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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY MR. FRELINGHUYSEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, REGARDING THE HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT ON H.R. 1625

The following is an explanation of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018.

DIVISION H—DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

In implementing this agreement, the Departments and agencies should be guided by the language and instructions set forth in House Report 115–244 and Senate Report 115–150. In either such report, any reference to the fiscal year 2019 budget request or congressional justification shall be applied to the fiscal year 2020 Justification of Estimates for the Committees on Appropriations.

Where the explanatory statement speaks to an issue that was addressed in the House or Senate reports, the explanatory statement should supersede the language in the House or Senate reports. In cases where the House Report and the Senate Report address a particular issue not specifically cited in the explanatory statement, the House Report and the Senate Report should be complied with and carry the same emphasis as the language included in the explanatory statement. In providing the operating plan required by section 516 of this Act, the Departments and agencies funded in this Act are directed to include all programs, projects, and activities, including those in House Report 115–244, Senate Report 115–150, and this explanatory statement. All such programs, projects, and activities are subject to the provisions of this Act.

Each department and agency funded in this Act shall follow the directions set forth in this Act and the accompanying statement, and shall not reallocate resources or reorganize activities except as provided herein. Funds for individual programs and activities are displayed in the detailed table at the end of the explanatory statement for this division. Funding levels that are not displayed in the detailed table are identified within this explanatory statement. Any action to eliminate or consolidate programs, projects, and activities should be pursued through a proposal in the President's Budget so it can be considered by the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Congressional Reports.—Each Department and agency is directed to provide the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, within 30 days of enactment of this Act and quarterly thereafter, a summary describing each requested report to the Committees on Appropriations along with its status.

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Apprenticeship Grants.—The agreement includes $145,000,000 to support Apprenticeship Grants, an increase of $50,000,000 above fiscal year 2017, to expand support for the apprenticeship program that the was created in fiscal year 2016. The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate providing detail on entities awarded funding, selection criteria used, and the funding amount for each grant or contract awarded at the time such awards are made. Not later than September 30, 2018, the Department shall provide the Committees on Appropriations a detailed spend plan of anticipated uses of funds made available, including estimated administrative costs.

JOB CORPS

The Department has taken steps over the past several years to close selected Job Corps centers based on performance metrics and other factors. The Department is urged to utilize any savings realized by such center closures within the year to enhance instruction, technology, course offerings, and safety at other centers, and conduct additional activities that improve program quality for participants. The Department should also support and incentivize center operators to build and enhance partnerships between centers and other training sites to enhance opportunity and work experiences for students in underserved rural or remote communities as well as in urban settings. Such partnerships should use student-focused industry-backed curricula, prepare students for employment in high-demand fields, offer students the opportunity to take coursework leading to college credit, and demonstrate strong employer partnerships within the region in which the center is located.

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OPERATIONS

The agreement includes $9,000,000 for the UI Center of Excellence (Center), an increase of $3,500,000 above the fiscal year 2017 level. The agreement directs that $6,000,000 be provided for the benefit of States to the entity operating the Center. The Department is directed to focus increased funding on proven strategies and continue to test innovative approaches to reducing improper payments in the UI system. The Center is encouraged to continue its work to address improper payments in the UI programs and, with the support of the Department of Labor, to strongly urge States to adopt best practices to identify and prevent improper payments before they occur.

OFFICE OF FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS

The agreement includes $103,476,000 for the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) and directs the Department to maintain all responsibilities and functions of the OFCCP at the Department of Labor. No funds are provided in this agreement to undertake any activities to prepare for or facilitate the transfer of OFCCP's functions to another Federal agency.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA)

The agreement includes a new capacity-building set-aside within the Susan Harwood training grant program. OSHA is directed to work with grantees under this subsection of the program to develop and implement a plan to achieve self-sufficiency as required by the cited, previous application notice. Nothing in this provision should be construed to prohibit periodic recompetition of grants.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate upon closing of the Treasure Island sale. The report should provide detail on the terms of the transaction including, but not limited to, the exchange of land for construction, the buildings and facilities to be constructed for the benefit of the Treasure Island Job Corps Center, and any residual exchange of funds or services to be rendered as part of the final agreement. The report should also state the

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total amount of funding, if any, that was transferred to Job Corps to be used for future operations as authorized.

Technical Assistance.—The Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate (Committees) have long relied on the budget office at the Department to facilitate requests for legal and technical information that is not covered by a legitimate claim of privilege. The agreement expects that all technical assistance requests be dealt with in a manner that is consistent with past precedent, including timely answers that respond to any specific inquiries related to obligation and expenditures of appropriations. In addition, the Department is directed to provide the Committees with the number of full time equivalent employees by principal office and appropriations account not later than 30 days after the end of each quarter.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

The agreement includes new language authorizing the collection and use of fees for the Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing (HIRE) Vets Medallion Award program as intended by the Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act of 2017 (HIRE Vets Act).

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The agreement modifies a provision related to the Secretary's transfer authority.

The agreement modifies a provision related to the rescission of funds.

The agreement includes a new provision related to excess property.

The agreement includes a new provision related to the use of IT funds by a consortia of States.

The agreement includes a new provision related to the HIRE Vets Medallion Award program.

The agreement includes a new provision related to Job Corps property.

The agreement includes a new provision related to the Secretary's security detail.

TITLE II

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Of the available funding for fiscal year 2018, bill language directs that not less than $200,000,000 shall be for making supplemental awards to improve the quality of care under section 330(d) of the Public Health Service Act to expand and improve access to quality mental health and substance use disorder prevention and treatment services nationwide.

The agreement supports funding for technical assistance available for health centers through National and State cooperative agreements and grants. These resources are critical to the successful operation of the Health Centers program, and ensure Federal funds invested in care delivery are fully utilized and effectively deployed. The agreement supports enhanced technical assistance and training activities provided through primary care associations and National cooperative organizations, and ongoing support for health center-controlled networks.

Native Hawaiian Health Care.—The agreement provides not less than $17,500,000 for the Native Hawaiian Health Care Program.

HEALTH WORKFORCE

Advanced Education Nursing. The agreement provides an increase of $8,000,000 to award grants for the clinical training of sexual assault nurse examiners to administer medical forensic examinations and treatments to victims of sexual assault in hospitals, health centers, and other emergency health care service provider settings referenced in Senate Report 115–150.

Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training.—The agreement provides an increase of $25,000,000 to expand the mental health and substance abuse workforce, including, but not limited to, master's level social workers, psychologists, counselors, marriage and family therapists, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners, occupational therapists, psychology doctoral interns, and behavioral health paraprofessionals.

