

DIVISION C—CONTINUING  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

The Act includes the “Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017” as division C.

Section 145 of division C includes an additional \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2016 for the Community Planning and Development, Community Development Fund, for activities related to major disasters. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall publish on a public website information accounting for how all grant funds are used, including the award and expenditure of funds. The Secretary shall update the information on the website on a monthly basis through December 31, 2016, and on a quarterly basis thereafter.

DIVISION D—RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS

The Act includes \$400,001,198 in budgetary savings for fiscal year 2016, as follows:

\$10,000,000 is rescinded from unobligated balances of “Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, Economic Development Assistance Programs”;

\$13,000,000 is rescinded from unobligated balances of “Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Operations, Research, and Facilities”;

\$279,045 is rescinded from unobligated balances of “Department of Homeland Security, Departmental Management and Operations, Office of the Secretary and Executive Management”;

\$39,246 is rescinded from unobligated balances of “Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Salaries and Expenses”;

\$48,075,920 is rescinded from “Department of Homeland Security, United States Coast Guard, Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements”;

\$731,790 is rescinded from unobligated balances of “Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Administrative and Regional Operations”;

\$168,100,000 is rescinded from unobligated amounts available under section 1323(c)(1) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;

\$7,522,000 is rescinded from unobligated balances of Ebola response and preparedness funds under “Operating Expenses” of the U.S. Agency for International Development;

\$109,478,000 is rescinded from unobligated balances of Ebola response and preparedness funds under “Bilateral Economic Assistance, Funds Appropriated to the President”;

\$5,375,197 is rescinded from unobligated balances of “Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Facilities and Equipment”;

\$37,400,000 is rescinded from unobligated balances of the Department of Transportation provided under section 108 of Public Law 101-130.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND  
MARITIME SECURITY ACT

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, yesterday I joined my colleagues Senators NELSON, THUNE, and FISCHER in introducing the Surface Transportation and Maritime Security Act. The security of our Nation’s ports and rail and surface transportation systems is critical to the daily lives of Americans, as well as to the health of our national economy. I thank my colleagues for joining together on this important legislation and hope that it leads to improved safety for our country.

This legislation comes months after the tragic attack on the Brussels

metro and airport which killed 35 and injured over 300, and it comes just days after explosives were detonated in New Jersey and New York, threatening the lives of thousands. The sad reality is that attacks like these occur, and we must do more to protect our citizens.

The fact is mass transit and rail systems are challenging to secure. Meeting this challenge requires us to have a strategy in place that recognizes the evolving threats to surface networks and puts sufficient resources in place to match those risks. Currently, less than 2 percent of the Transportation Security Administration’s, TSA, budget and staff are dedicated to protecting surface transportation networks. While the Federal role has been to support and oversee State and local efforts to secure transit and other surface networks, we need to ask ourselves whether we are doing enough to protect passengers.

The Surface Transportation and Maritime Security Act requires the TSA Administrator to implement risk-based security plans for surface transportation in order to ensure resources are being driven to the most high-risk places. The bill directs TSA to conduct careful analysis to consider risks and provide mitigation strategies using information from global terrorist attacks. Additionally, I thank my colleagues for working with me to include language to the bill that will authorize more bomb-sniffing canines to be utilized to deter threats in our railroad networks and surface transportation. The bill also helps improve the screening of maritime workers and includes further measures to reform and improve port security. The bill includes several other important provisions that will yield new data to help inform future security needs. The bill is a product of compromise with my colleagues, and we will also need to work with our appropriator colleagues to ensure TSA has the resources to take these important security measures.

Again I thank my esteemed colleagues for partnering together on this legislation.

GROWTH DISORDER AWARENESS  
WEEK

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, today, on behalf of every child currently living with a growth disorder, I wish to recognize this week—September 19 through 23, 2016—as Growth Disorder Awareness Week.

