another to fail, to disclose a material fact, and as a result of such false statement or representation or of such nondisclosure such individual has received an amount of emergency unemployment compensation under this title to which such individual was not entitled, such individual—

(1) shall be ineligible for further emergency unemployment compensation under this title in accordance with the provisions of the applicable State unemployment compensation law relating to fraud in connection with a claim for unemployment compensation; and

(2) shall be subject to prosecution under section 1001 of title 18, United States Code.

(b) REPAYMENT.—In the case of individuals who have received amounts of emergency unemployment compensation under this title to which they were not entitled, the State shall require such individuals to repay the amounts of such emergency unemployment compensation to the State agency, except that the State agency may waive such repayment if it determines that—

(1) the payment of such emergency unemployment compensation was without fault on the part of any such individual; and

(2) such repayment would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

(c) RECOVERY BY STATE AGENCY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The State agency may recover the amount to be repaid, or any part thereof, by deductions from any emergency unemployment compensation payable to such individual under this title or from any unemployment compensation payable to such individual

under any State or Federal unemployment compensation law administered by the State agency or under any other State or Federal law administered by the State agency which provides for the payment of any assistance or allowance with respect to any week of unemployment, during the 3-year period after the date such individuals received the payment of the emergency unemployment compensation to which they were not entitled, except that no single deduction may exceed 50 percent of the weekly benefit amount from which such deduction is made.

(2) OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING.—No repayment shall be required, and no deduction shall be made, until a determination has been made, notice thereof and an opportunity for a fair hearing has been given to the individual, and the determination has become final.

(d) REVIEW.—Any determination by a State agency under this section shall be subject to review in the same manner and to the same extent as determinations under the State unemployment compensation law, and only in that manner and to that extent.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 5006. In this title, the terms ''compensation'', ''regular compensation'', ''extended compensation'', ''benefit year'', ''base period'', ''State'', ''State agency'', ''State law'', and ''week'' have the respective meanings given such terms under section 205 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note).

APPLICABILITY

SEC. 5007. (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), an agreement entered into under this title shall apply to weeks of unemployment—

(1) beginning after the date on which such agreement is entered into; and

(2) ending on or before March 31, 2009.

(b) TRANSITION FOR AMOUNT REMAINING IN ACCOUNT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), in the case of an individual who has amounts remaining in an account established under section 5002 as of the last day of the last week (as determined in accordance with the applicable State law) ending on or before March 31, 2009, emergency unemployment compensation shall continue to be payable to such individual from such amounts for any week beginning after such last day for which the individual meets the eligibility requirements of this title.

(2) LIMIT ON AUGMENTATION.—If the account of an individual is exhausted after the last day of such last week (as so determined), then section 5002(c) shall not apply and such account shall not be augmented under such section, regardless of whether such individual's State is in an extended benefit period (as determined under paragraph (2) of such section).

(3) LIMIT ON COMPENSATION.—No compensation shall be payable by reason of paragraph (1) for any week beginning after June 30, 2009.

TITLE VI—OTHER HEALTH MATTERS

SEC. 6001. (a) MORATORIA ON CERTAIN MEDICAID REGULATIONS.—

(1) EXTENSION OF CERTAIN MORATORIA IN PUBLIC LAW 110–28.—Section 7002(a)(1) of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110–28) is amended—

(A) by striking ''prior to the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act'' and inserting ''prior to April 1, 2009'';

(B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting after ''Federal Regulations)'' the following: ''or in the final regulation, relating to such parts, published on May 29, 2007 (72 Federal Register 29748)''; and

(C) in subparagraph (C), by inserting before the period at the end the following: '', including the proposed regulation published on May 23, 2007 (72 Federal Register 28930)''.

(2) EXTENSION OF CERTAIN MORATORIA IN PUBLIC LAW 110–173.—Section 206 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–173) is amended—

(A) by striking ''June 30, 2008'' and inserting ''April 1, 2009'';

(B) by inserting '', including the proposed regulation published on August 13, 2007 (72 Federal Register 45201),'' after ''rehabilitation services''; and

(C) by inserting '', including the final regulation published on December 28, 2007 (72 Federal Register 73635),'' after ''school-based transportation''.

(3) MORATORIUM ON INTERIM FINAL MEDICAID REGULATION RELATING TO OPTIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT AND TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall not, prior to April 1, 2009, finalize, implement, enforce, or otherwise take any action (through promulgation of regulation, issuance of regulatory guidance, use of Federal payment audit procedures, or other administrative action, policy, or practice, including a Medical Assistance Manual transmittal or letter to State Medicaid directors) to impose any restrictions relating to the interim final regulation relating to optional State plan case management services and targeted case management services under the Medicaid program published on December 4, 2007 (72 Federal Register 68077) in its entirety.

(4) ADDITIONAL MORATORIA.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall not, prior to April 1, 2009, take any action (through promulgation of regulation, issuance of regulatory guidance, use of Federal payment audit procedures, or other administrative action, policy, or practice, including a Medical Assistance Manual transmittal or letter to State Medicaid directors) to impose any restrictions relating to a provision described in subparagraph (B) or (C) if such restrictions are more restrictive in any aspect than those applied to the respective provision as of the date specified in subparagraph (D) for such provision.

(B) PROPOSED REGULATION RELATING TO REDEFINITION OF MEDICAID OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES.—The provision described in this subparagraph is the proposed regulation relating to clarification of outpatient clinic and hospital facility services definition and upper payment limit under the Medicaid program published on September 28, 2007 (72 Federal Register 55158) in its entirety.

(C) PORTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION RELATING TO MEDICAID ALLOWABLE PROVIDER TAXES.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), the provision described in this subparagraph is the final regulation relating to health-care-related taxes under the Medicaid program published on February 22, 2008 (73 Federal Register 9685) in its entirety.

(ii) EXCEPTION.—The provision described in this subparagraph does not include the portions of such regulation as relate to the following:

(I) REDUCTION IN THRESHOLD.—The reduction from 6 percent to 5.5 percent in the threshold applied under section 433.68(f)(3)(i) of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, for determining whether or not there is an indirect guarantee to hold a taxpayer harmless, as required to carry out section 1903(w)(4)(C)(ii) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 403 of the Medicare Improvement and Extension Act of 2006 (division B of Public Law 109–432).

(II) CHANGE IN DEFINITION OF MANAGED CARE.—The change in the definition of managed care as proposed in the revision of section 433.56(a)(8) of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, as required to carry out section 1903(w)(7)(A)(viii) of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 6051 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–171).

(D) DATE SPECIFIED.—The date specified in this subparagraph for the provision described in—

(i) subparagraph (B) is September 27, 2007; or

(ii) subparagraph (C) is February 21, 2008.

(b) RESTORATION OF ACCESS TO NOMINAL DRUG PRICING FOR CERTAIN CLINICS AND HEALTH CENTERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1927(c)(1)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §1396r–8(c)(1)(D)), as added by section 6001(d)(2) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–171), is amended—

(A) in clause (i)—

(i) by redesignating subclause (IV) as subclause (VI); and

(ii) by inserting after subclause (III) the following:

''(IV) An entity that—

''(aa) is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Act or is State-owned or operated; and

''(bb) would be a covered entity described in section 340(B)(a)(4) of the Public Health Service Act insofar as the entity provides the same type of services to the same type of populations as a covered entity described in such section provides, but does not receive funding under a provision of law referred to in such section.

''(V) A public or nonprofit entity, or an entity based at an institution of higher learning whose primary purpose is to provide health care services to students of that institution, that provides a service or services described under section 1001(a) of the Public Health Service Act.''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new clause:

''(iv) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to alter any existing statutory or regulatory prohibition on services with respect to an entity described in subclause (IV) or (V) of clause (i), including the prohibition set forth in section 1008 of the Public Health Service Act.''.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall take effect as if included in the amendment made by section 6001(d)(2) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

(c) ASSET VERIFICATION THROUGH ACCESS TO INFORMATION HELD BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—

(1) ADDITION OF AUTHORITY.—Title XIX of the Social Security Act is amended by inserting after section 1939 the following new section:

''ASSET VERIFICATION THROUGH ACCESS TO INFORMATION HELD BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

''SEC. 1940. (a) IMPLEMENTATION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the provisions of this section, each State shall implement an asset verification program described in subsection (b), for purposes of determining or redetermining the eligibility of an individual for medical assistance under the State plan under this title.

''(2) PLAN SUBMITTAL.—In order to meet the requirement of paragraph (1), each State shall—

''(A) submit not later than a deadline specified by the Secretary consistent with paragraph (3), a State plan amendment under this title that describes how the State intends to implement the asset verification program; and

''(B) provide for implementation of such program for eligibility determinations and redeterminations made on or after 6 months after the deadline established for submittal of such plan amendment.

''(3) PHASE-IN.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—

''(i) IMPLEMENTATION IN CURRENT ASSET VERIFICATION DEMO STATES.—The Secretary shall require those States specified in subparagraph (C) (to which an asset verification program has been applied before the date of the enactment of this section) to implement an asset verification program under this subsection by the end of fiscal year 2009.

''(ii) IMPLEMENTATION IN OTHER STATES.—The Secretary shall require other States to submit and implement an asset verification program under this subsection in such manner as is designed to result in the application of such programs, in the aggregate for all such other

States, to enrollment of approximately, but not less than, the following percentage of enrollees, in the aggregate for all such other States, by the end of the fiscal year involved:

''(I) 12.5 percent by the end of fiscal year 2009.

''(II) 25 percent by the end of fiscal year 2010.

''(III) 50 percent by the end of fiscal year 2011.

''(IV) 75 percent by the end of fiscal year 2012.

''(V) 100 percent by the end of fiscal year 2013.

''(B) CONSIDERATION.—In selecting States under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Secretary shall consult with the States involved and take into account the feasibility of implementing asset verification programs in each such State.

''(C) STATES SPECIFIED.—The States specified in this subparagraph are California, New York, and New Jersey.

''(D) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be construed as preventing a State from requesting, and the Secretary approving, the implementation of an asset verification program in advance of the deadline otherwise established under such subparagraph.

''(4) EXEMPTION OF TERRITORIES.—This section shall only apply to the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

''(b) ASSET VERIFICATION PROGRAM.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, an asset verification program means a program described in paragraph (2) under which a State—

''(A) requires each applicant for, or recipient of, medical assistance under the State plan under this title on the basis of being aged, blind, or disabled to provide authorization by such applicant or recipient (and any other person whose resources are required by law to be disclosed to determine the eligibility of the applicant or recipient for such assistance) for the State to obtain (subject to the cost reimbursement requirements of section 1115(a) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 but at no cost to the applicant or recipient) from any financial institution (within the meaning of section 1101(1) of such Act) any financial record (within the meaning of section 1101(2) of such Act) held by the institution with respect to the applicant or recipient (and such other person, as applicable), whenever the State determines the record is needed in connection with a determination with respect to such eligibility for (or the amount or extent of) such medical assistance; and

''(B) uses the authorization provided under subparagraph (A) to verify the financial resources of such applicant or recipient (and such other person, as applicable), in order to determine or redetermine the eligibility of such applicant or recipient for medical assistance under the State plan.

''(2) PROGRAM DESCRIBED.—A program described in this paragraph is a program for verifying individual assets in a manner consistent with the approach used by the Commissioner of Social Security under section 1631(e)(1)(B)(ii).

''(c) DURATION OF AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding section 1104(a)(1) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, an authorization provided to a State under subsection (b)(1)(A) shall remain effective until the earliest of—

''(1) the rendering of a final adverse decision on the applicant's application for medical assistance under the State's plan under this title;

''(2) the cessation of the recipient's eligibility for such medical assistance; or

''(3) the express revocation by the applicant or recipient (or such other person described in subsection (b)(1)(A), as applicable) of the authorization, in a written notification to the State.

''(d) TREATMENT OF RIGHT TO FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT REQUIREMENTS.—

''(1) An authorization obtained by the State under subsection (b)(1) shall be considered to meet the requirements of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 for purposes of section 1103(a) of such Act, and need not be furnished to the financial institution, notwithstanding section 1104(a) of such Act.

''(2) The certification requirements of section 1103(b) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 shall not apply to requests by the State pursuant to an authorization provided under subsection (b)(1).

''(3) A request by the State pursuant to an authorization provided under subsection (b)(1) is deemed to meet the requirements of section 1104(a)(3) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 and of section 1102 of such Act, relating to a reasonable description of financial records.

''(e) REQUIRED DISCLOSURE.—The State shall inform any person who provides authorization pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(A) of the duration and scope of the authorization.

''(f) REFUSAL OR REVOCATION OF AUTHORIZATION.—If an applicant for, or recipient of, medical assistance under the State plan under this title (or such other person described in subsection (b)(1)(A), as applicable) refuses to provide, or revokes, any authorization made by the applicant or recipient (or such other person, as applicable) under subsection (b)(1)(A) for the State to obtain from any financial institution any financial record, the State may, on that basis, determine that the applicant or recipient is ineligible for medical assistance.

''(g) USE OF CONTRACTOR.—For purposes of implementing an asset verification program under this section, a State may select and enter into a contract with a public or private entity meeting such criteria and qualifications as the State determines appropriate, consistent with requirements in regulations relating to general contracting provisions and with section 1903(i)(2). In carrying out activities under such contract, such an entity shall be subject to the same requirements and limitations on use and disclosure of information as would apply if the State were to carry out such activities directly.

''(h) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall provide States with technical assistance to aid in implementation of an asset verification program under this section.

''(i) REPORTS.—A State implementing an asset verification program under this section shall furnish to the Secretary such reports concerning the program, at such times, in such format, and containing such information as the Secretary determines appropriate.

''(j) TREATMENT OF PROGRAM EXPENSES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, reasonable expenses of States in carrying out the program under this section shall be treated, for purposes of section 1903(a), in the same manner as State expenditures specified in paragraph (7) of such section.''.

(2) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Section 1902(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (69) by striking ''and'' at the end;

(B) in paragraph (70) by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (70), as so amended, the following new paragraph:

''(71) provide that the State will implement an asset verification program as required under section 1940.''.

(3) WITHHOLDING OF FEDERAL MATCHING PAYMENTS FOR NONCOMPLIANT STATES.—Section 1903(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(i)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (22) by striking ''or'' at the end;

(B) in paragraph (23) by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; or''; and

(C) by adding after paragraph (23) the following new paragraph:

''(24) if a State is required to implement an asset verification program under section 1940 and fails to implement such program in accordance with such section, with respect to amounts expended by such State for medical assistance for individuals subject to asset verification under such section, unless—

''(A) the State demonstrates to the Secretary's satisfaction that the State made a good faith effort to comply;

''(B) not later than 60 days after the date of a finding that the State is in noncompliance, the State submits to the Secretary (and the Secretary approves) a corrective action plan to remedy such noncompliance; and

''(C) not later than 12 months after the date of such submission (and approval), the State fulfills the terms of such corrective action plan.''.

(4) REPEAL.—Section 4 of Public Law 110–90 is repealed.

SEC. 6002. LIMITATION ON MEDICARE EXCEPTION TO THE PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN PHYSICIAN REFERRALS FOR HOSPITALS.—

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1877 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395nn) is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

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

''(C) in the case where the entity is a hospital, the hospital meets the requirements of paragraph (3)(D).'';

(2) in subsection (d)(3)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

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

''(D) the hospital meets the requirements described in subsection (i)(1) not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this subparagraph.''; and

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

''(i) REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSPITALS TO QUALIFY FOR HOSPITAL EXCEPTION TO OWNERSHIP OR INVESTMENT PROHIBITION.—

''(1) REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED.—For purposes of subsection (d)(3)(D), the requirements described in this paragraph for a hospital are as follows:

''(A) PROVIDER AGREEMENT.—The hospital had—

''(i) physician ownership on September 1, 2008; and

''(ii) a provider agreement under section 1866 in effect on such date.

''(B) LIMITATION ON EXPANSION OF FACILITY CAPACITY.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), the number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds of the hospital at any time on or after the date of the enactment of this subsection are no greater than the number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds as of such date.

''(C) PREVENTING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—

''(i) The hospital submits to the Secretary an annual report containing a detailed description of—

''(I) the identity of each physician owner and any other owners of the hospital; and

''(II) the nature and extent of all ownership interests in the hospital.

''(ii) The hospital has procedures in place to require that any referring physician owner discloses to the patient being referred, by a time that permits the patient to make a meaningful decision regarding the receipt of care, as determined by the Secretary—

''(I) the ownership interest of such referring physician in the hospital; and

''(II) if applicable, any such ownership interest of the treating physician.

''(iii) The hospital does not condition any physician ownership interests either directly or indirectly on the physician owner making or influencing referrals to the hospital or otherwise generating business for the hospital.

''(iv) The hospital discloses the fact that the hospital is partially owned by physicians—

''(I) on any public website for the hospital; and

''(II) in any public advertising for the hospital.

''(D) ENSURING BONA FIDE INVESTMENT.—

''(i) Physician owners in the aggregate do not own more than the greater of—

''(I) 40 percent of the total value of the investment interests held in the hospital or in an entity whose assets include the hospital; or

''(II) the percentage of such total value determined on the date of enactment of this subsection.

''(ii) Any ownership or investment interests that the hospital offers to a physician owner are not offered on more favorable terms than the terms offered to a person who is not a physician owner.

''(iii) The hospital (or any investors in the hospital) does not directly or indirectly provide loans or financing for any physician owner investments in the hospital.

''(iv) The hospital (or any investors in the hospital) does not directly or indirectly guarantee a loan, make a payment toward a loan, or otherwise subsidize a loan, for any individual physician owner or group of physician owners that is related to acquiring any ownership interest in the hospital.

''(v) Investment returns are distributed to each investor in the hospital in an amount that is directly proportional to the ownership interest of such investor in the hospital.

''(vi) Physician owners do not receive, directly or indirectly, any guaranteed receipt of or right to purchase other business interests related to the hospital, including the purchase or lease of any property under the control of other investors in the hospital or located near the premises of the hospital.

''(vii) The hospital does not offer a physician owner the opportunity to purchase or lease any property under the control of the hospital or any other investor in the hospital on more favorable terms than the terms offered to an individual who is not a physician owner.

''(E) PATIENT SAFETY.—

''(i) Insofar as the hospital admits a patient and does not have any physician available on the premises to provide services during all hours in which the hospital is providing services to such patient, before admitting the patient—

''(I) the hospital discloses such fact to a patient; and

''(II) following such disclosure, the hospital receives from the patient a signed acknowledgment that the patient understands such fact.

''(ii) The hospital has the capacity to—

''(I) provide assessment and initial treatment for patients; and

''(II) refer and transfer patients to hospitals with the capability to treat the needs of the patient involved.

''(F) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION TO CERTAIN CONVERTED FACILITIES.—The hospital was not converted from an ambulatory surgical center to a hospital on or after the date of enactment of this subsection.

''(2) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION REPORTED.—The Secretary shall publish, and update on an annual basis, the information submitted by hospitals under paragraph (1)(C)(i) on the public Internet website of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

''(3) EXCEPTION TO PROHIBITION ON EXPANSION OF FACILITY CAPACITY.—

''(A) PROCESS.—

''(i) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish and implement a process under which an applicable hospital (as defined in subparagraph (E)) may apply for an exception from the requirement under paragraph (1)(B).

''(ii) OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY INPUT.—The process under clause (i) shall provide individuals and entities in the community that the applicable hospital applying for an exception is located with the opportunity to provide input with respect to the application.

''(iii) TIMING FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall implement the process under clause (i) on November 1, 2009.

''(iv) REGULATIONS.—Not later than November 1, 2009, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations to carry out the process under clause (i).

''(B) FREQUENCY.—The process described in subparagraph (A) shall permit an applicable hospital to apply for an exception up to once every 2 years.

''(C) PERMITTED INCREASE.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii) and subparagraph (D), an applicable hospital granted an exception under the process described in subparagraph (A) may increase the number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds of the applicable hospital above the baseline number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds of the applicable hospital (or, if the applicable hospital has been granted a previous exception under this paragraph, above the number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds of the hospital after the application of the most recent increase under such an exception).

''(ii) LIFETIME 100 PERCENT INCREASE LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not permit an increase in the number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds of an applicable hospital under clause (i) to the extent such increase would result in the number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds of the applicable hospital exceeding 200 percent of the baseline number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds of the applicable hospital.

''(iii) BASELINE NUMBER OF OPERATING ROOMS, PROCEDURE ROOMS, AND BEDS.—In this paragraph, the term 'baseline number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds' means the number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds of the applicable hospital as of the date of enactment of this subsection.

''(D) INCREASE LIMITED TO FACILITIES ON THE MAIN CAMPUS OF THE HOSPITAL.—Any increase in the number of operating rooms, procedure rooms, and beds of an applicable hospital pursuant to this paragraph may only occur in facilities on the main campus of the applicable hospital.

''(E) APPLICABLE HOSPITAL.—In this paragraph, the term ''applicable hospital'' means a hospital—

''(i) that is located in a county in which the percentage increase in the population during the most recent 5-year period (as of the date of the application under subparagraph (A)) is at least 150 percent of the percentage increase in the population growth of the State in which the hospital is located during that period, as estimated by Bureau of the Census;

''(ii) whose annual percent of total inpatient admissions that represent inpatient admissions under the program under title XIX is equal to or greater than the average percent with respect to such admissions for all hospitals located in the county in which the hospital is located;

''(iii) that does not discriminate against beneficiaries of Federal health care programs and does not permit physicians practicing at the hospital to discriminate against such beneficiaries;

''(iv) that is located in a State in which the average bed capacity in the State is less than the national average bed capacity; and

''(v) that has an average bed occupancy rate that is greater than the average bed occupancy rate in the State in which the hospital is located.

''(F) PROCEDURE ROOMS.—In this subsection, the term 'procedure rooms' includes rooms in which catheterizations, angiographies, angiograms, and endoscopies are performed, except such term shall not include emergency rooms or departments (exclusive of rooms in which catheterizations, angiographies, angiograms, and endoscopies are performed).

''(G) PUBLICATION OF FINAL DECISIONS.—Not later than 60 days after receiving a complete application under this paragraph, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the final decision with respect to such application.

''(H) LIMITATION ON REVIEW.—There shall be no administrative or judicial review under section 1869, section 1878, or otherwise of the process under this paragraph (including the establishment of such process).

''(4) COLLECTION OF OWNERSHIP AND INVESTMENT INFORMATION.—For purposes of subparagraphs (A)(i) and (D)(i) of paragraph (1), the Secretary shall collect physician ownership and investment information for each hospital.

''(5) PHYSICIAN OWNER DEFINED.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'physician owner' means a physician (or an immediate family member of such physician) with a direct or an indirect ownership interest in the hospital.''.

(b) ENFORCEMENT.—

(1) ENSURING COMPLIANCE.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall establish policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the requirements described in subsection (i)(1) of section 1877 of the Social Security Act, as added by subsection (a)(3), beginning on the date such requirements first apply. Such policies and procedures may include unannounced site reviews of hospitals.

(2) AUDITS.—Beginning not later than January 1, 2010, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall conduct audits to determine if hospitals violate the requirements referred to in paragraph (1).

SEC. 6003. Medicare Improvement Fund.—

Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

''MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT FUND

''SEC. 1898. (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish under this title a Medicare Improvement Fund (in this section referred to as the 'Fund') which shall be available to the Secretary to make improvements under the original fee-for-service program under parts A and B for individuals entitled to, or enrolled for, benefits under part A or enrolled under part B.

''(b) FUNDING.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be available to the Fund, for expenditures from the Fund for services furnished during fiscal year 2014, $3,340,000,000.

''(2) PAYMENT FROM TRUST FUNDS.—The amount specified under paragraph (1) shall be available to the Fund, as expenditures are made from the Fund, from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund in such proportion as the Secretary determines appropriate.

''(3) FUNDING LIMITATION.—Amounts in the Fund shall be available in advance of appropriations but only if the total amount obligated from the Fund does not exceed the amount available to the Fund under paragraph (1). The Secretary may obligate funds from the Fund only if the Secretary determines (and the Chief Actuary of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the appropriate budget officer certify) that there are available in the Fund sufficient amounts to cover all such obligations incurred consistent with the previous sentence.''.

SEC. 6004. MORATORIUM ON AUGUST 17, 2007 CMS DIRECTIVE. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall not, prior to April 1, 2009, finalize, implement, enforce, or otherwise take any action to give effect to any or all components of the State Health Official Letter 07–001, dated August 17, 2007, issued by the Director of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services regarding certain requirements under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) relating to the prevention of the substitution of health benefits coverage for children (commonly referred to as ''crowd-out'') and the enforcement of medical support orders (or to any similar administrative actions that reflect the same or similar policies set forth in such letter). Any change made on or after August 17, 2007, to a Medicaid or CHIP State plan or waiver to implement, conform to, or otherwise adhere to the requirements or policies in such letter shall not apply prior to April 1, 2009.

SEC. 6005. ADJUSTMENT TO PAQI FUND. Section 1848(l)(2) of the Social Security Act (42

U.S.C. 1395w–4(l)(2)), as amended by section 101(a)(2) of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–173), is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)(i)—

(A) in subclause (III), by striking ''$4,960,000,000'' and inserting ''$3,940,000,000''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subclause:

''(IV) For expenditures during 2014, an amount equal to $3,750,000,000.'';

(2) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by adding at the end the following new subclause:

''(IV) 2014.—The amount available for expenditures during 2014 shall only be available for an adjustment to the update of the conversion factor under subsection (d) for that year.''; and

(3) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) in clause (ii), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(B) in clause (iii), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

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

''(iv) 2014 for payment with respect to physicians' services furnished during 2014.''.

TITLE VII—ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPETITION IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

CHAPTER 1—CLOSE THE CONTRACTOR FRAUD LOOPHOLE

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 7101. This chapter may be cited as the ''Close the Contractor Fraud Loophole Act''.

REVISION OF THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION

SEC. 7102. The Federal Acquisition Regulation shall be amended within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act pursuant to FAR Case 2007–006 (as published at 72 Fed Reg. 64019, November 14, 2007) or any follow-on FAR case to include provisions that require timely notification by Federal contractors of violations of Federal criminal law or overpayments in connection with the award or performance of covered contracts or subcontracts, including those performed outside the United States and those for commercial items.

DEFINITION

SEC. 7103. In this chapter, the term ''covered contract'' means any contract in an amount greater than $5,000,000 and more than 120 days in duration.

CHAPTER 2—GOVERNMENT FUNDING TRANSPARENCY

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 7201. This chapter may be cited as the ''Government Funding Transparency Act of 2008''.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF FEDERAL AWARDS

SEC. 7202. (a) DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.—Section 2(b)(1) of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (Public Law 109–282; 31 U.S.C. 6101 note) is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of subparagraph (E);

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (G); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following new subparagraph:

''(F) the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated officers of the entity if—

''(i) the entity in the preceding fiscal year received—

''(I) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues in Federal awards; and

''(II) $25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal awards; and

''(ii) the public does not have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives of the entity through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.''.

(b) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall promulgate regulations to implement the amendment made by this chapter. Such regulations shall include a definition of ''total compensation'' that is consistent with regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission at section 402 of part 229 of title 17 of the Code of Federal Regulations (or any subsequent regulation).

TITLE VIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

SEC. 8001. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

SEC. 8002. Each amount in each title of this Act is designated as an emergency requirement and necessary to meet emergency needs pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008.

AVOIDANCE OF U.S. PAYROLL TAX CONTRIBUTIONS

SEC. 8003. None of the funds in this Act may be used by any Federal agency for a contract with any United States corporation which hires United States employees through foreign offshore subsidiaries for purposes of avoiding United States payroll tax contributions for such employees.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

SEC. 8004. The explanatory statement printed in the Senate section of the Congressional Record on May 19, 2008, submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate regarding the amendments of the Senate to the House amendments to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, shall have the same effect with respect to the allocation of funds and implementation of titles I through XIII of this Act as if it were a report to the Senate on a bill reported by the Committee on Appropriations.

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 8005. This Act may be cited as the ''Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008''.

MOTION OFFERED BY MR. OBEY

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer the motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the motion.

The text of the motion is as follows:

Motion offered by Mr. OBEY:

Mr. Obey moves that the House concur in the Senate amendment to House amendment numbered 1 to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2642 and that the House concur in the Senate amendment to House amendment numbered 2 to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2642 with the amendment printed in House Report 110–720.

The text of the House amendment to Senate amendment No. 2 to House amendment No. 2 to the Senate amendment is as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment numbered 2 to the House amendment numbered 2 to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2642, insert the following:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND OTHER SECURITY-RELATED MATTERS

CHAPTER 1—AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

PUBLIC LAW 480 TITLE II GRANTS

For an additional amount for ''Public Law 480 Title II Grants'', $850,000,000, to remain available until expended.

For an additional amount for ''Public Law 480 Title II Grants'', $395,000,000, to become available on October 1, 2008, and to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 2—JUSTICE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For an additional amount for ''Office of Inspector General'', $4,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities'', $1,648,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses, United States Attorneys'', $5,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $28,621,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $106,122,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $82,600,000, to become available on October 1, 2008, and to remain available until September 30, 2009.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $29,861,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $4,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $9,100,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

GENERAL PROVISION, THIS CHAPTER

SEC. 1201. Funds appropriated by this chapter, or made available by the transfer of funds in this chapter, for intelligence or intelligence related activities are deemed to be specifically authorized by the Congress for purposes of section 504 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 414).

CHAPTER 3—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

For an additional amount for ''Military Construction, Army'', $1,108,200,000, of which

$921,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2009, and of which $187,200,000 for child development centers and trainee and recruit facilities (including planning and design) shall remain available until September 30, 2012: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided under this heading, not to exceed $73,400,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services: *Provided further*, That funds provided under this heading for Iraq shall not be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Defense certifies to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress that none of the funds are to be used for the purpose of providing facilities for the permanent basing of United States military personnel in Iraq.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for ''Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps'', $355,907,000, of which $295,516,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2009, and of which $60,391,000 for child development centers and trainee and recruit facilities (including planning and design) shall remain available until September 30, 2012: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided under this heading, not to exceed $15,843,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for ''Military Construction, Air Force'', $399,627,000, of which $361,600,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2009, and of which $38,027,000 for child development centers (including planning and design) shall remain available until September 30, 2012: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That of the funds provided under this heading, not to exceed $36,427,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services: *Provided further*, That funds provided under this heading for Iraq shall not be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Defense certifies to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress that none of the funds are to be used for the purpose of providing facilities for the permanent basing of United States military personnel in Iraq.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for ''Military Construction, Defense-Wide'', $890,921,000, of which $27,600,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2009, and of which $863,321,000 for medical treatment facilities (including planning and design) shall remain available until September 30, 2012: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for ''Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps'', $11,766,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT 2005

For deposit into the Department of Defense Base Closure Account 2005, established by section 2906A(a)(1) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687 note), $1,278,886,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''General Operating Expenses'', $100,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

For an additional amount for ''Information Technology Systems'', $20,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

For an additional amount for ''Construction, Major Projects'', $396,377,000, to remain available until expended, which shall be for acceleration and completion of planned major construction of Level I polytrauma rehabilitation centers as identified in the Department of Veterans Affairs' Five Year Capital Plan: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and major medical facility construction not otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That within 30 days of enactment of this Act the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this heading.

GENERAL PROVISIONS, THIS CHAPTER

SEC. 1301. In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated or made available under the heading ''Military Construction, Army'', there is hereby appropriated an additional $200,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2012, to accelerate barracks improvements at Department of Army installations: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and barracks construction not otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That within 30 days of enactment of this Act the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for barracks construction prior to obligation.

SEC. 1302. None of the funds appropriated in this or any other Act may be used to disestablish, reorganize, or relocate the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, except for the Armed Forces Medical Examiner, until the President has established, as required by section 722 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 122 Stat. 199; 10 U.S.C. 176 note), a Joint Pathology Center.

SEC. 1303. (a) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 53 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5302 the following new section:

''§ 5302A Collection of indebtedness: certain debts of members of the Armed Forces and veterans who die of injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in a combat zone

''(a) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may not collect all or any part of an amount owed to the United States by a member of the Armed Forces or veteran described in subsection (b) under any program under the laws administered by the Secretary, other than a program referred to in subsection (c), if the Secretary determines that termination of collection is in the best interest of the United States.

''(b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—A member of the Armed Forces or veteran described in this subsection is any member or veteran who dies as a result of an injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty while serving in a theater of combat operations (as determined by the Secretary in consultation with the Secretary of Defense) in a war or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities (as that term is defined in section 1712A(a)(2)(B) of this title) after September 11, 2001.

''(c) INAPPLICABILITY TO HOUSING AND SMALL BUSINESS BENEFIT PROGRAMS.—The limitation on authority in subsection (a) shall not apply to any amounts owed the United States under any program carried out under chapter 37 of this title.''.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 53 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 5302 the following new item:

''5302A. Collection of indebtedness: certain debts of members of the Armed Forces and veterans who die of injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in a combat zone.''.

(b) EQUITABLE REFUND.—In any case where all or any part of an indebtedness of a covered individual, as described in section 5302A(a) of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a)(1), was collected after September 11, 2001, and before the date of the enactment of this Act, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines that such indebtedness would have been terminated had such section been in effect at such time, the Secretary may refund the amount so collected if the Secretary determines that the individual is equitably entitled to such refund.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, and shall apply with respect to collections of indebtedness of members of the Armed Forces and veterans who die on or after September 11, 2001.

(d) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the ''Combat Veterans Debt Elimination Act of 2008''.

CHAPTER 4—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS

SUBCHAPTER A—SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for ''Diplomatic and Consular Programs'', $1,465,700,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, of which $210,400,000 is for worldwide security protection and shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That not more than $1,150,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available for diplomatic operations in Iraq: *Provided further*, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, not more than $30,000,000 shall be made available to establish and implement a coordinated civilian response capacity at the United States Department of State.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Office of Inspector General'', $9,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009: *Provided*, That

$2,500,000 shall be transferred to the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction for reconstruction oversight, and $2,000,000 shall be transferred to the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction for reconstruction oversight.

EMBASSY SECURITY, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE

For an additional amount for ''Embassy Security, Construction, and Maintenance'', $76,700,000, to remain available until expended, for facilities in Afghanistan.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

For an additional amount for ''Contributions to International Organizations'', $66,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES

For an additional amount for ''Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities'', $373,708,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, of which $333,600,000 shall be made available for the United Nations-African Union Hybrid Mission in Darfur.

RELATED AGENCY

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for ''International Broadcasting Operations'', $2,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for ''International Disaster Assistance'', $220,000,000, to remain available until expended.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

For an additional amount for ''Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development'', $150,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009: *Provided*, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, not more than $25,000,000 shall be made available to establish and implement a coordinated civilian response capacity at the United States Agency for International Development.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For an additional amount for ''Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development Office of Inspector General'', $4,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

OTHER BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND

For an additional amount for ''Economic Support Fund'', $1,882,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, of which not more than $424,000,000 may be made available for assistance for Iraq, $175,000,000 shall be made available for assistance for Jordan to meet the needs of Iraqi refugees, and up to $53,000,000 may be made available for energy-related assistance for North Korea, notwithstanding any other provision of law: *Provided*, That not more than $171,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading in this subchapter shall be made available for assistance for the West Bank and Gaza and none of such funds shall be for cash transfer assistance: *Provided further*, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, $1,000,000 shall be made available for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Mexico: *Provided further*, That the funds made available under this heading for energy-related assistance for North Korea may be made available to support the goals of the Six Party Talks Agreements after the Secretary of State determines and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that North Korea is continuing to fulfill its commitments under such agreements.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEMOCRACY FUND

For an additional amount for ''Democracy Fund'', $76,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, of which $75,000,000 shall be for democracy programs in Iraq and $1,000,000 shall be for democracy programs in Chad.

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

For an additional amount for ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'', $390,300,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, of which not more than $25,000,000 shall be made available for security assistance for the West Bank.

MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for ''Migration and Refugee Assistance'', $315,000,000, to remain available until expended.

UNITED STATES EMERGENCY REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE FUND

For an additional amount for ''United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund'', $31,000,000, to remain available until expended.

NONPROLIFERATION, ANTI-TERRORISM, DEMINING AND RELATED PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for ''Nonproliferation, Anti-Terrorism, Demining and Related Programs'', $13,700,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING PROGRAM

For an additional amount for ''Foreign Military Financing Program'', $137,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, of which $17,000,000 shall be made available for assistance for Jordan and up to $116,500,000 may be made available for assistance for Mexico.

Not more than $1,350,000 of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available under the heading ''Foreign Military Financing Program'' by the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (division J of Public Law 110–161) that were previously transferred to and merged with ''Diplomatic and Consular Programs'' may be made available for any purposes authorized for that account, of which up to $500,000 shall be made available to increase the capacity of the United States Embassy in Mexico City to implement section 620J of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961: *Provided*, That funds made available by this paragraph shall not be subject to Section 8002 of this Act.

SUBCHAPTER B—BRIDGE FUND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for ''Diplomatic and Consular Programs'', $704,900,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2009: *Provided*, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, $78,400,000 is for worldwide security protection and shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That not more than $550,500,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available for diplomatic operations in Iraq.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Office of Inspector General'', $57,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2009: *Provided*, That $36,500,000 shall be transferred to the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction for reconstruction oversight and $5,000,000 shall be transferred to the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction for reconstruction oversight.

EMBASSY SECURITY, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE

For an additional amount for ''Embassy Security, Construction, and Maintenance'', $41,300,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available until expended, for facilities in Afghanistan.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

For an additional amount for ''Contributions to International Organizations'', $75,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2009.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES

For an additional amount for ''Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities'', $150,500,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2009.

RELATED AGENCY

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for ''International Broadcasting Operations'', $6,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2009.

BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

GLOBAL HEALTH AND CHILD SURVIVAL

For an additional amount for ''Global Health and Child Survival'', $75,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2009, for programs to combat avian influenza.

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for ''Development Assistance'', $200,000,000, for assistance for developing countries to address the international food crisis notwithstanding any other provision of law, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2010: *Provided*, That such assistance should be carried out consistent with the purposes of section 103(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961: *Provided further*, That not more than $50,000,000 should be made available for local or regional purchase and distribution of food: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act, and prior to the initial obligation of funds appropriated under this heading, a report on the proposed uses of such funds to alleviate hunger and malnutrition, including a list of those countries facing significant food shortages.

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for ''International Disaster Assistance'', $200,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available until expended.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

For an additional amount for ''Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for

International Development'', $93,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2009.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For an additional amount for ''Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development Office of Inspector General'', $1,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2009.

OTHER BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND

For an additional amount for ''Economic Support Fund'', $1,124,800,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2009, of which not more than $102,500,000 may be made available for assistance for Iraq, $100,000,000 shall be made available for assistance for Jordan, not more than $455,000,000 may be made available for assistance for Afghanistan, not more than $150,000,000 may be made available for assistance for Pakistan, not more than $150,000,000 shall be made available for assistance for the West Bank and Gaza, and $15,000,000 may be made available for energy-related assistance for North Korea, notwithstanding any other provision of law.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

For an additional amount for ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'', $199,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2009: *Provided*, That not more than $50,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be made available for security assistance for the West Bank and up to $48,000,000 may be made available for assistance for Mexico.

MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for ''Migration and Refugee Assistance'', $350,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available until expended.

NONPROLIFERATION, ANTI-TERRORISM, DEMINING AND RELATED PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for ''Nonproliferation, Anti-Terrorism, Demining and Related Programs'', $4,500,000, for humanitarian demining assistance for Iraq, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2009.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING PROGRAM

For an additional amount for ''Foreign Military Financing Program'', $302,500,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2009, of which $100,000,000 shall be made available for assistance for Jordan, and not less than $170,000,000 shall be available for grants only for Israel and shall be disbursed not later than November 1, 2008: *Provided*, That section 3802(c) of title III, chapter 8 of Public Law 110–28 shall apply to funds made available under this heading for assistance for Lebanon.

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for ''Peacekeeping Operations'', $95,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2008, and remain available through September 30, 2009.

SUBCHAPTER C—GENERAL PROVISIONS, THIS CHAPTER

EXTENSION OF AUTHORITIES

SEC. 1401. Funds appropriated by this chapter may be obligated and expended notwithstanding section 10 of Public Law 91–672 (22 U.S.C. 2412), section 15 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2680), section 313 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (22 U.S.C. 6212), and section 504(a)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 414(a)(1)).

IRAQ

SEC. 1402. (a) ASSET TRANSFER AGREEMENT.—

(1) None of the funds appropriated by this chapter for infrastructure maintenance activities in Iraq may be made available until the Secretary of State certifies and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that the Governments of the United States and Iraq have entered into, and are implementing, an asset transfer agreement that includes commitments by the Government of Iraq to maintain United States-funded infrastructure in Iraq.

(2) None of the funds appropriated by this chapter may be made available for the construction of prison facilities in Iraq.

(b) ANTI-CORRUPTION.—Not more than 40 percent of the funds appropriated by this chapter for rule of law programs in Iraq may be made available for assistance for the Government of Iraq until the Secretary of State reports to the Committees on Appropriations that a comprehensive anti-corruption strategy has been developed, and is being implemented, by the Government of Iraq, and the Secretary of State submits a list, in classified form if necessary, to the Committees on Appropriations of senior Iraqi officials who the Secretary has credible evidence to believe have committed corrupt acts.

(c) PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAMS.—None of the funds appropriated by this chapter for the operational or program expenses of Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) in Iraq may be made available until the Secretary of State submits a report to the Committees on Appropriations detailing—

(1) the strategy for the eventual winding down and close out of PRTs;

(2) anticipated costs associated with PRT operations, programs, and eventual winding down and close out, including security for PRT personnel and anticipated Government of Iraq contributions; and

(3) anticipated placement and cost estimates of future United States Consulates in Iraq.

(d) COMMUNITY STABILIZATION PROGRAM.—Not more than 50 percent of the funds appropriated by this chapter for the Community Stabilization Program in Iraq may be made available until the Secretary of State certifies and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that the United States Agency for International Development is implementing recommendations contained in Office of Inspector General Audit Report No. E-267-08-001-P to ensure accountability of funds.