Mental and Behavioral Health Education Training.—The agreement provides an increase of $27,000,000 to recruit and train professionals and faculty in the fields of social work, psychology, psychiatry, marriage and family therapy, substance abuse prevention and treatment, and other areas of mental and behavioral health.

National Health Service Corps.—The agreement provides an increase of $105,000,000 to expand and improve access to quality opioid and substance use disorder treatment in rural and underserved areas nationwide. The agreement expands eligibility for loan repayment awards through the National Health Service Corps to include substance use disorder counselors, which will support the recruitment and retention of health professionals needed in underserved areas to provide evidence-based substance abuse treatment and prevent overdose deaths. Of the amount provided, the agreement directs that $30,000,000 shall be available for the new Rural Communities Opioid Response initiative within the Office of Rural Health.

Nursing Workforce Development.—The agreement recognizes that the Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention Program's Veteran's Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing has been important to helping our Nation's veterans progress and graduate with a degree. The agreement supports this effort and directs HRSA to continue to fund this program in fiscal year 2018. The agreement also directs HRSA to ensure that nothing would prevent current grantees from applying to a re-competition.

Oral Health Training.—The agreement includes not less than $10,000,000 for General Dentistry Programs and not less than $10,000,000 for Pediatric Dentistry Programs. The agreement includes not less than $2,000,000 for the Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program authorized under section 748 of the Public Health Service Act. For the Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program, the agreement directs HRSA to provide continuation funding for grants initially awarded in fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and issue a new funding opportunity announcement with the new funding.

Primary Care Training and Enhancement.—The agreement directs HRSA to ensure that not less than 15 percent of funds provided for this program are used to support training of physician assistants. The agreement also urges the integration of evidence-based trainings for health professionals to screen, access, intervene, and refer patients to specialized treatment for the severe mental illness of eating disorders as authorized under section 13006 of the 21st Century Cures Act (P.L. 114–255).

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Autism and Other Developmental Disorders.—The agreement provides $49,099,000 for the Autism and Other Developmental Disorders program and directs not less than $32,000,000 for the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) program. The increase will help the LEND program initiate or expand work in the area of interdisciplinary leadership training to meet the needs of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and related developmental disabilities.

Children's Health and Development.—The agreement provides $3,500,000 within Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS) for the HRSA funded study focused on improving child health through a statewide system of early childhood developmental screenings and interventions. This funding shall be used to extend the currently funded project for another year.

Heritable Disorders Program.—The agreement provides $15,883,000 for the Heritable Disorders Program, of which $2,000,000 is provided for newborn screening for Severe Combined Immune Deficiency and related disorders.

Infant-Toddler Court Teams.—The agreement includes $3,000,000 within the total provided for SPRANS for a contract or cooperative agreement to provide ongoing training and technical assistance, implementation support, and evaluation research to support research-based Infant-Toddler Court Teams. These efforts shall use the science of early childhood development to build upon the technical assistance and direct support of sites established through the Quality Improvement Center for Research-Based Infant-Toddler Court Teams initiative, integrating courts and community services to strengthen early childhood systems and change child welfare practices to improve infant-toddler wellbeing.

Pediatric Mental Health Care Access.—The agreement includes $10,000,000 to expand access to behavioral health services in pediatric primary care by supporting the development of pediatric mental health care telehealth access programs.

Prenatal Screening Working Group.—The agreement requests the report described under this heading in House Report 115–244 within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

Screening and Treatment for Maternal Depression.—The agreement provides $5,000,000 for the Screening and Treatment for Maternal Depression program as authorized in section 10005 of the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114–255). HRSA is directed to make grants to States to establish, improve, or maintain programs to train professionals to screen, assess, and treat for maternal depression in women who are pregnant or who have given birth within the preceding 12 months.

HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

Hansen's Disease.—The agreement includes $13,706,000 for the National Hansen's Disease program and directs HRSA to continue funding Ambulatory Care Centers by aligning resources with the levels of care that Hansen's disease patients need.

Organ Donation.—HRSA is directed to submit a report on organ donation within 180 days of enactment of this Act that satisfies the requirements included in House Report 115–244 and Senate Report 115–150.

RURAL HEALTH

Black Lung Clinics.—The agreement funds Black Lung Clinics at the fully authorized level of $10,000,000, an increase of $2,734,000 over fiscal year 2017. This funding supports services to assist disabled coal miners with medical, educational, and benefits counseling.

Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program.—The agreement provides an additional $4,000,000 for continuation of the Delta Regional Authority's (DRA) program to help small rural hospitals improve their financial and operational performance. Of this amount, not more than $500,000 shall be for telehealth equipment and financial systems enhancement for participating hospitals. Of this amount, not less than $750,000

shall be dedicated to subcontracts with entities headquartered in the DRA region with expertise in rural hospital finance and telemedicine.

Rural Communities Opioids Response.—The agreement provides $100,000,000 for a Rural Communities Opioids Response to support treatment for and prevention of substance use disorder, with a focus on the 220 counties identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as being at risk, and other rural communities at the highest risk for substance use disorder. This initiative would include improving access to and recruitment of new substance use disorder providers; building sustainable treatment resources, increasing use of telehealth; establishing cross-sector community partnerships, and implementing new models of care, including integrated behavioral health; and technical assistance. HRSA may also use funds for loan repayment through the National Health Service Corps. Activities should incorporate robust evidence-based interventions or promising practice models in community education and workforce training, capacity building and sustainability strategies and facilitate linkage of prevention, treatment, and recovery services. Within the funds provided to Health Workforce for the National Health Service Corps, the agreement directs up to $30,000,000 in addition to the funding in Rural Health for the Rural Communities Opioid Response initiative.

Rural Health Outreach.—The agreement provides not less than $8,000,000 for Outreach Service Grants; not more than $15,100,000 for Rural Network Development Grants; not less than $14,000,000 for Delta States Network Grant Program; not less than $2,000,000 for Network Planning Grants; and not more than $6,200,000 for Small Healthcare Provider Quality Improvement Grants.

Rural Residency Program.—The agreement provides $15,000,000 for a new Rural Residency Program to expand the number of rural residency training programs with a focus on developing programs that are sustainable beyond Federal funding. The funds will support planning and development costs accrued while achieving program accreditation through the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The agreement encourages HRSA to support rural hospitals, medical schools, and community-based ambulatory settings with rural designation along with a consortia of urban and rural partnerships.