A child’s growth is a strong indicator of that child’s overall health status. According to the Pictures of Standard Syndromes and Undiagnosed Malformations, POSSUM, database, more than 600 serious diseases and health conditions can cause growth failure. These diseases range from nutritional disturbances and hormone imbalances, to far more serious conditions that affect the kidneys or even lead to brain tumors. While these conditions affect a child’s growth progress, a stunning 48

percent of children with the most common growth disorders go undiagnosed. To make matters worse, the longer a child with growth failure goes undiagnosed, the greater the potential for long-term health issues and higher costs of treatment. Early detection and diagnosis are, therefore, critical to ensuring a healthy future for these children.

This week, as we recognize Growth Disorder Awareness Week, I want to applaud the MAGIC Foundation for the tremendous work they do to further public awareness of growth failure and to improve the lives and health of the children whom they affect.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
KIWANIS CLUB OF MILWAUKEE

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee. Over the past 100 years, the club and its members have served the families and children of Milwaukee through countless hours of service and commitment meant to better the community. This year, as they celebrate their 100th anniversary, I wish to honor their philanthropic achievements and dedication to this great Wisconsin city.

Founded in 1916 as a charter club, the Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee was the 23rd chapter founded in the United States and is now one of 8,309 worldwide. Although one of many around the globe, the Milwaukee Club has set itself apart through its 100-year tradition of service and advocacy on behalf of Milwaukee children.

One of the first projects members embraced in 1917 was providing coal for families in need. In 1939, they opened a Gaenslen School for handicapped children, and 20 years later, in 1959, they established a Boy Scout troop for 30 handicapped boys. Continuing their aid to children, in 1977, the club started a Children’s Center for Curative Rehabilitation. Elsewhere in their community, they sponsored and directed Milwaukee’s first river clean-up in 1982 and established the Kiwanis Landing community fishing area in 2010. The common thread in all these important programs was creating opportunities for children, regardless of their circumstances.

In all their efforts, Kiwanis members strive to improve the quality of life for all Milwaukee residents. In 2015, they conducted vision tests at 37 Milwaukee public schools, serving 5,550 children. Additionally, they served meals to more than 750 children and their families at the Ronald McDonald House. The Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee has spent countless hours tutoring children in Milwaukee public schools, as well as helping guide college students in organizing volunteer programs at three local colleges. Throughout the year, the club collects items such as hats, mittens, gloves, and personal hygiene products for homeless children, and they work to replenish local food banks.

In honor of their 100th anniversary, the club has taken on additional service projects that revolve around the number 100, including providing 100 Thanksgiving meals, donating 100 backpacks to children in foster care, planting 100 native trees, donating 100 flowering mums to single mothers, and donating 100 U.S. flags to schools and nonprofits.

It is heartwarming to think of the vast number of children and families club members have helped during their 100 years of service. They deserve to be proud of the significant difference they have made in the lives of individuals in need and the collective impact they have had on their community as a whole.

The Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee is a truly wonderful, deserving organization. Members work hard every day to help the world become a better place—one child at a time. I am excited to see what the future holds for this exemplary organization and the families it serves.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO JOAN ELIEL

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I would like to recognize Joan Eliel, investigator/program specialist with the Montana Department of Justice for receiving one of three 2016 Outstanding Crime Victim Advocate of the Year awards. Joan is a dedicated public servant who has been a key DOJ employee for Attorneys General McGrath, Bullock, and Fox covering 14 years.

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Court chief judge, Winona Tanner, nominated Joan for the Outstanding Victim Advocate Award due to her leadership as program administrator for Montana's Project Passport, End of Life Registry, and Address Confidentiality Programs. Joan is currently piloting two national projects, including the Hope Card Project, which helps victims of protection order violations on the local, tribal, State, and Federal level. Matthew Dale, director of the Office of Consumer Protection and Victim Services, stated that Joan's work ". . . is a national model of how Native Americans, the state and the federal government can work together to keep victims safe and hold offenders accountable."

Joan is a true innovator and had dedicated her life to making positive and lasting changes for the victims of domestic violence. I am truly honored to be able to recognize Joan as "Montanan of the Week" for those efforts. Joan is married and the mother of two children and resides in Townsend, MT, in Broadwater County.