(e) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated by this chapter for assistance for Iraq shall be made available only to the extent that the Government of Iraq matches such assistance on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to funds made available for—

(A) grants and cooperative agreements for programs to promote democracy and human rights;

(B) the Community Action Program and other assistance through civil society organizations;

(C) humanitarian demining; or

(D) assistance for refugees, internally displaced persons, and civilian victims of the military operations.

(3) The Secretary of State shall certify to the Committees on Appropriations prior to the initial obligation of funds pursuant to this section that the Government of Iraq has committed to obligate matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The Secretary shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than September 30, 2008, and 180 days thereafter, detailing the amounts of funds obligated and expended by the Government of Iraq to meet the requirements of this section.

(4) Not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations detailing the amounts provided by the Government of Iraq since June 30, 2004, to assist Iraqi refugees in Syria, Jordan, and elsewhere, and the amount of such assistance the Government of Iraq plans to provide in fiscal year 2008. The Secretary shall work expeditiously with the Government of Iraq to establish an account within its annual budget sufficient to, at a minimum, match United States contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis to organizations and programs for the purpose of assisting Iraqi refugees.

AFGHANISTAN

SEC. 1403. (a) ASSISTANCE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS.—Funds appropriated by this chapter under the heading ''Economic Support Fund'' that are available for assistance for Afghanistan shall be made available, to the maximum extent practicable, through local Afghan provincial and municipal governments and Afghan civil society organizations and in a manner that emphasizes the participation of Afghan women and directly improves the economic, social and political status of Afghan women and girls.

(b) HIGHER EDUCATION.—Of the funds appropriated by this chapter under the heading ''Economic Support Fund'' that are made available for education programs in Afghanistan, not less than 50 percent shall be made available to support higher education and vocational training programs in law, accounting, engineering, public administration, and other disciplines necessary to rebuild the country, in which the participation of women is emphasized.

(c) POST-OPERATIONS ASSISTANCE.—Of the funds appropriated by this chapter under the heading ''Economic Support Fund'' that are available for assistance for Afghanistan, not less than $2,000,000 shall be made available for a United States contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization/International Security Assistance Force Post-Operations Humanitarian Relief Fund.

(d) ANTI-CORRUPTION.—Not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall—

(1) submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations on actions being taken by the Government of Afghanistan to combat corruption within the national and provincial governments, including to remove and prosecute officials who have committed corrupt acts;

(2) submit a list to the Committees on Appropriations, in classified form if necessary, of senior Afghan officials who the Secretary has credible evidence to believe have committed corrupt acts; and

(3) certify and report to the Committees on Appropriations that effective mechanisms are in place to ensure that assistance to national government ministries and provincial governments will be properly accounted for.

WEST BANK

SEC. 1404. Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act and 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations a report on assistance provided by the United States for the training of Palestinian security forces, including detailed descriptions of

the training, curriculum, and equipment provided; an assessment of the training and the performance of forces after training has been completed; and a description of the assistance that has been pledged and provided to Palestinian security forces by other donors: *Provided*, That not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall report to the Committees on Appropriations, in classified form if necessary, on the security strategy of the Palestinian Authority.

WAIVER OF CERTAIN SANCTIONS AGAINST NORTH KOREA

SEC. 1405. (a) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the President may waive in whole or in part, with respect to North Korea, the application of any sanction contained in subparagraph (A), (B), (D) or (G) under section 102(b)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2799aa–1(b)), for the purpose of providing assistance related to—

(A) the implementation and verification of the compliance by North Korea with its commitment, undertaken in the Joint Statement of September 19, 2005, to abandon all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programs as part of the verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula; and

(B) the elimination of the capability of North Korea to develop, deploy, transfer, or maintain weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems.

(2) LIMITATION.—The authority under paragraph (1) shall expire 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

(1) LIMITED EXCEPTION RELATED TO CERTAIN SANCTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS.—The authority under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a sanction or prohibition under subparagraph (B) or (G) of section 102(b)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act, unless the President determines and certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that—

(A) all reasonable steps will be taken to assure that the articles or services exported or otherwise provided will not be used to improve the military capabilities of the armed forces of North Korea; and

(B) such waiver is in the national security interests of the United States.

(2) LIMITED EXCEPTION RELATED TO CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.—Unless the President determines and certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that using the authority under subsection (a) is vital to the national security interests of the United States, such authority shall not apply with respect to—

(A) an activity described in subparagraph (A) of section 102(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act that occurs after September 19, 2005, and before the date of the enactment of this Act;

(B) an activity described in subparagraph (C) of such section that occurs after September 19, 2005; or

(C) an activity described in subparagraph (D) of such section that occurs after the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) EXCEPTION RELATED TO CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OCCURRING AFTER DATE OF ENACTMENT.—The authority under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to an activity described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 102(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act that occurs after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(4) LIMITED EXCEPTION RELATED TO LETHAL WEAPONS.—The authority under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to any export of lethal defense articles that would be prevented by the application of section 102(b)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act.

(c) NOTIFICATIONS AND REPORTS.—

(1) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—The President shall notify the appropriate congressional committees in writing not later than 15 days before exercising the waiver authority under subsection (a).

(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than January 31, 2009, and annually thereafter, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that—

(A) lists all waivers issued under subsection (a) during the preceding year;

(B) describes in detail the progress that is being made in the implementation of the commitment undertaken by North Korea, in the Joint Statement of September 19, 2005, to abandon all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programs as part of the verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula;

(C) discusses specifically any shortcomings in the implementation by North Korea of that commitment; and

(D) lists and describes the progress and shortcomings, in the preceding year, of all other programs promoting the elimination of the capability of North Korea to develop, deploy, transfer, or maintain weapons of mass destruction or their delivery systems.

(3) REPORT ON VERIFICATION MEASURES RELATING TO NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAMS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on verification measures relating to North Korea's nuclear programs under the Six-Party Talks Agreement of February 13, 2007, with specific focus on how such verification measures are defined under the Six-Party Talks Agreement and understood by the United States Government.

(B) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required under subsection (A) shall include, among other elements, a description of—

(i) how the United States will confirm that North Korea has ''provided a complete and correct declaration of all of its nuclear programs'';

(ii) how the United States will maintain a high and ongoing level of confidence that North Korea has fully met the terms of the Six-Party Talks Agreement relating to its nuclear programs;

(iii) any diplomatic agreement with North Korea regarding verification measures relating to North Korea's nuclear programs under the Six-Party Talks Agreement (other than implementing arrangements made during on-site operations); and

(iv) any significant and continuing disagreement with North Korea regarding verification measures relating to North Korea's nuclear programs under the Six-Party Talks Agreement.

(C) FORM.—The report required under subsection (A) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term ''appropriate congressional committees'' means—

(1) the Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, and Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

(2) the Committees on Appropriations, Armed Services, and Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

MEXICO

SEC. 1406. (a) ASSISTANCE FOR MEXICO.—Of the funds appropriated under the headings ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'', ''Foreign Military Financing Program'', and ''Economic Support Fund'' in this chapter, not more than $352,000,000 of the funds appropriated in subchapter A and $48,000,000 of the funds appropriated in subchapter B may be made available for assistance for Mexico, only to combat drug trafficking and related violence and organized crime, and for judicial reform, institution building, anti-corruption, and rule of law activities, of which not less than $73,500,000 shall be used for judicial reform, institution building, anti-corruption, and rule of law activities: *Provided*, That none of the funds made available under this section shall be made available for budget support or as cash payments: *Provided further*, That not more than 45 days after enactment of this Act, and after consulting with relevant Mexican Government authorities, the Secretary of State shall report in writing to the Committees on Appropriations on the procedures in place to implement section 620J of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Fifteen percent of the funds made available in this chapter for assistance for Mexico under the headings ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'' and ''Foreign Military Financing Program'' may not be obligated until the Secretary of State reports in writing to the Committees on Appropriations that the Government of Mexico is—

(1) improving the transparency and accountability of federal police forces and working with state and municipal authorities to improve the transparency and accountability of state and municipal police forces through mechanisms including establishing police complaints commissions with authority and independence to receive complaints and carry out effective investigations;

(2) establishing a mechanism for regular consultations among relevant Mexican Government authorities, Mexican human rights organizations and other relevant Mexican civil society organizations, to make recommendations concerning implementation of the Merida Initiative in accordance with Mexican and international law;

(3) ensuring that civilian prosecutors and judicial authorities are investigating and prosecuting, in accordance with Mexican and international law, members of the federal police and military forces who have been credibly alleged to have committed violations of human rights, and the federal police and military forces are fully cooperating with the investigations; and

(4) enforcing the prohibition, in accordance with Mexican and international law, on the use of testimony obtained through torture or other ill-treatment.

(c) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (b), of the funds appropriated by subchapter A for assistance for Mexico under the heading ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'', $3,000,000 shall be made available for technical and other assistance to enable the Government of Mexico to implement a unified national registry of federal, state, and municipal police officers.

(d) REPORT.—The report required in subsection (b) shall include a description of actions taken with respect to each requirement and the cases or issues brought to the attention of the Secretary of State for which the response or action taken has been inadequate.

(e) NOTIFICATION.—Funds made available for Mexico by this chapter shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations and section 634A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2394–1).

(f) SPENDING PLAN.—Not later than 45 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations a detailed spending plan for funds appropriated or otherwise made available for Mexico by this chapter, which shall include a strategy, developed after consulting with relevant Mexican Government authorities, for combating drug trafficking and related violence and organized crime, judicial reform, institution

building, anti-corruption, and rule of law activities, with concrete goals, actions to be taken, budget proposals, and anticipated results.

CENTRAL AMERICA

SEC. 1407. (a) ASSISTANCE FOR THE COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA.—Of the funds appropriated in subchapter A under the headings ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'', ''Foreign Military Financing Program'', ''Nonproliferation, Anti-Terrorism, Demining and Related Programs'', and ''Economic Support Fund'', $65,000,000 may be made available for assistance for the countries of Central America, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic only to combat drug trafficking and related violence and organized crime, and for judicial reform, institution building, anti-corruption, rule of law activities, and maritime security: *Provided*, That of the funds appropriated under the heading ''Economic Support Fund'', $25,000,000 shall be made available for an Economic and Social Development Fund for Central America, of which $20,000,000 shall be made available through the United States Agency for International Development and $5,000,000 shall be made available through the Department of State for educational exchange programs: *Provided further*, That of the funds appropriated in subchapter A under the heading ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'', $2,500,000 shall be made available for assistance for Haiti, $2,500,000 shall be made available for assistance for the Dominican Republic, and $1,000,000 shall be made available for a United States contribution to the International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala: *Provided further*, That none of the funds shall be made available for budget support or as cash payments: *Provided further*, That not more than 45 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall report in writing to the Committees on Appropriations on the procedures in place to implement section 620J of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Fifteen percent of the funds made available by this chapter for assistance for the countries of Central America, Haiti and the Dominican Republic under the headings ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'' and ''Foreign Military Financing Program'' may not be obligated until the Secretary of State reports in writing to the Committees on Appropriations that the government of such country is—

(1) establishing police complaints commissions with authority and independence to receive complaints and carry out effective investigations;

(2) implementing reforms to improve the capacity and ensure the independence of the judiciary; and

(3) investigating and prosecuting members of the federal police and military forces who have been credibly alleged to have committed violations of human rights.

(c) REPORT.—The report required in subsection (b) shall include actions taken with respect to each requirement and the cases or issues brought to the attention of the Secretary of State for which the response or action taken has been inadequate.

(d) NOTIFICATION.—Funds made available for assistance for the countries of Central America, Haiti and the Dominican Republic in subchapter A shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations and section 634A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2394–1).

(e) SPENDING PLAN.—Not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations a detailed spending plan for funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the countries of Central America, Haiti and the Dominican Republic in subchapter A, which shall include a strategy for combating drug trafficking and related violence and organized crime, judicial reform, institution building, anti-corruption, and rule of law activities, with concrete goals, actions to be taken, budget proposals and anticipated results.

(f) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this section, the term ''countries of Central America'' means Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama.

BUYING POWER MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

SEC. 1408. (a) Of the funds appropriated under the heading ''Diplomatic and Consular Programs'' and allocated by section 3810 of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110–28), $26,000,000 shall be transferred to and merged with funds in the ''Buying Power Maintenance Account'': *Provided*, That of the funds made available by this chapter up to an additional $74,000,000 may be transferred to and merged with the ''Buying Power Maintenance Account'', subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations and in accordance with the procedures in section 34 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2706). Any funds transferred pursuant to this section shall be available, without fiscal year limitation, pursuant to section 24 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2696).

(b) Section 24(b)(7) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2696(b)(7)) is amended by amending subparagraph (D) to read as follows:

''(D) The authorities contained in this paragraph may be exercised only with respect to funds appropriated or otherwise made available after fiscal year 2008.''.

(c) The Broadcasting Board of Governors may transfer funds into its Buying Power Maintenance Account, notwithstanding the requirement that such funds be provided in advance in appropriations Acts. The authority in this subsection may be exercised only with respect to funds appropriated or otherwise made available after fiscal year 2008.

SERBIA

SEC. 1409. Of the funds made available under the heading ''Assistance for Eastern Europe and the Baltic States'' by title III of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (division J of Public Law 110–161), an amount equivalent to the unpaid costs of damage to the United States Embassy in Belgrade, Serbia, as estimated by the Secretary of State, resulting from the February 21, 2008 attack on such Embassy, shall be withheld from obligation for assistance for the central government of Serbia if the Secretary of State reports to the Committees on Appropriations that the Government of Serbia has failed to provide full compensation to the Department of State for damages to the United States Embassy resulting from the February 21, 2008 attack on such embassy. Section 8002 of this Act shall not apply to this section.

RESCISSIONS

SEC. 1410. (a) WORLD FOOD PROGRAM.—

(1) For an additional amount for a contribution to the World Food Program to assist farmers in countries affected by food shortages to increase crop yields, notwithstanding any other provision of law, $20,000,000, to remain available until expended.

(2) Of the funds appropriated under the heading ''Andean Counterdrug Initiative'' in prior Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, $20,000,000 are rescinded.

(b) SUDAN.—

(1) For an additional amount for ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'', $10,000,000, for assistance for Sudan to support formed police units, to remain available until September 30, 2009, and subject to prior consultation with the Committees on Appropriations.

(2) Of the funds appropriated under the heading ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'' in prior Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, $10,000,000 are rescinded.

(c) RESCISSION.—Of the unobligated balances of funds appropriated for ''Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund'' in prior Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, $50,000,000 are rescinded.

(d) EXCEPTION.—Section 8002 of this Act shall not apply to subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

DARFUR PEACEKEEPING

SEC. 1411. Funds appropriated under the headings ''Foreign Military Financing Program'' and ''Peacekeeping Operations'' by the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (division J of Public Law 110–161) and by prior Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs may be used to transfer, equip, upgrade, refurbish or lease helicopters or related equipment necessary to support the operations of the African Union/United Nations peacekeeping operation in Darfur, Sudan, that was established pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1769. The President may utilize the authority of sections 506 or 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2318, 2321j) or section 61 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2796) in order to provide such support, notwithstanding any other provision of law except for sections 502B(a)(2), 620A and 620J of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(a)(2), 2371, 2378d) and section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780). Any exercise of the authorities provided by section 506 of the Foreign Assistance Act pursuant to this section may include the authority to acquire helicopters by contract.

TIBET

SEC. 1412. (a) Of the funds appropriated by this Act or prior Acts making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations and related programs under the headings ''Diplomatic and Consular Programs'' and ''Embassy Security, Construction, and Maintenance'', up to $5,000,000 shall be made available to establish a United States Consulate in Lhasa, Tibet.

(b) The Department of State should not consent to opening a consular post in the United States by the People's Republic of China until such time as the People's Republic of China consents to opening a United States consular post in Lhasa, Tibet.

JORDAN

(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

SEC. 1413. (a) For an additional amount for ''Economic Support Fund'' for assistance for Jordan, $25,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

(b) For an additional amount for ''Foreign Military Financing Program'' for assistance for Jordan, $33,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

(c) Of the unobligated balances of funds appropriated under the heading ''Millennium

Challenge Corporation'' in prior Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, $58,000,000 are rescinded.

(d) Section 8002 of this Act shall not apply to this section.

ALLOCATIONS

SEC. 1414. (a) Funds provided by this chapter for the following accounts shall be made available for programs and countries in the amounts contained in the respective tables included in the explanatory statement printed in the Congressional Record accompanying this Act:

''Diplomatic and Consular Programs''

''Economic Support Fund''.

(b) Any proposed increases or decreases to the amounts contained in such tables in the explanatory statement printed in the Congressional Record accompanying this Act shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations and section 634A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

REPROGRAMMING AUTHORITY

SEC. 1415. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to include minimum funding requirements or funding directives, funds made available under the headings ''Development Assistance'' and ''Economic Support Fund'' in prior Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs may be made available to address critical food shortages, subject to prior consultation with, and the regular notification procedures of, the Committees on Appropriations.

SPENDING PLANS AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

SEC. 1416. (a) SUBCHAPTER A SPENDING PLAN.—Not later than 45 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations a report detailing planned expenditures for funds appropriated under the headings in subchapter A, except for funds appropriated under the headings ''International Disaster Assistance'', ''Migration and Refugee Assistance'', and ''United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund''.

(b) SUBCHAPTER B SPENDING PLAN.—The Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations not later than November 1, 2008, and prior to the initial obligation of funds, a detailed spending plan for funds appropriated or otherwise made available in subchapter B, except for funds appropriated under the headings ''International Disaster Assistance'', ''Migration and Refugee Assistance'', and ''United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund''.

(c) NOTIFICATION.—Funds made available in this chapter shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations and section 634A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

SEC. 1417. Unless otherwise provided for in this Act, funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this chapter shall be available under the authorities and conditions provided in the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (division J of Public Law 110–161), except that section 699K of such Act shall not apply to funds in this chapter.

TITLE II—DOMESTIC MATTERS

CHAPTER 1—FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $150,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009: *Provided*, That of the amount provided: (1) $66,792,000 shall be for the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition and related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (2) $28,019,000 shall be for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research and related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (3) $12,736,000 shall be for the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research and related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (4) $6,057,000 shall be for the Center for Veterinary Medicine and related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (5) $20,094,000 shall be for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health and related field activities in the Office of Regulatory Affairs; (6) $3,396,000 shall be for the National Center for Toxicological Research; and (7) $12,906,000 shall be for other activities, including the Office of the Commissioner, the Office of Scientific and Medical Programs; the Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness; the Office of International and Special Programs; the Office of Operations; and central services for these offices.

CHAPTER 2—COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

PERIODIC CENSUSES AND PROGRAMS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Periodic Censuses and Programs'', $210,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the 2010 Decennial Census: *Provided*, That not less than $3,000,000 shall be transferred to the ''Office of Inspector General'' at the Department of Commerce for necessary expenses associated with oversight activities of the 2010 Decennial Census: *Provided further*, That not less than $1,000,000 shall be used only for a reimbursable agreement with the Defense Contract Management Agency to provide continuing contract management oversight of the 2010 Decennial Census.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Salaries and Expenses'', $178,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2008.

OTHER AGENCIES

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

SCIENCE, AERONAUTICS AND EXPLORATION

For an additional amount for ''Science, Aeronautics and Exploration'', $62,500,000.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

For an additional amount for ''Research and Related Activities'', $22,500,000, of which $5,000,000 shall be available solely for activities authorized by section 7002(b)(2)(A)(iv) of Public Law 110–69.

EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

For an additional amount for ''Education and Human Resources'', $40,000,000: *Provided*, That of the amount provided, $20,000,000 shall be available for activities authorized by section 10 of the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 1862n–1) and $20,000,000 shall be available for activities authorized by section 10A of the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 1862n–1a).

CHAPTER 3—ENERGY

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ENERGY PROGRAMS

SCIENCE

For an additional amount for ''Science'', $62,500,000, to remain available until expended.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

For an additional amount for ''Defense Environmental Cleanup'', $62,500,000, to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 4—LABOR AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for ''State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service Operations'' for grants to the States for the administration of State unemployment insurance, $110,000,000, which may be expended from the Employment Security Administration Account in the Unemployment Trust Fund, to be used for unemployment insurance workloads experienced by the States through September 30, 2008, which shall be available for Federal obligation through December 31, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for ''Office of the Director'', $150,000,000, which shall be transferred to the Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health and to the Common Fund established under section 402A(c)(1) of the Public Health Service Act in proportion to the appropriations otherwise made to such Institutes, Centers, and Common Fund for fiscal year 2008: *Provided*, That these funds shall be used to support additional scientific research and shall be merged with and be available for the same purposes and for the same time period as the appropriation or fund to which transferred: *Provided further*, That this transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the National Institutes of Health: *Provided further*, That none of these funds may be transferred to ''National Institutes of Health–Buildings and Facilities'', the Center for Scientific Review, the Center for Information Technology, the Clinical Center, the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, or the Office of the Director (except for the transfer to the Common Fund).

CHAPTER 5—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PAYMENT TO WIDOWS AND HEIRS OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

For payment to Annette Lantos, widow of Tom Lantos, late a Representative from the State of California, $169,300: *Provided*, That section 8002 shall not apply to this appropriation.

TITLE III—NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY

CHAPTER 1—AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FARM SERVICE AGENCY

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

For an additional amount for the ''Emergency Conservation Program'', $89,413,000, to remain available until expended.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

For an additional amount for the ''Emergency Watershed Protection Program'', $390,464,000, to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 2—COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Pursuant to section 703 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3233), for an additional amount for ''Economic Development Assistance Programs'', for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure in areas covered by a declaration of major disaster under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) as a result of recent natural disasters, $100,000,000, to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 3—CORPS OF ENGINEERS

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for ''Construction'', for necessary expenses to address emergency situations at Corps of Engineers projects and rehabilitate and repair damages to Corps projects caused by recent natural disasters, $61,700,000, to remain available until expended.

For an additional amount for ''Construction'', for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, $2,835,000,000, to become available on October 1, 2008, and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Army is directed to use $1,997,000,000 of the funds provided herein to modify authorized projects in southeast Louisiana to provide hurricane, storm and flood damage reduction in the greater New Orleans and surrounding areas to the levels of protection necessary to achieve the certification required for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program under the base flood elevations current at the time of enactment of this Act, and shall use $1,077,000,000 of those funds for the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity project and $920,000,000 of those funds for the West Bank and Vicinity project: *Provided further*, That, in addition, $838,000,000 of the funds provided herein shall be for elements of Southeast Louisiana Urban Drainage project within the geographic perimeter of the West Bank and Vicinity and Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity projects, to provide for interior drainage of runoff from rainfall with a ten percent annual exceedance probability: *Provided further*, That the amounts provided herein shall be subject to a 65 percent Federal / 35 percent non-Federal cost share for the specified purposes: *Provided further*, That beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Chief of Engineers, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, shall provide monthly reports to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing the allocation and obligation of these funds: *Provided further*, That the expenditure of funds as provided above may be made without regard to individual amounts or purposes except that any reallocation of funds that is necessary to accomplish the established goals is authorized subject to the approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

For an additional amount for ''Mississippi River and Tributaries'' for recovery from natural disasters, $17,590,000, to remain available until expended, to repair damages to Federal projects caused by recent natural disasters.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

For an additional amount for ''Operation and Maintenance'' to dredge navigation channels and repair other Corps projects related to natural disasters, $298,344,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Chief of Engineers, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, shall provide a monthly report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations detailing the allocation and obligation of these funds, beginning not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act.

FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

For an additional amount for ''Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies'', as authorized by section 5 of the Act of August 18, 1941 (33 U.S.C. 701n), for necessary expenses to prepare for flood, hurricane and other natural disasters and support emergency operations, repair and other activities in response to flood and hurricane emergencies as authorized by law, $226,854,800, to remain available until expended.

For an additional amount for ''Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies'', as authorized by section 5 of the Act of August 18, 1941 (33 U.S.C. 701n), for necessary expenses relating to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season, $2,926,000,000, to become available on October 1, 2008, and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That funds provided herein shall be used to reduce the risk of hurricane and storm damages to the greater New Orleans metropolitan area, at full Federal expense, for the following: $704,000,000 shall be used to modify the 17th Street, Orleans Avenue, and London Avenue drainage canals and install pumps and closure structures at or near the lakefront; $90,000,000 shall be used for storm-proofing interior pump stations to ensure the operability of the stations during hurricanes, storms, and high water events; $459,000,000 shall be used for armoring critical elements of the New Orleans hurricane and storm damage reduction system; $53,000,000 shall be used to improve protection at the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal; $456,000,000 shall be used to replace or modify certain non-Federal levees in Plaquemines Parish to incorporate the levees into the existing New Orleans to Venice hurricane protection project; $412,000,000 shall be used for reinforcing or replacing flood walls, as necessary, in the existing Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity project and the existing West Bank and Vicinity project to improve the performance of the systems; $393,000,000 shall be used for repair and restoration of authorized protections and floodwalls; and $359,000,000 shall be to complete the authorized protection for the Lake Ponchartrain and Vicinity, West Bank and Vicinity, and the New Orleans to Venice projects: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Army, within available funds, is directed to continue the NEPA alternative evaluation of all options with particular attention to Options 1, 2 and 2a of the report to Congress, dated August 30, 2007, provided in response to the requirements of chapter 3, section 4303 of Public Law 110–28, and within 90 days of enactment of this Act provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations cost estimates to implement Options 1, 2 and 2a of the above cited report: *Provided further*, That beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Chief of Engineers, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, shall provide monthly reports to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing the allocation and obligation of these funds: *Provided further*, That any project using funds appropriated under this heading shall be initiated only after non-Federal interests have entered into binding agreements with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works requiring the non-Federal interests to pay 100 percent of the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation costs of completed elements and to hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction, operation, and maintenance of the project, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors: *Provided further*, That the expenditure of funds as provided above may be made without regard to individual amounts or purposes except that any reallocation of funds that is necessary to accomplish the established goals is authorized subject to the approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

EXPENSES

For an additional amount for ''Expenses'' for increased efforts by the Mississippi Valley Division to oversee emergency response and recovery activities related to the consequences of hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005, $1,500,000 to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 4—SMALL BUSINESS

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DISASTER LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the cost of direct loans authorized by section 7(b) of the Small Business Act, for necessary expenses related to flooding in Midwestern States and other natural disasters, $164,939,000, to remain available until expended: *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.

In addition, for expenses to carry out the direct loan program in response to flooding in Midwestern States and other natural disasters, including onsite assistance to disaster victims, increased staff at call centers, processing centers, and field inspections teams, and attorneys to assist in loan closings, $101,814,000, to remain available until expended, of which $1,000,000 is for the Office of Inspector General of the Small Business Administration for audits and reviews of disaster loans and the disaster loan program and shall be paid to appropriations for the Office of Inspector General; of which $94,814,000 is for direct administrative expenses of loan making and servicing to carry out the direct loan program, which may be paid to appropriations for Salaries and Expenses; and of which $6,000,000 is for indirect administrative expenses, which may be paid to appropriations for Salaries and Expenses.

CHAPTER 5—FEMA DISASTER RELIEF

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

DISASTER RELIEF

For an additional amount for ''Disaster Relief'', $897,000,000, to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 6—HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

For the provision of 3,000 units of permanent supportive housing as referenced in the Road Home Program of the Louisiana Recovery Authority approved by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, $73,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which $20,000,000 shall be for project-based vouchers under section 8(o)(13) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)), including administrative expenses not to exceed $3,000,000, and $50,000,000 shall be for

grants under the Shelter Plus Care program as authorized under subtitle F of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11403 et seq.): *Provided*, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall, upon request, make funds available under this paragraph to the State of Louisiana or its designee or designees, upon request: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the purpose of administering the amounts provided under this paragraph, the State of Louisiana or its designee or designees may act in all respects as a public housing agency as defined in section 3(b)(6) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(6)): *Provided further*, That subparagraphs (B) and (D) of section 8(o)(13) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(13)) shall not apply with respect to vouchers made available under this paragraph.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

For an additional amount for ''Community Development Fund'', for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure in areas covered by a declaration of major disaster under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) as a result of recent natural disasters, $300,000,000, to remain available until expended, for activities authorized under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93–383): *Provided*, That funds provided under this heading shall be administered through an entity or entities designated by the Governor of each State: *Provided further*, That such funds may not be used for activities reimbursable by or for which funds are made available by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Army Corps of Engineers: *Provided further*, That funds allocated under this heading shall not adversely affect the amount of any formula assistance received by a State under this heading: *Provided further*, That each State may use up to five percent of its allocation for administrative costs: *Provided further*, That in administering the funds under this heading, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation by the Secretary or the use by the recipient of these funds or guarantees (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment), upon a request by the State that such waiver is required to facilitate the use of such funds or guarantees, and a finding by the Secretary that such waiver would not be inconsistent with the overall purpose of the statute, as modified: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may waive the requirement that activities benefit persons of low and moderate income, except that at least 50 percent of the funds made available under this heading must benefit primarily persons of low and moderate income unless the Secretary otherwise makes a finding of compelling need: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register any waiver of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers pursuant to title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 no later than 5 days before the effective date of such waiver: *Provided further*, That every waiver made by the Secretary must be reconsidered according to the three previous provisos on the two-year anniversary of the day the Secretary published the waiver in the Federal Register: *Provided further*, That prior to the obligation of funds each State shall submit a plan to the Secretary detailing the proposed use of all funds, including criteria for eligibility and how the use of these funds will address long-term recovery and restoration of infrastructure: *Provided further*, That each State will report quarterly to the Committees on Appropriations on all awards and uses of funds made available under this heading, including specifically identifying all awards of sole-source contracts and the rationale for making the award on a sole-source basis: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Appropriations on any proposed allocation of any funds and any related waivers made pursuant to these provisions under this heading no later than 5 days before such waiver is made: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall establish procedures to prevent recipients from receiving any duplication of benefits and report quarterly to the Committees on Appropriations with regard to all steps taken to prevent fraud and abuse of funds made available under this heading including duplication of benefits.

TITLE IV—EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

FEDERAL-STATE AGREEMENTS

SEC. 4001. (a) IN GENERAL.—Any State which desires to do so may enter into and participate in an agreement under this title with the Secretary of Labor (in this title referred to as the ''Secretary''). Any State which is a party to an agreement under this title may, upon providing 30 days' written notice to the Secretary, terminate such agreement.

(b) PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT.—Any agreement under subsection (a) shall provide that the State agency of the State will make payments of emergency unemployment compensation to individuals who—

(1) have exhausted all rights to regular compensation under the State law or under Federal law with respect to a benefit year (excluding any benefit year that ended before May 1, 2007);

(2) have no rights to regular compensation or extended compensation with respect to a week under such law or any other State unemployment compensation law or to compensation under any other Federal law (except as provided under subsection (e)); and

(3) are not receiving compensation with respect to such week under the unemployment compensation law of Canada.

(c) EXHAUSTION OF BENEFITS.—For purposes of subsection (b)(1), an individual shall be deemed to have exhausted such individual's rights to regular compensation under a State law when—

(1) no payments of regular compensation can be made under such law because such individual has received all regular compensation available to such individual based on employment or wages during such individual's base period; or

(2) such individual's rights to such compensation have been terminated by reason of the expiration of the benefit year with respect to which such rights existed.

(d) WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT, ETC.—For purposes of any agreement under this title—

(1) the amount of emergency unemployment compensation which shall be payable to any individual for any week of total unemployment shall be equal to the amount of the regular compensation (including dependents' allowances) payable to such individual during such individual's benefit year under the State law for a week of total unemployment;

(2) the terms and conditions of the State law which apply to claims for regular compensation and to the payment thereof shall apply to claims for emergency unemployment compensation and the payment thereof, except—

(A) that an individual shall not be eligible for emergency unemployment compensation under this title unless, in the base period with respect to which the individual exhausted all rights to regular compensation under the State law, the individual had 20 weeks of full-time insured employment or the equivalent in insured wages, as determined under the provisions of the State law implementing section 202(a)(5) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note); and

(B) where otherwise inconsistent with the provisions of this title or with the regulations or operating instructions of the Secretary promulgated to carry out this title; and

(3) the maximum amount of emergency unemployment compensation payable to any individual for whom an emergency unemployment compensation account is established under section 4002 shall not exceed the amount established in such account for such individual.

(e) ELECTION BY STATES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law (and if State law permits), the Governor of a State that is in an extended benefit period may provide for the payment of emergency unemployment compensation prior to extended compensation to individuals who otherwise meet the requirements of this section.

(f) UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS INELIGIBLE.—A State shall require as a condition of eligibility for emergency unemployment compensation under this Act that each alien who receives such compensation must be legally authorized to work in the United States, as defined for purposes of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (26 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.). In determining whether an alien meets the requirements of this subsection, a State must follow the procedures provided in section 1137(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–7(d)).

EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACCOUNT

SEC. 4002. (a) IN GENERAL.—Any agreement under this title shall provide that the State will establish, for each eligible individual who files an application for emergency unemployment compensation, an emergency unemployment compensation account with respect to such individual's benefit year.

(b) AMOUNT IN ACCOUNT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount established in an account under subsection (a) shall be equal to the lesser of—

(A) 50 percent of the total amount of regular compensation (including dependents' allowances) payable to the individual during the individual's benefit year under such law, or

(B) 13 times the individual's average weekly benefit amount for the benefit year.

(2) WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT.—For purposes of this subsection, an individual's weekly benefit amount for any week is the amount of regular compensation (including dependents' allowances) under the State law payable to such individual for such week for total unemployment.

PAYMENTS TO STATES HAVING AGREEMENTS FOR THE PAYMENT OF EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

SEC. 4003. (a) GENERAL RULE.—There shall be paid to each State that has entered into an agreement under this title an amount equal to 100 percent of the emergency unemployment compensation paid to individuals by the State pursuant to such agreement.

(b) TREATMENT OF REIMBURSABLE COMPENSATION.—No payment shall be made to any State under this section in respect of any compensation to the extent the State is entitled to reimbursement in respect of such

compensation under the provisions of any Federal law other than this title or chapter 85 of title 5, United States Code. A State shall not be entitled to any reimbursement under such chapter 85 in respect of any compensation to the extent the State is entitled to reimbursement under this title in respect of such compensation.

(c) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT.—Sums payable to any State by reason of such State having an agreement under this title shall be payable, either in advance or by way of reimbursement (as may be determined by the Secretary), in such amounts as the Secretary estimates the State will be entitled to receive under this title for each calendar month, reduced or increased, as the case may be, by any amount by which the Secretary finds that the Secretary's estimates for any prior calendar month were greater or less than the amounts which should have been paid to the State. Such estimates may be made on the basis of such statistical, sampling, or other method as may be agreed upon by the Secretary and the State agency of the State involved.

FINANCING PROVISIONS

SEC. 4004. (a) IN GENERAL.—Funds in the extended unemployment compensation account (as established by section 905(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1105(a)) of the Unemployment Trust Fund (as established by section 904(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1104(a)) shall be used for the making of payments to States having agreements entered into under this title.

(b) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall from time to time certify to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to each State the sums payable to such State under this title. The Secretary of the Treasury, prior to audit or settlement by the Government Accountability Office, shall make payments to the State in accordance with such certification, by transfers from the extended unemployment compensation account (as so established) to the account of such State in the Unemployment Trust Fund (as so established).

(c) ASSISTANCE TO STATES.—There are appropriated out of the employment security administration account (as established by section 901(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1101(a)) of the Unemployment Trust Fund, without fiscal year limitation, such funds as may be necessary for purposes of assisting States (as provided in title III of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 501 et seq.)) in meeting the costs of administration of agreements under this title.

(d) APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN PAYMENTS.—There are appropriated from the general fund of the Treasury, without fiscal year limitation, to the extended unemployment compensation account (as so established) of the Unemployment Trust Fund (as so established) such sums as the Secretary estimates to be necessary to make the payments under this section in respect of—

(1) compensation payable under chapter 85 of title 5, United States Code; and

(2) compensation payable on the basis of services to which section 3309(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 applies.

Amounts appropriated pursuant to the preceding sentence shall not be required to be repaid.

FRAUD AND OVERPAYMENTS

SEC. 4005. (a) IN GENERAL.—If an individual knowingly has made, or caused to be made by another, a false statement or representation of a material fact, or knowingly has failed, or caused another to fail, to disclose a material fact, and as a result of such false statement or representation or of such nondisclosure such individual has received an amount of emergency unemployment compensation under this title to which such individual was not entitled, such individual—

(1) shall be ineligible for further emergency unemployment compensation under this title in accordance with the provisions of the applicable State unemployment compensation law relating to fraud in connection with a claim for unemployment compensation; and

(2) shall be subject to prosecution under section 1001 of title 18, United States Code.

(b) REPAYMENT.—In the case of individuals who have received amounts of emergency unemployment compensation under this title to which they were not entitled, the State shall require such individuals to repay the amounts of such emergency unemployment compensation to the State agency, except that the State agency may waive such repayment if it determines that—

(1) the payment of such emergency unemployment compensation was without fault on the part of any such individual; and

(2) such repayment would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

(c) RECOVERY BY STATE AGENCY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The State agency may recover the amount to be repaid, or any part thereof, by deductions from any emergency unemployment compensation payable to such individual under this title or from any unemployment compensation payable to such individual under any State or Federal unemployment compensation law administered by the State agency or under any other State or Federal law administered by the State agency which provides for the payment of any assistance or allowance with respect to any week of unemployment, during the 3-year period after the date such individuals received the payment of the emergency unemployment compensation to which they were not entitled, except that no single deduction may exceed 50 percent of the weekly benefit amount from which such deduction is made.

(2) OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING.—No repayment shall be required, and no deduction shall be made, until a determination has been made, notice thereof and an opportunity for a fair hearing has been given to the individual, and the determination has become final.

(d) REVIEW.—Any determination by a State agency under this section shall be subject to review in the same manner and to the same extent as determinations under the State unemployment compensation law, and only in that manner and to that extent.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 4006. In this title, the terms ''compensation'', ''regular compensation'', ''extended compensation'', ''benefit year'', ''base period'', ''State'', ''State agency'', ''State law'', and ''week'' have the respective meanings given such terms under section 205 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note).

APPLICABILITY

SEC. 4007. (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), an agreement entered into under this title shall apply to weeks of unemployment—

(1) beginning after the date on which such agreement is entered into; and

(2) ending on or before March 31, 2009.

(b) TRANSITION FOR AMOUNT REMAINING IN ACCOUNT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), in the case of an individual who has amounts remaining in an account established under section 4002 as of the last day of the last week (as determined in accordance with the applicable State law) ending on or before March 31, 2009, emergency unemployment compensation shall continue to be payable to such individual from such amounts for any week beginning after such last day for which the individual meets the eligibility requirements of this title.

(2) LIMIT ON COMPENSATION.—No compensation shall be payable by reason of paragraph (1) for any week beginning after June 30, 2009.

TITLE V—VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 5001. This title may be cited as the ''Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008''.

FINDINGS

SEC. 5002. Congress makes the following findings:

(1) On September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the United States, and the brave members of the Armed Forces of the United States were called to the defense of the Nation.

(2) Service on active duty in the Armed Forces has been especially arduous for the members of the Armed Forces since September 11, 2001.

(3) The United States has a proud history of offering educational assistance to millions of veterans, as demonstrated by the many ''G.I. Bills'' enacted since World War II. Educational assistance for veterans helps reduce the costs of war, assist veterans in readjusting to civilian life after wartime service, and boost the United States economy, and has a positive effect on recruitment for the Armed Forces.

(4) The current educational assistance program for veterans is outmoded and designed for peacetime service in the Armed Forces.

(5) The people of the United States greatly value military service and recognize the difficult challenges involved in readjusting to civilian life after wartime service in the Armed Forces.

(6) It is in the national interest for the United States to provide veterans who serve on active duty in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, with enhanced educational assistance benefits that are worthy of such service and are commensurate with the educational assistance benefits provided by a grateful Nation to veterans of World War II.

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO SERVE AFTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SEC. 5003. (a) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Part III of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 32 the following new chapter:

''CHAPTER 33—POST–9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

''SUBCHAPTER I—DEFINITIONS

''Sec.

''3301. Definitions.

''SUBCHAPTER II—EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

''3311. Educational assistance for service in the Armed Forces commencing on or after September 11, 2001: entitlement.

''3312. Educational assistance: duration.

''3313. Educational assistance: amount; payment.

''3314. Tutorial assistance.

''3315. Licensure and certification tests.

''3316. Supplemental educational assistance: members with critical skills or specialty; members serving additional service.

''3317. Public-private contributions for additional educational assistance.

''3318. Additional assistance: relocation or travel assistance for individual relocating or traveling significant distance for pursuit of a program of education.
''3319. Authority to transfer unused education benefits to family members.

''SUBCHAPTER III—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

''3321. Time limitation for use of and eligibility for entitlement.
''3322. Bar to duplication of educational assistance benefits.
''3323. Administration.
''3324. Allocation of administration and costs.

''SUBCHAPTER I—DEFINITIONS

''§ 3301. Definitions

''In this chapter:

''(1) The term 'active duty' has the meanings as follows (subject to the limitations specified in sections 3002(6) and 3311(b)):

''(A) In the case of members of the regular components of the Armed Forces, the meaning given such term in section 101(21)(A).

''(B) In the case of members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, service on active duty under a call or order to active duty under section 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12302, or 12304 of title 10.

''(2) The term 'entry level and skill training' means the following:

''(A) In the case of members of the Army, Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training.

''(B) In the case of members of the Navy, Recruit Training (or Boot Camp) and Skill Training (or so-called 'A' School).

''(C) In the case of members of the Air Force, Basic Military Training and Technical Training.

''(D) In the case of members of the Marine Corps, Recruit Training and Marine Corps Training (or School of Infantry Training).

''(E) In the case of members of the Coast Guard, Basic Training.

''(3) The term 'program of education' has the meaning given such term in section 3002, except to the extent otherwise provided in section 3313.

''(4) The term 'Secretary of Defense' means the Secretary of Defense, except that the term means the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy.