Telehealth Centers of Excellence (COE).—Within the funds provided for the Office for Advancement of Telehealth activities, the agreement includes $4,000,000 for a second year of funding for the Telehealth COE program. Of this amount, not less than $1,000,000 shall be used to research, provide healthcare outcomes, and develop best practices for the delivery of mental and behavioral health care via telehealth, consistent with the Secretary's priorities. The agreement directs HRSA to divide the remaining $3,000,000 evenly between the two centers, which are responsible for testing the efficacy of telehealth services in various sites and models, providing research and coordination efforts across the Federal government, developing best practices for telehealth, collecting data, and providing relevant telehealth training.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

The agreement includes $8,301,166,000 in total program level funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which includes $7,260,266,000 in discretionary budget authority, $800,900,000 in transfers from the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPH Fund), and $240,000,000 in transfers from the Nonrecurring Expenses Fund.

IMMUNIZATION AND RESPIRATORY DISEASES

The agreement includes a total of $798,405,000 for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, which includes $474,055,000 in discretionary appropriations and $324,350,000 in transfers from the PPH Fund. Within this total, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Section 317 Immunization Program	$610,847,000
Influenza Planning and Response	187,558,000

HIV/AIDS, VIRAL HEPATITIS, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AND TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION

The agreement includes $1,127,278,000 for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Tuberculosis Prevention. Within this total, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Domestic HIV/AIDS Prevention and Research	$788,712,000
HIV Prevention by Health Departments	397,161,000
HIV Surveillance	119,861,000
Activities to Improve Program Effectiveness	103,208,000
National, Regional, Local, Community, and Other Organizations	135,401,000
School Health	33,081,000
Viral Hepatitis	39,000,000
Sexually Transmitted Infections	157,310,000
Tuberculosis	142,256,000

EMERGING AND ZOONOTIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The agreement includes $614,572,000 for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, which includes $562,572,000 in discretionary appropriations and $52,000,000 in transfers from the PPH Fund. Within this total, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Antibiotic Resistance Initiative	$168,000,000
Lab Safety and Quality	8,000,000
Vector-borne Diseases	38,603,000
Lyme Disease	10,700,000
Prion Disease	6,000,000
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	5,400,000
Emerging Infectious Diseases	155,457,000
All Other Infectious Diseases	29,840,000
Food Safety	58,000,000
National Healthcare Safety Network	21,000,000
Quarantine	31,572,000
Advanced Molecular Detection	30,000,000
Epidemiology and Lab Capacity program	40,000,000
Healthcare-Associated Infections	12,000,000

CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION

The agreement includes $1,162,896,000 for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, which includes $915,346,000 in discretionary appropriations and $247,550,000 in transfers from the PPH Fund. Within this total, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Tobacco	$210,000,000
Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity	54,920,000
High Obesity Rate Counties	15,000,000
School Health	15,400,000
Health Promotion	18,000,000
Glaucoma	4,000,000
Visual Screening Education	1,000,000
Alzheimer's Disease	4,500,000
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	1,000,000
Interstitial Cystitis	1,000,000
Excessive Alcohol Use	4,000,000
Chronic Kidney Disease	2,500,000
Prevention Research Centers	25,461,000
Heart Disease and Stroke	140,062,000
Diabetes	148,129,000
National Diabetes Prevention Program	25,300,000
Cancer Prevention and Control	367,674,000
Breast and Cervical Cancer	218,000,000
WISEWOMAN	21,120,000
Breast Cancer Awareness for Young Women	4,960,000
Cancer Registries	49,440,000
Colorectal Cancer	43,294,000
Comprehensive Cancer	19,675,000
Johanna's Law	7,000,000
Ovarian Cancer	9,500,000
Prostate Cancer	13,205,000
Skin Cancer	2,125,000
Cancer Survivorship Resource Center	475,000
Oral Health	19,000,000
Safe Motherhood/Infant Health	46,000,000
Preterm Birth	2,000,000
Arthritis	11,000,000
Epilepsy	8,500,000
National Lupus Patient Registry	6,500,000
Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH)	50,950,000
Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country	16,000,000
Million Hearts	4,000,000
National Early Child Care Collaboratives	4,000,000
Hospitals Promoting Breastfeeding	8,000,000

High Obesity Counties.—The agreement provides $15,000,000, an increase of $5,000,000, to address obesity in counties. The agreement reiterates the language provided in Senate Report 155–150 and directs CDC to leverage the community extension services provided by land grant universities who are mandated to translate science into practical action and promote healthy lifestyles.

Safe Motherhood and Infant Health.—The agreement includes funding at the fiscal year 2017 level for the teen pregnancy prevention cooperative agreement.

Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH).—The agreement includes $50,950,000 for the REACH program. Within the total amount, $34,950,000 is provided for the second year of a five-year cooperative agreement for community programs and $16,000,000 is for Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country, as described in House Report 115–244.

BIRTH DEFECTS AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The agreement includes $140,560,000 for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities. Within the total for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Child Health and Development	$65,800,000
Birth Defects	19,000,000
Fetal Death	900,000
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	11,000,000
Folic Acid	3,150,000
Infant Health	8,650,000
Autism	23,100,000
Health and Development for People with Disabilities	59,660,000
Disability & Health	27,000,000
Tourette Syndrome	2,000,000
Early Hearing Detection and Intervention	10,760,000
Muscular Dystrophy	6,000,000
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	1,900,000
Fragile X	2,000,000
Spina Bifida	6,000,000
Congenital Heart Failure	4,000,000
Public Health Approach to Blood Disorders	4,400,000
Hemophilia CDC Activities	3,500,000
Hemophilia Treatment Centers	5,100,000
Thalassemia	2,100,000

National Centers on Disability.—The agreement includes $8,500,000 to continue to strengthen existing programs that address healthy athletes and an additional $2,500,000 to continue to strengthen existing activities that improve physical activity and health promotion for people with mobility disabilities.

Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT) Pilot.—The agreement includes $100,000 within the Hemophilia Treatment Centers line to support the second year of a two-year pilot program that enables up to three existing Federally-funded Hemophilia Treatment Centers across the country to serve as specialty centers for the evaluation and management of HHT.

PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENTIFIC SERVICES

The agreement includes a total of $490,397,000 for Public Health Scientific Services. Within the total for Public Health Scientific Services, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Health Statistics	$160,397,000
Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Informatics	279,000,000
Lab Training	5,000,000
Public Health Workforce	51,000,000

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The agreement includes $205,750,000 for Environmental Health programs, which includes $188,750,000 in discretionary appropriations, and $17,000,000 in transfers from the PPH Fund. The agreement provides support for CDC's environmental health research, evaluation, and surveillance activities. These activities are intended to be complementary to the biomedical research conducted at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. Within this total, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Environmental Health Laboratory	$63,150,000
Other Environmental Health (Biomonitoring/Chronic Disease Biomarkers)	48,500,000
Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Program	13,400,000
Newborn Screening/Severe Combined Immuno-deficiency Diseases	1,250,000
Environmental Health Activities	44,600,000
Safe Water	8,600,000
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry	10,000,000
Climate Change	10,000,000
All Other Environmental Health	16,000,000
Environmental and Health Outcome Tracking Network	34,000,000
Asthma	29,000,000
Childhood Lead Poisoning	35,000,000

Harmonization of Lab Results.—The agreement recognizes that certain clinical laboratory tests need harmonization to ensure that accurate results are available for correct patient care. The agreement provides $2,000,000 to the Environmental Health Laboratory to improve the quality and reliability of diagnostic tests for hormones such as thyroid stimulating hormone, testosterone, and estrogen.