Thank you, Joan, for your service, not only to the people of Montana, but our entire Nation. I look forward to hearing about the next innovative work you will lead on and the success of your current projects.●

##### TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN LYNN SCHAEFFER AND ARVELLA JERGESSEN

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Kathleen Lynn Schaeffer and Arvela Jergesen on receiving the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. These awards are truly prestigious, attained by only the most influential educators across the country. The Silver State is fortunate to have both of these successful teachers working at local schools.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are considered the Nation's highest honor for kindergarten through high school mathematics and science educators. These teachers stand as role models to their colleagues and are dedicated to the success of America's future generations, particularly in encouraging students to pursue science, technology, engineering, and math. These educators go above and beyond in their local schools to implement unique, high-quality curriculum to help students excel in their learning. I am thankful to both Ms. Schaeffer and Mrs. Jergesen for their invaluable educational contributions.

Ms. Schaeffer has played an influential role in the lives of students since she started working for the Clark County School District in 1988. As a member of the original staff that opened Bob Miller Middle School, BM, in Henderson, NV, she truly made an everlasting impression on its faculty, staff, and student body. During her time at BM, she established and directed the annual Bobcat Institute to assist each year's sixth grade class through their transition into middle school. Ms. Schaeffer was recognized most for her technology-based teaching methods that triggered educational growth for all of her students. Currently, Ms. Schaeffer works for the Clark County School District and was recently selected to attend the Foundations of Global Education International Research and Exchanges, where she participated in a fellowship in India. Ms. Schaeffer's teaching methods have proven to be truly beneficial to many Clark County School District students. Ms. Schaeffer's work is truly commendable.

Mrs. Jergesen has taught at Fernley Intermediate School, FIS, for 15 years. She is the anchor of the school's sixth grade math and science team, chairperson of FIS's School Improvement Plan program, and coach of the school's Academic Olympic Team. Mrs. Jergesen is also a pivotal resource that brings guest speakers and educational workshops to FIS that foster students to participate in unique, hands-on learning experiences. Mrs. Jergesen is an outstanding teacher who is dedicated to ensuring all her students succeed. She is highly respected within her community and is very deserving of this award. Mrs. Jergesen's dedication is greatly appreciated in Fernley and throughout the rest of Nevada.

As a father of four children who attended Nevada's public schools and as the husband of a teacher, I understand the important role that teachers play in enriching the lives of Nevada's students. Ensuring that America's youth are prepared to compete in the 21st century is critical for the future of our country. The State of Nevada is fortunate to be home to educators such as Ms. Schaeffer and Mrs. Jergesen.

I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in thanking Ms. Schaeffer and Mrs. Jergesen for their dedication to enriching the lives of Nevada's students and in congratulating them on receiving this incredible award. I wish them well in all of their future endeavors and in creating success for all students who enter their classrooms.●

##### TRIBUTE TO ALLANA NOYES

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize one of Nevada's brightest students—Allana Noyes—on being selected as a 2015–2016 recipient of the Fulbright scholarship.

The Fulbright Scholar Program was developed shortly after World War II by former U.S. Senator James William Fulbright to promote the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture, and science. Today the program offers 1,900 grants each year for students to study in various fields in more than 140 countries worldwide. As a highly competitive and prestigious scholarship, thousands of students and young professionals apply from across the country. I am proud to congratulate Ms. Noyes on her achievement. She is a shining example of how hard work leads to success and stands as a role model for future members of the Nevada Wolf Pack.

Ms. Noyes graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno, or UNR, with bachelor's degrees in linguistics, Spanish, and French. Before deciding for multiple degrees at UNR, Ms. Noyes participated in a study abroad program in Puebla, Mexico. After her time in Puebla, Ms. Noyes followed her passion of language and moved to France to study and practice French. Ms. Noyes returned to UNR to pursue her passion in language and continued studying French while taking nearly every Spanish class offered at the university. After completing all of her requirements, Ms. Noyes received her Fulbright scholarship, allowing her to spend a year in Mexico with the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program. Ms. Noyes is focusing her efforts on educating students in both Spanish and English, while embedding herself in Mexican culture and lifestyle. After her time in Mexico, Ms. Noyes is expected to enter a graduate program that focuses on translation and creative writing skills. Ultimately, Ms. Noyes plans to become an English and Spanish creative writer and translator.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this exceptional young Nevadan. I am proud to have her