''SUBCHAPTER II—EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

''§ 3311. Educational assistance for service in the Armed Forces commencing on or after September 11, 2001: entitlement

''(a) ENTITLEMENT.—Subject to subsections (d) and (e), each individual described in subsection (b) is entitled to educational assistance under this chapter.

''(b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—An individual described in this subsection is any individual as follows:

''(1) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves an aggregate of at least 36 months on active duty in the Armed Forces (including service on active duty in entry level and skill training); and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) continues on active duty; or

''(ii) is discharged or released from active duty as described in subsection (c).

''(2) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves at least 30 continuous days on active duty in the Armed Forces; and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A), is discharged or released from active duty in the Armed Forces for a service-connected disability.

''(3) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves an aggregate of at least 30 months, but less than 36 months, on active duty in the Armed Forces (including service on active duty in entry level and skill training); and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) continues on active duty for an aggregate of less than 36 months; or

''(ii) before completion of service on active duty of an aggregate of 36 months, is discharged or released from active duty as described in subsection (c).

''(4) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves an aggregate of at least 24 months, but less than 30 months, on active duty in the Armed Forces (including service on active duty in entry level and skill training); and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) continues on active duty for an aggregate of less than 30 months; or

''(ii) before completion of service on active duty of an aggregate of 30 months, is discharged or released from active duty as described in subsection (c).

''(5) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves an aggregate of at least 18 months, but less than 24 months, on active duty in the Armed Forces (excluding service on active duty in entry level and skill training); and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) continues on active duty for an aggregate of less than 24 months; or

''(ii) before completion of service on active duty of an aggregate of 24 months, is discharged or released from active duty as described in subsection (c).

''(6) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves an aggregate of at least 12 months, but less than 18 months, on active duty in the Armed Forces (excluding service on active duty in entry level and skill training); and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) continues on active duty for an aggregate of less than 18 months; or

''(ii) before completion of service on active duty of an aggregate of 18 months, is discharged or released from active duty as described in subsection (c).

''(7) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves an aggregate of at least 6 months, but less than 12 months, on active duty in the Armed Forces (excluding service on active duty in entry level and skill training); and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) continues on active duty for an aggregate of less than 12 months; or

''(ii) before completion of service on active duty of an aggregate of 12 months, is discharged or released from active duty as described in subsection (c).

''(8) An individual who—

''(A) commencing on or after September 11, 2001, serves an aggregate of at least 90 days, but less than 6 months, on active duty in the Armed Forces (excluding service on active duty in entry level and skill training); and

''(B) after completion of service described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) continues on active duty for an aggregate of less than 6 months; or

''(ii) before completion of service on active duty of an aggregate of 6 months, is discharged or released from active duty as described in subsection (c).

''(c) COVERED DISCHARGES AND RELEASES.—A discharge or release from active duty of an individual described in this subsection is a discharge or release as follows:

''(1) A discharge from active duty in the Armed Forces with an honorable discharge.

''(2) A release after service on active duty in the Armed Forces characterized by the Secretary concerned as honorable service and placement on the retired list, transfer to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, or placement on the temporary disability retired list.

''(3) A release from active duty in the Armed Forces for further service in a reserve component of the Armed Forces after service on active duty characterized by the Secretary concerned as honorable service.

''(4) A discharge or release from active duty in the Armed Forces for—

''(A) a medical condition which preexisted the service of the individual as described in the applicable paragraph of subsection (b) and which the Secretary determines is not service-connected;

''(B) hardship; or

''(C) a physical or mental condition that was not characterized as a disability and did not result from the individual's own willful misconduct but did interfere with the individual's performance of duty, as determined by the Secretary concerned in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

''(d) PROHIBITION ON TREATMENT OF CERTAIN SERVICE AS PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY.—The following periods of service shall not be considered a part of the period of active duty on which an individual's entitlement to educational assistance under this chapter is based:

''(1) A period of service on active duty of an officer pursuant to an agreement under section 2107(b) of title 10.

''(2) A period of service on active duty of an officer pursuant to an agreement under section 4348, 6959, or 9348 of title 10.

''(3) A period of service that is terminated because of a defective enlistment and induction based on—

''(A) the individual's being a minor for purposes of service in the Armed Forces;

''(B) an erroneous enlistment or induction; or

''(C) a defective enlistment agreement.

''(e) TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS ENTITLED UNDER MULTIPLE PROVISIONS.—In the event an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter is entitled by reason of both paragraphs (4) and (5) of subsection (b), the individual shall be treated as being entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of paragraph (5) of subsection (b).

''§ 3312. Educational assistance: duration

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 3695 and except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter is entitled to a number of months of educational assistance under section 3313 equal to 36 months.

''(b) CONTINUING RECEIPT.—The receipt of educational assistance under section 3313 by an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter is subject to the provisions of section 3321(b)(2).

''(c) DISCONTINUATION OF EDUCATION FOR ACTIVE DUTY.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Any payment of educational assistance described in paragraph (2) shall not—

''(A) be charged against any entitlement to educational assistance of the individual concerned under this chapter; or

''(B) be counted against the aggregate period for which section 3695 limits the individual's receipt of educational assistance under this chapter.

''(2) DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—Subject to paragraph (3), the payment of educational assistance described in this paragraph is the payment of such assistance to an individual for pursuit of a course or courses under this chapter if the Secretary finds that the individual—

''(A)(i) in the case of an individual not serving on active duty, had to discontinue such course pursuit as a result of being called or ordered to serve on active duty under section 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12302, or 12304 of title 10; or

''(ii) in the case of an individual serving on active duty, had to discontinue such course pursuit as a result of being ordered to a new duty location or assignment or to perform an increased amount of work; and

''(B) failed to receive credit or lost training time toward completion of the individual's approved education, professional, or vocational objective as a result of having to discontinue, as described in subparagraph (A), the individual's course pursuit.

''(3) PERIOD FOR WHICH PAYMENT NOT CHARGED.—The period for which, by reason of this subsection, educational assistance is not charged against entitlement or counted toward the applicable aggregate period under section 3695 of this title shall not exceed the portion of the period of enrollment in the course or courses from which the individual failed to receive credit or with respect to which the individual lost training time, as determined under paragraph (2)(B).

''§ 3313. Educational assistance: amount; payment

''(a) PAYMENT.—The Secretary shall pay to each individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter who is pursuing an approved program of education (other than a program covered by subsections (e) and (f)) the amounts specified in subsection (c) to meet the expenses of such individual's subsistence, tuition, fees, and other educational costs for pursuit of such program of education.

''(b) APPROVED PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION.—A program of education is an approved program of education for purposes of this chapter if the program of education is offered by an institution of higher learning (as that term is defined in section 3452(f)) and is approved for purposes of chapter 30 (including approval by the State approving agency concerned).

''(c) AMOUNT OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—The amounts payable under this subsection for pursuit of an approved program of education are amounts as follows:

''(1) In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of section 3311(b)(1) or 3311(b)(2), amounts as follows:

''(A) An amount equal to the established charges for the program of education, except that the amount payable under this subparagraph may not exceed the maximum amount of established charges regularly charged in-State students for full-time pursuit of approved programs of education for undergraduates by the public institution of higher education offering approved programs of education for undergraduates in the State in which the individual is enrolled that has the highest rate of regularly-charged established charges for such programs of education among all public institutions of higher education in such State offering such programs of education.

''(B) A monthly stipend in an amount as follows:

''(i) For each month the individual pursues the program of education (other than, in the case of assistance under this section only, a program of education offered through distance learning), a monthly housing stipend amount equal to the monthly amount of the basic allowance for housing payable under section 403 of title 37 for a member with dependents in pay grade E–5 residing in the military housing area that encompasses all or the majority portion of the ZIP code area in which is located the institution of higher education at which the individual is enrolled.

''(ii) For the first month of each quarter, semester, or term, as applicable, of the program of education pursued by the individual, a lump sum amount for books, supplies, equipment, and other educational costs with respect to such quarter, semester, or term in the amount equal to—

''(I) $1,000, multiplied by

''(II) the fraction which is the portion of a complete academic year under the program of education that such quarter, semester, or term constitutes.

''(2) In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of section 3311(b)(3), amounts equal to 90 percent of the amounts that would be payable to the individual under paragraph (1) for the program of education if the individual were entitled to amounts for the program of education under paragraph (1) rather than this paragraph.

''(3) In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of section 3311(b)(4), amounts equal to 80 percent of the amounts that would be payable to the individual under paragraph (1) for the program of education if the individual were entitled to amounts for the program of education under paragraph (1) rather than this paragraph.

''(4) In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of section 3311(b)(5), amounts equal to 70 percent of the amounts that would be payable to the individual under paragraph (1) for the program of education if the individual were entitled to amounts for the program of education under paragraph (1) rather than this paragraph.

''(5) In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of section 3311(b)(6), amounts equal to 60 percent of the amounts that would be payable to the individual under paragraph (1) for the program of education if the individual were entitled to amounts for the program of education under paragraph (1) rather than this paragraph.

''(6) In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of section 3311(b)(7), amounts equal to 50 percent of the amounts that would be payable to the individual under paragraph (1) for the program of education if the individual were entitled to amounts for the program of education under paragraph (1) rather than this paragraph.

''(7) In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter by reason of section 3311(b)(8), amounts equal to 40 percent of the amounts that would be payable to the individual under paragraph (1) for the program of education if the individual were entitled to amounts for the program of education under paragraph (1) rather than this paragraph.

''(d) FREQUENCY OF PAYMENT.—

''(1) QUARTER, SEMESTER, OR TERM PAYMENTS.—Payment of the amounts payable under subsection (c)(1)(A), and of similar amounts payable under paragraphs (2) through (7) of subsection (c), for pursuit of a program of education shall be made for the entire quarter, semester, or term, as applicable, of the program of education.

''(2) MONTHLY PAYMENTS.—Payment of the amount payable under subsection (c)(1)(B), and of similar amounts payable under paragraphs (2) through (7) of subsection (c), for pursuit of a program of education shall be made on a monthly basis.

''(3) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe in regulations methods for determining the number of months (including fractions thereof) of entitlement of an individual to educational assistance this chapter that are chargeable under this chapter for an advance payment of amounts under paragraphs (1) and (2) for pursuit of a program of education on a quarter, semester, term, or other basis.

''(e) PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION PURSUED ON ACTIVE DUTY.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Educational assistance is payable under this chapter for pursuit of an approved program of education while on active duty.

''(2) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—The amount of educational assistance payable under this chapter to an individual pursuing a program of education while on active duty is the lesser of—

''(A) the established charges which similarly circumstanced nonveterans enrolled in the program of education involved would be required to pay; or

''(B) the amount of the charges of the educational institution as elected by the individual in the manner specified in section 3014(b)(1)

''(3) QUARTER, SEMESTER, OR TERM PAYMENTS.—Payment of the amount payable under paragraph (2) for pursuit of a program of education shall be made for the entire quarter, semester, or term, as applicable, of the program of education.

''(4) MONTHLY PAYMENTS.—For each month (as determined pursuant to the methods prescribed under subsection (d)(3)) for which amounts are paid an individual under this subsection, the entitlement of the individual to educational assistance under this chapter shall be charged at the rate of one month for each such month.

''(f) PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION PURSUED ON HALF-TIME BASIS OR LESS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Educational assistance is payable under this chapter for pursuit of an approved program of education on half-time basis or less.

''(2) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—The educational assistance payable under this chapter to an individual pursuing a program of education on half-time basis or less is the amounts as follows:

''(A) The amount equal to the lesser of—

''(i) the established charges which similarly circumstanced nonveterans enrolled in the program of education involved would be required to pay; or

''(ii) the maximum amount that would be payable to the individual for the program of education under paragraph (1)(A) of subsection (c), or under the provisions of paragraphs (2) through (7) of subsection (c) applicable to the individual, for the program of education if the individual were entitled to amounts for the program of education under subsection (c) rather than this subsection.

''(B) A stipend in an amount equal to the amount of the appropriately reduced amount of the lump sum amount for books, supplies, equipment, and other educational costs otherwise payable to the individual under subsection (c).

''(3) QUARTER, TERM, OR SEMESTER PAYMENTS.—Payment of the amounts payable to an individual under paragraph (2) for pursuit of a program of education on half-time basis or less shall be made for the entire quarter, semester, or term, as applicable, of the program of education.

''(4) MONTHLY PAYMENTS.—For each month (as determined pursuant to the methods prescribed under subsection (d)(3)) for which amounts are paid an individual under this subsection, the entitlement of the individual to educational assistance under this chapter shall be charged at a percentage of a month equal to—

''(A) the number of course hours borne by the individual in pursuit of the program of education involved, divided by

''(B) the number of course hours for full-time pursuit of such program of education.

''(g) PAYMENT OF ESTABLISHED CHARGES TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—Amounts payable under subsections (c)(1)(A) (and of similar amounts payable under paragraphs (2) through (7) of subsection (c)), (e)(2), and (f)(2)(A) shall be paid directly to the educational institution concerned.

''(h) ESTABLISHED CHARGES DEFINED.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term 'established charges', in the case of a program of education, means the actual charges (as determined pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary) for tuition and fees which similarly circumstanced nonveterans enrolled in the program of education would be required to pay.

''(2) BASIS OF DETERMINATION.—Established charges shall be determined for purposes of this subsection on the following basis:

''(A) In the case of an individual enrolled in a program of education offered on a term, quarter, or semester basis, the tuition and fees charged the individual for the term, quarter, or semester.

''(B) In the case of an individual enrolled in a program of education not offered on a term, quarter, or semester basis, the tuition and fees charged the individual for the entire program of education.

''§ 3314. Tutorial assistance

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter shall also be entitled to benefits provided an eligible veteran under section 3492.

''(b) CONDITIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The provision of benefits under subsection (a) shall be subject to the conditions applicable to an eligible veteran under section 3492.

''(2) CERTIFICATION.—In addition to the conditions specified in paragraph (1), benefits may not be provided to an individual under subsection (a) unless the professor or other individual teaching, leading, or giving the course for which such benefits are provided certifies that—

''(A) such benefits are essential to correct a deficiency of the individual in such course; and

''(B) such course is required as a part of, or is prerequisite or indispensable to the satisfactory pursuit of, an approved program of education.

''(c) AMOUNT.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of benefits described in subsection (a) that are payable under this section may not exceed $100 per month, for a maximum of 12 months, or until a maximum of $1,200 is utilized.

''(2) AS ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—The amount provided an individual under this subsection is in addition to the amounts of educational assistance paid the individual under section 3313.

''(d) NO CHARGE AGAINST ENTITLEMENT.—Any benefits provided an individual under subsection (a) are in addition to any other educational assistance benefits provided the individual under this chapter.

''§ 3315. Licensure and certification tests

''(a) IN GENERAL.—An individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter shall also be entitled to payment for one licensing or certification test described in section 3452(b).

''(b) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT.—The amount payable under subsection (a) for a licensing or certification test may not exceed the lesser of—

''(1) $2,000; or

''(2) the fee charged for the test.

''(c) NO CHARGE AGAINST ENTITLEMENT.—Any amount paid an individual under subsection (a) is in addition to any other educational assistance benefits provided the individual under this chapter.

''§ 3316. Supplemental educational assistance: members with critical skills or specialty; members serving additional service

''(a) INCREASED ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS WITH CRITICAL SKILLS OR SPECIALTY.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an individual who has a skill or specialty designated by the Secretary concerned as a skill or specialty in which there is a critical shortage of personnel or for which it is difficult to recruit or, in the case of critical units, retain personnel, the Secretary concerned may increase the monthly amount of educational assistance otherwise payable to the individual under paragraph (1)(B) of section 3313(c), or under paragraphs (2) through (7) of such section (as applicable).

''(2) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF INCREASE IN ASSISTANCE.—The amount of the increase in educational assistance authorized by paragraph (1) may not exceed the amount equal to the monthly amount of increased basic educational assistance providable under section 3015(d)(1) at the time of the increase under paragraph (1).

''(b) SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICE.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary concerned may provide for the payment to an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter of supplemental educational assistance for additional service authorized by subchapter III of chapter 30. The amount so payable shall be payable as an increase in the monthly amount of educational assistance otherwise payable to the individual under paragraph (1)(B) of section 3313(c), or under paragraphs (2) through (7) of such section (as applicable).

''(2) ELIGIBILITY.—Eligibility for supplement educational assistance under this subsection shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 30, except that any reference in such provisions to eligibility for basic educational assistance under a provision of subchapter II of chapter 30 shall be treated as a reference to eligibility for educational assistance under the appropriate provision of this chapter.

''(3) AMOUNT.—The amount of supplemental educational assistance payable under this subsection shall be the amount equal to the monthly amount of supplemental educational payable under section 3022.

''(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretaries concerned shall administer this section in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary of Defense shall prescribe.

''§ 3317. Public-private contributions for additional educational assistance

''(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—In instances where the educational assistance provided pursuant to section 3313(c)(1)(A) does not cover the full cost of established charges (as specified in section 3313), the Secretary shall carry out a program under which colleges and universities can, voluntarily, enter into an agreement with the Secretary to cover a portion of those established charges not otherwise covered under section 3313(c)(1)(A), which contributions shall be matched by equivalent contributions toward such costs by the Secretary. The program shall only apply to covered individuals described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 3311(b).

''(b) DESIGNATION OF PROGRAM.—The program under this section shall be known as the 'Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program'.

''(c) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary shall enter into an agreement with each college or university seeking to participate in the program under this section. Each agreement shall specify the following:

''(1) The manner (whether by direct grant, scholarship, or otherwise) of the contributions to be made by the college or university concerned.

''(2) The maximum amount of the contribution to be made by the college or university concerned with respect to any particular individual in any given academic year.

''(3) The maximum number of individuals for whom the college or university concerned will make contributions in any given academic year.

''(4) Such other matters as the Secretary and the college or university concerned jointly consider appropriate.

''(d) MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—In instances where the educational assistance provided an individual under section 3313(c)(1)(A) does not cover the full cost of tuition and mandatory fees at a college or university, the Secretary shall provide up to 50 percent of the remaining costs for tuition and mandatory fees if the college or university voluntarily enters into an agreement with the Secretary to match an equal percentage of any of the remaining costs for such tuition and fees.

''(2) USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—Amounts available to the Secretary under section 3324(b) for payment of the costs of this chapter shall be available to the Secretary for purposes of paragraph (1).

''(e) OUTREACH.—The Secretary shall make available on the Internet website of the Department available to the public a current list of the colleges and universities participating in the program under this section. The list shall specify, for each college or university so listed, appropriate information on the agreement between the Secretary and such college or university under subsection (c).

''§ 3318. Additional assistance: relocation or travel assistance for individual relocating or traveling significant distance for pursuit of a program of education

''(a) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—Each individual described in subsection (b) shall be paid additional assistance under this section in the amount of $500.

''(b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—An individual described in this subsection is any individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter—

''(1) who resides in a county (or similar entity utilized by the Bureau of the Census) with less than seven persons per square mile, according to the most recent decennial Census; and

''(2) who—

''(A) physically relocates a distance of at least 500 miles in order to pursue a program of education for which the individual utilizes educational assistance under this chapter; or

''(B) travels by air to physically attend an institution of higher education for pursuit of such a program of education because the individual cannot travel to such institution by automobile or other established form of transportation due to an absence of road or other infrastructure.

''(c) PROOF OF RESIDENCE.—For purposes of subsection (b)(1), an individual may demonstrate the individual's place of residence utilizing any of the following:

''(1) DD Form 214, Certification of Release or Discharge from Active Duty.

''(2) The most recent Federal income tax return.

''(3) Such other evidence as the Secretary shall prescribe for purposes of this section.

''(d) SINGLE PAYMENT OF ASSISTANCE.—An individual is entitled to only one payment of additional assistance under this section.

''(e) NO CHARGE AGAINST ENTITLEMENT.—Any amount paid an individual under this section is in addition to any other educational assistance benefits provided the individual under this chapter.

''§ 3319. Authority to transfer unused education benefits to family members

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the provisions of this section, the Secretary of Defense may authorize the Secretary concerned, to promote recruitment and retention of members of the Armed Forces, to permit an individual described in subsection (b) who is entitled to educational assistance under this chapter to elect to transfer to one or more of the dependents specified in subsection (c) a portion of such individual's entitlement to such assistance, subject to the limitation under subsection (d).

''(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—An individual referred to in subsection (a) is any member of the Armed Forces who, at the time of the approval of the individual's request to transfer entitlement to educational assistance under this section, has completed at least—

''(1) six years of service in the armed forces and enters into an agreement to serve at least four more years as a member of the Armed Forces; or

''(2) the years of service as determined in regulations pursuant to section (k).

''(c) ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS.—An individual approved to transfer an entitlement to educational assistance under this section may transfer the individual's entitlement as follows:

''(1) To the individual's spouse.

''(2) To one or more of the individual's children.

''(3) To a combination of the individuals referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2).

''(d) LIMITATION ON MONTHS OF TRANSFER.—The total number of months of entitlement transferred by a individual under this section may not exceed 36 months. The Secretary of Defense may prescribe regulations that would limit the months of entitlement that may be transferred under this section to no less than 18 months.

''(e) DESIGNATION OF TRANSFEREE.—An individual transferring an entitlement to educational assistance under this section shall—

''(1) designate the dependent or dependents to whom such entitlement is being transferred;

''(2) designate the number of months of such entitlement to be transferred to each such dependent; and

''(3) specify the period for which the transfer shall be effective for each dependent designated under paragraph (1).

''(f) TIME FOR TRANSFER; REVOCATION AND MODIFICATION.—

''(1) TIME FOR TRANSFER.—Subject to the time limitation for use of entitlement under section 3321 an individual approved to transfer entitlement to educational assistance under this section may transfer such entitlement only while serving as a member of the armed forces when the transfer is executed.

''(2) MODIFICATION OR REVOCATION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—An individual transferring entitlement under this section may modify or revoke at any time the transfer of any unused portion of the entitlement so transferred.

''(B) NOTICE.—The modification or revocation of the transfer of entitlement under this paragraph shall be made by the submittal of written notice of the action to both the Secretary concerned and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

''(3) PROHIBITION ON TREATMENT OF TRANSFERRED ENTITLEMENT AS MARITAL PROPERTY.—Entitlement transferred under this section may not be treated as marital property, or the asset of a marital estate, subject to division in a divorce or other civil proceeding.

''(g) COMMENCEMENT OF USE.—A dependent to whom entitlement to educational assistance is transferred under this section may not commence the use of the transferred entitlement until—

''(1) in the case of entitlement transferred to a spouse, the completion by the individual making the transfer of at least—

''(A) six years of service in the armed forces; or

''(B) the years of service as determined in regulations pursuant to subsection (j); or

''(2) in the case of entitlement transferred to a child, both—

''(A) the completion by the individual making the transfer of at least—

''(i) ten years of service in the armed forces; or

''(ii) the years of service as determined in regulations pursuant to subsection (j); and

''(B) either—

''(i) the completion by the child of the requirements of a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate); or

''(ii) the attainment by the child of 18 years of age.

''(h) ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—

''(1) USE.—The use of any entitlement to educational assistance transferred under this section shall be charged against the entitlement of the individual making the transfer at the rate of one month for each month of transferred entitlement that is used.

''(2) NATURE OF TRANSFERRED ENTITLEMENT.—Except as provided under subsection (e)(2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6)—

''(A) in the case of entitlement transferred to a spouse under this section, the spouse is entitled to educational assistance under this chapter in the same manner as the individual from whom the entitlement was transferred; or

''(B) in the case of entitlement transferred to a child under this section, the child is entitled to educational assistance under this chapter in the same manner as the individual from whom the entitlement was transferred as if the individual were not on active duty.

''(3) RATE OF PAYMENT.—The monthly rate of educational assistance payable to a dependent to whom entitlement referred to in paragraph (2) is transferred under this section shall be payable—

''(A) in the case of a spouse, at the same rate as such entitlement would otherwise be payable under this chapter to the individual making the transfer; or

''(B) in the case of a child, at the same rate as such entitlement would otherwise be payable under this chapter to the individual making the transfer as if the individual were not on active duty.

''(4) DEATH OF TRANSFEROR.—The death of an individual transferring an entitlement under this section shall not affect the use of the entitlement by the dependent to whom the entitlement is transferred.

''(5) LIMITATION ON AGE OF USE BY CHILD TRANSFEREES.—A child to whom entitlement is transferred under this section may use the benefit without regard to the 15-year delimiting date, but may not use any entitlement so transferred after attaining the age of 26 years.

''(6) SCOPE OF USE BY TRANSFEREES.—The purposes for which a dependent to whom entitlement is transferred under this section may use such entitlement shall include the pursuit and completion of the requirements of a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate).

''(7) ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—The administrative provisions of this chapter shall apply to the use of entitlement transferred under this section, except that the dependent to whom the entitlement is transferred shall be treated as the eligible individual for purposes of such provisions.

''(i) OVERPAYMENT.—

''(1) JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY.—In the event of an overpayment of educational assistance with respect to a dependent to whom entitlement is transferred under this section, the dependent and the individual making the transfer shall be jointly and severally liable to the United States for the amount of the overpayment for purposes of section 3685.

''(2) FAILURE TO COMPLETE SERVICE AGREEMENT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), if an individual transferring entitlement under this section fails to complete the service agreed to by the individual under subsection (b)(1) in accordance with the terms of the agreement of the individual under that subsection, the amount of any transferred entitlement under this section that is used by a dependent of the individual as of the date of such failure shall be treated as an overpayment of educational assistance under paragraph (1).

''(B) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply in the case of an individual who fails to complete service agreed to by the individual—

''(i) by reason of the death of the individual; or

''(ii) for a reason referred to in section 3311(c)(4).

''(j) REGULATIONS.—(1) The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall prescribe regulations for purposes of this section.

''(2) Such regulations shall specify—

''(A) the manner of authorizing the transfer of entitlements under this section;

''(B) the eligibility criteria in accordance with subsection (b); and

''(C) the manner and effect of an election to modify or revoke a transfer of entitlement under subsection (f)(2).

''(k) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—Notwithstanding section 101(25), in this section, the term 'Secretary concerned' means—

''(1) the Secretary of the Army with respect to matters concerning the Army;

''(2) the Secretary of the Navy with respect to matters concerning the Navy or the Marine Corps;

''(3) the Secretary of the Air Force with respect to matters concerning the Air Force; and

''(4) the Secretary of Defense with respect to matters concerning the Coast Guard, or the Secretary of Homeland Security when it is not operating as a service in the Navy.

''SUBCHAPTER III—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

''§ 3321. Time limitation for use of and eligibility for entitlement

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in this section, the period during which an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter may use such individual's entitlement expires at the end of the 15-year period beginning on the date of such individual's last discharge or release from active duty.

''(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

''(1) APPLICABILITY OF SECTION 3031 TO RUNNING OF PERIOD.—Subsections (b), (c), and (d)

of section 3031 shall apply with respect to the running of the 15-year period described in subsection (a) of this section in the same manner as such subsections apply under section 3031 with respect to the running of the 10-year period described in section 3031(a).

''(2) APPLICABILITY OF SECTION 3031 TO TERMINATION.—Section 3031(f) shall apply with respect to the termination of an individual's entitlement to educational assistance under this chapter in the same manner as such section applies to the termination of an individual's entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 30, except that, in the administration of such section for purposes of this chapter, the reference to section 3013 shall be deemed to be a reference to 3312.

''(3) DETERMINATION OF LAST DISCHARGE OR RELEASE.—For purposes of subsection (a), an individual's last discharge or release from active duty shall not include any discharge or release from a period of active duty of less than 90 days of continuous service, unless the individual is discharged or released as described in section 3311(b)(2).

''§ 3322. Bar to duplication of educational assistance benefits

''(a) IN GENERAL.—An individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter who is also eligible for educational assistance under chapter 30, 31, 32, or 35 of this title, chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10, or the provisions of the Hostage Relief Act of 1980 (Public Law 96–449; 5 U.S.C. 5561 note) may not receive assistance under two or more such programs concurrently, but shall elect (in such form and manner as the Secretary may prescribe) under which chapter or provisions to receive educational assistance.

''(b) INAPPLICABILITY OF SERVICE TREATED UNDER EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS.—A period of service counted for purposes of repayment of an education loan under chapter 109 of title 10 may not be counted as a period of service for entitlement to educational assistance under this chapter.

''(c) SERVICE IN SELECTED RESERVE.—An individual who serves in the Selected Reserve may receive credit for such service under only one of this chapter, chapter 30 of this title, and chapters 1606 and 1607 of title 10, and shall elect (in such form and manner as the Secretary may prescribe) under which chapter such service is to be credited.

''(d) ADDITIONAL COORDINATION MATTERS.—In the case of an individual entitled to educational assistance under chapter 30, 31, 32, or 35 of this title, chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10, or the provisions of the Hostage Relief Act of 1980, or making contributions toward entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 30 of this title, as of August 1, 2009, coordination of entitlement to educational assistance under this chapter, on the one hand, and such chapters or provisions, on the other, shall be governed by the provisions of section 5003(c) of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008.

''§ 3323. Administration

''(a) IN GENERAL.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the provisions specified in section 3034(a)(1) shall apply to the provision of educational assistance under this chapter.

''(2) SPECIAL RULE.—In applying the provisions referred to in paragraph (1) to an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter for purposes of this section, the reference in such provisions to the term 'eligible veteran' shall be deemed to refer to an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter.

''(3) RULE FOR APPLYING SECTION 3474.—In applying section 3474 to an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter for purposes of this section, the reference in such section 3474 to the term 'educational assistance allowance' shall be deemed to refer to educational assistance payable under section 3313.

''(4) RULE FOR APPLYING SECTION 3482.—In applying section 3482(g) to an individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter for purposes of this section—

''(A) the first reference to the term 'educational assistance allowance' in such section 3482(g) shall be deemed to refer to educational assistance payable under section 3313; and

''(B) the first sentence of paragraph (1) of such section 3482(g) shall be applied as if such sentence ended with 'equipment'.

''(b) INFORMATION ON BENEFITS.—

''(1) TIMING FOR PROVIDING.—The Secretary shall provide the information described in paragraph (2) to each member of the Armed Forces at such times as the Secretary and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly prescribe in regulations.

''(2) DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION.—The information described in this paragraph is information on benefits, limitations, procedures, eligibility requirements (including time-in-service requirements), and other important aspects of educational assistance under this chapter, including application forms for such assistance under section 5102.

''(3) TO WHOM PROVIDED.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall furnish the information and forms described in paragraph (2), and other educational materials on educational assistance under this chapter, to educational institutions, training establishments, military education personnel, and such other persons and entities as the Secretary considers appropriate.

''(c) REGULATIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall prescribe regulations for the administration of this chapter.

''(2) UNIFORMITY.—Any regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense for purposes of this chapter shall apply uniformly across the Armed Forces.

''§ 3324. Allocation of administration and costs

''(a) ADMINISTRATION.—Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the Secretary shall administer the provision of educational assistance under this chapter.

''(b) COSTS.—Payments for entitlement to educational assistance earned under this chapter shall be made from funds appropriated to, or otherwise made available to, the Department for the payment of readjustment benefits.''.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The tables of chapters at the beginning of title 38, United States Code, and at the beginning of part III of such title, are each amended by inserting after the item relating to chapter 32 the following new item:

''33. Post-9/11 Educational Assistance 3301.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) AMENDMENTS RELATING TO DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS.—

(A) Section 3033 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(i) in subsection (a)(1) by inserting ''33,'' after ''32,''; and

(ii) in subsection (c) by striking ''both the program established by this chapter and the program established by chapter 106 of title 10'' and inserting ''two or more of the programs established by this chapter, chapter 33 of this title, and chapters 1606 and 1607 of title 10''.

(B) Paragraph (4) of section 3695(a) of such title is amended to read as follows:

''(4) Chapters 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36.''.

(C) Section 16163(e) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting ''33,'' after ''32,''.

(2) ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Title 38, United States Code, is further amended by inserting ''33,'' after ''32,'' each place it appears in the following provisions:

(i) In subsections (b) and (e)(1) of section 3485.

(ii) In section 3688(b).

(iii) In subsections (a)(1), (c)(1), (c)(1)(G), (d), and (e)(2) of section 3689.

(iv) In section 3690(b)(3)(A).

(v) In subsections (a) and (b) of section 3692.

(vi) In section 3697(a).

(B) Section 3697A(b)(1) of such title is amended by striking ''or 32'' and inserting ''32, or 33''.

(c) APPLICABILITY TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER MONTGOMERY GI BILL PROGRAM.—

(1) INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE TO ELECT PARTICIPATION IN POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—An individual may elect to receive educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), if such individual—

(A) as of August 1, 2009—

(i) is entitled to basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, and has used, but retains unused, entitlement under that chapter;

(ii) is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10, United States Code, and has used, but retains unused, entitlement under the applicable chapter;

(iii) is entitled to basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, but has not used any entitlement under that chapter;

(iv) is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10, United States Code, but has not used any entitlement under such chapter;

(v) is a member of the Armed Forces who is eligible for receipt of basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, and is making contributions toward such assistance under section 3011(b) or 3012(c) of such title; or

(vi) is a member of the Armed Forces who is not entitled to basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, by reason of an election under section 3011(c)(1) or 3012(d)(1) of such title; and

(B) as of the date of the individual's election under this paragraph, meets the requirements for entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added).

(2) CESSATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD GI BILL.—Effective as of the first month beginning on or after the date of an election under paragraph (1) of an individual described by subparagraph (A)(v) of that paragraph, the obligation of the individual to make contributions under section 3011(b) or 3012(c) of title 38, United States Code, as applicable, shall cease, and the requirements of such section shall be deemed to be no longer applicable to the individual.

(3) REVOCATION OF REMAINING TRANSFERRED ENTITLEMENT.—

(A) ELECTION TO REVOKE.—If, on the date an individual described in subparagraph (A)(i) or (A)(iii) of paragraph (1) makes an election under that paragraph, a transfer of the entitlement of the individual to basic educational assistance under section 3020 of title 38, United States Code, is in effect and a number of months of the entitlement so transferred remain unutilized, the individual may elect to revoke all or a portion of the entitlement so transferred that remains unutilized.

(B) AVAILABILITY OF REVOKED ENTITLEMENT.—Any entitlement revoked by an individual under this paragraph shall no longer be available to the dependent to whom transferred, but shall be available to the individual instead for educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added), in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

(C) AVAILABILITY OF UNREVOKED ENTITLEMENT.—Any entitlement described in subparagraph (A) that is not revoked by an individual in accordance with that subparagraph shall remain available to the dependent or dependents concerned in accordance with the current transfer of such entitlement under section 3020 of title 38, United States Code.

(4) POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B) and except as provided in paragraph (5), an individual making an election under paragraph (1) shall be entitled to educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added), in accordance with the provisions of such chapter, instead of basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, or educational assistance under chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10, United States Code, as applicable.

(B) LIMITATION ON ENTITLEMENT FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—In the case of an individual making an election under paragraph (1) who is described by subparagraph (A)(i) of that paragraph, the number of months of entitlement of the individual to educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added), shall be the number of months equal to—

(i) the number of months of unused entitlement of the individual under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, as of the date of the election, plus

(ii) the number of months, if any, of entitlement revoked by the individual under paragraph (3)(A).

(5) CONTINUING ENTITLEMENT TO EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE NOT AVAILABLE UNDER 9/11 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In the event educational assistance to which an individual making an election under paragraph (1) would be entitled under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, or chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10, United States Code, as applicable, is not authorized to be available to the individual under the provisions of chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added), the individual shall remain entitled to such educational assistance in accordance with the provisions of the applicable chapter.

(B) CHARGE FOR USE OF ENTITLEMENT.—The utilization by an individual of entitlement under subparagraph (A) shall be chargeable against the entitlement of the individual to educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added), at the rate of one month of entitlement under such chapter 33 for each month of entitlement utilized by the individual under subparagraph (A) (as determined as if such entitlement were utilized under the provisions of chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, or chapter 107, 1606, or 1607 of title 10, United States Code, as applicable).

(6) ADDITIONAL POST-9/11 ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS HAVING MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD GI BILL.—

(A) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—In the case of an individual making an election under paragraph (1) who is described by clause (i), (iii), or (v) of subparagraph (A) of that paragraph, the amount of educational assistance payable to the individual under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added), as a monthly stipend payable under paragraph (1)(B) of section 3313(c) of such title, or under paragraphs (2) through (7) of that section (as applicable), shall be the amount otherwise payable as a monthly stipend under the applicable paragraph increased by the amount equal to—

(i) the total amount of contributions toward basic educational assistance made by the individual under section 3011(b) or 3012(c) of title 38, United States Code, as of the date of the election, multiplied by

(ii) the fraction—

(I) the numerator of which is—

(aa) the number of months of entitlement to basic educational assistance under chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, remaining to the individual at the time of the election; plus

(bb) the number of months, if any, of entitlement under such chapter 30 revoked by the individual under paragraph (3)(A); and

(II) the denominator of which is 36 months.

(B) MONTHS OF REMAINING ENTITLEMENT FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—In the case of an individual covered by subparagraph (A) who is described by paragraph (1)(A)(v), the number of months of entitlement to basic educational assistance remaining to the individual for purposes of subparagraph (A)(ii)(I)(aa) shall be 36 months.

(C) TIMING OF PAYMENT.—The amount payable with respect to an individual under subparagraph (A) shall be paid to the individual together with the last payment of the monthly stipend payable to the individual under paragraph (1)(B) of section 3313(c) of title 38, United States Code (as so added), or under paragraphs (2) through (7) of that section (as applicable), before the exhaustion of the individual's entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 33 of such title (as so added).

(7) CONTINUING ENTITLEMENT TO ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR CRITICAL SKILLS OR SPECIALITY AND ADDITIONAL SERVICE.—An individual making an election under paragraph (1)(A) who, at the time of the election, is entitled to increased educational assistance under section 3015(d) of title 38, United States Code, or section 16131(i) of title 10, United States Code, or supplemental educational assistance under subchapter III of chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, shall remain entitled to such increased educational assistance or supplemental educational assistance in the utilization of entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code (as so added), in an amount equal to the quarter, semester, or term, as applicable, equivalent of the monthly amount of such increased educational assistance or supplemental educational assistance payable with respect to the individual at the time of the election.

(8) IRREVOCABILITY OF ELECTIONS.—An election under paragraph (1) or (3)(A) is irrevocable.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall take effect on August 1, 2009.

INCREASE IN AMOUNTS OF BASIC EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL

SEC. 5004. (a) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BASED ON THREE-YEAR PERIOD OF OBLIGATED SERVICE.—Subsection (a)(1) of section 3015 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraph:

''(A) for months occurring during the period beginning on August 1, 2008, and ending on the last day of fiscal year 2009, $1,321; and''; and

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (B).

(b) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BASED ON TWO-YEAR PERIOD OF OBLIGATED SERVICE.—Subsection (b)(1) of such section is amended—

(1) by striking subparagraphs (A) through (C) and inserting the following new subparagraph:

''(A) for months occurring during the period beginning on August 1, 2008, and ending on the last day of fiscal year 2009, $1,073; and''; and

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (B).

(c) MODIFICATION OF MECHANISM FOR COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.—Subsection (h)(1) of such section is amended by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

''(A) the average cost of undergraduate tuition in the United States, as determined by the National Center for Education Statistics, for the last academic year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year for which the increase is made, exceeds

''(B) the average cost of undergraduate tuition in the United States, as so determined, for the academic year preceding the academic year described in subparagraph (A).''.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on August 1, 2008.

(2) NO COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.—The adjustment required by subsection (h) of section 3015 of title 38, United States Code (as amended by this section), in rates of basic educational assistance payable under subsections (a) and (b) of such section (as so amended) shall not be made for fiscal year 2009.

MODIFICATION OF AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES ADMINISTERING VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS

SEC. 5005. Section 3674(a)(4) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''may not exceed'' and all that follows through the end and inserting ''shall be $19,000,000.''.

AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER UNUSED EDUCATION BENEFITS TO FAMILY MEMBERS FOR CAREER SERVICE MEMBERS

SEC. 5006. (a) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER MONTGOMERY GI BILL BENEFITS TO A DEPENDENT.—Section 3020 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the following:

''§ 3020. Authority to transfer unused education benefits to family members for career service members

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the provisions of this section, the Secretary of Defense may authorize the Secretary concerned, to promote recruitment and retention of members of the Armed Forces, to permit an individual described in subsection (b) who is entitled to basic educational assistance under this subchapter to elect to transfer to one or more of the dependents specified in subsection (c) the unused portion of entitlement to such assistance, subject to the limitation under subsection (d).

''(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—An individual referred to in subsection (a) is any member of the Armed Forces—

''(1) who, while serving on active duty or as a member of the Selected Reserve at the time of the approval by the Secretary concerned of the member's request to transfer entitlement to basic educational assistance under this section, has completed six years of service in the Armed Forces and enters into an agreement to serve at least four more years as a member of the Armed Forces; or

''(2) as determined in regulations pursuant to subsection (k).'';

(2) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

''(d) LIMITATION ON MONTHS OF TRANSFER.—(1) An individual approved to transfer an entitlement to basic educational assistance under this section may transfer any unused entitlement to one or more of the dependents specified in subsection (c).

''(2) The total number of months of entitlement transferred by an individual under this section may not exceed 36 months. The Secretary of Defense may prescribe regulations that would limit the months of entitlement that may be transferred under this section to no less than 18 months.'';

(3) in subsection (f)(1) by striking ''without regard to whether'' and inserting ''only while''; and

(4) in subsection (f)(2) by inserting ''as long as the individual is serving on active duty or as a member of the Selected Reserve'' after ''so transferred'';

(5) by adding at the end of subsection (f) the following:

''(3) Entitlement transferred under this section may not be treated as marital property, or the asset of a marital estate, subject to division in a divorce or other civil proceeding.'';

(6) in subsection (h)(5) by inserting ''may use the benefit without regard to the 10-year delimiting date, but'' after ''under this section''; and

(7) by striking subsection (k) and inserting the following:

''(k) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall prescribe regulations for purposes of this section. Such regulations shall specify—

''(1) the manner of authorizing the military departments to offer transfer of entitlements under this section;

''(2) the eligibility criteria in accordance with subsection (b);

''(3) the limitations on the amount of entitlement eligible to be transferred; and

''(4) the manner and effect of an election to modify or revoke a transfer of entitlement under subsection (f)(2).''.