INJURY PREVENTION AND CONTROL

The agreement includes $648,559,000 for Injury Prevention and Control activities. Within this total, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Intentional Injury	$102,730,000
Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence	32,700,000
Child Maltreatment	7,250,000
Youth Violence Prevention	15,100,000
Domestic Violence Community Projects	5,500,000
Rape Prevention	49,430,000
National Violent Death Reporting System	23,500,000
Unintentional Injury	8,800,000
Traumatic Brain Injury	6,750,000
Elderly Falls	2,050,000
Injury Prevention Activities	28,950,000
Opioid Overdose Prevention and Surveillance	475,579,000
Injury Control Research Centers	9,000,000

While appropriations language prohibits the CDC and other agencies from using appropriated funding to advocate or promote gun control, the Secretary of Health and Human Services has stated the CDC has the authority to conduct research on the causes of gun violence.

National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS).—The agreement includes an increase in funding to expand the NVDRS to all 50 States and the District of Columbia, which will allow researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to get a more complete understanding of violent deaths in the United States.

Opioid Prescription Drug Overdose (PDO) Prevention Activity.—The agreement includes $475,579,000, an increase of $350,000,000 and reflects continued strong support of CDC PDO activities. As such, it reiterates support for the interconnected language in both the House and the Senate reports on this issue. CDC shall use the provided funds to advance the understanding of the opioid overdose epidemic and scale up prevention activities across all 50 States and Washington, D.C. The agreement expects that this will include the expansion of case-level syndromic surveillance data, improvements of interventions that monitor prescribing and dispensing practices, better timeliness and quality of morbidity and mortality data, as well as the enhancement of efforts with medical examiners and coroner offices. CDC shall promote the use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs), including implementation of activities described in the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2005 as amended by the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016. This shall include continuing to expand efforts to enhance the utility of PDMPs in States and communities, making them more interconnected, real-time, and usable for public health surveillance and clinical decision making. CDC shall also promote alternative surveillance programs for States and communities that do not have a PDMP. CDC is encouraged to work with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology to enhance the integration of PDMPs and electronic health records. Finally, CDC shall use $10,000,000 of the funds provided to conduct an opioid nationwide awareness and education campaign.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

The agreement includes a total of $335,200,000 for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in discretionary appropriations. Within the total for NIOSH, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
National Occupational Research Agenda	$116,000,000
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	25,500,000
Education and Research Centers	29,000,000
Personal Protective Technology	20,000,000
Mining Research	59,500,000
National Mesothelioma Registry and Tissue Bank	1,100,000
Other Occupational Safety and Health Research	109,600,000

Total Worker Health.—The agreement provides funding in the Other Occupational Safety and Health Research line to continue to support the Total Worker Health program at not less than the fiscal year 2017 level.

GLOBAL HEALTH

The agreement includes $488,621,000 for Global Health activities. Within this total, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Global AIDS Program	$128,421,000
Global Immunization Program	226,000,000
Polio Eradication	176,000,000
Measles and Other Vaccine Preventable Diseases	50,000,000
Parasitic Diseases/Malaria	26,000,000
Global Public Health Protection	108,200,000
Global Disease Detection and Emergency Response	98,400,000
Global Public Health Capacity	9,800,000

Global Health Security Strategy.—The agreement reiterates strong support for the Global Health Security (GHS) strategy and notes that funding provided in the Ebola supplemental will expire at the end of fiscal year 2019. The agreement provides an additional $50,000,000 with three-year availability which will help CDC sustain its GHS work in other countries. Not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, the Senior Director for Global Health Security and Biothreats at the National Security Council, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the United States Agency for International Development Administrator, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, shall submit to the appropriate Congressional committees a comprehensive inter-agency strategy to accelerate the capabilities of targeted countries to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease outbreaks. The strategy shall: (i) detail the role and responsibility of each relevant agency of the United States Government in implementing the strategy; (ii) include multi-year cost estimates for operations and programs necessary to implement such strategy, disaggregated by agency; (iii) describe the mechanisms for coordination and oversight of such programs; (iv) review lessons-learned from previous efforts to promote global health security; and (v) identify any obstacles to the implementation of such strategy in policy or legislation, and include specific recommendations for addressing such obstacles.

Global Disease Detection.—Within the total for Global Disease Detection and Emergency Response, the agreement includes $3,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 to provide continued support for existing longitudinal, population-based infectious disease surveillance platforms that enable comparative analysis between urban and rural populations in the developing world.

Soil Transmitted Helminth (STH).—The agreement includes $1,500,000 for surveillance, source remediation, and clinical care aimed at reducing STH as described in Senate Report 115–150.

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

The agreement includes $1,450,000,000 for public health preparedness and response activities. Within the total for Public Health Preparedness and Response, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreements	$670,000,000
Academic Centers for Public Health Preparedness	8,200,000
CDC Preparedness and Response	161,800,000
BioSense	23,000,000
All Other CDC Preparedness	138,800,000
Strategic National Stockpile	610,000,000

Strategic National Stockpile (SNS).—The agreement appreciates the Secretary's efforts to improve the efficiency of the Department's public health preparedness and response programs and looks forward to considering and evaluating the Department's proposal to shift the funding and oversight of the SNS from CDC to the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), as submitted in the fiscal year 2019 budget request. The Committees note that CDC has unique expertise in public health preparedness and response, science-based policy and decision making, public health communications, and coordination with State and local partners. Should the proposed move be implemented, the Secretary is strongly urged to maintain a strong and central role for CDC in the medical countermeasures enterprise.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

The agreement includes $510,000,000 for Buildings and Facilities. Within this amount, the agreement includes $480,000,000 for construction of a new Biosafety Level 4 lab, of which $240,000,000 shall be transferred from the Nonrecurring Expenses Fund.

CDC-WIDE ACTIVITIES

The agreement includes $273,570,000 for CDC-wide activities, which includes $113,570,000 in discretionary appropriations and $160,000,000 in transfers from the PPH Fund. Within this total, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant	$160,000,000
Public Health Leadership and Support	113,570,000

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

The agreement provides $37,084,000,000 for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including $496,000,000 from the 21st Century Cures Act (P.L. 114–255), an increase of $3,000,000,000, or 8.8 percent, above fiscal year 2017.

The agreement continues the commitment to funding research on Alzheimer's disease and increases funding by $414,000,000 to a total of $1,828,000,000 in fiscal year 2018; increases funding for the All of Us precision medicine initiative by $60,000,000; increases funding for the Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative by $140,000,000; increases funding for regenerative medicine by $8,000,000; increases funding for antibiotic resistance research by $50,000,000; and increases funding for the development of a universal influenza vaccine by $40,000,000. In addition, the agreement includes $500,000,000 for targeted research on opioid addiction within the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), and encourages NIDA to commit additional funding to this effort from within its base budget. It also includes a new initiative to expand research into Down syndrome. In addition, a funding increase above fiscal year 2017 is provided to every Institute and Center to continue investments in research that will save lives, lead to new drug and device development, reduce health care costs, and improve the lives of all Americans.

The agreement appropriates funds authorized in the 21st Century Cures Act (P.L. 114–255). Per the authorization, $300,000,000 is transferred to the National Cancer Institute for cancer research; $43,000,000 to NINDS and $43,000,000 to the National Institute on Mental Health (NIMH) for the BRAIN Initiative; and $110,000,000 will be allocated from the NIH Innovation Fund, in this agreement reflected in the Office of the Director, for the Precision Medicine Initiative cohort ($100,000,000) and regenerative medicine research ($10,000,000).

The agreement increases funding for Clinical and Translational Science Awards to $542,771,000; increases funding for Institutional Development Awards to $350,575,000; and continues to support the National Children's Study Follow-on program at $165,000,000.

The Common Fund is supported as a set-aside within the Office of the Director at $588,116,000, plus an additional $12,600,000 to support pediatric research as authorized by the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act (P.L. 113–94).

The agreement expects the 8.8 percent increase of funds over the fiscal year 2017 level to support an increase in the number of new and competing Research Project Grants.

The agreement expects that NIH will continue its focus on emerging investigators and first-time renewals of these young investigators with actions to significantly reduce the average age of an NIH-supported new investigator.

The agreement expects NIH to support an increase in the number of Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards and to provide a stipend level and inflationary increase to grantees that is at least consistent with the fiscal year 2018 Federal employee pay raise.

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE (NCI)

Heavy Ion Cancer Therapy and Research.—The agreement supports NIH's continued exploration of advanced therapeutic cancer research, specifically heavy ion irradiation technology. Heavy ion technology will introduce a novel treatment option to cancer patients that is currently not available in the U.S. The agreement notes that the U.S. stands to be a world leader in this advanced research. The agreement encourages NIH to explore further the development of a state of the art heavy ion research facility in the U.S. Furthermore, the agreement encourages NIH to work with the Departments of Defense and Energy, and other applicable Federal agencies to equip the first U.S. heavy ion research center. The agreement urges NIH to capitalize on the expertise and potential of recently awarded heavy ion facility planning grant recipients in order to foster a multidisciplinary approach and advance heavy ion research that would produce novel, cutting edge treatments for cancer patients.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISEASES (NIDDK)

National Commission on Digestive Diseases.—The agreement requests an update on the implementation and recommendations of the National Commission on Digestive Diseases report entitled ''Opportunities & Challenges in Digestive Diseases''' in the fiscal year 2020 Congressional Justification.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AND STROKE (NINDS)

Opioids Research.—The agreement includes $250,000,000 for targeted research related to opioid addiction, development of opioid alternatives, pain management, and addiction treatment.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES (NIAID)

Universal Influenza Vaccine.—The agreement directs NIAID to allocate not less than $100,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 to advance basic, translational, and clinical research necessary to develop a universal influenza vaccine. To date, 128 children have died from influenza this season, and the hospitalization rate this season is among the highest since the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention began collecting these data in 2010. In response to the severity of the 2017-2018 influenza season, the agreement encourages NIAID to continue to prioritize investment in the basic and clinical scientific research necessary to develop a universal influenza vaccine.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES (NIGMS)

Science Education Partnership Awards (SEPA).—The agreement expects SEPA to receive not less than $19,498,000, which is the fiscal year 2017 level plus the proportional share of the general increase provided to NIGMS.

EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (NICHD)

Birth Settings Study.—The agreement notes that rates of home and birth center births continue to rise and there is ongoing need for further study on issues related to the choice of birth setting. Therefore, NICHD is directed to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to provide an evidence-based analysis of the complex findings in the research on birth settings, including but not limited to: definitions and assessment of risk factors; access to and choice in birth settings; social determinants that influence risk and outcomes in varying birth settings; financing models for childbirth across settings; and the licensing, training, and accreditation issues impacting professionals providing maternity care across all settings.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND MUSCULOSKELETAL AND SKIN—DISEASES—(NIAMS)

Dermatology Branch.—The agreement reflects the move of the Dermatology Branch from NCI to NIAMS.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE (NIDA)

Opioid Research.—The agreement includes $250,000,000 for targeted research related to opioid addiction, development of opioid alternatives, pain management, and addiction treatment. The agreement commends the NIH Director for initiating a Public-Private Partnership to develop new medications to respond to the opioid crisis, but notes, however, that NIH has failed to identify additional funding within the NIH's budget for efforts to address the opioid crisis. Presently, NIDA allocates 15 percent of its annual budget to researching issues related to opioid addiction, arguably one of the greatest public health threats facing the nation today. While a significant improvement compared to previous years, in addition to the new opioid research funding provided by this agreement, NIH is strongly encouraged to explore opportunities for committing additional resources from the significant base funding included in the agreement for NIDA. It is understood that $141,000,000 in expiring grant awards will become available for new competing awards in fiscal year 2018.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES (NIMHD)

Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMIs).—The agreement continues to support the core mission of RCMIs to develop new investigators from under-represented communities and to conduct world-class biomedical research that emphasizes minority health and health disparities. The agreement expects the RCMIs to receive not less than $61,478,000, which is the fiscal year 2017 level plus the proportional share of the general increase provided to NIMHD.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR ADVANCING TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCES (NCATS)

Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program.—The bill provides $542,771,000, an increase of $26,651,000, for the CTSA program.— The agreement continues to support the program, a stabilization in the number of hubs funded, and a five year grant cycle.— The agreement acknowledges the positive changes made to the program in response to language included in the fiscal year—2018 Senate Report, including the increase in communication and collaboration with the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate.— The agreement expects the Director to provide quarterly updates to principal investigators of CTSA hubs beginning within 30—days of enactment of this Act and to continue the ongoing updates to the Committees.— Finally, the agreement expects written notification to continue to be provided to the Committees at least three days in advance of any public release of CTSA grant awards.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act.—The agreement continues bill language for specific funds authorized by the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act—(P.L.—114-255) within the Common Fund to support the fourth year of the 10-year Pediatric Research Initiative. The agreement requests an update in the fiscal year 2020 Congressional Justification on this effort as described in the House and Senate Reports.