(b) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER MONTGOMERY GI BILL FOR THE SELECTED RESERVE BENEFITS TO A DEPENDENT.—Chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 16132 the following:

''§ 16132a. Authority to transfer unused education benefits to family members

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to regulation prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary concerned may permit a member described in subsection (b) who is entitled to basic educational assistance under this chapter to elect to transfer to one or more of the dependents specified in subsection (c) a portion of such member's entitlement to such assistance, subject to the limitation under subsection (d).

''(b) ELIGIBLE MEMBERS.—A member referred to in subsection (a) is a member of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve who, at the time of the approval of the member's request to transfer entitlement to basic educational assistance under this section, has completed—

''(1) at least six years of service in the Selected Reserve and enters into an agreement to service at least four more years as a member of the armed forces; or

''(2) the years of service as determined in regulations pursuant to subsection (j).

''(c) ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS.—A member approved to transfer an entitlement to basic educational assistance under this section may transfer the member's entitlement as follows:

''(1) To the member's spouse.

''(2) To one or more of the member's children.

''(3) To a combination of the individuals referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2).

''(d) LIMITATION ON MONTHS OF TRANSFER.—The total number of months of entitlement transferred by a member under this section may not exceed 36 months. The Secretary of Defense may prescribe regulations that would limit the months of entitlement that may be transferred under this section to no less than 18 months.

''(e) DESIGNATION OF TRANSFEREE.—A member transferring an entitlement to basic educational assistance under this section shall—

''(1) designate the dependent or dependents to whom such entitlement is being transferred;

''(2) designate the number of months of such entitlement to be transferred to each such dependent; and

''(3) specify the period for which the transfer shall be effective for each dependent designated under paragraph (1).

''(f) TIME FOR TRANSFER; REVOCATION AND MODIFICATION.—(1) Subject to the time limitation for use of entitlement under section 16133, a member approved to transfer entitlement to basic educational assistance under this section may transfer such entitlement at any time after the approval of the member's request to transfer such entitlement.

''(2) A member transferring entitlement under this section may modify or revoke at any time the transfer of any unused portion of the entitlement so transferred. The modification or revocation of the transfer of entitlement under this paragraph shall be made by the submittal of written notice of the action to both the Secretary concerned and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

''(3) Entitlement transferred under this section may not be treated as marital property, or the asset of a marital estate, subject to division in a divorce or other civil proceeding.

''(g) COMMENCEMENT OF USE.—A dependent to whom entitlement to basic educational assistance is transferred under this section may not commence the use of the transferred entitlement until—

''(1) in the case of entitlement transferred to a spouse, the completion by the member making the transfer of at least—

''(A) six years of service in the armed forces; or

''(B) the years of service as determined in regulations pursuant to subsection (j); or

''(2) in the case of entitlement transferred to a child, both—

''(A) the completion by the member making the transfer of at least—

''(i) ten years of service in the armed forces; or

''(ii) the years of service as determined in regulations pursuant to subsection (j); and

''(B) either—

''(i) the completion by the child of the requirements of a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate); or

''(ii) the attainment by the child of 18 years of age.

''(h) ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—(1) The use of any entitlement to basic educational assistance transferred under this section shall be charged against the entitlement of the member making the transfer at the rate of one month for each month of transferred entitlement that is used.

''(2) Except as provided under subsection (e)(2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), a dependent to whom entitlement is transferred under this section is entitled to basic educational assistance under this chapter in the same manner as the member from whom the entitlement was transferred.

''(3) The monthly rate of educational assistance payable to a dependent to whom entitlement is transferred under this section shall be the monthly amount payable under sections 16131 and 16131a to the member making the transfer.

''(4) The death of a member transferring an entitlement under this section shall not affect the use of the entitlement by the dependent to whom the entitlement is transferred.

''(5) The involuntary separation or retirement of the member—

''(A) because of a nondiscretionary provision of law for age or years of service;

''(B) because of a policy prescribed by the Secretary concerned mandating such separation or retirement based solely on age or years of service for the prescribed pay grade of an enlisted member;

''(C) under section 16133(b); or

''(D) because of medical disqualification which is not the result of gross negligence or misconduct of the member,

shall not affect the use of entitlement by the dependent to whom the entitlement is transferred.

''(6) A child to whom entitlement is transferred under this section may not use any entitlement so transferred after attaining the age of 26 years.

''(7) The administrative provisions of this chapter shall apply to the use of entitlement transferred under this section, except that the dependent to whom the entitlement is transferred shall be treated as the eligible member for purposes of such provisions.

''(8) The purposes for which a dependent to whom entitlement is transferred under this section may use such entitlement shall include the pursuit and completion of the requirements of a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate).

''(i) OVERPAYMENT.—(1) In the event of an overpayment of basic educational assistance with respect to a dependent to whom entitlement is transferred under this section, the dependent and the member making the transfer shall be jointly and severally liable to the United States for the amount of the overpayment for purposes of section 3685 of title 38.

''(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), if a member's whose eligibility is terminated under section 16134(2), the amount of any transferred entitlement under this section that is used by a dependent of the member as of the date of such termination shall be treated as an overpayment of basic educational assistance under paragraph (1).

''(3) Paragraph (2) shall not apply in the case of a member who fails to complete service agreed to by the member—

''(A) by reason of the death of the member; or

''(B) for a reason referred to in section 16133(b).

''(j) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall prescribe regulations for purposes of this section. Such regulations shall specify—

''(1) the manner of authorizing the military departments to offer transfer of entitlements under this section;

''(2) the eligibility criteria in accordance with subsection (b);

''(3) the manner and effect of an election to modify or revoke a transfer of entitlement under subsection (f)(2); and

''(4) the manner in which the provisions referred to in subsections (h)(4) and (5) shall be administered with respect to a dependent to whom entitlement is transferred under this section.''.

(c) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS TO A DEPENDENT.—Chapter 1607 of such title is amended by inserting after section 16163 the following:

''§ 16163a. Authority to transfer unused education benefits to family members

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the provisions of this section, the Secretary concerned may permit, at such Secretary's sole

discretion, a member described in subsection (b) who is entitled to basic educational assistance under this chapter to elect to transfer to one or more of the dependents specified in subsection (c) a portion of such member's entitlement to such assistance, subject to the limitation under subsection (d).

''(b) ELIGIBLE MEMBERS.—A member referred to in subsection (a) is a member of the armed forces who, at the time of the approval of the member's request to transfer entitlement to basic educational assistance under this section, has completed at least—

''(1) six years of service in the armed forces and enters into an agreement to serve at least four more years as a member of the armed forces; or

''(2) the years of service as determined in regulations pursuant to section (j).

''(c) ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS.—A member approved to transfer an entitlement to basic educational assistance under this section may transfer the member's entitlement as follows:

''(1) To the member's spouse.

''(2) To one or more of the member's children.

''(3) To a combination of the individuals referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2).

''(d) LIMITATION ON MONTHS OF TRANSFER.—The total number of months of entitlement transferred by a member under this section may not exceed 36 months. The Secretary of Defense may prescribe regulations that would limit the months of entitlement that may be transferred under this section to no less than 18 months.

''(e) DESIGNATION OF TRANSFEREE.—A member transferring an entitlement to basic educational assistance under this section shall—

''(1) designate the dependent or dependents to whom such entitlement is being transferred;

''(2) designate the number of months of such entitlement to be transferred to each such dependent; and

''(3) specify the period for which the transfer shall be effective for each dependent designated under paragraph (1).

''(f) TIME FOR TRANSFER; REVOCATION AND MODIFICATION.—(1) Subject to the time limitation for use of entitlement under section 16164, a member approved to transfer entitlement to basic educational assistance under this section may transfer such entitlement only while serving as a member of the armed forces when the transfer is executed.

''(2) A member transferring entitlement under this section may modify or revoke at any time the transfer of any unused portion of the entitlement so transferred. The modification or revocation of the transfer of entitlement under this paragraph shall be made by the submittal of written notice of the action to both the Secretary concerned and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

''(3) Entitlement transferred under this section may not be treated as marital property, or the asset of a marital estate, subject to division in a divorce or other civil proceeding.

''(g) COMMENCEMENT OF USE.—A dependent to whom entitlement to basic educational assistance is transferred under this section may not commence the use of the transferred entitlement until—

''(1) in the case of entitlement transferred to a spouse, the completion by the member making the transfer of at least—

''(A) six years of service in the armed forces; or

''(B) the years of service as determined in regulations pursuant to subsection (j); or

''(2) in the case of entitlement transferred to a child, both—

''(A) the completion by the member making the transfer of at least—

''(i) ten years of service in the armed forces; or

''(ii) the years of service as determined in regulations pursuant to subsection (j); and

''(B) either—

''(i) the completion by the child of the requirements of a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate); or

''(ii) the attainment by the child of 18 years of age.

''(h) ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—(1) The use of any entitlement to basic educational assistance transferred under this section shall be charged against the entitlement of the member making the transfer at the rate of one month for each month of transferred entitlement that is used.

''(2) Except as provided under subsection (e)(2) and subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), a dependent to whom entitlement is transferred under this section is entitled to basic educational assistance under this chapter in the same manner as the member from whom the entitlement was transferred.

''(3) The monthly rate of educational assistance payable to a dependent to whom entitlement is transferred under this section shall be the monthly amount payable under sections 16162 and 16162a to the member making the transfer.

''(4) The death of a member transferring an entitlement under this section shall not affect the use of the entitlement by the dependent to whom the entitlement is transferred.

''(5) Notwithstanding section 16164(a)(2), a child to whom entitlement is transferred under this section may use the benefit without regard to the 10-year delimiting date, but may not use any entitlement so transferred after attaining the age of 26 years.

''(6) The administrative provisions of this chapter shall apply to the use of entitlement transferred under this section, except that the dependent to whom the entitlement is transferred shall be treated as the eligible member for purposes of such provisions.

''(7) The purposes for which a dependent to whom entitlement is transferred under this section may use such entitlement shall include the pursuit and completion of the requirements of a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate).

''(i) OVERPAYMENT.—

''(1) JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY.—In the event of an overpayment of basic educational assistance with respect to a dependent to whom entitlement is transferred under this section, the dependent and the member making the transfer shall be jointly and severally liable to the United States for the amount of the overpayment for purposes of section 3685 of title 38.

''(2) FAILURE TO COMPLETE SERVICE AGREEMENT.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), if an individual transferring entitlement under this section fails to complete the service agreed to by the individual under subsection (b)(1) in accordance with the terms of the agreement of the individual under that subsection, the amount of any transferred entitlement under this section that is used by a dependent of the individual as of the date of such failure shall be treated as an overpayment of educational assistance under paragraph (1).

''(3) Paragraph (2) shall not apply in the case of an individual who fails to complete service agreed to by the individual—

''(A) by reason of the death of the individual; or

''(B) for a reason referred to in section 16133(b).

''(j) REGULATIONS.—(1) The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall prescribe regulations for purposes of this section.

''(2) Such regulations shall specify—

''(A) the manner of authorizing the transfer of entitlements under this section;

''(B) the eligibility criteria in accordance with subsection (b); and

''(C) the manner and effect of an election to modify or revoke a transfer of entitlement under subsection (f)(2).

''(k) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term 'Secretary concerned' has the meaning given in section 101(a)(9) in the case of a member of the armed forces.''.

(d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 16133(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking ''(1)'' and all that follows through the period at the end of the subsection and inserting ''on the date the person is separated from the Selected Reserve.''.

(e) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 30 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 3020 and inserting the following new item:

''3020. Authority to transfer unused education benefits to family members of career service members.''.

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 16132 the following new item:

''16132a. Authority to transfer unused education benefits to family members.''.

(3) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 1607 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 16163 the following new item:

''16163a. Authority to transfer unused education benefits to family members.''.

TITLE VI—ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

CHAPTER 1—CLOSE THE CONTRACTOR FRAUD LOOPHOLE

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 6101. This chapter may be cited as the ''Close the Contractor Fraud Loophole Act''.

REVISION OF THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION

SEC. 6102. The Federal Acquisition Regulation shall be amended within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act pursuant to FAR Case 2007–006 (as published at 72 Fed Reg. 64019, November 14, 2007) or any follow-on FAR case to include provisions that require timely notification by Federal contractors of violations of Federal criminal law or overpayments in connection with the award or performance of covered contracts or subcontracts, including those performed outside the United States and those for commercial items.

DEFINITION

SEC. 6103. In this chapter, the term ''covered contract'' means any contract in an amount greater than $5,000,000 and more than 120 days in duration.

CHAPTER 2—GOVERNMENT FUNDING TRANSPARENCY

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 6201. This chapter may be cited as the ''Government Funding Transparency Act of 2008''.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF FEDERAL AWARDS

SEC. 6202. (a) DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.—Section 2(b)(1) of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (Public Law 109–282; 31 U.S.C. 6101 note) is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of subparagraph (E);

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (G); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following new subparagraph:

''(F) the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated officers of the entity if—

''(i) the entity in the preceding fiscal year received—

''(I) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues in Federal awards; and

''(II) $25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal awards; and

''(ii) the public does not have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives of the entity through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.''.

(b) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall promulgate regulations to implement the amendment made by this chapter. Such regulations shall include a definition of ''total compensation'' that is consistent with regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission at section 402 of part 229 of title 17 of the Code of Federal Regulations (or any subsequent regulation).

TITLE VII—MEDICAID PROVISIONS

SEC. 7001. (a) MORATORIA ON CERTAIN MEDICAID REGULATIONS.—

(1) EXTENSION OF CERTAIN MORATORIA IN PUBLIC LAW 110–28.—Section 7002(a)(1) of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110–28) is amended—

(A) by striking ''prior to the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act'' and inserting ''prior to April 1, 2009'';

(B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting after ''Federal Regulations)'' the following: ''or in the final regulation, relating to such parts, published on May 29, 2007 (72 Federal Register 29748) and determined by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to have been 'improperly promulgated', *Alameda County Medical Center, et al., v. Leavitt, et al.*, Civil Action No. 08-0422, Mem. at 4 (D.D.C. May 23, 2008)''; and

(C) in subparagraph (C), by inserting before the period at the end the following: '', including the proposed regulation published on May 23, 2007 (72 Federal Register 28930)''.

(2) EXTENSION OF CERTAIN MORATORIA IN PUBLIC LAW 110–173.—Section 206 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–173) is amended—

(A) by striking ''June 30, 2008'' and inserting ''April 1, 2009'';

(B) by inserting '', including the proposed regulation published on August 13, 2007 (72 Federal Register 45201),'' after ''rehabilitation services''; and

(C) by inserting '', including the final regulation published on December 28, 2007 (72 Federal Register 73635),'' after ''school-based transportation''.

(3) ADDITIONAL MORATORIA.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall not, prior to April 1, 2009, take any action (through promulgation of regulation, issuance of regulatory guidance, use of Federal payment audit procedures, or other administrative action, policy, or practice, including a Medical Assistance Manual transmittal or letter to State Medicaid directors) to impose any restrictions relating to a provision described in subparagraph (B) or (C) if such restrictions are more restrictive in any aspect than those applied to the respective provision as of the date specified in subparagraph (D) for such provision.

(B) PORTION OF INTERIM FINAL REGULATION RELATING TO MEDICAID TREATMENT OF OPTIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), the provision described in this subparagraph is the interim final regulation relating to optional State plan case management services under the Medicaid program published on December 4, 2007 (72 Federal Register 68077) in its entirety.

(ii) EXCEPTION.—The provision described in this subparagraph does not include the portion of such regulation as relates directly to implementing section 1915(g)(2)(A)(ii) of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 6052 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–171), through the definition of case management services and targeted case management services contained in proposed section 440.169 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, but only to the extent that such portion is not more restrictive than the policies set forth in the Dear State Medicaid Director letter on case management issued on January 19, 2001 (SMDL #01–013), and with respect to community transition case management, the Dear State Medicaid Director letter issued on July 25, 2000 (Olmstead Update 3).

(C) PORTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION RELATING TO MEDICAID ALLOWABLE PROVIDER TAXES.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), the provision described in this subparagraph is the final regulation relating to health-care-related taxes under the Medicaid program published on February 22, 2008 (73 Federal Register 9685) in its entirety.

(ii) EXCEPTION.—The provision described in this subparagraph does not include the portions of such regulation as relate to the following:

(I) REDUCTION IN THRESHOLD.—The reduction from 6 percent to 5.5 percent in the threshold applied under section 433.68(f)(3)(i) of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, for determining whether or not there is an indirect guarantee to hold a taxpayer harmless, as required to carry out section 1903(w)(4)(C)(ii) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 403 of the Medicare Improvement and Extension Act of 2006 (division B of Public Law 109–432).

(II) CHANGE IN DEFINITION OF MANAGED CARE.—The change in the definition of managed care as proposed in the revision of section 433.56(a)(8) of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, as required to carry out section 1903(w)(7)(A)(viii) of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 6051 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–171).

(D) DATE SPECIFIED.—The date specified in this subparagraph for the provision described in—

(i) subparagraph (B) is December 3, 2007; or

(ii) subparagraph (C) is February 21, 2008.

(b) FUNDS TO REDUCE MEDICAID FRAUD AND ABUSE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of reducing fraud and abuse in the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act—

(A) there is appropriated to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $25,000,000, for fiscal year 2009; and

(B) there is authorized to be appropriated to such Office $25,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and each subsequent fiscal year.

Amounts appropriated under this section shall remain available for expenditure until expended and shall be in addition to any other amounts appropriated or made available to such Office for such purposes with respect to the Medicaid program.

(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than September 30 of 2009 and of each subsequent year, the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Finance and Appropriations of the Senate a report on the activities (and the results of such activities) funded under paragraph (1) to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act during the previous 12 month period, including the amount of funds appropriated under such paragraph for each such activity and an estimate of the savings to the Medicaid program resulting from each such activity.

(c) STUDY AND REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

(1) SECRETARIAL REPORT IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS.—Not later than January 1, 2009, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate a report that—

(A) outlines the specific problems the Medicaid regulations referred to in the amendments made by paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) were intended to address;

(B) details how these regulations were designed to address these specific problems; and

(C) cites the legal authority for such regulations.

(2) INDEPENDENT COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND REPORT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1, 2009, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall enter into a contract with an independent organization for the purpose of—

(i) producing a comprehensive report on the prevalence of the problems outlined in the report submitted under paragraph (1);

(ii) identifying strategies in existence to address these problems; and

(iii) assessing the impact of each regulation referred to in such paragraph on each State and the District of Columbia.

(B) ADDITIONAL MATTER.—The report under subparagraph (A) shall also include—

(i) an identification of which claims for items and services (including administrative activities) under title XIX of the Social Security Act are not processed through systems described in section 1903(r) of such Act;

(ii) an examination of the reasons why these claims for such items and services are not processed through such systems; and

(iii) recommendations on actions by the Federal government and the States that can make claims for such items and services more accurate and complete consistent with such title.

(C) DEADLINE.—The report under subparagraph (A) shall be submitted to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate not later than September 1, 2009.

(D) COOPERATION OF STATES.—If the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines that a State or the District of Columbia has not cooperated with the independent organization for purposes of the report under this paragraph, the Secretary shall reduce the amount paid to the State or District under section 1903(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(a)) by $25,000 for each day on which the Secretary determines such State or District has not so cooperated. Such reduction shall be made through a process that permits the State or District to challenge the Secretary's determination.

(3) FUNDING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated to the Secretary without further appropriation, $5,000,000 to carry out this subsection.

(B) AVAILABILITY; AMOUNTS IN ADDITION TO OTHER AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES.—Amounts appropriated pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall—

(i) remain available until expended; and

(ii) be in addition to any other amounts appropriated or made available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services with respect to the Medicaid program.

(d) ASSET VERIFICATION THROUGH ACCESS TO INFORMATION HELD BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—

(1) ADDITION OF AUTHORITY.—Title XIX of the Social Security Act is amended by inserting after section 1939 the following new section:

''ASSET VERIFICATION THROUGH ACCESS TO INFORMATION HELD BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

''SEC. 1940. (a) IMPLEMENTATION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the provisions of this section, each State shall implement an asset verification program described in subsection (b), for purposes of determining or redetermining the eligibility of an individual for medical assistance under the State plan under this title.

''(2) PLAN SUBMITTAL.—In order to meet the requirement of paragraph (1), each State shall—

''(A) submit not later than a deadline specified by the Secretary consistent with paragraph (3), a State plan amendment under this title that describes how the State intends to implement the asset verification program; and

''(B) provide for implementation of such program for eligibility determinations and redeterminations made on or after 6 months after the deadline established for submittal of such plan amendment.

''(3) PHASE-IN.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—

''(i) IMPLEMENTATION IN CURRENT ASSET VERIFICATION DEMO STATES.—The Secretary shall require those States specified in subparagraph (C) (to which an asset verification program has been applied before the date of the enactment of this section) to implement an asset verification program under this subsection by the end of fiscal year 2009.

''(ii) IMPLEMENTATION IN OTHER STATES.—The Secretary shall require other States to submit and implement an asset verification program under this subsection in such manner as is designed to result in the application of such programs, in the aggregate for all such other States, to enrollment of approximately, but not less than, the following percentage of enrollees, in the aggregate for all such other States, by the end of the fiscal year involved:

''(I) 12.5 percent by the end of fiscal year 2009.

''(II) 25 percent by the end of fiscal year 2010.

''(III) 50 percent by the end of fiscal year 2011.

''(IV) 75 percent by the end of fiscal year 2012.

''(V) 100 percent by the end of fiscal year 2013.

''(B) CONSIDERATION.—In selecting States under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Secretary shall consult with the States involved and take into account the feasibility of implementing asset verification programs in each such State.

''(C) STATES SPECIFIED.—The States specified in this subparagraph are California, New York, and New Jersey.

''(D) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be construed as preventing a State from requesting, and the Secretary from approving, the implementation of an asset verification program in advance of the deadline otherwise established under such subparagraph.

''(4) EXEMPTION OF TERRITORIES.—This section shall only apply to the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

''(b) ASSET VERIFICATION PROGRAM.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, an asset verification program means a program described in paragraph (2) under which a State—

''(A) requires each applicant for, or recipient of, medical assistance under the State plan under this title on the basis of being aged, blind, or disabled to provide authorization by such applicant or recipient (and any other person whose resources are required by law to be disclosed to determine the eligibility of the applicant or recipient for such assistance) for the State to obtain (subject to the cost reimbursement requirements of section 1115(a) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act but at no cost to the applicant or recipient) from any financial institution (within the meaning of section 1101(1) of such Act) any financial record (within the meaning of section 1101(2) of such Act) held by the institution with respect to the applicant or recipient (and such other person, as applicable), whenever the State determines the record is needed in connection with a determination with respect to such eligibility for (or the amount or extent of) such medical assistance; and

''(B) uses the authorization provided under subparagraph (A) to verify the financial resources of such applicant or recipient (and such other person, as applicable), in order to determine or redetermine the eligibility of such applicant or recipient for medical assistance under the State plan.

''(2) PROGRAM DESCRIBED.—A program described in this paragraph is a program for verifying individual assets in a manner consistent with the approach used by the Commissioner of Social Security under section 1631(e)(1)(B)(ii).

''(c) DURATION OF AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding section 1104(a)(1) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act, an authorization provided to a State under subsection (b)(1) shall remain effective until the earliest of—

''(1) the rendering of a final adverse decision on the applicant's application for medical assistance under the State's plan under this title;

''(2) the cessation of the recipient's eligibility for such medical assistance; or

''(3) the express revocation by the applicant or recipient (or such other person described in subsection (b)(1), as applicable) of the authorization, in a written notification to the State.

''(d) TREATMENT OF RIGHT TO FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT REQUIREMENTS.—

''(1) An authorization obtained by the State under subsection (b)(1) shall be considered to meet the requirements of the Right to Financial Privacy Act for purposes of section 1103(a) of such Act, and need not be furnished to the financial institution, notwithstanding section 1104(a) of such Act.

''(2) The certification requirements of section 1103(b) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act shall not apply to requests by the State pursuant to an authorization provided under subsection (b)(1).

''(3) A request by the State pursuant to an authorization provided under subsection (b)(1) is deemed to meet the requirements of section 1104(a)(3) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act and of section 1102 of such Act, relating to a reasonable description of financial records.

''(e) REQUIRED DISCLOSURE.—The State shall inform any person who provides authorization pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(A) of the duration and scope of the authorization.

''(f) REFUSAL OR REVOCATION OF AUTHORIZATION.—If an applicant for, or recipient of, medical assistance under the State plan under this title (or such other person described in subsection (b)(1), as applicable) refuses to provide, or revokes, any authorization made by the applicant or recipient (or such other person, as applicable) under subsection (b)(1)(A) for the State to obtain from any financial institution any financial record, the State may, on that basis, determine that the applicant or recipient is ineligible for medical assistance.

''(g) USE OF CONTRACTOR.—For purposes of implementing an asset verification program under this section, a State may select and enter into a contract with a public or private entity meeting such criteria and qualifications as the State determines appropriate, consistent with requirements in regulations relating to general contracting provisions and with section 1903(i)(2). In carrying out activities under such contract, such an entity shall be subject to the same requirements and limitations on use and disclosure of information as would apply if the State were to carry out such activities directly.

''(h) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall provide States with technical assistance to aid in implementation of an asset verification program under this section.

''(i) REPORTS.—A State implementing an asset verification program under this section shall furnish to the Secretary such reports concerning the program, at such times, in such format, and containing such information as the Secretary determines appropriate.

''(j) TREATMENT OF PROGRAM EXPENSES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, reasonable expenses of States in carrying out the program under this section shall be treated, for purposes of section 1903(a), in the same manner as State expenditures specified in paragraph (7) of such section.''.

(2) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Section 1902(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (69) by striking ''and'' at the end;

(B) in paragraph (70) by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (70), as so amended, the following new paragraph:

''(71) provide that the State will implement an asset verification program as required under section 1940.''.

(3) WITHHOLDING OF FEDERAL MATCHING PAYMENTS FOR NONCOMPLIANT STATES.—Section 1903(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(i)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (22) by striking ''or'' at the end;

(B) in paragraph (23) by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; or''; and

(C) by adding after paragraph (23) the following new paragraph:

''(24) if a State is required to implement an asset verification program under section 1940 and fails to implement such program in accordance with such section, with respect to amounts expended by such State for medical assistance for individuals subject to asset verification under such section, unless—

''(A) the State demonstrates to the Secretary's satisfaction that the State made a good faith effort to comply;

''(B) not later than 60 days after the date of a finding that the State is in noncompliance, the State submits to the Secretary (and the Secretary approves) a corrective action plan to remedy such noncompliance; and

''(C) not later than 12 months after the date of such submission (and approval), the State fulfills the terms of such corrective action plan.''.

(4) REPEAL.—Section 4 of Public Law 110–90 is repealed.

SEC. 7002. (a) MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT FUND.— Title XVIII of the Social Security

Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

''MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT FUND

''SEC. 1898. (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish under this title a Medicare Improvement Fund (in this section referred to as the 'Fund') which shall be available to the Secretary to make improvements under the original fee-for-service program under parts A and B for individuals entitled to, or enrolled for, benefits under part A or enrolled under part B.

''(b) FUNDING.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be available to the Fund, for expenditures from the Fund for services furnished during fiscal year 2014, $2,220,000,000.

''(2) PAYMENT FROM TRUST FUNDS.—The amount specified under paragraph (1) shall be available to the Fund, as expenditures are made from the Fund, from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund in such proportion as the Secretary determines appropriate.

''(3) FUNDING LIMITATION.—Amounts in the Fund shall be available in advance of appropriations but only if the total amount obligated from the Fund does not exceed the amount available to the Fund under paragraph (1). The Secretary may obligate funds from the Fund only if the Secretary determines (and the Chief Actuary of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the appropriate budget officer certify) that there are available in the Fund sufficient amounts to cover all such obligations incurred consistent with the previous sentence.''.

(b) MEDICAID IMPROVEMENT FUND.— Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.), as amended by section 7001(d), is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

''MEDICAID IMPROVEMENT FUND

''SEC. 1941. (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish under this title a Medicaid Improvement Fund (in this section referred to as the 'Fund') which shall be available to the Secretary to improve the management of the Medicaid program by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, including oversight of contracts and contractors and evaluation of demonstration projects. Payments made for activities under this subsection shall be in addition to payments that would otherwise be made for such activities.

''(b) FUNDING.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be available to the Fund, for expenditures from the Fund—

''(A) for fiscal year 2014, $100,000,000; and

''(B) for fiscal years 2015 through 2018, $150,000,000.

''(2) FUNDING LIMITATION.—Amounts in the Fund shall be available in advance of appropriations but only if the total amount obligated from the Fund does not exceed the amount available to the Fund under paragraph (1). The Secretary may obligate funds from the Fund only if the Secretary determines (and the Chief Actuary of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the appropriate budget officer certify) that there are available in the Fund sufficient amounts to cover all such obligations incurred consistent with the previous sentence.''.

(c) ADJUSTMENT TO PAQI FUND.—Section 1848(l)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(l)(2)), as amended by section 101(a)(2) of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-173), is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)(i)—

(A) in subclause (III), by striking ''$4,960,000,000'' and inserting ''$4,670,000,000''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subclause:

''(IV) For expenditures during 2014, an amount equal to $290,000,000.'';

(2) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by adding at the end the following new subclause:

''(IV) 2014.—The amount available for expenditures during 2014 shall only be available for an adjustment to the update of the conversion factor under subsection (d) for that year.''; and

(3) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) in clause (ii), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(B) in clause (iii), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

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

''(iv) 2014 for payment with respect to physicians' services furnished during 2014.''.

TITLE VIII—GENERAL PROVISIONS, THIS ACT

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

SEC. 8001. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

SEC. 8002. Each amount in each title of this Act is designated as an emergency requirement and necessary to meet emergency needs pursuant to section 204(a) of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress) and section 301(b)(2) of S. Con. Res. 70 (110th Congress), the concurrent resolutions on the budget for fiscal years 2008 and 2009.

REDUCTION IN DEFENSE AMOUNTS

SEC. 8003. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the total amount appropriated in chapter 1 of title IX of this Act under the headings ''Procurement'', ''Research, Development, Test and Evaluation'', and ''Defense Working Capital Funds'' is hereby reduced by $3,577,845,000. Such reduction shall be applied proportionally to each appropriation account under such headings, and to each program, project, and activity within each such appropriation account.

JOINT BASING INITIATIVES

SEC. 8004. Section 9310 of this Act is amended by inserting '', except funds deposited in the Department of Defense Base Closure Account 2005,'' after ''None of the funds available to the Department of Defense''.

DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

SEC. 8005. Amounts provided for ''Defense Health Program'' in Public Law 110-28 for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) within operation and maintenance which remain available for obligation shall be made available for psychological health and traumatic brain injury.

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 8006. This Act may be cited as the ''Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008''.

Page 60 of the Senate engrossed amendment (of September 6, 2007) to H.R. 2642, strike lines 1 through 3.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1284, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) and the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the pending legislation.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we've heard a lot of comments tonight about what there should or should not be in this legislation, and I agree with many of those comments. And honestly, just once, acting as chairman of a committee, I would like to put together a bill which reflects my priorities. But that is not usually what chairmen have to do in this place.

What we have to do is try to find a consensus that will gather 218 votes and be sustained over time. And on this bill, there are some peculiar problems because, very frankly, we have a very different constituency in this House for continuing the war in Iraq than we have for most of the other items in the bill and, therefore, we had to find a way to allow each and every Member of the House to express his or her opinion. We had to try to find a way to allow each and every Member to vote their convictions in a way which would not keep the House tied up in knots for another 6 months.

Now, the way we did that was to adopt a procedure under which we took a conference report pending between the Senate and the House, and used that as the device by which each House would express their preferences, and we would work our way to a solution.

Our committee is often criticized because we wind up producing omnibus appropriations in which everything is thrown into one package, and people are forced to vote up or down on the entire package. What we tried to do this time was to do just the opposite, to disaggregate these issues so that people would have a chance to vote separately on the major propositions in the legislation.

And that is why the House sent to the Senate originally three amendments. We sent one amendment that would fund the operations for Iraq and Afghanistan. We sent a second amendment which stipulated the conditions under which the first amendment money could be expended. And then we had a third amendment which laid out, basically, other domestic priorities or associated military priorities that we thought were important. And we sent it to the Senate, and it included a number of items about which questions have been raised tonight.

In addition to the expanded GI benefits for veterans and unemployment compensation, we tried to protect the Medicaid safety net by having a moratorium on seven Medicaid regulations.

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We also had a number of restrictions on Iraq policy, one requiring that any money that is expended for reconstruction by the State Department or USAID be matched dollar for dollar by the Iraqi Government so that they

would begin to pick up a fair share of the cost of redeveloping their own country.

We also had language with respect to trying to assure that there would be no permanent bases in Iraq. We had funding $2.2 billion above the President's level for military construction and veterans' hospitals, and we fully funded BRAC.

Someone asked earlier on the floor today why did we have $178 million in this war supplemental for the Bureau of Prisons. Very simple. Because the executive agency asked for the money because if we don't, there are going to be prison guards laid off because there has been a heavier than expected Federal prison population. And that may not be an emergency to Members of Congress, but if you're one of those prison guards who's working shorthanded under dangerous situations, you don't want to have people laid off in those Federal prisons.

And so we sent that package over to the Senate, and the Senate added roughly 37 additional items which cost $10 billion and which the House felt, in many instances, did not accurately reflect emergency expenditure funds.

So the Senate sent those amendments back to us, and among other things, they stripped out totally the conditions on the war. That is why I will personally vote against amendment No. 1 because I would vote for that amendment provided that we had a set of reasonable conditions in defining what our national policy is in Iraq. Absent those conditions, I don't intend to vote for that amendment.

But I do intend to vote for the second amendment, and I want to take just a moment to explain what was in it. Primarily, we do three important things: We, first of all, create a new program to provide greatly expanded education benefits for American veterans under the GI Bill. We have some Members of this House who are unhappy about the fact that that is not paid for. I am among them. But I would point out that the entire war is not being paid for. Mr. MURTHA and I and Mr. MCGOVERN tried to offer the House an opportunity to vote to pay for the entire war. We did not, frankly, find much enthusiasm for that on either side of the political aisle.

But we stipulated that we felt that if that war was going to be fought, even though I personally think it's the most misguided war since the War of 1812, nonetheless, we felt if the war was going to be fought, at least we ought to pay for it so we didn't pass the cost down to our grandkids.

That has not happened.

My point is simply that if we aren't going to pay for the war, then I feel no particular guilt about saying to the GIs who have fought the war that we aren't going to provide you with the equivalent of a 4-year college education because we have had no sense of self-sacrifice in this country except on the part of military families. They've been asked to sacrifice again and again and again while the rest of us have been asked to go shopping or swallow a tax cut. And I think that's illegitimate.

We lost the argument on funding the war, and it just seems to me that it is a peculiar view of proportion if people get exercised about not paying for the GI Bill expansion but don't get exercised about not paying for the war. It would take over 50 years of paying benefits under this new expanded GI Bill. It would take more than 50 years to spend as much money on veterans as will be spent in a 2-year period in Iraq.

And so I make no apology. While I would prefer that it be paid for, I make no apology for the fact that, in the end, it wasn't. This is the only way that we could get the United States Senate and the administration to accept the expanded GI Bill. And I think we owe it to those veterans to provide it no matter what the budgetary niceties are.

Secondly, with respect to unemployment compensation. We wound up essentially—and I want to thank Mr. RANGEL especially for the work he did in conference yesterday. The House initially sent over a package which provided 13 weeks of expanded unemployment benefits for every State in the country and then provided an additional 13 weeks on top of that for States with high unemployment rates.

The administration, as you know, Mr. Speaker, did not want that. They objected to it. So we looked for various ways to try to salvage as much of that as we could.

In the end, we adopted changes which bring the cost of that down from about $10 billion to $8 billion. So we have retained 80 percent of the original unemployment compensation provision.

We've made two changes. We have agreed with the administration's request to require 20 weeks of work history if a person is going to be eligible for that, and we also dropped the second step, the targeting of those benefits. We will have to deal with that issue on another bill in another venue.

The third issue that was causing great controversy was the fact that we were trying to place a moratorium on seven Medicaid regulations that the administration was trying to impose that would cut services to seniors, families, and those with disabilities. In the end, we got six of those seven in the package. I think that's doing pretty well.

Because of the new disasters that we have had around the country, certainly most visible in Iowa recently, the administration agreed to $1.8 billion in disaster funding. This bill comes in considerably higher than that at $2.65 billion.

That's basically the outline of what we have done. And there are several other items in the bill. One that Members should be aware of, if we do not get our appropriation bills done by the end of the fiscal year—that has been known to happen from time to time around here—if that doesn't happen, then if we were to proceed for a short time on a continuing resolution, Israel would wind up receiving $170 million less than the President's budget. We did not want that to happen. And so we are including in this bill a provision which guarantees that as of October 1, that even if we were to pass a continuing resolution at last year's level, Israel would not be accidentally shortchanged by that action and they would get that additional $170 million.

There are a number of other provisions in the bill, but I think most Members are familiar with them. Most of these items have been around for quite a while.

And so with that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we've heard from a number of sources in the last hour or so that this is the 500th day since the President sent this request for absolutely crucial funding for our troops who are fighting in the Middle East. It's been heard enough that I don't think we need to dwell upon that a lot.

Mr. Speaker, today is the 500th day since the President's fiscal year 2008 emergency supplemental request first arrived on the Hill. Oft times we make the mistake of assuming that we're doing the Lord's work in this body. But I remind my colleagues that the Good Lord created Heaven, Earth—and far more—and it took Him 493 fewer days to get it done.

It's no secret that I've had misgivings about the manner in which the majority leadership developed and moved earlier versions of the supplemental, without consideration by the Committee on Appropriations and under a closed rule.

While the regular order process was never followed, today I'm happy to report that the House has worked in a bipartisan fashion—and come to an agreement—on a funding package that will provide immediate support to our troops in harm's way in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This supplemental is long overdue and comes at a time when the Pentagon has already issued guidance to employees on potential furloughs. Clearly, our agreement on this legislation comes not a moment too soon.

A whole array of legislative provisions had been a part of the earlier version of the supplemental, including a massive tax increase on American small businesses. While several legislative provisions remain, the tax increase as been removed.

This is now a better package, one that provides an educational benefit for our returning troops and their families without placing an additional tax burden on small business—the economic engine that drives our national economy.

This package also includes unemployment insurance language that provides far more accountability than earlier versions considered by the House. The new provision includes an additional 13 weeks of coverage but requires that recipients work for 20 weeks in order to qualify for the benefit. From this Member's perspective, I believe this provision has been dramatically improved because it now requires that the recipient earn the benefit.

I'd like to make one additional observation as I close my remarks. Our friends and neighbors in the Midwest need to know this: Congress is prepared to help you get back on your feet as you respond to the great floods affecting your region. This legislation provides needed, targeted funding to address the many challenges you are now facing.

Mr. Speaker, this is a package that should receive the bipartisan support of the majority of our Members today. It is a package the President will sign. I urge its immediate passage.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield to the gentleman who played the key role in bringing that conference that we had together yesterday together in a fashion that caused us to be able to be here this evening.

I would recognize the Republican leader, JOHN BOEHNER, for such time as he might consume.

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, let me thank my colleague for yielding, and let me thank him for his work, the majority leader Mr. HOYER, and the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Mr. OBEY, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. RANGEL

It's not often that on a major bill that with as much controversy as we've had with this bill that we can come together and work as a Congress on both sides of the aisle and come to a compromise. The gentleman from Wisconsin outlined the provisions of the bill. I might have described them a little differently than he did. But a compromise is that. It's a compromise. You know, there are 435 of us. Any one of us could write this bill in a way that fit our own interests.

But at the end of the day, I think there was cooperation on both sides to come to this agreement. And I believe that at the end of the day, it's a victory for our troops, it's a victory for American families, it's a victory for our veterans, and for those in need who are unemployed.

Now, we could get into the whole issue of Iraq. I'm glad we're there. I wish it had gone better. I wish it had gone quicker. I want our troops to come home as soon as possible. But I want our troops to come home having succeeded in Iraq. The effort, the fight that's going on in Iraq, it's not about tomorrow, it's not about next month or next year. It is about the future for our kids and theirs.

Our soldiers in Iraq have brought more security to that country, the political process is working better, and building a democracy in a part of the world that's never known it, there is no price. There is no price that we can put on what that may mean for the future for our kids and theirs.

I know it's been difficult. It's been difficult for all Americans. And it's certainly been difficult for our troops and especially for those troops that have given their lives in defense of our country. But it's a price for freedom. And I think freedom for our kids and theirs is why a lot of us are here. And so supporting our troops that are in Iraq and Afghanistan is important.

I could criticize the majority that this bill should have happened a long time ago. There's no reason to get into that. But I think we're doing the right thing for our troops in this bill finally. I think the expanded GI benefits in this bill, while they may not be exactly as I would write them, taking care of our veterans should be our highest priority and making sure that they have the kinds of educational benefits that will help not only them but also their families will help us retain more of our soldiers, and help give them the benefits that they and their families deserve.

When it comes to the unemployment benefits that are included in this bill, I think it's a reasonable provision to require 20 weeks of work, which is current law, and to extend 13 additional weeks for all 50 States. I wouldn't have done it that way. The gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL) knows that. We had a discussion about it. But again, a compromise is a compromise.

I want to thank my Democrat colleagues for working with us to get to this point. And I want to thank them for this commitment that this is the bill, this is the bill that will end up on the President's desk.

And so I would ask all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote for this. You may not love it, but this is one of those moments when you've worked together, you've worked out a compromise, that Members need to just suck it up and vote ''yes'' because it's the right thing to do for our country.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished majority leader, Mr. HOYER.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the chairman for yielding.

I want to thank the chairman. No one has worked harder to get us to this point in time in a bill that can be signed by the President and passed by the Senate. No one has worked harder than DAVID OBEY has on that objective, and he spent months at it. His staff has worked extraordinarily hard.