Down Syndrome.—The agreement directs the NIH Director to develop a new trans-NIH initiative-involving, at a minimum, NICHD, NIA, and NCI-to study trisomy 21, with the aim of yielding scientific discoveries to improve the health and neurodevelopment of

individuals with Down syndrome and typical individuals at risk for Alzheimer's disease, cancer, cardiovascular disease, immune system dysregulation, and autism, among others.—This initiative shall bring together research results that will be available to academic researchers, nonprofit organizations, and industry researchers. Funding for this trans-NIH initiative will supplement, not supplant, existing NIH funding levels for Down syndrome research.— The agreement directs NIH to report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate within—180 days of enactment of this act on the structure, leadership, and key areas of focus for the new trans-NIH initiative for fiscal years 2018 through 2022.

Strategic Plan for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).—The agreement notes the release of the 2016 2017 Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) Strategic Plan for Autism Spectrum Disorder and encourages NIH to consider the IACC's recommendations regarding future research related to ASD.

Clinical Trials Definition.—The agreement appreciates efforts NIH has taken to increase transparency and improve oversight of its clinical trials and recognizes that the results of NIH-funded clinical trials have not always been reported in a timely manner, reducing the potential benefit from the findings. The agreement urges NIH to continue to address this problem through enhanced registration and reporting through ClinicalTrials.gov. There is concern, however, that in addressing this issue, many fundamental research studies involving human participants are being redefined as clinical trials without sufficient notification and consultation with this segment of the research community. Fundamental research is critical to the NIH mission and of value to the public, and there is concern that policy changes could have long-term, unintended consequences for this research, add unnecessary regulatory burdens, and substantially increase the number of studies in the clinicaltrials.gov database that are not clinical trials. For fiscal year 2018, the agreement directs NIH to delay enforcement of the new policy published in the Federal Register on September 21, 2017—including NIH's more expansive interpretation of ''interventions''—in relation to fundamental research projects involving humans. The new policy should go forward for research projects that would have been considered clinical trials under the prior policy. This delay is intended to provide NIH sufficient time to consult with the basic research community to determine the reporting standards best suited to this kind of research. The agreement directs NIH to provide the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a plan and schedule for soliciting comments and input from the research community within 30 days of enactment of this act, and brief the Committees on the results of these consultations and next steps by June 22, 2018.

Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD).—The agreement strongly encourages NIH maintain and expand a multi-site infrastructure and network of clinical sites to extend the study of genetic and sporadic FTD cohorts. By supporting research in this way, we may increase our knowledge of the natural history of the disease by building an infrastructure for biomarker discovery and clinical trials in defined FTD cohorts. A key component of this infrastructure includes support for a bioinformatics framework that will enable broad data sharing with the research community to advance disease modeling, and target and pathway discovery for therapeutic development. The agreement also recommends NIH prepare plans of action to increase research and treatment initiatives as they pertain to all forms of dementia, including challenges faced by those with younger onset and non-amnestic forms of the disease.

Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH).—The agreement recognizes the continuing importance of the ORWH, and the valuable role it plays in ensuring clinical and basic research accurately reflects the racial, ethnic, age, sex and gender diversity necessary to provide generalizable data on the safety and efficacy of new medical products and the applicability of NIH-funded research to all Americans. It is anticipated that funding for ORWH will be assigned the priority merited by the important mission it advances and reflect growth in the overall NIH budget.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)

The agreement encourages SAMHSA to include as eligible applicants in new funding opportunity announcements, States, political subdivisions of States, Indian tribes or tribal organizations, health facilities, or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or grant with the Indian Health Service, or other public or private nonprofit organizations. The agreement strongly encourages SAMHSA to exercise maximum flexibility when developing funding opportunity announcements to ensure that all eligible applicants may apply.

The agreement urges the Assistant Secretary to ensure that all training requirements specified by 21 U.S.C. 823(g)(2)(G)(ii)(IV) are meaningfully addressed.

MENTAL HEALTH

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.—The agreement includes $100,000,000 and directs SAMSHA to prioritize resources to entities within States that are part of the section 223(a) of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (P.L. 113–93) demonstration and to entities within States that were awarded planning grants. SAMHSA is encouraged to coordinate these resources with its efforts on substance use disorders. SAMHSA shall conduct an evaluation of the program and provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than 15 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

Children's Mental Health Services.—The agreement includes a new 10 percent set-aside for an early intervention demonstration program with persons not more than 25 years of age at clinical high risk of developing a first episode of psychosis. SAMHSA is directed to work with NIMH on the implementation of this set-aside.

Within the total provided for Mental Health Programs of Regional and National Significance (PRNS), the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Capacity:.	
Seclusion & Restraint	$1,147,000
Project Aware State Grants	71,001,000
Mental Health First Aid	19,963,000
Healthy Transitions	25,951,000
Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health	5,000,000
National Child Traumatic Stress Network	53,887,000
Children and Family Programs	7,229,000
Consumer and Family Network Grants	4,954,000
Mental Health System Transformation and Health Reform	3,779,000
Project LAUNCH	23,605,000
Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration	49,877,000
National Strategy for Suicide Prevention	11,000,000
Zero Suicide	9,000,000
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,000,000
Suicide Lifeline	7,198,000
Garrett Lee Smith—Youth Suicide Prevention—States	35,427,000
Garrett Lee Smith—Youth Suicide Prevention—Campus	6,488,000
American Indian and Alaskan Native Suicide Prevention Initiative	2,931,000
Homelessness Prevention Programs	30,696,000
Tribal Behavioral Grants	15,000,000
Minority AIDS	9,224,000
Criminal and Juvenile Justice Programs	4,269,000
Assisted Outpatient Treatment	15,000,000
Assertive Community Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness	5,000,000
Science and Service:.	
Garrett Lee Smith—Suicide Prevention Resource Center	5,988,000
Practice Improvement and Training	7,828,000
Primary/Behavioral Health Integration T.A.	1,991,000
Consumer & Consumer Support T.A. Centers	1,918,000
Minority Fellowship Program	8,059,000
Disaster Response	1,953,000
Homelessness	2,296,000

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health.—The agreement includes $5,000,000 for infant and early childhood mental health promotion, intervention, and treatment as authorized in section 10006 of the 21st Century Cures Act (P.L. 114–255).

Mental Health First Aid.—When SAMHSA issues new competitive funding opportunities, SAMHSA is directed to include as eligible grantees local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical units with a special emphasis on training for crisis de-escalation techniques. SAMHSA is also encouraged to prioritize training for veterans, armed services personnel, and their family members.

Project AWARE.—The agreement provides $71,000,000, an increase of $14,000,000 for Project AWARE, a program which raises awareness of mental health issues and connects young people experiencing behavioral health issues, as well as their families, with needed services. Of the amount provided for Project AWARE, the agreement provides not less than $10,000,000 for discretionary grants to support efforts in high-crime, high-poverty areas and, in particular, communities that are seeking to address relevant impacts and root causes of civil unrest. These grants should maintain the same focus as fiscal year 2017 grants. The agreement requests a report on progress of fiscal year 2017 grantees 180 days after the enactment of this Act.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

21st Century Cures.—The agreement notes concern that SAMHSA has restricted State's flexibility for addressing the opioid crisis by limiting the amount of funding that can be used for opioid prevention activities. The agreement recommends States be given flexibility within the existing grant program authorized in section 1003(b)(3) of the 21st Century Cures Act (P.L. 114–255) to direct resources in accordance with local needs. The agreement requests a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate on such plans and evaluation results available on this program, one year after enactment of this Act.

State Opioid Response Grants.—The agreement provides $1,000,000,000 in new funding for grants to States to address the opioid crisis. This funding is in addition to the $500,000,000 provided in the 21st Century Cures Act. Bill language provides $50,000,000 for grants to Indian tribes or tribal organizations. In addition, the agreement provides a 15 percent set-aside for States with the highest age-adjusted mortality rate related to opioid use disorders. The Assistant Secretary is encouraged to apply a weighted formula within the set-aside based on state ordinal ranking. The agreement urges the Assistant Secretary to ensure the formula avoids a significant cliff between States with similar mortality rates. SAMHSA shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a work plan of the proposed allocation of funds not later than 30 days prior to awarding grants.

In addition, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, SAMHSA

shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate that includes a description of the activities for which each State has received funding and the ultimate recipients of the funds provided to States. In addition, SAMHSA shall submit an evaluation of the program not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act. SAMHSA is directed to make the report and evaluation publicly available on SAMHSA's website.

National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Review.—Within the total for administration, technical assistance, and evaluation, provided to SAMHSA for the State Opioid Response Grants, the agreement includes $2,000,000 to charter a NAS review within 90 days of enactment of this Act. The NAS review will identify outcomes that are to be achieved by activities authorized in the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (P.L. 114–198) and the metrics by which the achievement of such outcomes shall be determined, as required by section 701 of such Act. The NAS study should report on the effectiveness of the programs in achieving their respective goals for preventing, treating, and supporting recovery from substance use disorders. The NAS study will result in the public availability of program level data and recommendations to Congress concerning the appropriate allocation of resources to such programs to ensure cost-effectiveness in the Federal government's response to the opioid addiction epidemic. It is expected that an interim report will be completed within three years after enactment of this Act, and a final report will be completed within five years after enactment of this Act.

Within the total provided for Substance Abuse Treatment Programs of Regional and National Significance, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Capacity:	
Opioid Treatment Programs/Regulatory Activities	$8,724,000
Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral, and Treatment	30,000,000
PHS Evaluation Funds	2,000,000
Targeted Capacity Expansion—General	95,192,000
Medication-Assisted Treatment for Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction	84,000,000
Pregnant & Postpartum Women	29,931,000
Building Communities of Recovery	5,000,000
Recovery Community Services Program	2,434,000
Children and Families	29,605,000
Treatment Systems for Homeless	36,386,000
Minority AIDS	65,570,000
Criminal Justice Activities	89,000,000
Drug Courts	70,000,00
Science and Service:	
Addiction Technology Transfer Centers	9,046,000
Minority Fellowship Program	4,539,000

Medication-Assisted Treatment for Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction.—The agreement provides $84,000,000 for the Medication-Assisted Treatment for Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction program. SAMHSA is directed to include as an allowable use medication-assisted treatment and other clinically appropriate services to achieve and maintain abstinence from all opioids and heroin. SAMHSA is directed to give preference in grant awards to treatment regimens that are less susceptible to diversion for illicit purposes. These grants should target States with the highest age adjusted rates of admissions, including those that have demonstrated a dramatic age adjusted increase in admissions for the treatment of opioid use disorders. Within the total, the agreement includes $5,000,000 for grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, or consortia.

Minority Fellowship Program.—With the $1,000,000 increase provided, the agreement directs SAMHSA to provide funding to grantees to develop and implement fellowships in psychology, addiction psychiatry, and addiction medicine with a specific focus in addressing the needs of individuals with substance use disorders.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

Within the total provided for Substance Abuse Prevention Programs of Regional and National Significance, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Capacity:	
Strategic Prevention Framework/Partnerships for Success	$119,484,000
Strategic Prevention Framework Rx	10,000,000
Grants to Prevent Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose	12,000,000
First Responder Training	36,000,000
Rural Set-aside	18,000,000
Improving Access to Overdose Treatment	1,000,000
Mandatory Drug Testing	4,894,000
Minority AIDS	41,205,000
Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking (STOP Act)	7,000,000
National Adult-Oriented Media Public Service Campaign	1,000,000
Community-based Coalition Enhancement Grants	5,000,000
Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking	1,000,000
Tribal Behavioral Health Grants	15,000,000
Science and Service:	
Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies	7,493,000
Science and Service Program Coordination	4,072,000
Minority Fellowship Program	71,000

The agreement directs all funding appropriated explicitly for substance abuse prevention purposes both in the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention's PRNS lines as well as the funding from the 20 percent prevention set-aside in the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant be used only for bona fide substance abuse prevention programs and not for any other purpose.

Federal Drug Free Workplace.—The agreement strongly encourages the Secretary to expeditiously produce the technical guidelines for the use of hair testing as a Federally-accepted drug testing method.