I also want to thank my counterpart, the minority leader Mr. BOEHNER who just spoke, and thank him for his efforts. This agreement would not have been reached without his leadership and his cooperation, and I appreciate that.

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I also want to thank Mr. LEWIS for his work on this effort as well.

Mr. Speaker, this supplemental appropriations legislation is the result, as has been said, of a bipartisan compromise that addresses critical needs of the American people.

Will every Member be happy with the substance of the two amendments that we are going to consider? The answer to that question is no.

Will every Member here get what he or she wants? Again, the answer is no. That is, after all, the legislative process.

However, our Nation is at war. We have 150,000 men and women in harm's way in Iraq and Afghanistan. Catastrophic floods continue to wreak havoc in Iowa and other States in the Midwest. And millions of our workers are struggling to make ends meet because they've lost their jobs through no fault of their own.

These two amendments that we will consider address these needs, as well as others.

The first amendment will provide funding for our troops on the battlefield in Iraq and Afghanistan. Each Member will decide how they should vote, and their vote should not be questioned on that particular amendment.

It is also important to note that the second amendment includes important policy provisions regarding the war in Iraq.

First, it prohibits military construction funds from being used to establish permanent bases in Iraq. We have addressed that previously in this House and overwhelmingly supported that proposition.

Secondly, it requires reconstruction aid for Iraq to be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Iraqi Government. With the price of oil being what it is, having been told by the administration that the oil in Iraq would pay for all reconstruction, that is a reasonable and appropriate requirement.

Additionally, the second amendment includes major legislative items that the White House has agreed to accept. That is a good sign that there is an opportunity to work together when the interests of the American people are at stake. We don't always do that. The American public is concerned about that and disappointed by that. But this night, we have come to such an agreement, and the American public can be pleased by that.

Among other things, this amendment expands the education benefits that veterans receive under the GI Bill to restore the promise of a full, 4-year college education, and allowing servicemembers to transfer educational benefits to their spouses and dependents. That was a bipartisan agreement. It's something that we can be pleased about as a country. It's something that we do, in fact, owe our veterans, and we will redeem that promise this night.

Thus, this legislation supports our troops not only when they're abroad but when they return home as well.

We know from our experience with the original GI Bill that this legislation will foster an educated workforce and a vibrant economy. The greatest generation, after all, not only defeated fascism—CHARLIE RANGEL, at a later time, fought for our country in the field—but they also came home, that greatest generation, and built the greatest economy the world has seen. This bill will help in many ways redeem the promise for this generation of men and women who are asked to defend our country and its freedom. It is the right thing to do. We will do it this night.

The President initially indicated his opposition to an extension of unemployment insurance. But this second amendment includes a 13-week extension for workers in every State who have exhausted their benefits. Again, the right thing to do.

The administration also had placed a moratorium on seven Medicaid regulations, the result of which would cut services for seniors, families, and those with disabilities. The administration, after conversation with both sides, has decided and agreed to a moratorium on six of the seven regulations. That's good for the States, but more importantly, it's good for those whom these dollars will help in a time of trouble. This provision has overwhelmingly been supported in this House previously, both sides of the aisle, who voted for protecting the Medicaid safety net by a vote of 349–62. I am pleased the administration has joined us in the support of this effort.

The second amendment also includes critical disaster assistance in the wake of devastating tornadoes and floods, which all of us have seen on TV over the last few days, as well as funding to strengthen New Orleans' levees, as requested by the President, and housing vouchers for those left homeless by Hurricane Katrina.

I want to again commend Chairman OBEY and Chairman RANGEL. Chairman RANGEL played a key role in getting us to this agreement, and I thank him for that.

I also again want to thank Minority Leader BOEHNER and Ranking Member LEWIS for their leadership on this legislation.

Some will say this legislation is not perfect. To that extent, they can apply that to any piece of legislation that we consider, but this legislation is a good piece of legislation. It will provide for our troops in the field, while addressing critical priorities here at home. It will have my support, and I urge the support of this body for such amendment as they believe to be appropriate in the best interests of our country.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I'm very pleased to call upon the former chairman of the committee and my dear friend from Florida, BILL YOUNG, for such time as he might consume.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding the time, and I want to congratulate Chairman OBEY and Mr. LEWIS for having worked out what appeared on many occasions to be an impossible solution. They did a good job.

I compliment Mr. MURTHA, the chairman of the Defense Appropriations Committee for a good job on amendment No. 1. It is not quite as much funding as we thought that there should have been, but we're okay with that. It's a good plan. We're going to vote for it. We're going to vote for the whole package. It just proves, Mr. Speaker, that when we finally settle down and decide to work for the country, we can do it. We can work together and we can make good things happen.

And so the last time we discussed this, I stood here and extended my support for the package, but it didn't pass. This time, I'm indicating my support for the package. At least most of us are going to vote for it, extending our thanks and our appreciation to those who are serving in our military in far-off places around the world—and as we talk so much about defending our freedoms—defending our safety, protecting the safety of the American people here, at home, and abroad.

So it's a good package. I support it strongly, and I compliment all of those who were involved in the negotiations to make this happen.

I thank the gentleman for yielding the time.

Today the House is finally considering funding for the 2008 and 2009 Global War on Terror requirements of the Department of Defense.

The deal on this bill could not have been reached at a more critical time. The Department will very soon be out of money . . . literally.

While I support everything we are doing for the Defense Department in this bill, I do wish that we could have provided all of the requested funding. This bill is almost $4.2 billion below the President's request. More important than this reduction, however, is the fact that we are finally getting the Department the funding they urgently need.

Morale is suffering. This Congress's inability to act has created frightening uncertainty among the men and women of the Department who are not sure they will receive their next paycheck, and placed an inexcusable burden on those professionals trying to execute the finances of the Department during a time of war. It is time to get the Department the money they requested almost a year and a half ago.

Let me reiterate, I have no argument with the substance of the Defense spending in this bill. I support this bill, as I did the previous version that was considered on the House floor. This one, however, I plan to vote for.

Let's pass this supplemental bill, and complete the work of supporting our military and their families.

While there have been numerous votes in the House and Senate on this issue as we negotiated our way to this agreement, this is the critical vote and the meaningful vote as we conclude our work on this Supplemental Appropriations Bill.

Mr. OBEY. I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New York, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. RANGEL. I want to thank Mr. RANGEL for the work he did in conference.

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

Mr. RANGEL. I want to thank Majority Leader HOYER, the Speaker, certainly Chairman OBEY, Mr. LEWIS and my good friend, JOHN BOEHNER, for inviting me to participate in just one part of this very complex problem that we have faced.

I just want to make it abundantly clear that what we were fighting for when we were talking about providing resources for those people that have lost their jobs was not a Democratic position or a Republican position, but it was a position that I'm glad that the minority leader understood, that affected not only the ability of Americans to put food on the table or to clothe their children or to pay their bills, but it really involved the dignity of the middle class.

And I will speak briefly to that, because JIM MCDERMOTT has the passion and truly understanding that we're not talking about being liberal or being conservative. That Statue of Liberty is up there for people all over the world, for centuries, for people to dream the American dream.

And what is it? It certainly isn't to be some type of tycoon that gets preferential tax treatment, and we know that it's not those people who are jobless and homeless. But it's those people that really think that they can have some dignity and pride in providing for their family, sending their kids to school, and maybe buying that first house.

When I heard that they were excluded from the stimulus package, because if you give these people money they might be inclined not to seek jobs, that struck me to the heart just as much as if someone snatched the flag and threw it in the street because it's these people that are the consumers. It's these people that dream for a better America. It's these people that everyone does and should aspire to be.

And for them to be ignored at a time when, through no fault of their own—and I stress that, through no fault of their own—find themselves without disposable income, find themselves losing the dignity in their communities and in their families, it would have just seemed to me that it would not have been a partisan issue, that we all should just come there and not to give a handout, since there's $35 billion that they paid into, but to be able to say, ''there but for the grace of God goes me.''

And so I want to thank JOHN BOEHNER, because he never pushed that point in terms of we can't afford to do it. It was just a question of how much can and should we do.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's time has expired.

Mr. OBEY. I yield the gentleman 1 additional minute.

Mr. RANGEL. I hope when we start looking at some other issues, and we're looking to see how we're going to jump-start this economy, that we recognize that it won't be the homeless and the hopeless that we'll be going to. They're not even in the system. It won't be the wealthy, that the President insists that we extend their tax cuts, because they wouldn't even know what the check came in for.

But it would be what makes this country so great, what fights our wars, what runs our jobs, what produces for

trade, and what makes it the greatest country in the whole world, and that is the middle class. And when they get into trouble, as they are now, I think this Congress should not have a political debate. We should be there to help them because they're what makes our country great.

So thank you for giving me the opportunity and thank you, JOHN BOEHNER, for understanding what we were trying to do.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Washington (Mr. MCDERMOTT).

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Income Security and Family Support Subcommittee, I've spent the last 6 months fighting for passage of the emergency unemployment extension. The American people needed a helping hand back in January when I introduced the legislation, and they need it now more than ever.

Just the other day, my home State of Washington reported the largest 1-month increase in unemployment in 28 years. The unemployment rate spiked in just 1 month from 4.7 to 5.3 percent. We saw much the same happen at the national level.

Yet for all the evidence, all the objective data, we saw the White House order Senate Republicans to drag their feet until the President got his way. Last week, the House voted overwhelmingly to pass emergency unemployment on its own merits. We achieved a two-thirds vote in here, veto-proof. So what did the President do? He ordered the Senate Republicans to withhold help from the Americans until he could force Congress to cut out the extra help needed in badly hit States like Michigan, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, California and the District of Columbia.

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Today we're going to get the best that we can get from a lame duck President and the Senate Republicans.

JOHN MCCAIN must have written off Michigan and California. But the American people have been hit hard by economic calamity, rooted in the disastrous policies of this administration, and they deserve better than this. When Americans can't find jobs because this President and Senate Republicans have tanked the economy, I submit the wrong people are standing in the unemployment line. And I trust the American people will remember in November who fought for them and who fought against them.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute.

Let me simply take this opportunity to thank the staff, especially Rob Nabors, on our side of the aisle. And I want to especially also thank Mr. MURTHA and Senator INOUYE and Mr. YOUNG for the work they did in fashioning amendment No. 1 that we have before us today.

I also want to thank Mr. RANGEL, certainly Mr. HOYER, and the Speaker for all of the work that they have done in bringing us to this point. And I also want to thank especially Mr. BOEHNER, who certainly has been integral to achieving this today. And also Mr. LEWIS and CANTOR, who have worked consistently on this, and I appreciate the work they did even through yesterday. And one more thank you to Senator WEBB and to Representative HERSETH SANDLIN in this House for leading the efforts to see that we did have an expanded GI Bill benefit for veterans, and also Senator REID.

And now let me inquire, does the gentleman have any other speakers?

Mr. LEWIS of California. At most, we have one remaining speaker, that's me. And so I reserve the balance of my time. And I will use very little time.

Mr. OBEY. I intend to have the Speaker do the closing. Would you like to finish before I ask her to close?

Mr. LEWIS of California. I certainly wouldn't want to speak before the Speaker, so I will yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OBEY. I thank the gentleman, and I yield 1 minute to the distinguished Speaker of the House.

Ms. PELOSI. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, for yielding.

I want to join my colleague, Mr. OBEY, the distinguished chairman of the Appropriations Committee, in acknowledging the great work of Rob Nabors and all of the staff involved in putting this bill together today.

I want to join him in acknowledging the leadership of the distinguished minority leader, our majority leader, Mr. HOYER, the chairman, Mr. RANGEL, for his important work on unemployment insurance, Mr. MCDERMOTT, who just spoke, for his important work getting the bill ready. Mr. LEWIS, to you and to Mr. CANTOR and all involved in all this. Mr. MURTHA, to you as well, and Mr. SKELTON, to you as well.

We were able to come to this compromise because we were ready. As Mr. MCDERMOTT said, earlier in the year we had a bill ready for unemployment insurance. It wasn't going to be signed by the President. We had to put it off until another time. Two weeks ago tomorrow, the unemployment rate in our country shot up by half a point from approximately 5 to 5.5 percent. It sent a very stern message to the Congress of the United States and to the President that we must act.

Following that, on the floor last week, on two occasions, we had a very strong bipartisan vote in favor of unemployment insurance. So when Mr. RANGEL went to the table to talk about compromise, it was clear that we had to reflect the will of the American people, and he was ready, he was ready with the legislation. And I'm pleased that Mr. BOEHNER was ready to accept that.

When we started talking about the final versions of this bill in the past couple of weeks, little did we know that the skies would open and rain would fall and the Midwest of our country would be deluged, and there would be a need to make some adjustment in this bill for disaster assistance to the Midwest and to replenish the FEMA fund to make up for funds spent now. We were ready. And I don't think there was any compromise on that subject; we all agreed that that had to be done.

I am particularly pleased that in the legislation there is a signal sent that this Congress cares about investments in science, it cares about the future, not as much as I would like, but nonetheless, I thank you, Mr. Chairman, for having that included. And I thank my colleagues for accepting that.

I want to join in all the commendations, again, to those who helped bring this compromise to the floor. I am very pleased that it has the GI Bill, finally. It became clear that this is what we had to do, what we owed our young people to say thank you to them by sending them to college. Mr. CHET EDWARDS has been a champion on this issue. I will come back to that in a moment.

But, Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry that I cannot fully participate in all of the comradery that is accompanying this legislation that we bring to the floor because of the huge amount of money that is in this bill to fund the war in Iraq without any conditions, without any limitation on time spent there. I'm glad that we have something about no permanent bases, yes, but this is the first time that we will be sending a bill—well, we sent it to the Senate with conditions and they struck it. We have no choice. This is not about a failure of this House of Representatives; it's about what we cannot get past the next body and onto the President's desk.

Mr. Speaker, about a week ago, I spoke at the opening of the groundbreaking for the Institute of Peace. I know that you have been involved in that over the years. And I said that day, on a warm June day like today, it was reminiscent of one 45 years ago when President John F. Kennedy delivered the commencement address at American University.

In the last summer of a life that ended far too soon, President Kennedy spoke of the need to seek peace even in the midst of the Cold War. He said, ''The United States, as the world knows, will never start a war,'' Kennedy told the crowd assembled. ''We shall be prepared if others wish it, we shall be alert to try to stop it, but we shall also do our part to build a world of peace where the weak are safe and the strong are just.'' That was President Kennedy's philosophy of his foreign policy.

Contrary to that policy, President Bush started a war based on a false

premise. He sent our troops into a situation that he didn't know what he was getting into. The philosopher Hannah Arendt once said, she observed that nations are driven by the endless flywheel of violence, believing that one last, one final violent gesture will bring peace. But each time they sow the seeds for more violence.

Five years later, we are still engaged in the war in Iraq, 2 years longer than we were in World War II, and that has come at a very great cost. The costs are clear, of course, and we all mourn 4,100 of our troops who have lost their lives in battle, tens of thousands of our troops injured, thousands of them permanently. I met with some of them with my colleagues, Mr. DICKS, Mr. INSLEE and Mr. MCDERMOTT, at the Seattle VA Hospital last Friday. And before that, Mr. MURTHA and I visited our troops in the hospital as well here in Washington, D.C.

Over Memorial Day, I visited our troops in Iraq with some of our colleagues. It was my sixth trip into the theater. And what they asked me is what they always ask: What's going to happen to us when we go home? And for a long time on those visits I didn't have an answer that I could be very, very pleased to tell them. But now, because of the leadership of Mr. EDWARDS, and others, we're able to say that when you come home, you will be met with the biggest increase in the Veterans Administration health budget in the 77-year history of the Veterans Administration, and that means in the history of our country, an even bigger investment this year.

And after tonight, in a bipartisan way, we can proudly say—and Mr. YOUNG, who has done more than you? You have just been wonderful, and I salute you as well. We can proudly say to our troops, to our young student veterans, that when they come home, we will say thank you by sending them to college; $7 for every dollar spent on the GI Bill following World War II. We owe these troops nothing else.

Now let's go back to the cost of that war. We talked about those who lost their lives, we talked about those who are permanently injured. And it's such a sad story. The cost to our reputation in the world is enormous. The cost in dollars, the Heritage Foundation said $2.75 trillion. The Heritage Foundation, that's their figure; nearly $3 trillion projected to be the cost of this war.

And so it's hard to understand when we say to the President, we would like to insure 10 million children in America, and he says we can't afford it, so I vetoed the bill. And the Republicans stuck with him on that veto—not all, many voted in a bipartisan way. Forty days in Iraq, 10 million children insured in America for 1 year. We can't afford it? $2.75 trillion, the cost of this war.

But what is worrisome—I know to Mr. SKELTON, to Mr. MURTHA, and I'm certain to Mr. YOUNG, although he has not given me license to speak for him—is the cost of the military capability of our Nation, lives, limbs, reputation, dollars, opportunity costs at home. But this is about keeping the American people safe. That's what we take an oath of office to do, to provide for the common defense. And our ability to honor our oath of office to uphold the Constitution—in the preamble it says ''to provide for the common defense''—is greatly diminished because this war has diminished the capability of American military forces to protect our interests wherever they are threatened in the world.

So let us think and hope that this is the last time that there will ever be another dollar spent without constraints, without conditions, without direction. Why should we trust the same judgment that got us here in the first place in this war?

So while I'm pleased that we have some spirit of civility here tonight about coming to a conclusion on this bill to bring it to the floor, and I enthusiastically will vote for the domestic piece of this, I'm not urging anyone to do anything, I just want you to know why I would be voting ''no'' on the spending without constraints.

We owe our troops more than sending them into war on a false premise, without the equipment and training they need, without a plan for success, without a strategy to leave. This war has not made the region more stable, it has not made our country safer. It has undermined our capability to protect the American people. It should come to an end safely, honorably, responsibly, and soon.

Mr. OBEY, Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY MR. OBEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, REGARDING THE FURTHER AMENDMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RELATING TO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 AND 2009

Following is an explanation of the further amendment of the House of Representatives (relating to supplemental appropriations for fiscal years 2008 and 2009) to the Senate amendment numbered 2 to the House amendment numbered 2 to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2642, the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008.

In this statement, the provisions of the further House amendment are generally referred to as ''the amended bill''.

The further House amendment provides that, in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate, language be inserted providing supplemental appropriations for military construction, international affairs, disaster assistance, and other security-related and domestic needs, as well as language providing for accountability in contracting, improved veterans education benefits, temporary extended unemployment compensation, and a moratorium on certain Medicaid regulations. The amendment also strikes lines 1 through 3 on page 60 of the Senate engrossed amendment of September 6, 2007.

The text of the amendment is printed in the Rules Committee report (H. Rpt. 110–720) to accompany House Resolution 1284.

Unless otherwise noted, all appropriations in the amendment are designated as emergency requirements and necessary to meet emergency needs pursuant to section 204(a) of S. Con. Res. 21 and section 301(b)(2) of S. Con. Res. 70, the congressional budget resolutions for fiscal years 2008 and 2009.

TITLE I—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND OTHER SECURITY-RELATED MATTERS

CHAPTER 1—AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

PUBLIC LAW 480 TITLE II GRANTS

The amended bill provides a total of $850,000,000 to remain available until expended for Public Law 480 Title II Grants for fiscal year 2008. The amended bill provides $350,000,000, as requested, for the urgent humanitarian needs identified by the administration. Further, the amended bill provides an additional $500,000,000 for unanticipated cost increases for food and transportation to be made available immediately.

In addition, because the need for urgent humanitarian food assistance and continuing volatility of food and transportation costs are expected to continue into fiscal year 2009, the amended bill provides a total of $395,000,000, as requested, to be made available beginning October 1, 2008.

CHAPTER 2—JUSTICE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The amended bill includes $4,000,000 for the Office of Inspector General. The Inspector General is directed to continue its audit and oversight activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's use of National Security Letters (NSLs) and orders for business records, pursuant to Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act.

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES

The amended bill includes $1,648,000 for General Legal Activities for the Criminal Division to provide litigation support services to the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction for its ongoing investigations and cases involving corruption in the reconstruction of Iraq. The amended bill does not include funding requested to create Iraq and Afghanistan support units within General Legal Activities, Criminal Division. These worthy activities should be supported through funds made available to the Departments of State or Defense.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

The amended bill includes $5,000,000 for the U.S. Attorneys for extraordinary litigation expenses associated with terrorism prosecutions in the United States.

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes $28,621,000 for the U.S. Marshals Service. Within this funding level is $7,951,000 to provide security at high-threat terrorist trials in the United States and $3,700,000 to improve court and witness security in Afghanistan.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides $106,122,000 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This funding level includes $101,122,000 for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and for enhanced counterterrorism activities and $5,000,000 to increase the FBI's capacity to investigate fraudulent contracts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The FBI is directed to provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations with a detailed plan for the obligation of these funds no later than 30 days

after the enactment of this Act and to update this plan on a quarterly basis with actual obligations.

The amended bill also provides $82,600,000 in bridge funding for the FBI to maintain the operations described above into fiscal year 2009.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes $29,861,000 for the Drug Enforcement Administration to further its narco-terrorism initiative and Operation Breakthrough; to conduct financial investigations and to support intelligence activities, such as signals intelligence, to assist the Government of Afghanistan's counter-narcotics and narco-terrorism programs; and to purchase a helicopter for Foreign-deployed Advisory Support Team transportation.

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes $4,000,000 for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for necessary costs of operations in Iraq.

FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides $9,100,000 for the Bureau of Prisons to monitor communications of incarcerated terrorists, collect intelligence, and disseminate relevant information to other Federal law enforcement agencies.

GENERAL PROVISION, THIS CHAPTER

The amended bill includes a provision authorizing the use of funds appropriated in this chapter, or available by the transfer of funds in this chapter, for activities pursuant to section 504 of the National Security Act of 1947.

CHAPTER 3—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Iraq.—The Administration's request has been reviewed for military construction in Iraq to ensure that the recommended projects are consistent with contingency construction standards. The establishment of permanent bases in Iraq is not supported, and the amended bill does not include any funds to establish any such base, or convert any base in Iraq from a temporary to permanent status. The amended bill includes language prohibiting the obligation or expenditure of funds for Iraq construction projects provided under Military Construction, Army, and Military Construction, Air Force, until the Secretary of Defense certifies that none of the funds are to be used for the purpose of providing facilities for permanent basing of U.S. military personnel in Iraq. The Secretary of Defense is further directed to provide to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, no later than 30 days after enactment of this act, an updated Master Plan for U.S. basing in Iraq, including an inventory of installations that have been closed; those that are scheduled to close, and the timeline for their closure; and a finite list of potential enduring locations describing the mission, military construction requirements, and projected population of these locations.

Child Development Centers.—The amended bill recommends a total of $210,258,000 to design and build twenty new child development centers for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force. The Department should be commended for following the lead of Congress by requesting funds for additional child development centers.

Army Barracks Improvements.—The deplorable conditions that have recently been uncovered in some permanent party Army barracks, including those which house soldiers returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, have raised numerous concerns about the adequacy of living conditions for military personnel. The Army created a permanent party barracks modernization program in 1994 to eliminate inadequate barracks. However, this program is not projected to be completely funded until 2013. Given this timeline, it is unacceptable that the Army has allowed some of its existing permanent party barracks to fall into disrepair. While many of the repairs and upgrades to existing barracks can be accomplished with Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization (SRM) funds, there is a need for additional military construction funds to expedite barracks replacements. The amended bill includes a total of $200,000,000 for the Army to accelerate the construction of new barracks, or to provide major renovations to existing barracks. The funding is provided subject to the development of an expenditure plan to be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

The amended bill recommends $1,108,200,000 for Military Construction, Army. The funds are provided as follows:

[Dollars in thousands]

Location	Protect description	Request	Recommendation
AK: Fort Wainwright	Child Development Center [1]	17,000	17,000
CA: Fort Irwin	Child Development Center [1]	11,800	11,800
CO: Fort Carson	Child Development Center [1]	8,400	8,400
CO: Fort Carson	Soldier Family Assistance Center	8,100	8,100
GA: Fort Gordon	Child Development Center [1]	7,800	7,800
GA: Fort Stewart	Soldier Family Assistance Center	6,000	6,000
HI: Schofield Barracks	Child Development Center	12,500	12,500
KS: Fort Riley	Transitioning Warrior Support Complex	50,000	50,000
KY: Fort Campbell	Child Development Center [1]	9,900	9,900
KY: Fort Campbell	Soldier Family Assistance Center	7,400	7,400
KY: Fort	Knox Child Development Center	7,400	7,400
LA: Fort Polk	Soldier Family Assistance Center	4,900	4,900
MO: Fort Leonard Wood	Starbase Complex 6, Phase 1		50,000
NC: Fort Bragg	Child Development Center [1]	8,500	8,500
NY: Fort Drum	Warrior in Transition Facilities	38,000	38,000
OK: Fort Sill	Child Development Center [1]	9,000	9,000
TX: Fort Bliss	Child Development Center [1]	5,700	5,700
TX: Fort Bliss	Child Development Center [1]	5,900	5,900
TX: Fort Bliss	Child Development Center [1]	5,700	5,700
TX: Fort Hood	Child Development Center [1]	7,200	7,200
TX: Fort Hood	Warrior In Transition Unit Ops Facilities	9,100	9,100
TX: Fort Sam Houston	Child Development Center [1]	7,000	7,000
VA: Fort Lee	Child Development Center [1]	7,400	7,400
Afghanistan: Bagram AB	Administrative Building [1]	13,800	13,800
Afghanistan: Bagram AB	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	5,100	5,100
Afghanistan: Bagram AB	Ammunition Supply Point	62,000	62,000
Afghanistan: Bagram AB	Bulk Fuel Storage and Supply, Phase 3	23,000	23,000
Afghanistan: Bagram AB	Bulk Fuel Storage and Supply, Phase 4	21,000	21,000
Afghanistan: Bagram AB	New Roads	27,000	27,000
Afghanistan: Bagram AB	Power Plant	41,000	41,000
Afghanistan: Ghazni	Rotary Wing Parking	5,000	5,000
Afghanistan: Kabul	Consolidated Compound	36,000	36,000
Afghanistan: Various Locations	Counter IED Road—Route Alaska	16,500	16,500
Afghanistan: Various Locations	Counter IED Road—Route Connecticut	54,000	54,000
Iraq: Al Asad AB	Hot Cargo Ramp	18,500	18,500
Iraq: Al Asad AB	Landfill	3,100	3,100
Iraq: Al Asad AB	Power Plant	40,000	
Iraq: Al Asad AB	South Airfield Apron (India Ramp)	28,000	28,000
Iraq: Al Asad AB	Urban Bypass Road	43,000	
Iraq: Baghdad IAP	Water Supply, Treatment & Storage Ph III	13,000	13,000
Iraq: Camp Adder	Convoy Support Center Relocation, Phase II	39,000	39,000
Iraq: Camp Adder	Multi-Class Storage Warehouse	17,000	
Iraq: Camp Adder	POL Storage Area	10,000	10,000
Iraq: Camp Adder	Power Plant	39,000	
Iraq: Camp Adder	Wastewater Treatment & Collection System	9,800	9,800
Iraq: Camp Anaconda	Hazardous Waste Incinerator	4,300	4,300
Iraq: Camp Anaconda	Landfill	6,200	6,200
Iraq: Camp Anaconda	Power Plant	39,000	
Iraq: Camp Constitution	Juenile TIFRIC	11,700	11,700
Iraq: Camp Cropper	Brick Factory	9,500	
Iraq: Camp Marez	Landfill	880	880
Iraq: Camp Ramadi	Landfill	880	880
Iraq: Camp Speicher	Aviation Navigation Facilities	13,400	13,400
Iraq: Camp Speicher	Landfill	5,900	5,900
Iraq: Camp Speicher	Military Control Point	5,800	5,800
Iraq: Camp speicher	Power Plant	39,000	
Iraq: Camp Speicher	Rotary Wing Parking Apron	49,000	
Iraq: Camp Taqqadum	Landfill	880	880

[Dollars in thousands]

Location	Protect description	Request	Recommendation
Iraq: Camp Warrior	Landfill	880	880
Iraq: Fallujah	Landfill	880	880
Iraq: Mosul	Urban Bypass Road	43,000	
Iraq: Qayyarah West	North Entry Control Point	11,400	11,400
Iraq: Qayyarah West	Perimeter Security Upgrade	14,600	14,600
Iraq: Qayyarah West	Power Plant	26,000	
Iraq: Scania	Entry Control Point	5,000	5,000
Iraq: Scania	Water Storage Tanks	9,200	9,200
Iraq: Victory Base	Landfill	6,200	6,000
Iraq: Victory Base	Level 3 Hospital	13,400	13,400
Iraq: Victory Base	Wastewater Treatment & Collection System	9,800	9,800
Iraq: Victory Base	Water Treatment &. Storage Phase II	18,000	18,000
Iraq: Various Locations	Facilities Replacement	72,000	
Iraq: Various Locations	Overhead Cover—eGlass	135,000	135,000
Kuwait: Camp Arifjan	Communication Center	30,000	30,000
Worldwide: Unspecified	Planning and Design (GWOT)	64,200	52,800
Worldwide: Unspecified	Planning and Design (WIT)	14,600	14,600
Worldwide: Unspecified	Planning and Design (COG) [1]	6,000	6,000
Total		1,486,100	1,108,200

[1] Requested by the Department of Defense in fiscal year 2008 and/or the March 2008 Adjustments package.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

The amended bill recommends $355,907,000 for Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps. The funds are provided as follows:

[Dollars in thousands]

Location	Project description	Request	Recommendation
CA: Camp Pendleton	11th Marine Regiment HQ, Armory, BEQ	34,970	34,970
CA: Camp Pendleton	5th Marine Regiment Addition, San Mateo	10,890	10,890
CA: Camp Pendleton	Armory Intelligence Battalion, 16 Area	4,180	4,180
CA: Camp Pendleton	Armory, Regiment & Battalion HQ, 53 Area	5,160	5,160
CA: Camp Pendleton	BEQ & Mess Hall HQ (13) Area	24,390	24,390
CA: Camp Pendleton	EOD Operations Facility	13,090	13,090
CA: Camp Pendleton	ISR Camp—Intelligence Battalion	1,114	1,114
CA: Camp Pendleton	JIEDDO Battle Courses [1]	9,270	9,270
CA: Camp Pendleton	Military Police Company Facilities	8,240	8,240
CA: Twentynine Palms	Regimental Combat Team HQ Facility	4,440	4,440
CA: China Lake NAWS	JIEDDO Battle Courses [1]	7,210	7,210
CA: Point Mugu	JIEDDO Battle Courses [1]	7,250	7,250
CA: San Diego	Child Development Center [1]	17,930	17,930
CA: Twentynine Palms	JIEDDO Battle Courses [1]	11,250	11,250
FL: Whiting Field NAS	JIEDDO Battle Courses [1]	780	780
MS: Gulfport NCBC	JIEDDO Battle Courses [1]	6,570	6,570
NC: Camp Lejeune	Child Development Center [1]	16,000	16,000
NC: Camp Lejeune	JIEDDO Battle Courses [1]	11,980	11,980
NC: Camp Lejeune	Maintenance/Operations Complex 2/9.	43,340	43,340
SC: Parris Island MCRD	Recruit Barracks		25,360
VA: Yorktown NWS	JIEDDO Battle Courses [1]	8,070	8,070
Djibouti: Camp Lemonier	CJTF–HOA HQ Facility	29,710	
Djibouti: Camp Lemonier	Dining Facility	20,780	20,780
Djibouti: Camp Lemonier	Fuel Farm [1]	4,000	4,000
Djibouti: Camp Lemonier	Full Length Taxiway [1]	15,490	15,490
Djibouti: Camp Lemonier	Network Infrastructure Expansion	6,270	6,270
Djibouti: Camp Lemonier	Water Production	19,140	19,140
Djibouti: Camp Lemonier	Western Taxiway [1]	2,900	2,900
Worldwide: Unspecified	Planning and Design (GTF)	7,491	7,491
Worldwide: Unspecified	Planning and Design (GWOT)	4,300	4,300
Worldwide: Unspecified	Planning and Design (CDC) [1]	1,101	1,101
Worldwide: Unspecified	Planning and Design (JIEDDO) [1]	2,951	2,951
Total		360,257	355,907

[1] Requested by the Department of Defense in fiscal year 2008 and/or the March 2008 Adjustments package.

Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) Battle Courses.—The amended bill recommends $65,331,000 to construct facilities for enhanced counter-improvised explosive device training in furtherance of the goals of the Joint IED Defeat Organization. These funds address a technical correction in the Administration's fiscal year 2008 Global War on Terror budget request and are offset by a rescission in title IX.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

The amended bill recommends $399,627,000 for Military Construction, Air Force. The funds are provided as follows:

[Dollars in thousands]

Location	Project description	Request	Recommendation
CA: Beale AFB	Child Development Center [1]	17,600	17,600
FL: Eglin AFB	Child Development Center [1]	11,000	11,000
NJ: McGuire AFB	JIEDDO Battle Courses [1]	6,200	6,200
NM: Cannon AFB	Child Development Center [1]	8,000	8,000
Afghanistan: Bagram AB	East Side Helo Ramp	44,400	44,400
Afghanistan: Bagram AB	ISR Ramp.	26,300	26,300
Afghanistan: Bagram AB	Parallel Taxiway Phase 2	21,400	21,400
Afghanistan: Bagram AB	Strategic Ramp	43,000	43,000
Iraq: Balad AB	Fighter Ramp	11,000	11,000
Iraq: Balad AB	Foxtrot Taxiway	12,700	12,700
Iraq: Balad AB	Helicopter Maintenance Facilities.	34,600	34,600
Kyrgyzstan: Manas AB	Strategic Ramp	30,300	30,300
Oman: Masirah AB	Expeditionary Beddown Site	6,300	6,300
Qatar: Al Udeid AB	Facility Replacements	40,000	30,000
Qatar: Al Udeid AB	Northwest (CAS) Ramp [1]	60,400	60,400
Worldwide: Unspecified	Planning and Design (GWOT)	35,000	35,000
Worldwide: Unspecified	Planning and Design (CDC) [1]	1,427	1,427
Total		409,627	399,627

[1] Requested by the Department of Defense in fiscal year 2008 and/or the March 2008 Adjustments package.

Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) Battle Courses.—The amended bill recommends $6,200,000 to construct facilities for enhanced counter-improvised explosive device training in furtherance of the goals of the Joint IED Defeat Organization. These

funds address a technical correction in the Administration's fiscal year 2008 Global War on Terror budget request and are offset by a rescission in title IX.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

The amended bill recommends $890,921,000 for Military Construction, Defense-Wide. The funds are provided as follows:

[Dollars in thousands]

Location	Project description	Request	Recommendation
GA: Fort Benning	Hospital Replacement		350,000
KS: Fort Riley	Hospital Replacement		404,000
NC: Camp Lejeune	Hospital Addition		64,300
TX: Fort Sam Houston	Burn Rehabilitation Center	21,000	21,000
Qatar: Al Udeid AB	Logistics Storage Warehouse	6,600	6,600
Worldwide: Unspecified	Planning and Design (MTF)		45,021
Total		27,600	890,921

Medical Treatment Facilities Construction.—There is a great concern with the large backlog of needed recapitalization for medical treatment facilities for military service members and their families. The current Future Years Defense Plan (FYDP) for Tricare Management Activity military construction averages $412,000,000 per year for fiscal years 2009 through 2013, and much of this amount is accounted for by medical research facilities. With the services identifying recapitalization requirements ranging in the several billions of dollars, the current FYDP for medical construction is obviously and severely insufficient. The Department's inventory of medical treatment facilities is riddled with aging hospitals, clinics, and other facilities that do not meet current standards for medical care. Adding to this problem is the fact that several installations are adding thousands of personnel and dependents due to Base Realignment and Closure, the relocation of units from Europe and Korea to the United States, and the Growing the Force initiative that will add 92,000 active duty personnel to the Army and Marine Corps. The amended bill therefore recommends $863,321,000 for additional medical treatment facility construction. These funds will provide for the Army's top two priority hospital replacement projects in the United States as well as a top priority hospital addition for the Marine Corps.

The Department of Defense is also directed to develop a comprehensive master plan for medical treatment facilities construction, to include both recapitalization and new requirements. This plan shall include a comprehensive priority list of projects for all services, provide a cost estimate for each project, supply data on the current state of facilities and the projected change in demand for services due to growth for each location on the list, indicate the extent to which identified construction requirements are programmed in the FYDP, and indicate the resources required for associated planning and design work. This report shall be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than December 31, 2008.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

The amended bill recommends $11,766,000 for Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps. The funds are provided as follows:

[Dollars in thousands]

Location	Project description	Request	Recommendation
CA: Camp Pendleton	Public-Private Venture, Phase 6B	10,692	10,692
CA: Twentynine Palms	Public-Private Venture, Phase 2A	1,074	1,074
Total		11,766	11,766

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT 2005

The amended bill recommends $1,278,886,000 for Department of Defense Base Closure Account 2005 instead of $1,202,886,000 as requested by the Administration. The amount provided fully funds the Administration's request to expedite medical facility construction at Bethesda and Fort Belvoir, and provides an additional $862,976,000 for BRAC 2005 implementation.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

The amended bill recommends $100,000,000 for General Operating Expenses to implement the provisions of title V of this Act.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

The amended bill recommends $20,000,000 for Information Technology Systems to implement the provisions of title V of this Act, including support for any personnel increases within the Veterans Benefits Administration.

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

The amended bill recommends $396,377,000 for Construction, Major Projects to accelerate and complete planned major construction of Level I polytrauma rehabilitation centers as identified in the Department of Veterans Affairs' Five Year Capital Plan.

Polytrauma Center Initiative.—The nature of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan has resulted in new patterns of polytraumatic injuries and disabilities requiring specialized intensive rehabilitation and high coordination of care. Operating under a national Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Defense (DOD), the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) polytrauma rehabilitation centers continue to provide treatment and care to severely injured combat personnel requiring polytrauma inpatient rehabilitation. The medical care the VA is providing to military personnel is exceptional. However, space in the existing polytrauma facilities is dated, with cramped quarters and treatment facilities scattered throughout hospital campuses. These inefficiencies prove to be difficult for patients with mobility issues, compromised immune systems, and those suffering from psychological wounds. In an effort to accelerate the VA's planned expansion and consolidation of polytrauma rehabilitation centers on existing hospital campuses as outlined in the Department's February 2008 Five Year Capital Plan, the amended bill recommends providing $396,377,000 to fully fund the design and construction of these crucial projects.

GENERAL PROVISIONS, THIS CHAPTER

The amended bill includes the following general provisions for this chapter:

Section 1301 provides an additional appropriation for Military Construction, Army for the acceleration of barracks improvements at Army installations.

Section 1302 relates to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

Section 1303 relates to the collection of certain debts owed to the Department of Veterans Affairs by service members killed in a combat zone.

CHAPTER 4—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS

SUBCHAPTER A—SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

INTRODUCTION

The budget request totals $5,073,608,000 in emergency supplemental funds for fiscal year 2008, and the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–161) provided $1,473,800,000 for immediate requirements. The amended bill provides for Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs a total of $5,164,108,000, which is $90,500,000 above the pending budget request.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS

The budget request included $2,283,008,000 for Diplomatic and Consular Programs, of which $575,000,000 was appropriated in the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–161) for operations and security at the United States Embassy in Iraq.

The amended bill includes an additional $1,465,700,000 for Diplomatic and Consular Programs, which is $242,308,000 below the pending request. Within the amount provided, $210,400,000 is for worldwide security protection. Funds for diplomatic and consular programs are to be allocated as follows:

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS

($ in thousands)

Activity	Pending request	Amended bill	Change from request
Iraq Diplomatic Operations	1,545,608	1,150,000	−395,608
Afghanistan—Operations and Worldwide Security Protection	162,400	200,200	37,800
Pakistan—Operations	0	7,500	7,500
Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative	0	1,000	1,000
Worldwide Security Protection	0	48,000	48,000
Civilian Workforce Initiative	0	55,000	55,000
Public Diplomacy	0	4,000	4,000
Total, Diplomatic and Consular Programs	1,708,008	1,465,700	−242,308

Afghanistan.—Within the total, the amended bill includes $200,200,000, which is $37,800,000 above the request, for necessary expenses for diplomatic and security operations in Afghanistan. Of this amount, $162,400,000 is for enhanced security operations, including additional high threat protection teams, increased overhead cover and physical security measures, replacement of armored vehicles, and local guard service. In addition, $19,000,000 is for the establishment of a Department of State-managed air transport capability in Afghanistan for Department of State and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) personnel to manage country programs, provide support for medical evacuation, and other security-related operations. Finally, $18,800,000 is for support of operations and personnel for Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) in Afghanistan.

Iraq.—Within the total, $1,150,000,000 is for the diplomatic and security operations of the United States Mission in Iraq, which is $395,608,000 below the pending request. The cost of operations of the United States Mission in Iraq totals $2,141,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, including $1,150,000,000 provided in this Act, $575,000,000 provided as bridge funding in Public Law 110–161 and $416,000,000 in funds carried over from prior year appropriations. Nearly $900,000,000 is requested for supporting security requirements for diplomatic and development personnel in Iraq.

The amended bill includes funding for mission operations, security, logistics support, information technology, and operations of PRTs. Congress has provided an additional $196,543,000 since fiscal year 2006 for follow-on facilities requirements identified by the Department of State, as follows: extend the perimeter wall; construct a dining facility; construct additional housing; construct a tactical operations center for Diplomatic Security; construct a static guard camp; and construct overhead cover. The actual cost of building the New Embassy Compound (NEC) has reached a total of $788,543,000 to date.

The number of permanent and temporary personnel assigned to Iraq, with the exception of USAID, should be decreased to accommodate all personnel within the NEC and any improvements can be made with previously appropriated funds. USAID will play a critical role in assisting the Government of Iraq in effectively allocating its budgetary resources.

The additional $43,804,000 requested for follow-on projects for the NEC in Baghdad is not included. At least $77,027,000 in prior year funding programmed for follow-on projects is available for obligation and these funds should be used to provide additional secure housing for a smaller number of personnel.

None of the funds provided under this heading in this Act shall be made available for follow-on projects, other than the proposed funding for overhead cover. The Department of State should include a detailed plan for the use of funds for follow-on projects as part of the spending plan required by this Act.

Due to an extended accreditation and verification process and the addition of follow-on projects, occupancy of the NEC offices and housing has been delayed. This rigorous process to address and validate whether the NEC was constructed to code and contract specifications was supported. Now that the process is complete, occupancy of the offices and housing should proceed without delay in order to provide the maximum protection to United States personnel.

The rationale for co-location of the Departments of State and Defense in the NEC is recognized. However, the proposed New Office Building and the Interim Office Building reconfigurations are projected to delay occupancy of NEC offices by up to one year. Given the difficult security environment in Baghdad, this lengthy delay is not acceptable. The Departments of State and Defense are expected to consult with the Committees on Appropriations on options for moving forward with limited co-location plans in the most accelerated, secure, and cost-effective manner. Any future construction in Iraq shall be subject to the Capital Security Cost Sharing Program, in the same manner as all other embassy construction projects worldwide.

There is a concern that private security contractors have been utilized without the necessary authority, oversight, or accountability. The Department of State is directed to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act on the implementation status of each of the recommendations of the October 2007 report of the Secretary of State's Panel on Personal Protective Services. The Department of State is encouraged to aggressively review security procedures and seek the necessary authority to ensure that increased security is achieved with effective oversight and accountability.

The Secretary of State should take appropriate steps to ensure that assistance for Iraq is not provided to or through any individual, private entity or educational institution that the Secretary knows or has reason to believe advocates, plans, sponsors, or engages in, terrorist activities.

Pakistan.—The amended bill includes $7,500,000 for operations, security, and personnel engaged in diplomatic activities to promote economic and political development in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas along the Pakistan and Afghanistan border.

Sudan.—The amended bill includes resources to support the diplomatic mission in Sudan including the United States Special Envoy for Sudan.

Buying Power Maintenance Account.—The amended bill provides authority to transfer funds available in this Act, and in a prior Act, to the Buying Power Maintenance Account in accordance with section 24 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act, to manage exchange rate losses in fiscal year 2008.

Civilian Workforce Initiative.—The amended bill provides $55,000,000 to increase the civilian diplomatic capacity of the Department of State to meet the increasing and complex demands of diplomacy in the 21st century. Within the total, $30,000,000 is for the initial development and deployment of a civilian capacity to respond to post-conflict stabilization and reconstruction challenges and $25,000,000 is to strengthen capabilities of the United States diplomatic corps and promote broader engagement with the rest of the world, including expanding training and enhanced interagency collaboration.

The amended bill includes funds to replace Foreign Service positions worldwide, which were previously moved to Iraq and to increase the number of positions participating in critical needs foreign language training. The Department of State has transferred approximately 300 Foreign Service positions from embassies around the world to Iraq and to associated language training, leaving key posts understaffed. These funds are to be used to support United States foreign policy in priority, understaffed regions, particularly South and East Asia, the Western Hemisphere, and Africa.

Funds made available for the civilian stabilization initiative are for the Active and Standby Response Corps portion of the initiative and to enhance operations of the Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization. In addition to the funds provided to the Department of State, $25,000,000 is appropriated in this Act under the heading ''Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development'' to implement the USAID portion of the civilian stabilization initiative. The funding request for the Civilian Response Corps will be considered as part of the fiscal year 2009 appropriations process and none of the funds provided in this Act are to be used to implement the Civilian Response Corps portion of the initiative.

Diplomatic Security-Worldwide Security Protection.—The amended bill also includes $48,000,000 above the request for worldwide security protection. The amount provided is available to restore 100 positions in the diplomatic security personnel that were redirected to Iraq to address urgent security requirements for United States personnel elsewhere in the world.

Directorate of Defense Trade Controls.—Increased demands on the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls' Office of Defense Trade Controls Licensing have led to delays in license processing. The Secretary of State is directed to review the workload demands and staffing needs of the office and report any recommendations to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act.

Middle East Peace Process.—The security and support requirements for the personnel and operations that accompany the Middle East peace process have been, and should continue to be, supported through the operations funds available in fiscal year 2008. Any additional requirements associated with these activities will be considered during the fiscal year 2009 appropriations process.

Public Diplomacy.—The amended bill includes $4,000,000 for the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs to expand new media for targeted Arabic language television programs for the purpose of fostering cultural, educational, and professional dialogues through indigenous Arabic language satellite media.

Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.—The amended bill recommends not less than $1,000,000 to expand public outreach efforts related to implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). With WHTI implementation occurring as early as June 2009, there is concern about the lack of a comprehensive, coordinated plan between the Department of State, the Department of Homeland Security, and the United States Postal Service to broadly disseminate information to the traveling public concerning the final WHTI implementation requirements at the Nation's land and sea ports. The Department of State is encouraged to provide significantly increased outreach to border communities, including through radio, print media, and additional passport fairs.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill includes an additional $9,500,000 for Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the Department of State, which is $9,500,000 above the pending request. Of the total, $5,000,000 is to enhance the Department of State Inspector General's oversight of programs in Iraq and Afghanistan, $2,500,000 is for operations of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR), and $2,000,000 is for operations of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR).

The Department of State OIG, USAID OIG, SIGIR, and SIGAR each have independent oversight responsibilities in Iraq and Afghanistan. The inspectors general should, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate, and de-conflict all activities related to oversight of assistance programs for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan to ensure that oversight resources are used effectively and are not unnecessarily duplicative.

To ensure continuity of oversight of permanent United States Missions, the USAID OIG and the Department of State OIG are expected to actively participate in oversight of all programs funded by this Act and prior Acts making appropriations for the Department of State and foreign operations, in particular oversight of diplomatic and development operations and facilities. Joint oversight with SIGIR or SIGAR is strongly encouraged; however once fully staffed, the Department of State OIG or the USAID OIG should, to the maximum extent practicable, be designated as the lead for any joint oversight conducted with SIGIR or SIGAR of funds involving diplomatic operations and facilities in Iraq and Afghanistan.

EMBASSY SECURITY, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE

The amended bill includes an additional $76,700,000 for urgent embassy security, construction, and maintenance costs, which is $83,300,000 below the request. The funds are to construct 300 secure apartments and a secure office building, including the necessary perimeter security, utility, and dining facilities, for United States Mission staff in Afghanistan. Currently, there are a small number of permanent construction apartments and the majority of diplomatic and Mission personnel live in structures with limited protection. Additional funds for this purpose are provided in subchapter B.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The amended bill includes $66,000,000 for Contributions to International Organizations, which is for United States contributions to the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq. Funding is also provided to meet fiscal year 2008 assessed dues to organizations whose missions are critical to protecting United States national security interests, including the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

The Department of State is directed not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act, to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations detailing total United States-assessed contributions, any arrears from prior years and potential arrears for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 for each of the organizations funded under this heading.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES

The budget request included $723,600,000 for Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities, of which $390,000,000 of funds designated as an emergency was provided in the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–161) for the United States contribution to the United Nations/African Union (UN/AU) hybrid peacekeeping mission to Darfur (UNAMID).

The amended bill includes an additional $373,708,000 for assessed costs to UN peacekeeping operations. Within the total under this heading, not less than $333,600,000 is provided for UNAMID, which is the same as the request. Additionally, the amended bill includes $40,108,000 to meet unmet fiscal year 2008 assessed dues for the international peacekeeping missions to countries such as the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti, Liberia, and Sudan.

RELATED AGENCY

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING OPERATIONS

The amended bill includes an additional $2,000,000 for International Broadcasting Operations to continue increased broadcasting to Tibet.

BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

The budget request included $80,000,000 for International Disaster Assistance. The Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–161) provided $110,000,000 for emergency humanitarian requirements.

The amended bill includes $220,000,000 for International Disaster Assistance, which is $220,000,000 above the pending request. These funds should be used to respond to urgent humanitarian requirements worldwide, including in Burma, Bangladesh, the People's Republic of China, and countries severely affected by the international food crisis.

USAID is directed to substantially increase food assistance for Haiti to address critical food shortages and malnutrition. Preventing hunger and combating poverty in Haiti should be a USAID priority.

As the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) has compounded the humanitarian crisis in Burma by failing to respond to the needs of the Burmese people in the wake of Cyclone Nargis and by refusing offers of assistance from the international community, the Department of State and USAID should seek to avoid providing assistance to or through the SPDC.

The amended bill also includes funds under this heading and the heading ''Development Assistance'' in subchapter B to help address the international food crisis. Programs should address both rural and urban food requirements.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The budget request included $61,800,000 for Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development, of which $20,800,000 was provided in the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–161) for operations in Iraq.

The amended bill includes $150,500,000 for Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development.

Of the funds provided under this heading, the amended bill includes $41,000,000 to continue support for security needs in Iraq and Afghanistan, which is the same as the request. In addition, $30,000,000 is included to increase support for staffing, security, and operating needs in Afghanistan and Sudan, and $19,500,000 in Pakistan.

The amended bill also includes $25,000,000 to support the development and deployment of a civilian capacity to respond to post-conflict stabilization and reconstruction needs. Funds made available for the civilian stabilization initiative are for the Active and Standby Response Corps portion of the initiative and none of the funds provided in this Act may be used to develop the Civilian Response Corps. Additional funding for this initiative is provided in the ''Diplomatic and Consular Programs'' account for the Department of State portion of the initiative.

In addition, the amended bill includes $35,000,000 to enable USAID to hire above attrition in fiscal year 2008. The Administration's request for fiscal year 2009 includes $92,000,000 for hiring 300 USAID foreign service officers as part of a three-year initiative. Funding provided in this Act is intended to support the hiring of additional Foreign Service officers in fiscal year 2008 in order to begin rebuilding the capacity of the Agency to carry out its mission. USAID is directed to consult with the Committees on Appropriations on the use of these funds and to recruit mid-career personnel. As USAID seeks to strengthen its workforce, USAID is encouraged to consult with the Department of Defense on ways to benefit from the experience of retiring officers, including establishment of a transition program.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The amended bill includes an additional $4,000,000 for the United States Agency for International Development Office of Inspector General to support increased oversight of programs in Iraq and Afghanistan.

OTHER BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND

The budget request included $2,217,000,000 for Economic Support Fund (ESF), of which $208,000,000 was provided in the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–161) for emergency requirements in the West Bank and in North Korea, as requested.

The amended bill includes $1,882,500,000 for ESF, which is $126,500,000 below the request. An additional $75,000,000 is provided under the heading Democracy Fund for political development programs for Iraq. Funds are to be allocated as follows:

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND

($ in thousands)

Country and region	Amended bill
Afghanistan	859,000
Bangladesh	25,000
Central America	25,000
Central African Republic	1,000
Chad	2,000
Democratic Republic of the Congo	12,500
Iraq	424,000
Jordan	175,000
Kenya	12,000

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND—Continued

($ in thousands)

Country and region	Amended bill
Mexico	20,000
Nepal	7,000
North Korea	53,000
Philippines	15,000
Sri Lanka	6,000
Sudan	45,000
Thailand	2,500
Uganda	17,500
West Bank and Gaza	171,000
Zimbabwe	5,000
Exchanges Africa	5,000
Total	1,882,500

Iraq.—The amended bill includes $424,000,000 for Iraq, which is $373,000,000 below the request. The sums provided enable the Department of State and USAID to continue programs in Iraq through the end of fiscal year 2008 and into the first two quarters of fiscal year 2009. After providing more than $45,000,000,000 to help rebuild Iraq, the United States should reduce bilateral assistance levels and reduce the number of Department of State personnel involved in the reconstruction effort who are located in Iraq. Funds provided for Iraq are to be allocated as follows:

IRAQ PROGRAMS

($ in thousands)

Activity	Pending request	Amended bill	Change from request
Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs)	165,000	139,000	−26,000
Provincial Reconstruction Development Councils	100,000	85,000	−15,000
Local Governance Program	65,000	54,000	−11,000
Community Stabilization Program (CSP)	155,000	100,000	−55,000
Community Action Program (CAP)	0	75,000	75,000
Infrastructure Security Protection for Oil, Water and Electricity	70,000	0	−70,000
Operations and Maintenance of Key USG-Funded Infrastructure	134,000	10,000	−124,000
Iraqi-American Enterprise Fund	25,000	0	−25,000
Provincial Economic Growth (including Agriculture and Microfinance)	0	25,000	25,000
National Capacity Development	248,000	70,000	−178,000
Marla Fund	0	5,000	5,000
Total	797,000	424,000	−373,000

Community Action Program (CAP).—The amended bill includes $75,000,000 for continued support for the Community Action Program.

Community Stabilization Program (CSP).—The amended bill includes $100,000,000 for the CSP, which is $55,000,000 below the request. Recent findings of a March 18, 2008 USAID Inspector General audit (E–267–08–001–P) of possible fraud and misuse of some CSP funds are of concern. Therefore the amended bill withholds 50 percent of funding until the Secretary of State certifies and reports that USAID is implementing recommendations contained in the audit to ensure proper use of funds.

Enterprise Fund.—The amended bill does not include any funding for the creation, capitalization, operation, or support of any enterprise fund in Iraq. The Department of State is directed not to reprogram any funds made available by this or prior Acts for an enterprise or enterprise-related fund in Iraq.

Infrastructure Security Protection for Oil, Water, and Electricity.—The amended bill does not include funding for these functions, which should be supported by the Government of Iraq.

Marla Ruzicka Iraqi War Victims Fund.—The amended bill includes $5,000,000 for the Marla Ruzicka Iraqi War Victims Fund for continued assistance for Iraqi civilians who suffer losses as a result of the military operations.

National Capacity Development (NCD).—Within the amount provided in ESF for Iraq, $70,000,000 is provided for NCD, which is $178,000,000 below the request. The Government of Iraq should assume increasing responsibility for the cost of these activities.

Operations and Maintenance of Key U.S. Government-Funded Infrastructure.—The amended bill includes $10,000,000 for operations and maintenance of key United States government-funded infrastructure, which is $124,000,000 below the request. These functions should be funded by the Government of Iraq and this Act includes sufficient funding to allow the United States to provide technical assistance and training. In addition, the amended bill conditions the funds on the signing and implementation of an asset transfer agreement between the United States and Iraq.

Provincial Economic Growth.—The amended bill includes $25,000,000 for provincial economic growth activities.

Vulnerable Groups.—Up to $10,000,000 of funds made available for Iraq in this chapter, including from the Migration and Refugee Assistance and International Disaster Assistance accounts, should be made available for programs to assist vulnerable Iraqi religious and ethnic minority groups, including Christians. The Secretary of State should designate staff at United States Embassy Baghdad to oversee and coordinate such assistance.

Afghanistan.—The amended bill includes $859,000,000 in ESF for Afghanistan, which is $25,000,000 above the request. USAID is directed to review its reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan; focus its assistance, including capacity building, through local Afghan entities; give greater attention to accountability and monitoring to minimize corruption; and emphasize programs which directly improve the economic, social, and political status of Afghan women and girls. Funds provided for Afghanistan are to be allocated as follows:

AFGHANISTAN PROGRAMS

($ in thousands)

Activity	Pending request	Amended bill	Change from request
Civilian Assistance Program	0	10,000	+10,000
Governance and Capacity Building	135,000	165,000	+30,000
2009 Elections	100,000	70,000	−30,000
National Solidarity Program	40,000	65,000	+25,000
Health and Education	50,000	75,000	+25,000
North Atlantic Treaty Organization POHRF	0	2,000	+2,000
Power	175,000	150,000	−25,000
Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs)/Provincial Governance	0	50,000	+50,000
Roads	329,000	200,000	−129,000
Rural Development/Alternative Livelihoods	0	65,000	+65,000
Trade and Investment	5,000	7,000	+2,000
Total	834,000	859,000	25,000

Civilian Assistance.—The amended bill includes $10,000,000 for USAID's Afghan Civilian Assistance Program to continue assistance for civilians who have suffered losses as a result of the military operations, and $2,000,000 for the NATO/ISAF Post-Operations Humanitarian Relief Fund.

Governance and Capacity Building.—The amended bill provides $165,000,000 for governance and capacity building programs, which is $30,000,000 above the request, to fund rule of law, human rights, and local and national capacity building.

National Solidarity Program.—The amended bill includes $65,000,000 for the National Solidarity Program to support small-scale development initiatives. The funding shall be programmed in a manner consistent with the Afghan National Development Strategy.

Power.—The amended bill includes $150,000,000 for power, which is $25,000,000 below the request. The request includes funding for gas and diesel power projects and there is a concern that diesel generators are costly to maintain and will exacerbate Kabul's already heavily polluted air. The completion of the north-south transmission line to enable Afghanistan to purchase electricity from its northern neighbors for distribution to other areas of the country is supported. Funding for the Northern Electrical Power System or the Shebergan Gas-

Fired Plant is not included. The World Bank should play a larger role in financing such infrastructure projects.

It is noted that Afghanistan has considerable potential for small hydro and solar power development to service Afghanistan's many remote communities that have no other access to electricity, and not less than $15,000,000 of the funds shall be used for renewable energy projects in rural areas.

Provincial Reconstruction Teams.—The amended bill provides $50,000,000 for PRTs in Afghanistan.

Roads.—The amended bill includes $200,000,000 for roads, which is $129,000,000 below the request.

Rural Development and Alternative Livelihoods.—The amended bill includes $65,000,000 for rural development and alternative livelihood programs and an additional $35,000,000 for counternarcotics under the ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'' account to expand counternarcotics programs in Afghanistan. The Secretary of State is directed to consult with the Committees on Appropriations on the use of these funds.

2009 Elections.—The amended bill includes $70,000,000 for preparations for the 2009 elections.

Bangladesh.—The amended bill includes $25,000,000 for assistance for Bangladesh for cyclone recovery and reconstruction assistance.

Central America.—The amended bill includes $25,000,000 for the countries of Central America in fiscal year 2008, in addition to funds otherwise made available for assistance for these countries, for a program to be called the ''Economic and Social Development Fund for Central America'', of which $20,000,000 is to be administered by USAID, in consultation with the Department of State. The purpose of the program is to promote economic and social development and good governance in targeted, low-income areas, including rural communities that are particularly vulnerable to drug trafficking and related violence and organized crime. These funds should support programs that emphasize community initiatives and public-private partnerships. United States funds should be matched with contributions from public and private sources to the maximum extent practicable. USAID is directed to consult with the Committees on Appropriations prior to the obligation of these funds. Of the funds available, $5,000,000 shall be administered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for educational exchanges with the countries of Central America.

Democratic Republic of the Congo.—The amended bill includes $12,500,000 for assistance for eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo for urgent conflict mitigation and recovery programs and for programs relating to sexual violence against women and girls. Of this amount, not less than $1,000,000 is to establish and support a training center for health workers who provide care and treatment for victims of sexual violence, and not less than $2,000,000 is for training military and civilian investigators, prosecutors, and judges to bring the perpetrators of such crimes to justice.

Exchanges with Africa.—The amended bill includes $5,000,000 for educational exchanges with countries in Africa, specifically to counter extremism. These funds should be administered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Jordan.—The amended bill includes a total of $200,000,000 for economic assistance for Jordan, of which $175,000,000 is appropriated under this heading, and $25,000,000 is appropriated through a general provision. The Government of Jordan remains a key ally and has played a leading role in supporting peace initiatives in the Middle East. Programming of these resources should be done in consultation with the Government of Jordan and refugee relief organizations and funds should be used to meet the needs of Iraqi refugees. The Secretary of State, after consultation with the Government of Jordan, the United Nations, and international organizations and non-governmental organizations with a presence in Iraq, is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act detailing (1) short- and medium-term options the United States and other countries and organizations could pursue to assist Iraqis in Jordan to maintain their educational and vocational skills and earn income; and (2) longer term options that the United States and the Government of Jordan can take to address the economic, social and health needs of refugees from Iraq, including the feasibility of extending temporary residence status for Iraqis registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Kenya.—The amended bill includes $12,000,000 for assistance for Kenya for political, ethnic and tribal reconciliation activities.

Mexico.—The amended bill includes $20,000,000 for assistance for Mexico for institution building and support of civil society. Funding for these purposes was requested through the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INCLE) account. The amended bill includes $5,000,000 for human rights training for police, prosecutors, and prison officials; $3,000,000 for victim and witness protection; and $3,000,000 to support NGOs and civil society. The amended bill also includes $5,000,000 for a literacy program for local police. USAID is encouraged to work with non-governmental organizations, civil society, and local police to replicate the literacy program being implemented in Nezahualcoyotl, Mexico. The amended bill also includes funding for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Mexico (OHCHR). The Department of State is directed to work with the Mexican Government, the OHCHR, and civil society organizations in Mexico to promote respect for human rights by Mexican police and military forces.

Nepal.—The amended bill includes $7,000,000 for assistance for Nepal to strengthen democracy and support the peace process, including the demobilization and reintegration of ex-combatants, and for economic development programs in rural communities affected by conflict.

North Korea.—The amended bill includes up to $53,000,000 for energy-related assistance for North Korea in support of the goals of the Six-Party Talks Agreement, in addition to the $53,000,000 appropriated in division J of Public Law 110–161, which is the same as the total amount requested. Prior to the obligation of assistance for North Korea, the Secretary of State is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations that North Korea is continuing to fulfill its commitments under the Six-Party Talks Agreement.

Pakistan.—The amended bill does not include funding for assistance for Pakistan in this subchapter. These needs are addressed in funding appropriated in the fiscal year 2009 bridge.

Philippines.—The amended bill includes $15,000,000 for assistance for the Philippines for programs to further peace and reconciliation in the southern Philippines, and recognizes the shared interest between the United States and the Philippines in combating terrorism in this region.

Sri Lanka.—The amended bill includes $6,000,000 for assistance for Sri Lanka to be provided through USAID to support economic development programs in the eastern region of Sri Lanka to solidify recent gains against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. These funds should be used to assist Tamil and Muslim minorities in Sri Lanka.

Sudan.—The amended bill includes $45,000,000 for assistance for Sudan to support election-related activities.

Thailand.—The amended bill includes $2,500,000 for assistance for Thailand to address economic and social development needs in southern Thailand. The Department of State is directed to consult with the Committees on Appropriations prior to the obligation of these funds.

Uganda.—The amended bill includes $17,500,000 for assistance for northern Uganda. These funds should be used to support economic development, governance, assistance for war victims, and reintegration of ex-combatants.

West Bank and Gaza.—The amended bill includes not more than $171,000,000 for economic assistance for the West Bank and Gaza, which is $24,000,000 below the request. The Department of State is directed to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act on how United States economic assistance for the West Bank supports the larger Palestinian Reform and Development Plan as well as a description of other donor support of this plan. The report should describe how assistance from the United States and other donors will improve conditions in the West Bank, including through job creation and housing programs.

Zimbabwe.—The amended bill includes $5,000,000 for assistance for Zimbabwe to support political reconciliation activities.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEMOCRACY FUND

The amended bill includes $76,000,000 for Democracy Fund programs, requested under the heading ''Economic Support Fund'', to be made available as follows:

Chad.—The amended bill includes $1,000,000 for democracy activities in Chad.

Iraq.—The amended bill includes $75,000,000 for democracy activities in Iraq. These funds are intended to be available through non-governmental organizations, including the National Endowment for Democracy, and not less than $8,000,000 for the United States Institute of Peace. These funds should be awarded expeditiously to prevent interruption of current operations.

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

The amended bill includes $390,300,000 for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement (INCLE) activities in Afghanistan, Iraq, Mexico, Central America, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and the West Bank, which is $343,700,000 below the request. The Secretary of State is directed to consult with the Committees on Appropriations on the use of these funds.

Iraq.—The amended bill includes $85,000,000 for Iraq for justice and rule of law programs, which is $74,000,000 below the request. Funding for prison construction is not included.

Afghanistan.—The amended bill includes $35,000,000, which is $35,000,000 above the request, to support programs to strengthen counternarcotics efforts, to improve the training of the Afghan police, including border police, to advance the development of institutional capacity professionalism of the justice sector, and to help facilitate cooperation between the police and the judiciary at both the national and regional levels. The Department of State is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act on the level of counternarcotics cooperation by

the Government of Afghanistan at the national and regional level and should detail, nationally and by province, the steps that the Government of Afghanistan is taking to arrest and prosecute leaders of Afghan drug cartels; disarm and disband private militias; and end corruption among national and provincial police forces.

Central America.—The amended bill includes $24,800,000 for assistance for Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama, and an additional $5,000,000 for Haiti and the Dominican Republic under the Merida Initiative. Although funding was requested only through the INCLE account, funding for the Merida Initiative is provided in the accounts from which such activities are traditionally funded. The amended bill provides funding for specialized police training and non-lethal equipment to strengthen the law enforcement and criminal justice institutions for the purpose of combating drug trafficking and related violent crime and increasing the capacity and professionalism of Central American police forces.

Impunity within the military and police forces of several of these countries and corruption within their justice systems is of concern. The Secretary of State is directed to submit a report in writing on mechanisms in place to ensure eligibility of recipients of United States assistance.

The omission of Haiti and the Dominican Republic from the request for the Merida Initiative makes it more likely that these vulnerable countries would become increasingly favored transit routes for drug traffickers. The amended bill includes $2,500,000 for Haiti and $2,500,000 for the Dominican Republic as part of the Merida Initiative to support counternarcotics and border security programs, anti-corruption, judicial reform, institution-building, and rule of law programs.

Mexico.—There is a shared responsibility between the United States and Mexico to combat drug trafficking and related violence and organized crime. The amended bill includes $215,500,000 to support programs to enable the Government of Mexico to respond to these threats in accordance with the rule of law. The amended bill includes $10,000,000 for demand reduction and drug rehabilitation activities; $3,000,000 to provide technical and other assistance to enable the Government of Mexico to put into service a unified national police registry; and not more than $24,000,000 for program development and support. To the extent possible, any equipment and technology purchases should be interoperable based on open standards with the equipment and technology being used by their United States Government counterparts.

Corruption and impunity within Mexico's military and police forces are of concern. Recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission have been ignored and investigations of violations of human rights by Mexican military and police forces rarely result in convictions. The Secretary of State, in consultation with relevant Mexican Government authorities, is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations that mechanisms are in place to ensure eligibility of recipients of United States assistance.

There is concern with the failure to investigate and prosecute the police officers responsible for human rights violations, including rape and sexual violence against women, at San Salvador Atenco on May 3–4, 2006, and in Oaxaca between June and December 2006. These and other such violations by members of the Mexican military and police forces have been documented and require thorough, credible and transparent investigation and prosecution by the Mexican Attorney General.

The state and Federal investigations into the October 27, 2007, killing in Oaxaca of American citizen Bradley Will have been flawed and the Secretary of State is directed, not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act and 120 days thereafter, to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations detailing progress in conducting a thorough, credible, and transparent investigation to identify the perpetrators of this crime and bring them to justice. The Department of State should work with Mexican Government authorities and relevant Federal government agencies of the United States to assist in the investigation of this case.

West Bank.—The amended bill includes $25,000,000 for ongoing training of vetted units of the Palestinian National Security Forces, which is the same as the request.

MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

The budget request included $230,000,000 for Migration and Refugee Assistance, of which $200,000,000 was provided in the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–161) for emergency refugee requirements in Iraq and the West Bank and Gaza.

The amended bill includes $315,000,000 for Migration and Refugee Assistance, which is $285,000,000 above the pending request. Funds should be made available to meet unmet global refugee needs, including to assist Iraqi refugees in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt, and the surrounding region, as well as internally displaced persons in Iraq. Funds may also be used, if necessary, for the admissions costs of Iraqis granted special immigrant status under the Special Immigrant Visa program authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008. In addition, funds may be used to offset administrative costs associated with the expanded requirements of the Iraqi refugee program, in consultation with the Committees on Appropriations.

The humanitarian crisis involving Iraqi refugees and internally displaced persons is of concern and the Government of Iraq has dedicated insufficient resources to assist this most vulnerable segment of the Iraqi population. The Department of State shall urge the Government of Iraq to provide a substantial increase in funding for humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi refugee population residing in the region and within the country. In addition, the Secretary of State should ensure that the Senior Coordinator for Iraqi Refugee Issues gives particular attention to the needs of vulnerable minority groups, including ethnic and religious minorities.

The welfare and security of the 7,900 Lao Hmong in the Thai military camp in Petchaboon, northern Thailand is of concern and the Department of State is directed to urge the Government of Thailand to support a transparent screening process to identify those who have a legitimate fear of return to Laos. Any attempt to force the return of Hmong refugees to Laos is strongly opposed.

UNITED STATES EMERGENCY REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE FUND

The amended bill includes $31,000,000 for the United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund to prevent depletion of this emergency fund.

NONPROLIFERATION, ANTI-TERRORISM, DEMINING AND RELATED PROGRAMS

The amended bill includes $13,700,000 for Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs (NADR), which is $8,700,000 above the request.

Of these funds, $5,000,000 is for presidential protective service support in Afghanistan, which is the same as the request, and $2,500,000 is for a United States contribution to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty International Monitoring System.

Central America.—The amended bill also includes $6,200,000 for the Merida Initiative for the countries of Central America, which is $6,200,000 above the request. Although funding for these purposes was requested only through the INCLE account, funding has been provided in the NADR account, from which such activities are traditionally funded.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING PROGRAM

The amended bill includes $137,500,000 for Foreign Military Financing Program, which is $137,500,000 above the request.

Central America.—The amended bill includes $4,000,000 to augment the ongoing naval cooperation program and maritime security assistance to strengthen the ability of the countries of Central America to improve maritime security and interdiction capabilities, including to complement existing regional systems and programs.

Jordan.—The amended bill includes a total of $50,000,000 for military assistance for Jordan, of which $17,000,000 is appropriated under this heading and $33,000,000 is appropriated through a general provision.

Mexico.—The amended bill includes $116,500,000 in support of military-to-military cooperation between the United States and Mexico.

SUBCHAPTER B—BRIDGE FUND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

The budget request totals $3,605,000,000 in emergency supplemental funds for fiscal year 2009. The amended bill provides a total of $3,679,500,000 for the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs for fiscal year 2009 emergency supplemental requirements, which is $74,500,000 above the request.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS

The amended bill includes $704,900,000 for Diplomatic and Consular Programs. Within this amount, $78,400,000 is available for worldwide security protection and not more than $550,500,000 is available as a bridge fund for Iraq operations.

To meet increased security and personnel requirements, the amended bill includes $89,400,000 for Afghanistan, $7,000,000 for Pakistan, $3,000,000 for Somalia, and $15,000,000 for Sudan. In addition, the amended bill includes $40,000,000 to continue the support of new positions to develop language and other critical skills of the diplomatic corps and for civilian post-conflict stabilization initiatives.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill includes $57,000,000 for Office of Inspector General at the Department of State, of which $15,500,000 is to continue oversight of programs in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the Middle East.

Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR).—The amended bill includes $36,500,000 for SIGIR for continued oversight of United States reconstruction programs in Iraq, as authorized by section 3001 of Public Law 108–106.

Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR).—The amended bill includes $5,000,000 for SIGAR, which is $5,000,000 above the request, and which is authorized by section 1229 of Public Law 110–181. Such funds shall be used for oversight of United States reconstruction programs in Afghanistan. None of the funds shall be used to duplicate investigations that have been

conducted or to support offices or systems of inspectors general at the Department of State or USAID. SIGAR should co-locate staff and ''back office'' support systems with other inspectors general to the extent feasible.

EMBASSY SECURITY, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE

The amended bill includes $41,300,000 for urgent embassy security, construction, and maintenance costs. Funds should be used to construct safe and secure office space for the increasing number of diplomatic and development personnel living and working in Kabul, Afghanistan.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The amended bill includes $75,000,000 for Contributions to International Organizations.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES

The amended bill includes $150,500,000 for Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities to fund the Administration's revised estimate of the United States-assessed contribution to international peacekeeping.

RELATED AGENCY

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTNG OPERATIONS

The amended bill includes $6,000,000 for International Broadcasting Operations.

BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

GLOBAL HEALTH AND CHILD SURVIVAL

The amended bill includes $75,000,000 for Global Health and Child Survival to continue programs to combat avian influenza.

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

The amended bill includes $200,000,000 for Development Assistance, which is for a new Food Security Initiative to promote food security in countries affected by significant food shortages, such as programs to assist farmers to increase crop yields, including in Darfur. Of this amount, up to $50,000,000 should be used for local and regional purchase. The Secretary of State is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 45 days after enactment of this Act, and prior to the initial obligation of funds, on the proposed uses of funds to alleviate starvation, hunger, and malnutrition overseas, including a list of those countries facing significant food shortages.

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

The amended bill includes $200,000,000 for International Disaster Assistance to meet urgent humanitarian requirements worldwide, including support for critical needs in Bangladesh, Burma, and the People's Republic of China. A portion of these funds should be used for assistance for internally displaced persons in Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, funds are available under this heading to assist in the response to the international food crisis.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The amended bill includes $93,000,000 for Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development to address staffing, security, and operating needs.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The amended bill includes $1,000,000 for Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development Office of Inspector General.

OTHER BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND

The amended bill includes $1,124,800,000 for Economic Support Fund to address critical health, economic, and security needs. These funds are to be allocated as follows:

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND

($ in thousands)

Country and region	Amended bill
Afghanistan	455,000
Bangladesh	50,000
Burma	5,300
Central African Republic	2,000
Chad	5,000
Democratic Republic of the Congo	10,000
Iraq	102,500
Jordan	100,000
Kenya	25,000
North Korea	15,000
Pakistan	150,000
Sudan	25,000
Uganda	15,000
West Bank and Gaza	150,000
Zimbabwe	15,000
Total	1,124,800

Afghanistan.—The amended bill includes $455,000,000 for assistance for Afghanistan.

Governance and Capacity Building.—The amended bill includes $20,000,000 for the National Solidarity Program to support small-scale development initiatives; and not less than $35,000,000 for preparations for the 2009 elections. The funding shall be programmed in a manner consistent with the Afghan National Development Strategy.

Rural Development and Alternative Livelihoods.—The amended bill includes not less than $35,000,000 for rural development and alternative livelihoods.

Bangladesh.—The amended bill includes $50,000,000 for cyclone recovery and reconstruction assistance.

Burma.—The amended bill includes $5,300,000 for assistance for Burma for humanitarian programs along the Thai-Burma border.

Iraq.—The amended bill includes $102,500,000 for assistance for Iraq.

Community Action Program (CAP).—The amended bill includes $32,500,000 for continued support for the Community Action Program.

Community Stabilization Program (CSP).—The amended bill includes $32,500,000 for continued support for the Community Stabilization Program.

Marla Ruzicka Iraqi War Victims Fund.—The amended bill includes $2,500,000 for the Marla Ruzicka Iraqi War Victims Fund for continued assistance for Iraqi civilians who suffer losses as a result of the military operations.

Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs).—The amended bill includes $35,000,000 for continued support for the Provincial Reconstruction Teams.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

The amended bill includes $199,000,000 for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement activities in Iraq, Afghanistan, the West Bank, Mexico, and Africa. The Secretary of State is directed to consult with the Committees on Appropriations on the use of these funds.

MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

The amended bill includes $350,000,000 for Migration and Refugee Assistance to respond to urgent humanitarian and refugee admissions requirements, including those involving refugees from Iraq, Afghanistan, and central Africa.

NONPROLIFERATION, ANTI-TERRORISM, DEMINING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

The amended bill includes $4,500,000 for Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs, for humanitarian demining in Iraq.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING PROGRAM

The amended bill includes $302,500,000 for Foreign Military Financing Program, of which $100,000,000 is for assistance for Jordan, $170,000,000 is for assistance for Israel, and $32,500,000 is for assistance for Lebanon.

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

The amended bill includes $95,000,000 for Peacekeeping Operations for programs in Africa to address needs beyond those projected in the fiscal year 2009 budget request, including for Darfur and $10,000,000 for Peacekeeping Operations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). These funds are made available to support infantry battalions of the DRC armed forces, to protect vulnerable civilians in the eastern region of the country, and should be made available in accordance with thorough vetting procedures. The Department of State should ensure that trained units are being provided professional leadership, appropriate training in human rights, and adequate pay.

SUBCHAPTER C—GENERAL PROVISIONS, THIS CHAPTER

The amended bill includes the following general provisions for this chapter:

EXTENSION OF AUTHORITIES

Section 1401 extends certain authorities necessary to expend Department of State and foreign assistance funds.

IRAQ

Section 1402 imposes certain conditions and limitations on assistance for Iraq and requires reports.

AFGHANISTAN

Section 1403 imposes certain conditions and limitations on assistance for Afghanistan and requires a report.

WEST BANK

Section 1404 directs the Department of State to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act, and 180 days thereafter, on the Palestinian security assistance program.

WAIVER OF CERTAIN SANCTIONS AGAINST NORTH KOREA

Section 1405 grants waiver authority to the President with respect to certain assistance to North Korea and the ''Glenn Amendment,'' which established automatic sanctions in the Arms Export Control Act on non-nuclear weapon states that detonate a nuclear device.

MEXICO

Section 1406 sets a ceiling on funding for Mexico at $400,000,000. The provision also provides a restriction on the use of funding for budget support or cash payments and restricts obligation of 15 percent of the funding provided under the headings ''Foreign Military Financing Program'' and ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'' until the Secretary of State submits a report in writing.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Section 1407 states that $65,000,000 may be made available for the countries of Central America, Haiti and the Dominican Republic and prohibits the use of funding for budget support or cash payments. The provision restricts obligation of 15 percent of the funding provided under the headings ''Foreign Military Financing Program'' and ''International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement'' for the military and police forces until the Secretary of State submits a report in writing.

BUYING POWER MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

Section 1408 provides authority to utilize $26,000,000 from appropriations for Diplomatic and Consular Programs from a prior Act and authority to transfer up to an additional $74,000,000 of the funds made available by this Act to the Buying Power Maintenance Account to manage exchange rate losses in fiscal year 2008. The Department of State shall consult on any proposed transfers resulting from this authority. The Department of State estimates the impact of currency fluctuations to be at least $260,000,000 on United States diplomatic operations worldwide.

In addition, the provision includes authority to transfer unobligated and expired balances after fiscal year 2008 into the Buying Power Maintenance Account to address future exchange rate losses. The Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than October 15, 2008, on the amount transferred by this authority in this or any fiscal year, the total amount of exchange rate losses in fiscal year 2008, and the accumulated impact of losses from prior years.

Finally, authority is granted to the Broadcasting Board of Governors to transfer unobligated and expired balances after fiscal year 2008 into its Buying Power Maintenance Account.

SERBIA

Section 1409 authorizes the Secretary of State to withhold funds related to reimbursement of costs associated with damage to the United States Embassy in Belgrade resulting from the February 21, 2008, attack.

RESCISSIONS

Section 1410 rescinds prior year funds and makes them available for a contribution to the World Food Program and for programs in the INCLE account. The provision also rescinds prior year funds from the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund.

DARFUR PEACEKEEPING

Section 1411 authorizes the President to utilize prior year Foreign Military Financing Program and Peacekeeping Operations funds for transfer or lease of helicopters or related equipment necessary for operations of the AU/UN hybrid peacekeeping mission in Darfur.

TIBET

Section 1412 provides up to $5,000,000 for the establishment of a United States Consulate in Lhasa, Tibet, under the headings ''Diplomatic and Consular Programs'' and ''Embassy Security, Construction and Maintenance'' in this and prior Acts, and recommends certain actions regarding the opening of such a consulate.

The Secretary of State is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act detailing efforts taken by the Department of State to establish a United States Consulate in Lhasa, Tibet, and a description of any policies or programs by the Government of the People's Republic of China aimed at undermining public support for Tibet including in the media, academia, and political arenas.

JORDAN

(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

Section 1413 provides $58,000,000 for assistance for Jordan, which is offset by a rescission of an equal amount from the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

ALLOCATIONS

Section 1414 requires that funds in the specified accounts shall be allocated as indicated in the respective tables in this explanatory statement. Any change to these allocations shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

REPROGRAMMING AUTHORITY

Section 1415 allows for reprogramming of funds made available in prior years to address critical food shortages, subject to prior consultation with, and the regular notification procedures of, the Committees on Appropriations.

SPENDING PLANS AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Section 1416 requires the Secretary of State to provide detailed spending plans to the Committees on Appropriations on the uses of funds appropriated in subchapters A and B. These funds are also subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Section 1417 establishes that unless designated otherwise in this chapter, the terms and conditions contained within the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–161) shall apply to funds appropriated by this chapter, with the exception of section 699K.

TITLE II—DOMESTIC MATTERS

CHAPTER 1—FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill provides an additional $150,000,000 for Food and Drug Administration, Salaries and Expenses, available until September 30, 2009. FDA is directed to provide the Committees on Appropriations monthly expenditures reports on the use of these funds.

CHAPTER 2—COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

PERIODIC CENSUSES AND PROGRAMS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill includes $210,000,000 for increased costs associated with the poor management of the 2010 Decennial Census. Within the funds provided, not less than $50,300,000 shall be used to restore funding associated with the approved March 26, 2008 reprogramming within the Bureau of the Census. Funds transferred pursuant to the reprogramming to address immediate shortfalls within the Field Data Collection Automation contract from the American Community Survey, Census Coverage Measurement activities, and other Census activities may result in increased risk and other unintended consequences to other parts of the Census. The $50,300,000 shall be available solely to complete previously planned activities and address vacancies in the aforementioned areas in order to reduce risk and ensure a successful 2010 Decennial Census.

The Census Bureau shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, within 30 days of enactment of this Act, a detailed plan showing a timeline of milestones and expenditures for the 2010 Decennial Census, and shall include a quantitative assessment of the associated risk to the program as it is currently constituted. In addition, the Inspector General shall submit quarterly reports to the Committees on Appropriations, until the conclusion of the 2010 Decennial Census, detailing the progress of the revised plan for the execution of the 2010 Decennial Census and any unanticipated slippages from the revised 2010 milestones, as well as reassessing the associated risk to the program. The Census Bureau is directed to provide the Inspector General with any required information so that the quarterly reports can begin 60 days after submission of the plan.

Because rising costs associated with the 2010 Decennial Census and the Department's and the Bureau's lack of contract oversight are cause for particular concern, the bill includes not less than $3,000,000 for the Department's Office of the Inspector General for Census contract oversight activities and not less than $1,000,000 solely for a reimbursable agreement with the Defense Contract Management Agency to review and improve Census contract management.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The amended bill includes $178,000,000 for additional costs of the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) related to the custody and care of inmates and the maintenance and operation of correctional and penal institutions. The BOP has been chronically underfunded in recent budget requests, due to consistently underestimated growth in inmate populations and inadequate funding requests for medical expenses. As a result, BOP facilities face rising staff-to-inmate ratios, placing corrections officers and inmates at unacceptable risk of violence. The amended bill includes funding for FCI Pollock activation costs and for inmate drug abuse treatment required by law. The Administration is urged to re-estimate BOP fixed costs and prisoner population for fiscal year 2009 and to provide the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations with those estimates no later than August 1, 2008. Further, the BOP is directed to notify the Committees of current staff-to-inmate ratios at all Federal prisons on a monthly basis.

OTHER AGENCIES

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

SCIENCE, AERONAUTICS AND EXPLORATION

The amended bill includes $62,500,000 for Science, Aeronautics and Exploration.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

The amended bill includes $22,500,000 for Research and Related Activities, of which $5,000,000 shall be available solely for activities authorized by section 7002(b)(2)(A)(iv) of Public Law 110–69.

EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

The amended bill includes $40,000,000 for Education and Related Activities of which $20,000,000 is for section 10 of the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 1862n–1) and $20,000,000, is for activities authorized by section 10A of the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 1862n–1a).

CHAPTER 3—ENERGY

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ENERGY PROGRAMS

SCIENCE

The amended bill includes an additional $62,500,000 for Science. The Department of Energy is instructed to utilize this funding to eliminate all furloughs and reductions in force which are a direct result of budgetary constraints. Workforce reductions which are a result of completed work or realignment of mission should proceed as planned. This funding is intended to maintain technical expertise and capability at the Office of Science, and may be used for National Laboratory Research and Development including research related to new neutrino initiatives.

Funding for research efforts shall not be allocated until the Office of Science has fully funded all personnel requirements.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

The amended bill includes an additional $62,500,000 for Defense Environmental Cleanup.

CHAPTER 4—LABOR AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OPERATIONS

The amended bill provides $110,000,000 for Unemployment Compensation State Operations to compensate the States for the administrative costs of processing the Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims workload for the balance of fiscal year 2008. New UI claims are increasing, reaching a level in April 2008 nearly 18 percent greater than the previous year. States are beginning to experience service degradation in the form of call center delays for claimants, waiting times for adjudication of disputed claims, and reductions in program integrity activities, tax collection, and tax audits. While funding in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 is sufficient to cover the costs of processing 2.4 million Average Weekly Insured Unemployment (AWIU), claims have already climbed above 2.9 million AWIU. The amount provided will compensate States for the claims workload estimated by the Department of Labor up to the point where additional funds are released under a legislated trigger.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The amended bill provides $150,000,000 in additional funding for the National Institutes of Health to support additional scientific research. This funding is to be distributed on a pro-rata basis across the NIH institutes and centers.

CHAPTER 5—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PAYMENT TO WIDOWS AND HEIRS OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

The amended bill provides the customary death gratuity to Annette Lantos, widow of Tom Lantos, late a Representative from the State of California.

TITLE III—NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY

CHAPTER 1—AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FARM SERVICE AGENCY

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The amended bill provides $89,413,000 for the Emergency Conservation Program for disaster relief. The recent Midwest floods and tornadoes have added to disaster relief funding needs. Therefore, these funds are provided to meet these and other disaster relief funding needs.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

The amended bill provides $390,464,000 for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program for disaster relief. The recent Midwest floods and tornadoes have added to disaster relief funding needs. Therefore, these funds are provided to meet these and other disaster relief funding needs.

CHAPTER 2—COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The amended bill provides $100,000,000 for economic development assistance in Presidentially-declared disaster areas to provide disaster relief, long-term recovery and restoration of infrastructure.

CHAPTER 3—CORPS OF ENGINEERS

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

Public Law 109–148, the 3rd emergency supplemental appropriations act of 2006, Public Law 109–234, the 4th emergency supplemental appropriations act of 2006, and Public Law 110–28, the emergency supplemental appropriations act of 2007, provided funds to repair and restore hurricane damaged projects, accelerate completion of New Orleans area flood and storm damage reduction projects, and provide 100-year storm protection for the greater New Orleans area. The scope and magnitude of the work required has increased with time. The current cost estimate requires $5,761,000,000 in additional Federal funds and a non-Federal cost-share of $1,527,000,000.

The Administration requested this funding under the Construction account in the fiscal year 2009 budget. The amended bill provides the full amount of the request as a supplemental appropriation to ensure the existing schedule for completion of 100-year protection for the greater New Orleans area by 2011 is met. However, $2,926,000,000 is provided under Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies in order to provide continuity in appropriations for projects to repair, restore, and accelerate completion of the levels of protection authorized prior to Hurricane Katrina. None of the funds recommended for this purpose shall be available until October 1, 2008.

In addition, the amended bill provides $605,988,800 to respond to recent natural disasters. The Corps shall prioritize all projects to ensure that the most critical health and safety risks are addressed.

CONSTRUCTION

The amended bill includes $2,896,700,000 for Construction. Within the recommended funds, $1,077,000,000 is provided to complete the 100-year storm protection for the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity project; $920,000,000 is provided to complete the 100-year storm protection for the West Bank and Vicinity project; and $838,000,000 is provided for elements of the Southeast Louisiana Urban Drainage project that are within the geographic perimeter of the West Bank and Vicinity projects and the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity project.

The amended bill includes a provision which requires the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity, West Bank and Vicinity and Southeast Louisiana projects be cost shared 65 percent Federal and 35 percent non-Federal as proposed by the Administration with a resulting Federal cost of $2,835,000,000 and a non-Federal cost of $1,527,000,000. While the amended bill includes specific statutory dollar amounts for the three projects, statutory language has been included that would allow the Administration to request a reprogramming of funds, if required. However, the Corps should use this reprogramming ability sparingly.

Due to recent natural disasters, the Corps of Engineers has identified a number of projects that are currently under construction that have been damaged by storm and flood events. The amended bill includes $61,700,000 for the Corps to repair and rehabilitate these construction projects that were affected by natural disasters.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

Due to recent natural disasters, the Corps of Engineers has identified a number of Federally-maintained construction and maintenance projects that have been damaged or otherwise impacted by storm and flood events. The amended bill includes $17,590,000 for the Corps to repair and rehabilitate these projects that were affected by natural disasters.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Due to recent natural disasters, the Corps of Engineers has identified a number of navigation and flood damage reduction projects that have been impacted by storm and flood events. The amended bill provides $298,344,000 for the Corps to restore navigation channels and harbors to pre-storm conditions; and to repair eligible flood damage reduction and other projects in States affected by natural disasters.

FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

The amended bill provides $3,152,854,800 for Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies. The funding includes, at full Federal expense, the following amounts: $704,000,000 to modify the 17th Street, Orleans Avenue, and London Avenue drainage canals and install pumps and closure structures at or near the lakefront; $90,000,000 for storm-proofing interior pump stations to ensure the operability of the stations during hurricanes, storms, and high water events; $459,000,000 for armoring critical elements of the New Orleans hurricane and storm damage reduction system; $53,000,000 to improve protection at the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal; $456,000,000 to replace or modify certain non-Federal levees in Plaquemines Parish to incorporate the levees into the existing New Orleans to Venice hurricane protection project; $412,000,000 for reinforcing or replacing flood walls, as necessary, in the existing Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity project and the existing West Bank and Vicinity project to improve the performance of the systems; $393,000,000 for repair and restoration of authorized protections and floodwalls; and $359,000,000 to complete the authorized protection for the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity Project, for the West Bank and Vicinity Project and the New Orleans to Venice Project. While the Committee has recommended specific statutory dollar amounts for the projects identified under this heading, statutory language has been included that would allow the Administration to request a reprogramming of funds, if required. However, the Corps should use this reprogramming ability sparingly.

Due to recent natural disasters, the Corps of Engineers has identified a number of projects that have been damaged by storm and flood events. The amended bill includes $226,854,800 for the Corps to prepare for flood, hurricane and other natural disasters and support emergency operations, repairs, and other activities in response to flood and hurricane emergencies, as authorized by law; to repair and rehabilitate eligible projects that were affected by natural disasters; and to fund claims processing and discovery costs associated with Hurricane Katrina lawsuits.

The amended bill includes a provision directing the Corps to continue the NEPA alternative evaluation of all options for permanent pumping of storm water in the New Orleans metropolitan area with particular attention to Options 1, 2 and 2a and within 90 days of enactment of this Act provide the House and Senate Appropriation Committees cost estimates to implement Options 1, 2 and 2a of the above cited report. Current plans do not fully account for the operational challenges that arise during major storm events

and are not, therefore, fully protective of public safety.

EXPENSES

The amended bill includes $1,500,000 for additional oversight and management costs associated with Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

CHAPTER 4—SMALL BUSINESS

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DISASTER LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Based on early estimates of damages due to severe storms and flooding in a number of states, the amended bill includes $164,939,000 in loan subsidy for the costs of providing direct loans for homeowners and business-owners so that they can recover from the effects of these disasters. The amended bill also includes a total of $101,814,000 for the administrative costs for carrying out the loan program. These funds will provide for the on site presence of Small Business Administration (SBA) employees to assist disaster victims in obtaining low interest loans from the SBA. Funding will support additional to staff in call centers, disaster resource sites, and loan processing centers and for field inspections to verify damages and losses of homes and businesses. Funding is also necessary to hire additional attorneys to carry out the loan closing process, as well as staff to service the loans. Of this amount, $6,000,000 may be transferred to the Salaries and Expenses account for indirect administrative expenses and $1,000,000 is for the Office of Inspector General for audits and reviews of disaster loans.

CHAPTER 5—FEMA DISASTER RELIEF

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

DISASTER RELIEF

The amended bill provides an additional $897,000,000 for Disaster Relief. The recent Midwest floods and tornadoes have added to disaster relief funding needs. The 1993 Midwest floods cost FEMA over $1.1 billion fifteen years ago and the current damage is likely to cost at least this amount, but in inflated dollars. This funding is provided to meet these and other disaster relief funding needs.

CHAPTER 6—HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The amended bill includes funding for Louisiana Permanent Supportive Housing, in the amount of $73,000,000. This is a new program, and the money is split between two accounts in the bill—the Homeless Assistance Grants and the Project-Based Rental Assistance programs. This program will provide funding for the 3,000 units of permanent supportive housing that are envisioned in the HUD-approved Louisiana Road Home Program. This will enable the promise of the Road Home Program to address the housing needs of our most vulnerable citizens, in particular extremely low-income homeless, disabled and frail elderly persons, to be fulfilled. Of the $73,000,000 provided, $20,000,000 will fund 2,000 project-based vouchers (funded for 1-year terms) with $3,000,000 in administrative fees, and $50,000,000 will fund 1,000 Shelter Plus Care units (funded for five-year terms). These are the ideal and proven housing programs for creating permanent supportive housing for the populations in question. The program funds are provided to the State of Louisiana or its designee or designees, and language is included stating that the administering entity or entities can act as a public housing agency for purposes of administering the funding.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The amended bill provides $300,000,000 for the Community Development Fund for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure in areas for which the President declared a major disaster.

TITLE IV—EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

The amended bill includes language providing a temporary extension of unemployment benefits to workers who have lost their jobs. Specifically, the amended bill provides up to 13 weeks of extended unemployment benefits in every State to workers exhausting regular unemployment compensation. The extended benefits program will terminate on March 31, 2009. The percentage of workers exhausting unemployment benefits is currently 37 percent, which is higher than at the beginning of any of the past five recessions. Not only will workers and their families benefit from extended benefits, providing this financial assistance also can reduce the severity and duration of an economic downturn. Experts agree that extending unemployment benefits is one of the most cost-effective and fast acting forms of economic stimulus because workers who have lost their paychecks have little choice but to spend these benefits quickly.

TITLE V—VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Title V of the amended bill includes provisions designed to expand the educational benefits for men and women who have served in the armed forces since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The provisions will closely resemble the educational benefits provided to veterans returning from World War II.

The benefits included in title V would apply to all members of the military who have served on active duty, including activated reservists and National Guard. To qualify, veterans must have served at least three months of qualified active duty, beginning on or after September 11, 2001. The amended bill provides for benefits to be paid in amounts linked to the amount of active duty service.

In addition to tuition and other established charges, the benefit includes a monthly stipend for housing costs as well as tutorial assistance and licensure and certification tests.

The amended bill would create a new program in which the government will agree to match, dollar for dollar, any voluntary additional contributions to veterans from institutions whose tuition is more expensive than the maximum educational assistance provided in the amended bill.

In addition, title V allows for members of the armed services to transfer their benefits to their spouse or children.

Finally, the amended bill provides for the veterans to have up to fifteen years after they leave active duty to use their educational assistance entitlement. Veterans would be barred from receiving concurrent assistance from this program and another similar program.

TITLE VI—ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

CHAPTER 1—CLOSE THE CONTRACTOR FRAUD LOOPHOLE

Chapter 1 of title VI is identical to the language of H.R. 5712, ''Close the Contractor Fraud Loophole Act,'' passed by the House on April 23, 2008. It closes a loophole in a proposed rule so that mandatory fraud reporting requirements would apply to U.S. contractors working overseas as well as to contractors working here at home.

CHAPTER 2—GOVERNMENT FUNDING TRANSPARENCY

Chapter 2 of title VI is identical to the language of H.R. 3928, ''Government Funding Transparency Act of 2007,'' passed by the House on April 23, 2008. It requires any company or organization receiving at least $25 million and 80 percent or more of their revenue from federal payments to disclose the compensation of their most highly-compensated officers.

TITLE VII—MEDICAID PROVISIONS

Title VII of the amended bill includes language extending the current moratorium to April 2009 on four Medicaid regulations pertaining to: graduate medical education payments; limits on payments to government safety net providers; rehabilitation services; and school-based administrative and specialized medical transportation services for children. The amended bill also establishes a moratorium for the same period for two Medicaid regulations pertaining to: health care provider taxes and targeted case management. The cost of the moratoria is fully offset over five and ten years in the amended bill by provisions that extend an asset verification demonstration to all fifty States and reduce balances in the Physician Assistance and Quality Initiative Fund. These six moratoria are identical to those included in H.R. 5613, which was approved by the House by a 349–62 vote.

The moratorium on these six regulations is included in the amended bill due to concerns about their potential negative impact on essential medical services for millions of people, particularly for seniors, people with disabilities, and children, and on the providers of these safety net services. These regulations also would have a far-reaching impact on graduate medical education, outreach and supportive services designed to help individuals get the medical care they need, and foster care services.

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), these regulatory changes would reduce Federal Medicaid spending by more than $17,500,000,000 over the next five years, shifting these costs to States and localities. These cuts would occur during an economic downturn when States and localities are least able to restore services. Further, the authorizing committees indicate that many of these regulations alter longstanding Medicaid policy without specific Congressional authorization.

Additional time is required to examine the potential impact of these regulations. Accordingly, the amended bill includes $5,000,000 for a study to be completed no later than September 2009 by an independent entity to assess the prevalence of the problems in the Medicaid program the regulations were intended to address and their impact on each State. The amended bill also includes $25,000,000 for the purpose of reducing fraud and abuse in the Medicaid program.

TITLE VIII—GENERAL PROVISIONS, THIS ACT

The amended bill includes the following general provisions:

Section 8001 establishes the period of availability for obligation for appropriations provided in this Act.

Section 8002 provides that, unless otherwise noted, all appropriations in this Act are designated as emergency requirements and necessary to meet emergency needs pursuant to section 204(a) of S. Con. Res. 21 and section 301(b)(2) of S. Con. Res. 70, the congressional budget resolutions for fiscal years 2008 and 2009.

Section 8003 provides for a reduction of $3,577,845,000 from the Procurement; Research, Development, Test and Evaluation;

and Defense Working Capital headings within chapter 1 of title IX of this Act. The section also provides that the reduction shall be applied proportionally to each appropriation account under such headings, and to each program, project, and activity within each such appropriation account.

Section 8004 amends section 9310 of this Act, which prohibits the obligation or expenditure of funds available to the Department of Defense to implement any final action on joint basing initiatives. The amendment excepts funds deposited in the Department of Defense Base Closure Account 2005 from this restriction.

Section 8005 makes funds provided in Public Law 110–28, which remain available for obligation, within the operation and maintenance portion of the Defense Health Program for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) available for psychological health and traumatic brain injury.

Section 8006 provides that this Act may be referred to as the ''Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008''.

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TITLE I			
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND OTHER SECURITY-RELATED MATTERS			
CHAPTER 1			
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
Foreign Agricultural Service			
Public Law 480 Title II Grants, FY 2008 (emergency)...	350,000	850,000	+500,000
Public Law 480 Title II Grants, FY 2009 (emergency)...	395,000	395,000	---
Total, Chapter 1.....	745,000	1,245,000	+500,000
CHAPTER 2			
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			
Office of Inspector General (emergency).....	---	4,000	+4,000
Legal Activities			
Salaries and expenses, general legal activities (emergency).....	4,093	1,648	-2,445
Salaries and expenses, United States Attorneys (emergency).....	5,000	5,000	---
Total, Legal activities.....	9,093	6,648	-2,445
United States Marshals Service			
Salaries and expenses (emergency).....	14,921	28,621	+13,700
Federal Bureau of Investigation			
Salaries and expenses, FY 2008 (emergency).....	101,122	106,122	+5,000
Salaries and expenses, FY 2009 (emergency).....	39,062	82,600	+43,538
Total, Federal Bureau of Investigation.....	140,184	188,722	+48,538
Drug Enforcement Administration			
Salaries and expenses (emergency).....	8,468	29,861	+21,393
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives			
Salaries and expenses (emergency).....	4,000	4,000	---
Federal Prison System			
Salaries and expenses (emergency).....	9,100	9,100	---
Total, Chapter 2.....	185,766	270,952	+85,186
CHAPTER 3			
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE			
Military construction, Army (emergency).....	1,440,750	1,108,200	-332,550
Military construction, Navy and Marine Corps (emergency).....	237,505	355,907	+118,402
Military construction, Air Force (emergency).....	305,000	399,627	+94,627
Military construction, Defense-Wide (emergency).....	27,600	890,921	+863,321
Total, Active Components.....	2,010,855	2,754,655	+743,800

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Family housing construction, Navy and Marine Corps (emergency)	11,766	11,766	---
Base realignment and closure account 2005 (emergency)	415,910	1,278,886	+862,976
Total, Department of Defense	2,438,531	4,045,307	+1,606,776
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS			
Departmental Administration			
General operating expenses (emergency)	---	100,000	+100,000
Information technology systems (emergency)	---	20,000	+20,000
Construction, major projects (emergency)	---	396,377	+396,377
Total, Departmental Administration	---	516,377	+516,377
General Provisions			
Sec. 1301. Barracks improvements (emergency)	---	200,000	+200,000
Total, Department of Veterans Affairs	---	716,377	+716,377
Total, Chapter 3	2,438,531	4,761,684	+2,323,153
CHAPTER 4			
SUBCHAPTER A			
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008			
DEPARTMENT OF STATE			
Administration of Foreign Affairs			
Diplomatic and consular programs (emergency)	1,708,008	1,465,700	-242,308
Worldwide security protection	(162,400)	(210,400)	(+48,000)
Office of the Inspector General (emergency)	---	9,500	+9,500
Embassy security, construction, and maintenance (emergency)	160,000	76,700	-83,300
Total, Administration of Foreign Affairs	1,868,008	1,551,900	-316,108
International Organizations			
Contributions to international organizations (emergency)	53,000	66,000	+13,000
Contributions for international peacekeeping activities, current year (emergency)	333,600	373,708	+40,108
Total, International Organizations	386,600	439,708	+53,108
Total, Department of State	2,254,608	1,991,608	-263,000
RELATED AGENCY			
Broadcasting Board of Governors			
International broadcasting operations (emergency)	---	2,000	+2,000
BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE			
Funds Appropriated to the President			
International disaster assistance (emergency)	---	220,000	+220,000
Operating expenses of the United States Agency for International Development (emergency)	41,000	150,500	+109,500

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Operating expenses of the US Agency for International Development, Office of Inspector General (emergency)	---	4,000	+4,000
Other Bilateral Economic Assistance			
Economic support fund (emergency)	2,009,000	1,882,500	-126,500
Department of State			
Democracy Fund (emergency)	---	76,000	+76,000
International narcotics control and law enforcement (emergency)	734,000	390,300	-343,700
Migration and refugee assistance (emergency)	30,000	315,000	+285,000
U.S. Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund (emergency)	---	31,000	+31,000
Nonproliferation, anti-terrorism, demining and related programs (emergency)	5,000	13,700	+8,700
Total, Bilateral Economic Assistance	2,819,000	3,083,000	+264,000
MILITARY ASSISTANCE			
Funds Appropriated to the President			
Foreign Military Financing Program (emergency)	---	137,500	+137,500
Total, Subchapter A	5,073,608	5,214,108	+140,500
SUBCHAPTER B			
BRIDGE FUND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009			
DEPARTMENT OF STATE			
Administration of Foreign Affairs			
Diplomatic and consular programs (emergency)	1,064,450	704,900	-359,550
Worldwide security protection	(45,800)	(78,400)	(+32,600)
Office of the Inspector General (emergency)	16,800	57,000	+40,200
Embassy security, construction, and maintenance (emergency)	---	41,300	+41,300
Total, Administration of Foreign Affairs	1,081,250	803,200	-278,050
International Organizations			
Contributions to international organizations (emergency)	40,000	75,000	+35,000
Contributions for international peacekeeping activities, current year (emergency)	---	150,500	+150,500
Total, International Organizations	40,000	225,500	+185,500
Total, Department of State	1,121,250	1,028,700	-92,550
RELATED AGENCY			
Broadcasting Board of Governors			
International broadcasting operations (emergency)	---	6,000	+6,000
BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE			
Funds Appropriated to the President			
Global health and child survival (emergency)	---	75,000	+75,000
Development assistance (emergency)	210,000	200,000	-10,000

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International disaster assistance (emergency)	270,000	200,000	-70,000
Operating expenses of the United States Agency for International Development (emergency)	60,000	93,000	+33,000
Operating expenses of the US Agency for International Development, Office of Inspector General (emergency)	---	1,000	+1,000
Total, Funds Appropriated to the President	540,000	569,000	+29,000
Other Bilateral Economic Assistance			
Economic support fund (emergency)	1,297,700	1,124,800	-172,900
Department of State			
International narcotics control and law enforcement (emergency)	225,000	199,000	-26,000
Migration and refugee assistance (emergency)	191,000	350,000	+159,000
Nonproliferation, anti-terrorism, demining and related programs (emergency)	---	4,500	+4,500
Total, Department of State	416,000	553,500	+137,500
Total, Bilateral Economic Assistance	2,253,700	2,247,300	-6,400
MILITARY ASSISTANCE			
Funds Appropriated to the President			
Foreign Military Financing Program (emergency)	170,000	302,500	+132,500
Peacekeeping operations (emergency)	60,000	95,000	+35,000
Total, Military Assistance	230,000	397,500	+167,500
Total, Subchapter B	3,604,950	3,679,500	+74,550
SUBCHAPTER C - GENERAL PROVISIONS			
Sec. 1410:			
(a)(1) World Food Program	---	20,000	+20,000
(a)(2) Andean Counterdrug Initiative (rescission)	---	-20,000	-20,000
(b)(1) International narcotics control and law enforcement (Sudan)	---	10,000	+10,000
(b)(2) International narcotics control and law enforcement (prior-year rescission)	---	-10,000	-10,000
(c)Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (rescission of emergency appropriations)	---	-50,000	-50,000
Sec. 1413:			
(a)(b) Jordan	---	58,000	+58,000
(c) Millennium Challenge Corporation (rescission)	---	-58,000	-58,000
Total, Subchapter C	---	-50,000	-50,000
Total, Chapter 4	8,678,558	8,843,608	+165,050
GENERAL PROVISIONS			
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
Customs and Border Protection			
Salaries and expenses (rescission)	-50,000	---	+50,000
Total, title I	11,997,855	15,121,244	+3,123,389

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TITLE II			
DOMESTIC MATTERS			
CHAPTER 1			
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
Food and Drug Administration			
Salaries and expenses (emergency)	---	150,000	+150,000
CHAPTER 2			
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE			
Bureau of the Census			
Periodic censuses and programs (emergency)	---	210,000	+210,000
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			
Federal Prison System			
Salaries and expenses (emergency)	---	178,000	+178,000
OTHER AGENCIES			
National Aeronautics and Space Administration			
Science, aeronautics and exploration (emergency)	---	62,500	+62,500
National Science Foundation			
Research and related activities (emergency)	---	22,500	+22,500
Education and human resources (emergency)	---	40,000	+40,000
Total, National Science Foundation	---	62,500	+62,500
Total, Other Agencies	---	125,000	+125,000
Total, Chapter 2	---	513,000	+513,000
CHAPTER 3			
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY			
Energy Programs			
Science (emergency)	---	62,500	+62,500
Environmental and Other Defense Activities			
Defense environmental cleanup (emergency)	---	62,500	+62,500
Total, Chapter 3	---	125,000	+125,000
CHAPTER 4			
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR			
Employment and Training Administration			
State unemployment insurance and employment service operations (emergency)	---	110,000	+110,000

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
National Institutes of Health			
Office of the Director (emergency)	---	150,000	+150,000
Total, Chapter 4	---	260,000	+260,000
CHAPTER 5			
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES			
Payments to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress	---	169	+169
Total, title II	---	1,048,169	+1,048,169
TITLE III			
NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY			
CHAPTER 1			
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
Farm Service Agency			
Emergency Conservation Program (emergency)	---	89,413	+89,413
Natural Resources Conservation Service			
Emergency Watershed Protection Program	---	390,464	+390,464
Total, Chapter 1	---	479,877	+479,877
CHAPTER 2			
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE			
Economic Development Administration			
Economic development assistance programs (emergency)	---	100,000	+100,000
CHAPTER 3			
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY			
Corps of Engineers - Civil			
Construction, general (emergency)	---	61,700	+61,700
Construction, FY 2009 (emergency)	5,761,000	2,835,000	-2,926,000
Mississippi River and tributaries (emergency)	---	17,590	+17,590
Operation and maintenance (emergency)	---	298,344	+298,344
Flood control and coastal emergencies	---	226,855	+226,855
Flood control and coastal emergencies, FY 2009(emerg.)	---	2,926,000	+2,926,000
Expenses (emergency)	---	1,500	+1,500
Total, Chapter 3	5,761,000	6,366,989	+605,989

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CHAPTER 4			
Small Business Administration			
Disaster Loans Program Account:			
Direct loans subsidy (emergency)	---	164,939	+164,939
Administrative expenses (emergency)	---	101,814	+101,814
Total, Chapter 4	---	266,753	+266,753
CHAPTER 5			
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
Federal Emergency Management Agency			
Disaster Relief (emergency)	---	897,000	+897,000
CHAPTER 6			
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT			
Permanent supportive housing (emergency)	---	73,000	+73,000
Community Planning and Development			
Community Development Fund (emergency)	---	300,000	+300,000
Total, Chapter 6	---	373,000	+373,000
Total, title III	5,761,000	8,483,619	+2,722,619
TITLE IV			
EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION			
Federal-State agreements, FY 2008 (emergency)	---	4,790,000	+4,790,000
Federal-State agreements, FY 2009 (emergency)	---	7,765,000	+7,765,000
Total, title IV	---	12,555,000	+12,555,000
TITLE V			
VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE			
Veterans educational assistance, FY 2008 (emergency)	---	50,000	+50,000
Veterans educational assistance, FY 2009 (emergency)	---	746,000	+746,000
Total, title V	---	796,000	+796,000
TITLE VII			
MEDICAID PROVISIONS			
Medicaid moratorium, FY 2008 (emergency)	---	305,000	+305,000
Medicaid moratorium, FY 2009 (emergency)	---	805,000	+805,000
Total, title VII	---	1,110,000	+1,110,000

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TITLE VIII			
GENERAL PROVISIONS			
Sec. 8003. General defense reduction (emergency).....	---	-3,577,845	-3,577,845
Grand total.....	17,758,855	35,536,187	+17,777,332
Appropriations.....	---	(88,169)	(+88,169)
Emergency appropriations.....	(17,808,855)	(35,586,018)	(+17,777,163)
Rescissions.....	(-50,000)	(-88,000)	(-38,000)
Rescissions of emergency funding.....	---	(-50,000)	(-50,000)

EARMARK DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR THE FURTHER HOUSE AMENDMENT RELATING TO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 AND 2009

Neither the House amendment nor the explanatory statement contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. However, the following tables are submitted disclosing those earmarks included at the request of the Administration:

Military Construction
[dollars in thousands]

Project Name	Location	Amount	Request By
Child Development Center	AK: Fort Wainwright	17,000	Administration
Child Development Center	CA: Fort Irwin	11,800	Administration
11th Marine Regiment HQ, Amory, BEQ	CA: Camp Pendleton	34,970	Administration
5th Marine Regiment Addition, San Mateo	CA: Camp Pendleton	10,890	Administration
Armory Intelligence Battalion, 16 Area	CA: Camp Pendleton	4,180	Administration
Armory, Regiment & Battalion HQ, 53 Area	CA: Camp Pendleton	5,160	Administration
BEQ & Mess Hall HQ (13) Area	CA: Camp Pendleton	24,390	Administration
EOD Operations Facility	CA: Camp Pendleton	13,090	Administration
ISR Camp - Intelligence Battalion	CA: Camp Pendleton	1,114	Administration
JIEDDO Battle Courses	CA: Camp Pendleton	9,270	Administration
Military Police Company Facilities	CA: Camp Pendleton	8,240	Administration
Public-Private Venture, Phase 6B	CA: Camp Pendleton	10,692	Administration
Public-Private Venture, Phase 2A	CA: Twentynine Palms	1,074	Administration
Regimental Combat Team HQ Facility	CA: Twentynine Palms	4,440	Administration
JIEDDO Battle Courses	CA: China Lake NAWS	7,210	Administration
JIEDDO Battle Courses	CA: Point Mugu	7,250	Administration
Child Development Center	CA: San Diego	17,930	Administration
Recruit Barracks	CA: San Diego MCRD	43,200	1/
JIEDDO Battle Courses	CA: Twentynine Palms	11,250	Administration
Child Development Center	CA: Beale AFB	17,600	Administration
Child Development Center	CO: Fort Carson	8,400	Administration
Soldier Family Assistance Center	CO: Fort Carson	8,100	Administration
JIEDDO Battle Courses	FL: Whiting Field NAS	780	Administration
Child Development Center	FL: Eglin AFB	11,000	Administration
Classrooms & Battalion Dining Facilities	GA: Fort Benning	30,500	1/
AIT Complex 1, Phase 1	GA: Fort Gordon	32,000	1/
Child Development Center	GA: Fort Gordon	7,800	Administration
Soldier Family Assistance Center	GA: Fort Stewart	6,000	Administration
Hospital Replacement	GA: Fort Benning	350,000	1/
Child Development Center	HI: Schofield Barracks	12,500	Administration

Transitioning Warrior Support Complex	KS: Fort Riley	50,000	Administration
Hospital Replacement	KS: Fort Riley	404,000	1/
Child Development Center	KY: Fort Campbell	9,900	Administration
Soldier Family Assistance Center	KY: Fort Campbell	7,400	Administration
Child Development Center	KY: Fort Knox	7,400	Administration
Soldier Family Assistance Center	LA: Fort Polk	4,900	Administration
Starbase Complex 6, Phase 1	MO: Fort Leonard Wood	50,000	1/
JIEDDO Battle Courses	MS: Gulfport NCBC	6,570	Administration
Child Development Center	NC: Camp Lejeune	16,000	Administration
JIEDDO Battle Courses	NC: Camp Lejeune	11,980	Administration
Maintenance/Operations Complex 2/9	NC: Camp Lejeune	43,340	Administration
Child Development Center	NC: Fort Bragg	8,500	Administration
Hospital Addition/Alteration	NC: Camp Lejuene	122,000	1/
JIEDDO Battle Courses	NJ: McGuire AFB	6,200	Administration
Child Development Center	NM: Cannon AFB	8,000	Administration
Warrior in Transition Facilities	NY: Fort Drum	38,000	Administration
Child Development Center	OK: Fort Sill	9,000	Administration
Student Barracks	SC: Fort Jackson	27,000	1/
Recruit Barracks	SC: Parris Island MCRD	19,900	1/
Child Development Center	TX: Fort Bliss	5,700	Administration
Child Development Center	TX: Fort Bliss	5,900	Administration
Child Development Center	TX: Fort Bliss	5,700	Administration
Child Development Center	TX: Fort Hood	7,200	Administration
Warrior in Transition Unit Ops Facilities	TX: Fort Hood	9,100	Administration
AIT Barracks	TX: Fort Sam Houston	47,000	1/
Child Development Center	TX: Fort Sam Houston	7,000	Administration
Burn Rehabilitation Center	TX: Fort Sam Houston	21,000	Administration
JIEDDO Battle Courses	VA: Yorktown NWS	8,070	Administration
AIT Complex 1, Phase 1	VA: Fort Eustis	50,000	1/
Child Development Center	VA: Fort Lee	7,400	Administration
Administrative Building	Afghanistan: Bagram AB	13,800	Administration
Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	Afghanistan: Bagram AB	5,100	Administration
Ammunition Supply Point	Afghanistan: Bagram AB	62,000	Administration
Bulk Fuel Storage and Supply, Phase 3	Afghanistan: Bagram AB	23,000	Administration

Bulk Fuel Storage and Supply, Phase 4	Afghanistan: Bagram AB	21,000	Administration
New Roads	Afghanistan: Bagram AB	27,000	Administration
Power Plant	Afghanistan: Bagram AB	41,000	Administration
East Side Helo Ramp	Afghanistan: Bagram AB	44,400	Administration
ISR Ramp	Afghanistan: Bagram AB	26,300	Administration
Parallel Taxiway Phase 2	Afghanistan: Bagram AB	21,400	Administration
Strategic Ramp	Afghanistan: Bagram AB	43,000	Administration
Rotary Wing Parking	Afghanistan: Ghazni	5,000	Administration
Consolidated Compound	Afghanistan: Kabul	36,000	Administration
Counter IED Road - Route Alaska	Afghanistan: Various Locations	16,500	Administration
Counter IED Road - Route Connecticut	Afghanistan: Various Locations	54,000	Administration
Hot Cargo Ramp	Iraq: Al Asad AB	18,500	Administration
Landfill	Iraq: Al Asad AB	3,100	Administration
South Airfield Apron (India Ramp)	Iraq: Al Asad AB	28,000	Administration
Water Supply, Treatment & Storage Ph III	Iraq: Baghdad IAP	13,000	Administration
Convoy Support Center Relocation, Phase II	Iraq: Camp Adder	39,000	Administration
Multi-Class Storage Warehouse	Iraq: Camp Adder	17,000	Administration
POL Storage Area	Iraq: Camp Adder	10,000	Administration
Wastewater Treatment & Collection System	Iraq: Camp Adder	9,800	Administration
Hazardous Waste Incinerator	Iraq: Camp Anaconda	4,300	Administration
Landfill	Iraq: Camp Anaconda	6,200	Administration
Fighter Ramp	Iraq: Balad AB	11,000	Administration
Foxtrot Taxiway	Iraq: Balad AB	12,700	Administration
Helicopter Maintenance Facilities	Iraq: Balad AB	34,600	Administration
Juvenile TIFRIC	Iraq: Camp Constitution	11,700	Administration
Landfill	Iraq: Camp Marez	880	Administration
Landfill	Iraq: Camp Ramadi	880	Administration
Aviation Navigation Facilities	Iraq: Camp Speicher	13,400	Administration
Landfill	Iraq: Camp Speicher	5,900	Administration
Military Control Point	Iraq: Camp Speicher	5,800	Administration
Rotary Wing Parking Apron	Iraq: Camp Speicher	49,000	Administration
Landfill	Iraq: Camp Taqqadum	880	Administration
Landfill	Iraq: Camp Warrior	880	Administration
Landfill	Iraq: Fallujah	880	Administration

North Entry Control Point	Iraq: Qayyarah West	11,400	Administration
Perimeter Security Upgrade	Iraq: Qayyarah West	14,600	Administration
Entry Control Point	Iraq: Scania	5,000	Administration
Water Storage Tanks	Iraq: Scania	9,200	Administration
Landfill	Iraq: Victory Base	6,200	Administration
Level 3 Hospital	Iraq: Victory Base	13,400	Administration
Wastewater Treatment & Collection System	Iraq: Victory Base	9,800	Administration
Water Treatment & Storage Phase II	Iraq: Victory Base	18,000	Administration
Facilities Replacement	Iraq: Various Locations	72,000	Administration
Overhead Cover - eGlass	Iraq: Various Locations	135,000	Administration
CJTF-HOA HQ Facility	Djibouti: Camp Lemonier	29,710	Administration
Dining Facility	Djibouti: Camp Lemonier	20,780	Administration
Fuel Farm	Djibouti: Camp Lemonier	4,000	Administration
Full Length Taxiway	Djibouti: Camp Lemonier	15,490	Administration
Network Infrastructure Expansion	Djibouti: Camp Lemonier	6,270	Administration
Water Production	Djibouti: Camp Lemonier	19,140	Administration
Western Taxiway	Djibouti: Camp Lemonier	2,900	Administration
Communication Center	Kuwait: Camp Arifjan	30,000	Administration
Strategic Ramp	Kyrgyzstan: Manas AB	30,300	Administration
Expeditionary Beddown Site	Oman: Masirah AB	6,300	Administration
Facility Replacements	Qatar: Al Udeid AB	40,000	Administration
Northwest (CAS) Ramp	Qatar: Al Udeid AB	60,400	Administration
Logistics Storage Warehouse	Qatar: Al Udeid AB	6,600	Administration

1/ The Committee learned through hearings, site visits, and Departmental briefings that trainee and recruit facilities and medical treatment facilities are two high priority areas in dire need of additional funds. The projects included were identified by the Department as high priority projects and were not included at the request of Members of Congress.

Army Corps of Engineers
[dollars in thousands]

Project Name	State	Amount	Request by
Repair and restore authorized protection and floodwalls	LA	393,000	Administration
Complete authorized protection	LA	359,000	Administration
Plaquemines Parish - non-Federal levees	LA	456,000	Administration

Outfall Canals - pumps and closures	LA	704,000	Administration
Inner Harbor Navigation Canal protection	LA	53,000	Administration
Armoring	LA	459,000	Administration
Reinforce and replace floodwalls	LA	412,000	Administration
Storm-proof pumping stations	LA	90,000	Administration
Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity (100-year protection)	LA	1,077,000	Administration
Westbank and Vicinity (100-year protection)	LA	920,000	Administration
Southeast Louisiana (interior drainage)	LA	838,000	Administration

FY 2008/09 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS—SUMMARY

[$ in millions; discretionary BA]

Agency and Account	Fiscal Year 2008					Fiscal Year 2009				
	President	House	Senate	House Round2	Round2 +/ − Request	President	House	Senate	House Round2	Round2 +/ − Request
Title I—Military Construction, Veterans, International Affairs, and Other Security-Related Matters										
Food Aid (PL 480)	350	850	850	850	500	395	395	395	395	0
Justice Department	147	147	230	188	42	39	83	83	83	44
Military Construction	2,439	4,642	3,443	4,245	1,807					
Veterans Affairs		120	557	516	516					
Dept. of State & Foreign Ops	5,074	5,074	5,255	5,164	91	3,605	3,600	3,419	3,680	75
Total, Title I	7,959	10,832	10,335	10,964	3,005	4,039	4,078	3,897	4,157	118
Title II—Domestic Matters										
Food & Drug Administration			275	150	150					
Census		210	210	210	210					
Bureau of Prisons		178	178	178	178					
Other Department of Justice			640							
NSA & NSF			400	125	125					
Department of Energy			400	125	125					
Secure Rural Schools			400							
Unemployment Comp admin.		110	110	110	110					
CDC & NIH			426	150	150					
LIHEAP			1000							
Other			11							
Science (included in above)			1,200	400	400					
Total, Title II	0	498	4,050	1,048	1,048					
Title III—Midwest Floods & Tornadoes, Hurricane Katrina and Other Natural Disasters										
Agriculture			180	480						
Commerce (EDA & NOAA)			150							
Law Enforcement Assist.			75							
Corps of Engineers			519	606		5,761	5,761	8,241	5,761	0
SBA Disaster Loans				267						
FEMA Disaster Relief				1,297						
Wildfires			450							
Hospital Grants			350							
Emergency Relief Highways			451							
HUD			−54	73						
Other			35							
Total, Disasters	0	0	2,156	2,723	2,723	5,761	5,761	8,241	5,761	0
TITLE IX—Defense Matters	100,054	96,622	99,506	99,506	−548	66,063	65,921	65,921	65,921	−142
Defense Reduction (sec. 8004)				−3,578	−3,578					
Total, Appropriations Titles	108,013	107,952	116,046	110,663	2,650	75,863	75,760	78,059	75,839	−24
FY 2009 Bridge (FY 2009 excluding Corps of Engineers)						70,102	69,999	69,818	70,078	−24
Veterans Education Assistance		40	40	50	50		676	677	746	746
Emergency Unemployment Comp		6,170	6,170	5,050	5,050		9,403	9,403	9,288	9,288
Medicaid & Other Health		450	530	345	345		1,150	1,225	850	850
Total (W/out Tax Surcharge)	108,013	114,612	122,786	116,108	8,095	75,863	86,989	89,364	86,723	10,860
Tax Surcharge		0		0			3,986		0	

FY 2008/09 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS—MULTI-YEAR TOTALS

[$ in millions; discretionary BA]

Agency and Account	Two Years (FY 2008 & FY 2009)					Eleven Years (FY 2008–FY 2018)				
	President	House	Senate	House Round2	Round2 +/ − Request	President	House	Senate	House Round2	Round2 +/ − Request
MilCon, Vets, Int'l, Other Security	11,998	14,910	14,231	15,121	3,123	11,998	14,910	14,231	15,121	3,123
Domestic	0	498	4,050	1,048	1,048	0	498	4,050	1,048	1,048
Floods, Hurricanes, Other Disasters	5,761	5,761	10,397	8,484	2,723	5,761	5,761	10,397	8,484	2,723
Defense	166,117	162,543	165,427	161,849	−4,268	166,117	162,543	165,427	161,849	−4,268
Subtotal, Appropriations	183,876	183,712	194,105	186,502	2,626	183,876	183,712	194,105	186,502	2,626
Veterans Education Assistance		716	717	796	796		51,600	51,616	62,770	62,770
Emergency Unemployment Comp		15,573	15,573	14,338	14,338		11,137	11,137	9,962	9,962
Medicaid & Other Health		1,600	1,755	1,195	1,195		−7	2,849	−7	−7
TOTAL (w/out tax surcharge)	183,876	201,601	212,150	202,831	18,955	183,876	246,442	259,707	259,227	75,351
Tax Surcharge		3,986		4,792			52,286		62,835	

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2642 and strongly encourage my colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation.

I am pleased that the Democratic leadership has chosen to not delay this bill any longer by hijacking it with tax increases. Our troops in the field will now have the resources they need to be successful in the war on terror.

In addition to providing our troops with critical and timely funding, this bill also includes funding for the communities in southeast Louisiana that were devastated by the flooding after Hurricane Katrina.

On August 29, 2005, the failure of the federal levees resulted in over 1,400 deaths in my home State. Hundreds of thousands of Louisianians lost their homes. Over 80,000 small businesses were severely impacted. Of the 18 hospitals that served the area before Hurricane Katrina, only 10 have re-opened and continue to struggle financially. An estimated 217 square miles of coastal marshland were transformed to open water, expediting the erosion of Louisiana's coastal buffers that reduce the intensity of hurricanes before they strike our towns and cities.

While much progress has been made, our State is still struggling to recover from the Nation's worst natural disaster.

The legislation before us today not only helps to protect our troops in the field, it also takes us one step closer to protecting the citizens of south Louisiana from future flooding. This bill contains essential funding for the Army Corps of Engineers to make progress in completion of 100-year flood protection in South Louisiana. The bill also includes essential language directing the Corps of Engineers to provide an official cost estimate on the ''Pump to the River'' project, which will direct flood waters to the Mississippi River rather than Lake Ponchartrain, providing an important alternative method of flood prevention for thousands of citizens.

While I support the vital flood protection funding provided for in this bill, I am disappointed that the House leadership stripped critical funding that was included in the Senate version to allow local governments a longer payback period for their local cost share on levees. It is also very unfortunate that funding was stripped out for the hospitals in our area that are struggling financially to care for the uninsured citizens of southeast Louisiana, many of whom went to the State's Charity Hospital and the Federal Veteran's Administration Hospital that were closed down due to damage from Hurricane Katrina.

The Senate added a 30-year payback provision on the local cost-share for the Federal levees. This 30-year payback provision is critical to the recovery of south Louisiana. The levees that failed our city and our region were Federal levees. If our local governments are required to pay the 35 percent cost-share up front, it will likely prevent them from being able to move these critical flood protection projects forward. In addition, our State will likely be prevented from initiating any new coastal restoration efforts which would prevent hurricane protection efforts outside the greater New Orleans area.

Similarly, if the hospitals in our area are not provided immediate assistance, the stability of

our entire health care infrastructure could be jeopardized. These hospitals are currently caring for patients that before Hurricane Katrina were receiving care at the government-funded, State-run Charity Hospital and the Federal VA Hospital. Our local hospitals are incurring hundreds of millions of dollars in losses and continue to provide 90 percent of health care services in the region. Without immediate assistance, the sustainability of the entire health care system and a major economic engine of the New Orleans region will be made extremely vulnerable, which could hinder our recovery.

Critical law enforcement funding to combat the post-Katrina crime wave was also cut in the House version of the bill. These funds would have provided personnel, equipment and technology to apprehend perpetrators of violent crimes. The safety of the citizens is crucial to our rebuilding efforts.

I implore my colleagues to continue to support my efforts and the efforts of the entire Louisiana delegation as we work to restore these other important provisions that are not yet in the legislation. I encourage support for this important bill.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, today we once again consider a supplemental spending bill for our troops in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

The spending bill before us represents a compromise between both the House and Senate. It provides funding to take care of our troops in the field through the balance of fiscal year 2008, and through June 2009. The funding in this bill closely follows our vision of ''looking beyond the war in Iraq.''

For fiscal year 2008 this supplemental includes:

$825 million for National Guard and Reserve Equipment;

$1.6 billion for HMMWVs;

$3.1 billion for Medium and Heavy Tactical Trucks;

$102 million for Land Warrior equipment sets for next-to-deploy units;

$1.2 billion for various Joint Unmet Operational Needs as identified by the Department of Defense, but not included in the budget request;

$500 million for Army and Marine Corps Facility Maintenance and Repairs (this includes barracks);

$300 million for Facility Maintenance and Repairs at DoD medical treatment facilities;

$94.9 million for Wounded Warrior efforts;

$50 million for Family Advocacy Programs;

$570 million for treatment and research activities within the Defense Health Program; and

$3.5 billion to address the increasing cost of fuel that was not included in the budget request.

For fiscal year 2009 this supplemental includes:

$1.2 billion for military personnel and $51.9 billion for operation and maintenance. This is sufficient funding to maintain all anticipated military operations through June 2009;

$394.8 million for Bradley base sustainment;

$390.2 million for HMMWV recapitalization;

$1.1 billion for the Defense Health Program; and

$2.0 billion for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund.

This is a good piece of legislation, and I'd ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote for this bill.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, as we take up the final war supplemental of the Bush administration, the Bush legacy in Iraq is clear: a President who misled America, needlessly put our troops in harm's way, and threw billion of dollars of good money after bad.

Five years ago, I spoke out and voted against the invasion of Iraq. From that time I have opposed the open-ended funding and escalation of this terrible conflict, while the President has committed us to a growing military tragedy, foreign policy nightmare, and, increasingly, humanitarian crisis. I continue to believe that the best way to honor those whose lives have been lost in this tragic war is to end it quickly and responsibly.

It is a constant source of frustration that Congress has been unable to substantially curb our involvement in Iraq. Though this bellicose President may be content to wage a war and then leave the aftermath to his successor, Congress should know better. It is the men and women from our districts—whose names and faces we know—that are wounded and dying in Iraq. I cannot support the war funding amendment. It is fundamentally flawed, providing no requirements for withdrawal.

However, I am pleased that the second amendment provides almost $700 million in refugee assistance. Iraq has claimed the lives of thousands of Americans, and the Iraqi civilian death toll is several times that. George Bush famously proclaimed he would be no ''nation-builder.'' This has been sadly true for the 4.5 million Iraqis forced from their homes since the U.S. invasion. Tomorrow, June 20, is World Refugee Day, and I am pleased to see that this second amendment does more for Iraq's 2.5 million refugees and 2 million internally displaced persons.

I am also pleased that the amendment includes responsible domestic items such as the significant expansion of ''GI Bill'' education benefits, the protection of Medicaid from harmful cuts, an extension of unemployment benefits, and funding for domestic disaster relief, all necessary in our unsteady economy.

I am proud today to cast votes in support of our troops—by voting against unconditional war funding and this President's reckless war, and by voting for educational benefits and responsible international and domestic priorities.

Mr. HALL of New York. Mr. Speaker, today, this body once again considered legislation to provide funding for the ongoing military efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. In the final analysis, this was one funding bill for two very distinct conflicts. In Afghanistan, the men and women of our military continue to perform an important mission by taking action against our enemies in the country that served as host to the Al Qaeda organization that attacked the United States of America on September 11th, 2001. The importance of the work they are doing with complete skill, courage, and professionalism has only been underscored by the recent resurgence of Taliban activity, which must be quelled. I am fully supportive of them and their mission. I have voted to provide funding solely for our military activities in Afghanistan, and would do so again if such a bill were to come before the House.

However the funding measure before us today also included funding for the war in Iraq without accompanying conditions on those funds or a timeline for withdrawal of American forces. I remain opposed to the President's mistaken war in Iraq, which has now claimed over 4,000 American lives, undermined our military and ability to respond to other threats abroad, and cost hundreds of billions of dollars that could have been used to meet pressing needs at home. The men and women in uniform serving in Iraq have performed brilliantly and heroically. It is time for the Iraqi government to take responsibility for Iraq and for America to start bringing our troops home. I cannot support the appropriation of additional funds without timelines that would begin to wind down our military involvement in Iraq, and therefore could not vote for that portion of the funding legislation considered by the House tonight.

However, I am pleased that I was able to vote for a separate piece of legislation tonight that addresses several important priorities here at home. Specifically, I am pleased that we were able to consider legislation to expand veterans educational benefits in order to honor the service of our men and women in uniform and give them every opportunity to succeed in life after they have served. Also included in this bill was a desperately needed extension of unemployment benefits that will help struggling middle class families weather the current economic storm. In addition, the piece of legislation that I was able to vote for this evening included a moratorium on six of the seven Medicaid regulations the Bush administration has unwisely decided to implement recently, I would have greatly preferred if the legislation prevented all seven regulations from coming into effect. Outpatient Graduate Medical Education is a vital component of medical education, and by disallowing Medicaid funding for it, this regulation will cost New York State as much as $300 million per year. On multiple occasions, both the House and Senate have passed a moratorium on all seven of these regulations overwhelmingly. I don't understand why we have decided to allow these unwise cuts to graduate medical education to continue now, when the votes exist to prevent it. However, I will continue to push for this final moratorium to be implemented and for this unwise rule to be overturned.

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my thoughts on the two pieces of the $183.9 billion emergency supplemental appropriations bill that the House is considering today.

Last year, I joined nearly ninety of my colleagues in the House in sending a letter to President Bush pledging that I will only support appropriating additional funds for U.S. military operations in Iraq during Fiscal Year 2008 and beyond for the protection and safe redeployment of our troops out of Iraq.

The supplemental bill the House will vote on tonight does not include a number of important policy provisions regarding the war originally included in the bill that was sent to the Senate. These important provisions called for the responsible redeployment of U.S. troops from Iraq and required that troops begin to withdraw from Iraq within 30 days of the proposal becoming law, with a goal of completing withdrawal by December 2009.

I am disappointed that the supplemental bill we are considering today does not include these provisions, and instead provides $162 billion more for this disastrous war, without conditions.

I have heard and read the frustrated thoughts of many of my constituents who are simply tired of President Bush's war. They understand that we have spent an inordinate

sum of tax dollars fighting a war that should have never been waged. They understand that our economy is suffering as a result of our resources being poured into this war. Tonight, I will vote against continuing to fund this open-ended war.

However, Mr. Speaker, I remain in strong support of the second amendment to this supplemental appropriations bill, which will fund important domestic priorities. This domestic measure includes a new GI bill to restore full, 4-year college scholarships to veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars to help make them part of an economic recovery like the veterans of World War II. It also includes an historic extension of unemployment insurance benefits and assistance to disaster-stricken areas in the Midwest where unprecedented floods have occurred. The number of Americans looking for work has grown by 800,000 over the last year, and the number of American jobs has declined by 260,000 since the beginning of 2008. Both of these measures are beneficial to our country, extraordinarily meaningful to our veterans, and will address the current economic struggle we face. As a representative of Silicon Valley, the hub of high technology in America, I am also happy that this amendment contains a modest amount of funding to help partially address the budget shortfalls facing the agencies that support our Nation's research and development efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed that the amendment funding the war in Iraq is without strings or conditions, but more than pleased to prioritize our Nation's urgent priorities in the second amendment to this appropriations bill. We must continue to invest in a positive future for our country.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on H.R. 2642, the most recent authorization bill placed before the Congress to fund the continuing occupation of Iraq. Forged in the backrooms of the Capitol by Washington politicians, this bill seeks to strike an uneasy compromise. While it continues to fund overseas conflicts, the bill also includes long-overdue aid for segments of the American public desperate for help. Specifically, the bill provides $52 million for an expanded G.I. Bill, extends unemployment benefits in states, like Michigan, that have been hit the hardest by the current economic downturn, and postpones seven Medicaid reimbursement rate cuts. I support such aid, while rejecting the appropriation of an additional $165 million in war funds. As a responsible legislator and a man of peace, I urge my colleagues to understand that we can have guns or butter, but not both.

Mr. Speaker, it's unfortunate that it has taken the consideration of a war-funding bill to address these important domestic priorities. As you know, up until recently, the Administration and the Republican leadership have complained that the inclusion of this domestic funding in a war supplemental smacks of fiscal irresponsibility. To them, spending federal dollars to improve G.I. bill benefits for our battle-weary veterans, to extend unemployment benefits for those left behind by failed trickle-down economic policies, and to safeguard the reimbursement amounts paid to doctors, who provide medical care to the most vulnerable Americans, is spending that this country cannot afford.

Mr. Speaker, I have a message for this Administration and their congressional allies: Bettering and strengthening the lives of the American people is the purpose of this great institution. Such action is not optional. It is our sworn duty. And if anyone has shown fiscal recklessness, it has been this President. After 6 years of bloody war, this Nation is $592 billion dollars poorer. It is the height of callousness to say that we don't have enough money for our veterans, the unemployed, or our Medicaid doctors; that it is they who are expendable—even as the President burns through billions of taxpayer dollars in Iraq.

I suppose that we shouldn't be surprised that this Administration is willing to sacrifice the American people, while its allies at Halliburton, ExxonMobil, and Blackwater continue to make record profits off of this war. After all, this Administration ceased being accountable to the American voter long ago. In a recent interview with ABC News, the Vice President himself admitted as much. When asked whether or not it was significant that two-thirds of the American people now believe that the War in Iraq is no longer worth fighting, Mr. CHENEY responded, ''So?''

Mr. Speaker, the President and the Vice-President have forsaken their duty to be responsive to the public. As such, we in the Congress must step in and fill this void. Someone must give the American people a voice, especially when Executive Branch officers act in ways contrary to the public good.

Mr. Speaker, setting aside issues of education funding, job aid, and other worthy public policy aims, this body must not ignore the one undeniable reality that dominates everything that we will talk about this day: As of today, we have been at war for 1865 days, with no end in sight. If we approve this war funding, that number will likely climb to over 2000 days. We as a Nation have endured 1865 days of civil war, IEDS, ethnic cleansing, aid-worker beheadings, suicide bombings, sweetheart no-bid contracts, rank government corruption, and solemn vigils over flag draped coffins. Mr. Speaker, this war must end. The American people and the Iraqi people have endured enough. I urge my colleagues to vote against funding this war another day. Tomorrow, we will have been at war for 1866 days. It will be 1866 days too many.

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5740, the Post 9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act—bipartisan legislation that honors our men and women in uniform and strengthens our military.

I am pleased that this bill was included as part of the emergency war funding measure that the House is considering today because I believe taking care of those who serve in war is a cost of war. America should never fight wars without taking care of our own.

Since World War II, our Nation has offered education benefits to returning GIs. The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, the first GI Bill, which was passed unanimously by this House, paid for the tuition, books, fees, training costs, and even a monthly stipend for our returning veterans.

After World War II, nearly 8 million veterans, out of a wartime veteran population of 15 million, used the original GI Bill to earn an education. The economic return was unprecedented. For every dollar we spent on the GI Bill, we generated seven more into our national economy. Millions of newly educated veterans led our Nation in business and innovation and created the American middle class. It's no wonder the GI Bill of 1944 is regarded as one of the most successful pieces of legislation to earn this House's approval in the 20th century.

Since that time, Congress has passed other GI bills, but over time, the value of the education benefit has declined. The current Montgomery GI Bill, for example, was designed for peacetime service, and is not meeting the needs of our newest generation of veterans, many of whom are returning from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our veterans—whether active duty, Reservists, or National Guardsmen—deserve an education benefit that accounts for the stress of war and keeps up with the rapidly increasing cost of a higher education. That is why, with the backing of a broad, bipartisan coalition, I introduced H.R. 5740, the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act.

Under the legislation, GIs returning from Iraq or Afghanistan would receive up to 4 academic years of education benefits, including stipends for housing and books. They can even use their benefits at private schools through the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program, in which the Federal Government will match, dollar for dollar, any voluntary additional contributions to veterans from institutions whose tuition is more expensive than the maximum educational assistance provided under this legislation.

Veterans would even have up to 15 years after they leave active duty to use their education benefits.

When I was elected to this House, my constituents asked me to work in a bipartisan way to find reasonable solutions to our common problems. And I think we achieved that with this bill.

Working together with my Democratic and Republican colleagues, we attracted more than two-thirds of the House as cosponsors. Ninety-five Republicans, nearly half of the minority party's membership, lent their support.

I am happy that House leadership was able to build on this support and work with the President to come to a bipartisan agreement to provide this robust educational benefit to our veterans.

I encourage the Senate to act quickly to pass this new GI Bill and make good on our promise of a higher education.

Our veterans have fought for us. The least we can do is fight for them.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I will vote for these amendments today. They provide necessary funding for our troops, create new educational benefits for our veterans, and address domestic and global needs.

The war funding will pay for operations in Afghanistan and Iraq for the rest of this year and half of 2009. I support this because it will make it possible to provide the equipment, ammunition, fuel, and other supplies needed by our brave men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan who have shown such extraordinary skill, determination and endurance in answering their call to service.

I opposed the Bush Administration's rush to war in Iraq, and voted against the resolution that authorized the President to send our armed forces into that country on the theory that this was necessary in order to deprive the Saddam Hussein regime of weapons of mass destruction. So, I understand why some of my constituents who also opposed the war want Congress to reject this funding measure.

And I could not agree more that the record of the current Administration demonstrates an

enormous failure of leadership. We desperately need new leadership that will bring to a close our open-ended military engagement in Iraq and will refocus on the very urgent tasks of reducing the terrorist threats in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

But I am convinced that voting to deny funds to provide our men and women in uniform the resources they need to do their jobs is not the right way to bring about the change we need—especially because President Bush has shown he is prepared to veto funding for the troops rather than agree to change course.

This bill also improves veterans' educational benefits to more closely resemble the GI Bill of Rights that made it possible for so many World War II veterans to go to college. The GI Bill of Rights helped make possible the postwar growth of the middle class that was one of the greatest achievements of the Greatest Generation. Some have complained about the cost of providing similar benefits to those who are serving today. But to put those costs into perspective, we should remember that so far our spending for military activities in Afghanistan and Iraq has exceeded $800 billion.

By all indications, this bill will not be vetoed. Compromises were made on all sides to make it acceptable to the White House and the leadership of both parties. Of course, compromise means that everyone gives up something.

So there is good news: The bill addresses the needs of our soldiers and provides enhanced educational benefits for our veterans—but also extends unemployment benefits to help laid-off workers, provides relief for the thousands of people flooded out of their homes in the Midwest, and prevents the implementation of new rules that would increase the cost of healthcare, among other provisions. But there also is bad news: The bill does not include all the important policy provisions included in the first version of this bill, among them a requirement that our troops begin to redeploy from Iraq, a reminder to Iraq's government that U.S. troops will not remain in Iraq indefinitely.

I'm disappointed that the bill gives the President most of what he wants in Iraq spending without any significant policy constraints. Congress has tried and failed to include such constraints in previous spending bills, and here we have failed again. What we need is consensus here at home on a path forward in Iraq, but as long as the architect of our current Iraq policy occupies the White House, I'm afraid that won't happen.

I hope that the next Administration will give serious consideration to the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group as a framework for consensus. Those recommendations would be accomplished by legislation I introduced last year, which would support a course of escalating economic development, empowerment of local government, the provision of basic services, a ''surge'' in regional and international diplomatic efforts, and lightening the American footprint in Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, I voted against war in Iraq because, as I said then, the Bush Administration was rushing to war without necessary international support or a clear plan to prevent the chaos that would follow after Saddam Hussein was overthrown. I was concerned a prolonged conflict would devolve into civil war. Since U.S. troops entered Iraq more than 5 years ago, we have lost thousands of our brave service men and women, seen tens of thousands more wounded, and spent half a trillion dollars in taxpayer money.

Yet the President's mission is no clearer, he has still offered no exit strategy, our enemies in Afghanistan have regained their strength, and our armed forces have been stretched to the breaking point.

Only Democrats and Republicans working together can find the path out of Iraq. I will continue to work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle on further steps we can take to change our broader Iraq policy. But today, I will vote to provide funding for our troops in the field, enhanced educational benefits for our veterans, and assistance for Americans suffering through the current economic downturn and the high costs of healthcare.

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I regret that the House is taking up a supplemental funding measure for the war in Iraq without tying that funding to a withdrawal requirement. I was in Iraq last month and had the chance to speak at length with General Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker about the situation in that country. There is no disputing that our casualties are down, and that is due in no small part to General Petraeus's revised military approach to the conflict. But the purpose of the surge wasn't simply to reduce our casualties; it was to give the Iraqis time to resolve their political differences via dialogue, not car bombs. That has not happened, and there is no reason to believe it will happen. Indeed, the only thing Iraq's warring factions seem to agree on these days is that they oppose permanent U.S. bases in Iraq. This no-strings-attached funding measure will only make matters worse, which is why I cannot support it.

I am pleased to be able to support the new GI Bill. For the first time in over 60 years, our returning veterans will have a truly robust educational benefit waiting for them. We all know how successful the original GI Bill was and how much it contributed to fueling our country's economic and social progress it the decades after World War II. We need to make that kind of investment in our people once again. No one can dispute our veterans have earned it and no one can dispute the long term benefits our society will reap from implementing a new GI Bill. I look forward to seeing it become law.

This bill also provides a desperately needed 13-week extension of unemployment benefits for people who are struggling to find work in this tough economy. Since last year, the number of Americans seeking employment has swelled by 800,000 while the economy has lost 260,000 jobs.

In addition, the legislation blocks the implementation of dangerous Medicaid regulations that the Bush administration has issued which would cut $20 billion from Medicaid. I oppose these regulations and will continue to fight to protect the Medicaid program and the millions of Americans who rely on it for access to health care services.

Finally, the $400 million in funding for science included in the bill represents a downpayment in our continued effort to provide a robust investment for science, research and development, and innovation. By making a strong investment, we will support research that will help contribute to the Nation's long term economic growth.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, this Emergency Supplemental bill presents the House with two very distinct amendments—and two very separate decisions.

The first amendment we are being asked to consider would provide $165.4 billion for the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. My position on the war in Iraq is clear. I believe the decision to invade Iraq was a mistake. And I simply cannot support giving this President a blank check to further mishandle our involvement in Iraq. Because this amendment does not include the conditions that were contained in the bill that the House passed, I will be voting no on this portion of the Supplemental today.

While I oppose this war, I have nothing but admiration and gratitude for our fellow citizens who choose to serve this Nation in uniform. It is in large measure because of my respect for their honorable service that I will be proud to support the second amendment before us today.

A centerpiece of this second amendment is a GI Bill for the 21st century. Just as a grateful Nation expanded opportunities for GIs returning home from World War II over 60 years ago, so now must our generation invest in our soldiers returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan so that they can get a 4-year college education. We have an obligation to invest in their future.

With the Nation's economy slowing, and our unemployment rate on the rise, this second amendment also appropriately includes a 13-week extension in unemployment benefits to sustain our fellow citizens and their families as they continue to look for work.

I am particularly pleased that this amendment places a moratorium on six Medicaid regulations that had threatened to cut needed services to those who rely on them—and that we have moved quickly to provide over $2.65 billion in disaster relief to assist in the recovery efforts after the tornadoes and flooding in the Midwest.

Finally, we can be proud that this amendment invests $550 million in critical scientific research to expand our medical knowledge, improve our energy efficiency and enhance our global competitiveness—including a $150 million investment in the National Institutes of Health (NIH), $150 million for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), $62.5 million for the Department of Energy's Office of Science, $62.5 million for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and $62.5 million for the National Science Foundation (NSF).

For these reasons, this second amendment is exceptionally worthy of our support,

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, America expects that when the United States sends our brave men and women into combat, we provide them with the resources to protect themselves and to accomplish their mission.

Finally today—after much delay—this Congress appears to be on the verge of providing our troops the funds they need to continue their courageous efforts in the Iraq and Afghanistan—both humanitarian for the Iraqi and Afghan people and military against those who would promote terror and chaos.

There's no doubt that this proposal is a clear victory for our troops and their families.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. OBEY and Mr. MURTHA, Mr. LEWIS and Mr. YOUNG, this package ensures that our young; warfighters—all volunteers (Active, Guard and Reserve)—have the resources they need to protect themselves and do the job they've been sent to do.

But the bill also supports the troops and their families by bringing the Montgomery GI

Bill into the 21st Century. The legislation updates the GI Bill of Rights to recognize today's higher costs of higher education. And it also recognizes the new role of the Reserves and the National Guard—3,200 from New Jersey will deploy this summer to Iraq with our 50th Brigade Combat Team.

But Mr. Speaker, this measure also includes a new, permanent provision that allows current soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines to transfer their educational benefits to a spouse or a child.

Mr. Speaker, this is a huge improvement. Too often our personnel and forced to leave the military service they love in order to pay for their children's college education. This bill allows experienced Marines, soldiers, airmen and sailors to transfer their benefits to a dependant without separating from the service.

This reform is good for the servicemember, good for the families and good for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

My colleagues, the supplemental we vote on today is far from perfect. However, it represents a clear victory for our troops and their families.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Chairman OBEY, Leader BOEHNER, and Mr. LEWIS for bringing a bill to the floor that provides funding for our troops without restrictions on our commanders.

My hometown is under water, and I am glad this bill provides funding to address flooding and to help the victims whose lives have been turned upside down by this flood.

Likewise I am glad that this bill provides assistance to those facing unemployment since one of the largest employers in my district—GM—recently announced it is closing a production facility.

However, this bill is part of a very disturbing trend in how we budget and legislate—Omnibus appropriation bills. We are now resorting to two omnibus appropriations bills a year. We need to find a way to budget for emergencies, but my problem with this bill is not with the unemployment extension funding or the flood funding. These are temporary costs that have been included in emergency supplementals in the past.

My concern is with the permanent expansion in an entitlement program that we are adding to an emergency supplemental appropriations bill. Mandatory spending doesn't belong on an appropriations bill because mandatory spending is forever.

An expansion in GI benefits is a good idea. However, we have an increasingly bad habit of just adding spending on top of the $3 trillion we are currently spending annually. I congratulate the Blue Dogs for initially objecting to the fact that the GI benefits in this bill were not offset. I don't support their remedy—which is to raise taxes—but if we are going to expand entitlements, we need to find offsets. In fact, we cannot afford the entitlements we have, much less an expansion in them.

We are going to spend over $30 trillion in the next ten years; surely we could have found $63 billion in offsets. But we didn't even try. In fact, the cost of the GI benefits has grown in this final bill.

We just kick the can down the road. The problem is that our children and grandchildren will live at the end of the road and all we are doing is leaving them with a mountain of debt.

PAYGO does not exist. It is waived every time we have to make a choice. We are sent here to make decisions—to make choices—to govern. Like the floods, this bill takes the path of least resistance; it passes the buck—and the debt to future generations.

We shouldn't budget or legislate this way, but I'm going to vote for this bill because it funds the troops and provides one-time emergency funding for unemployment assistance and floods.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation to provide emergency supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008. This legislation contains funding for our troops, expands education benefits for veterans, extends unemployment benefits for workers and provides assistance for the victims of the floods in the MidWest.

This bill contains $161.8 billion for DOD funding for our troops to fight the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. As the representative of Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, I'm pleased that this bill provides $2.2 billion over the President's request to fully fund military quality of life initiatives—including funding for military child care centers, military hospitals and VA hospitals. For our returning troops, it includes a new GI bill that restores full, 4-year college scholarships to veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars to help make them part of an economic recovery like the veterans of World War II. This legislation also provides up to 13 weeks of extended unemployment benefits in every state to workers exhausting the 26 weeks of regular unemployment benefits, and provides $2.65 billion for urgent disaster relief in response to Midwestern floods and tornadoes.

I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress as well as the President and the Administration, to provide a new direction in Iraq and to meet the critical needs of the people of North Carolina's Second Congressional District.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1284, the previous question is ordered.

Pursuant to that resolution, the Chair will divide the question for voting between the proposed dispositions of the two Senate amendments.

The Clerk will designate the first proposed disposition.

The Clerk read as follows:

Proposal that the House concur in the Senate amendment to House amendment No. 1.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, Will the House concur in the Senate amendment to House amendment No. 1?

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 and clause 9 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote will be followed by 5-minute votes on concurring in the Senate amendment to House amendment No. 2 with an amendment, if ordered, and suspending the rules and adopting House Resolution 1029.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 268, nays 155, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 431]

YEAS—268

Aderholt
Akin
Alexander
Altmire
Bachmann
Baird
Barrett (SC)
Barrow
Bartlett (MD)
Barton (TX)
Bean
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Blunt
Boehner
Bonner
Bono Mack
Boozman
Boren
Boucher
Boustany
Boyd (FL)
Boyda (KS)
Brady (TX)
Broun (GA)
Brown (SC)
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite, Ginny
Buchanan
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Buyer
Calvert
Camp (MI)
Cantor
Capito
Carney
Carter
Castle
Cazayoux
Chabot
Chandler
Childers
Clyburn
Coble
Cole (OK)
Conaway
Cooper
Costa
Cramer
Crenshaw
Cubin
Cuellar
Culberson
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (KY)
Davis, David
Davis, Lincoln
Davis, Tom
Deal (GA)
Dent
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Dicks
Donnelly
Doolittle
Drake
Dreier
Edwards (TX)
Ehlers
Ellsworth
Emanuel
Emerson
English (PA)
Etheridge
Everett
Fallin
Feeney
Ferguson
Forbes
Fortenberry
Fossella
Foster
Foxx
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach
Giffords
Gillibrand
Gingrey
Gohmert
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Gordon
Granger
Graves
Green, Gene
Hall (TX)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Heller
Hensarling
Herger
Herseth Sandlin
Hill
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoekstra
Holden
Hoyer
Hunter
Inglis (SC)
Issa
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jordan
Kanjorski
Keller
Kildee
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Kline (MN)
Knollenberg
Kuhl (NY)
LaHood
Lamborn
Lampson
Larsen (WA)
Latham
LaTourette
Latta
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lucas
Lungren, Daniel E.
Mack
Mahoney (FL)
Manzullo
Marchant
Marshall
Matheson
McCarthy (CA)
McCaul (TX)
McCotter
McCrery
McHenry
McHugh
McIntyre
McKeon
McMorris Rodgers
Melancon
Mica
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller, Gary
Mitchell
Mollohan
Moore (KS)
Moran (KS)
Murphy, Tim
Murtha
Musgrave
Myrick
Neugebauer
Ortiz
Pearce
Pence
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Platts
Poe
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (GA)
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Radanovich
Ramstad
Regula
Rehberg
Reichert
Renzi
Reyes
Reynolds
Rodriguez
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross
Royce
Ruppersberger
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Salazar
Sali
Saxton
Scalise
Schmidt
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Sestak
Shadegg
Shays
Shimkus
Shuler
Shuster
Simpson
Skelton
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Snyder
Souder
Space
Spratt
Stearns
Tancredo
Tanner
Taylor
Terry
Thornberry
Tiberi
Turner
Udall (CO)
Upton
Walberg
Walden (OR)
Walsh (NY)
Walz (MN)
Wamp
Weldon (FL)
Weller
Westmoreland
Whitfield (KY)
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (OH)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman (VA)
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NAYS—155

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Arcuri
Baca
Baldwin
Becerra
Bishop (NY)

Blumenauer
Boswell
Brady (PA)
Braley (IA)
Butterfield
Campbell (CA)
Capps
Capuano
Cardoza
Carnahan
Carson
Castor
Clarke
Clay
Cleaver
Cohen
Conyers
Costello
Courtney
Crowley
Cummings
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dingell
Doggett
Doyle
Duncan
Edwards (MD)
Ellison
Engel
Eshoo
Fattah
Filner
Flake
Frank (MA)
Green, Al
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Hall (NY)
Hare
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Higgins
Hinchey
Hirono
Hodes
Holt
Honda
Hooley
Inslee
Israel
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jefferson
Johnson (GA)
Johnson, E. B.
Jones (OH)
Kagen
Kaptur
Kennedy
Kilpatrick
Klein (FL)
Kucinich
Langevin
Larson (CT)
Lee
Lewis (GA)
Loebsack
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowey
Lynch
Maloney (NY)
Markey
Matsui
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum (MN)
McDermott
McGovern
McNerney
McNulty
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Michaud
Miller (NC)
Miller, George
Moore (WI)
Moran (VA)
Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Patrick
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Pelosi
Price (NC)
Rahall
Rangel
Richardson
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Sánchez, Linda T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Schakowsky
Schiff
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Sires
Slaughter
Smith (WA)
Solis
Speier
Stupak
Sutton
Tauscher
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tierney
Towns
Tsongas
Udall (NM)
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Wasserman Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)
Wexler
Woolsey
Wu
Yarmuth

NOT VOTING—12

Bachus
Cannon
Farr
Gilchrest
Hulshof
Nunes
Perlmutter
Rush
Stark
Sullivan
Tiahrt
Visclosky

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). The Chair notes a disturbance in the gallery in contravention of the law and the rules of the House.

The Sergeant at Arms will remove those persons responsible for the disturbance and restore order to the gallery.

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Mrs. NAPOLITANO and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD and Messrs. ELLISON, ROTHMAN, MURPHY of Connecticut, ACKERMAN, BACA and COHEN changed their vote from ''yea'' to ''nay.''

Mr. BAIRD and Mrs. CUBIN changed their vote from ''nay'' to ''yea.''

So the Senate amendment to House amendment No. 1 was concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 431 I was unable to record my vote. I intended to vote "yea" on that question. I ask that this statement appear in the RECORD adjacent to rollcall No. 431.

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 431, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 431, I missed this vote. Had I been present, on this amendment I would have voted "no."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the second proposed disposition.

The Clerk read as follows:

Proposal that the House concur in the Senate amendment to House amendment No. 2 with an amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, Will the House concur in the Senate amendment to House amendment No. 2 with an amendment?

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 416, noes 12, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 432]

AYES—416

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Akin
Alexander
Allen
Altmire
Andrews
Arcuri
Baca
Bachmann
Bachus
Baird
Baldwin
Barrett (SC)
Barrow
Bartlett (MD)
Barton (TX)
Bean
Becerra
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehner
Bonner
Bono Mack
Boozman
Boren
Boswell
Boucher
Boustany
Boyd (FL)
Boyda (KS)
Brady (PA)
Braley (IA)
Broun (GA)
Brown (SC)
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite, Ginny
Buchanan
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Butterfield
Buyer
Calvert
Camp (MI)
Cantor
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cardoza
Carnahan
Carney
Carson
Carter
Castle
Castor
Cazayoux
Chabot
Chandler
Childers
Clarke
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
Coble
Cohen
Cole (OK)
Conaway
Conyers
Costa
Costello
Courtney
Cramer
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cubin
Cuellar
Culberson
Cummings
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis (KY)
Davis, David
Davis, Lincoln
Davis, Tom
Deal (GA)
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dent
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Donnelly
Doolittle
Doyle
Drake
Dreier
Edwards (MD)
Edwards (TX)
Ehlers
Ellison
Ellsworth
Emanuel
Emerson
Engel
English (PA)
Eshoo
Etheridge
Everett
Fallin
Farr
Fattah
Feeney
Ferguson
Filner
Forbes
Fortenberry
Fossella
Foster
Foxx
Frank (MA)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach
Giffords
Gillibrand
Gingrey
Gohmert
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Gordon
Granger
Graves
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Hall (NY)
Hall (TX)
Hare
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Heller
Hensarling
Herger
Herseth Sandlin
Higgins
Hill
Hinchey
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Inglis (SC)
Inslee
Israel
Issa
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jefferson
Johnson (GA)
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Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Jordan
Kagen
Kanjorski
Kaptur
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Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
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Klein (FL)
Kline (MN)
Knollenberg
Kucinich
Kuhl (NY)
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Larson (CT)
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Lungren, Daniel E.
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McCarthy (CA)
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McCaul (TX)
McCollum (MN)
McCotter
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McKeon
McMorris Rodgers
McNerney
McNulty
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Melancon
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Michaud
Miller (FL)
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Miller (NC)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Mitchell
Mollohan
Moore (KS)
Moore (WI)
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Patrick
Murphy, Tim
Murtha
Musgrave
Myrick
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Neugebauer
Nunes
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Payne
Pearce
Pelosi
Pence
Perlmutter
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Platts
Poe
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Rehberg
Reichert
Renzi
Reyes
Reynolds
Richardson
Rodriguez
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Ruppersberger
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Salazar
Sali
Sánchez, Linda T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Saxton
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schmidt
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Sessions
Sestak
Shadegg
Shays
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuler
Shuster
Simpson
Sires
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Snyder
Solis
Souder
Space
Speier
Spratt
Stearns
Stupak
Sullivan
Sutton
Tancredo
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor
Terry
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Tiberi
Tierney
Towns
Tsongas
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Walberg
Walden (OR)
Walsh (NY)
Walz (MN)
Wamp
Wasserman Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)
Weller
Westmoreland
Wexler
Whitfield (KY)
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (OH)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman (VA)
Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Yarmuth
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOES—12

Brady (TX)
Campbell (CA)
Cooper
DeFazio
Duncan
Flake
Franks (AZ)
Paul
Royce
Sensenbrenner
Smith (WA)
Weldon (FL)

NOT VOTING—7

Cannon
Gilchrest
Hulshof
Rush
Stark
Tiahrt
Visclosky

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Two minutes remain in this vote.

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So the Senate amendment to House amendment No. 2 with an amendment was concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRATULATING AND RECOGNIZING CHI-CHI RODRIGUEZ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1029, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1029, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 415, nays 0, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 433]

YEAS—415

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Akin
Alexander
Allen
Altmire
Arcuri
Baca
Bachmann
Bachus
Baird
Baldwin
Barrett (SC)
Barrow
Bartlett (MD)
Barton (TX)
Bean
Becerra
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehner
Bonner
Bono Mack
Boozman
Boren
Boswell
Boucher
Boustany
Boyd (FL)
Boyda (KS)
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Braley (IA)
Broun (GA)
Brown (SC)
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite, Ginny
Buchanan
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Butterfield
Buyer
Calvert
Camp (MI)
Campbell (CA)
Cantor
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cardoza
Carnahan
Carney
Carson
Carter
Castle
Castor
Cazayoux
Chabot
Chandler
Childers
Clarke
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
Coble
Cohen
Cole (OK)
Conaway
Conyers
Cooper
Costa
Costello
Courtney
Cramer
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cubin
Cuellar
Culberson
Cummings
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis (KY)
Davis, David
Davis, Tom
Deal (GA)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
Dent
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Dingell
Doggett
Donnelly
Doolittle
Doyle
Drake
Dreier
Duncan
Edwards (MD)
Edwards (TX)
Ehlers
Ellison
Ellsworth
Emanuel
Emerson
Engel
English (PA)
Eshoo
Etheridge
Everett
Fallin
Farr
Fattah
Feeney
Ferguson
Filner
Flake
Forbes
Fortenberry
Fossella
Foster
Foxx
Frank (MA)
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach
Giffords
Gillibrand
Gingrey
Gohmert
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Gordon
Granger
Graves
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Hall (NY)
Hall (TX)
Hare
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Heller
Hensarling
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Jones (OH)
Jordan
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Kaptur
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Meek (FL)
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Miller, Gary
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Mitchell
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Moore (KS)
Moore (WI)
Moran (KS)
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Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Patrick
Murphy, Tim
Musgrave
Myrick
Nadler
Neal (MA)
Neugebauer
Nunes
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Pearce
Pence
Perlmutter
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Pitts
Platts
Poe
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Regula
Rehberg
Reichert
Renzi
Reyes
Reynolds
Richardson
Rodriguez
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruppersberger
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Salazar
Sali
Sánchez, Linda T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Saxton
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schmidt
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Sestak
Shadegg
Shays
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuler
Shuster
Simpson
Sires
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Souder
Space
Speier
Spratt
Stearns
Stupak
Sullivan
Sutton
Tancredo
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor
Terry
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Tiberi
Tierney
Towns
Tsongas
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Walberg
Walden (OR)
Walz (MN)
Wamp
Wasserman Schultz
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)
Weldon (FL)
Weller
Westmoreland
Wexler
Whitfield (KY)
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (OH)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman (VA)
Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Yarmuth
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—19

Andrews
Cannon
Davis, Lincoln
DeLauro
Dicks
Gilchrest
Herseth Sandlin
Hirono
Hulshof
Murtha
Napolitano
Pickering
Rangel
Rush
Stark
Tiahrt
Visclosky
Walsh (NY)
Waters

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read: ''Resolution congratulating and recognizing Mr. Juan Antonio 'Chi-Chi' Rodriguez for his continued success on and off of the golf course.''.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, on roll-call 431, I was unable to record my vote. I intended to vote ''no'' on that question.

''NO. NO. THEY WON'T GO.''

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, on Monday, five black-robed judges down the street decided that we weren't doing enough for illegal trespassers.

The Supreme Court just made it easier for illegals to extend their stay in the United States, even after they have been ordered to leave. People like Nigerian Samson Dada, who has been in our country illegally since 1998, can now manipulate and game the system in order to get more time. He has refused to go home, and the Supreme Court basically has said, ''It's okay. You can stay in spite of being lawfully deported.''

The Supreme Court's ruling overturned other court decisions upholding his deportation. In other words, the High Court ruled in favor of people who have laughingly ignored and disregarded our laws.

Once again, the Supreme Court has made law rather than interpret law. The five liberal judges on the Supreme Court who wish to write our laws should take off their black robes and run for Congress. After all, the Constitution I read says Congress should make law, not the Supreme Court.

Contrary to what the Supreme Court seems to believe, our justice system has an obligation to protect the rights of people who follow the law, not expand the privileges of those who are illegally on our land.

And that's just the way it is.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. KAPTUR). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)