HEALTH SURVEILLANCE AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

Within the total provided for health surveillance and program support, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Health Surveillance	$47,258,000
PHS Evaluation Funds	30,428,000
Program Management	79,000,000
Performance and Quality Info. Systems	10,000,000
Drug Abuse Warning Network	10,000,000
Public Awareness and Support	13,000,000
Behavioral Health Workforce Data	1,000,000
PHS Evaluation Funds	1,000,000

AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY

HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY

The agreement provides $334,000,000 for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Within the total, the agreement includes the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Patient-Centered Health Research	$0
Prevention/Care Management	11,649,000
Health Information Technology (IT)	16,500,000
Health IT to Improve Quality	14,500,000
Patient Safety Research	70,276,000
Healthcare-Associated Infections Prevention	36,000,000
Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria	10,000,000
Healthcare Delivery Systems	10,000,000
Crosscutting Activities Related to Quality, Effectiveness, and Efficiency Research	94,284,000
Health Services Contract/IAA Research	14,000,000
Investigator-Initiated Research Grants	52,933,000
Medical Expenditure Panel Survey	69,991,000
Program Management	71,300,000

Health Services and Primary Care Research.—The agreement includes $1,000,000 within the total for Program Management to contract with an independent entity to study health services and primary care research supported by Federal agencies since fiscal year 2012. This study should identify research gaps and areas for consolidation, as well as propose strategies for better coordination of the Federal health services research enterprise. AHRQ shall provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate on the status of this study within one year of enactment of this Act.

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS)

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System.—The agreement notes that CMS recently finalized the payment rates under the Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System for calendar year 2018. CMS is directed to submit a report within 180 days of enactment of this Act to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Such report should include a detailed justification of the payment methodology for Interventional Pain Ambulatory Surgical Centers.

Assistive Technology.—The agreement encourages CMS to support efforts by State Medicaid programs to partner with State Assistive Technology Act Programs to develop and implement reutilization programs with a goal of containing Medicaid costs.

Cost Plans.—The agreement supports efforts that ensure beneficiaries enrolled in a Medicare Cost Plan subject to a transition in contract year 2019 are either deemed from the Cost Plan to one of its Medicare Advantage plans, seamlessly transitioned to a new Medicare Advantage plan, or transitioned to Medicare Fee-for-Service without disruption to care. The agreement requests the Secretary notify beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Cost Plans as of January 1, 2018, if their plan will not be available, and notify beneficiaries of available educational resources not later than June 1, 2018. The agreement requests CMS inform impacted beneficiaries of their coverage options for January 1, 2019, as early as practicable.

Durable Medical Equipment.—The agreement encourages CMS to promulgate the pending Interim Final Rule entitled ''Durable Medical Equipment Fee Schedule, Adjustments to Resume the Transitional 50/50 Blended Rates to Provide Relief in Non-Competitive Bidding Areas.''

Health Insurance Exchange Transparency.—The agreement continues to include bill language in section 220 that requires CMS to provide cost information for the following categories: Federal Payroll and Other Administrative Costs; Exchange-related Information Technology (IT); Non-IT Program Costs, including Health Plan Benefit and Rate Review, Exchange Oversight, Payment and Financial Management, Eligibility and Enrollment; Consumer Information and Outreach, including the Call Center, Navigator Grants and Consumer Education and Outreach; Exchange Quality Review; Small Business Health Options Program and Employer Activities; and Other Exchange Activities. Cost information should be provided for each fiscal year since the enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111–148). CMS is also required to include the estimated costs for fiscal year 2019.

Mental Health Providers.—The agreement is aware that Medicare beneficiaries have limited access to substance use disorder and mental health services, particularly in rural and underserved areas. The agreement notes

concern about the shortage of eligible mental health providers for the Medicare population and supports efforts to explore the expansion of the mental and behavioral health workforce.

Recovery Audit Contractors.—The agreement requests a briefing on the Recovery Audit Contractor program for the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

Risk Corridor Program.—The agreement continues bill language to prevent the CMS Program Management appropriation account from being used to support risk corridor payments. The agreement directs CMS to provide a report starting with plan year 2014 to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing the receipts and transfer of payments for this program.

Telehealth.—The agreement reaffirms the request under this heading in Senate Report 115–150 for a report within one year of enactment of this Act. The agreement directs the Administrator to consult with Telehealth Centers of Excellence and other relevant agencies and stakeholders.

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (ACF)

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The agreement includes an increase of $250,000,000 for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). LIHEAP provides critical assistance to help low-income households keep up with home energy costs, which is particularly valuable for geographic regions that experience extreme temperatures in the winter and summer months.

REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE

Refugee Support Services.—The agreement accepts the Administration's proposal to consolidate funding from Social Services, Preventive Health, and Targeted Assistance into Refugee Support Services. The agreement expects activities funded under these three lines in fiscal year 2017 to continue in fiscal year 2018 at the same funding level as fiscal year 2017.

Transitional and Medical Services.—The agreement provides a funding level consistent with the current estimates of eligible arrivals. The agreement affirms the expectations outlined in Senate Report 115–150, including ACF maintaining the number of months refugees are eligible for benefits.

Unaccompanied Children.—The agreement directs HHS to provide a joint briefing with the Departments of Homeland Security and State, within 45 days of enactment of this Act, to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The briefing should outline the Administration's current and planned policies that impact the resources needed for this program.

Victims of Trafficking.—The agreement includes $17,000,000 for services for foreign national victims and $6,755,000 to improve services available for U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents. Within the total of $23,755,000, the agreement includes $1,750,000 for the National Human Trafficking Hotline program, an increase of $250,000.

PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The agreement includes a $2,370,000,000 increase for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act. It is expected that this increase will support the full implementation of the CCDBG Act as reauthorized in 2014, including activities to improve the quality and safety of child care programs, increasing provider reimbursement rates, and ensuring health and safety standards are met. The Department should work with States to ensure they are fully in compliance with, and meeting the goals of, the CCDBG Act. Further, the Department should work with States to ensure they are aware of the availability of funds under current law to make minor improvements to facilities to bring them into compliance with health and safety requirements and improve professional development for the child care workforce. Finally, the Department should work with States to ensure they are meeting the needs of families with non-traditional work hours. The funding will also increase access to affordable, high-quality child care to more low-income, working families.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS

Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Infant Plans of Safe Care.—The agreement provides an increase of $60,000,000 for CAPTA State Grants. Within the increase, the agreement directs States to prioritize infant plans of safe care, including compliance with the requirements in section 106(b)(2)(B)(iii) of CAPTA. The incidence of neonatal abstinence syndrome has increased as the opioid crisis has worsened, and this funding is intended to help States improve their response to infants affected by substance use disorder and their families. The agreement also directs HHS to provide the necessary technical assistance, monitoring, and oversight to assist and evaluate State's activities on plans of safe care. The agreement requests an update on those activities in the fiscal year 2020 Congressional Justification.

Child Abuse Discretionary Activities.—The agreement notes the lack of knowledge regarding effective and appropriate text-based and chat-based intervention and education services for child abuse victims and concerned adults as these new communication channels increase in prevalence. Therefore, the agreement includes $1,000,000 for an extramural grant to develop and expand text and chat capabilities and protocols for a National child abuse hotline to determine best practices in appropriate communication, identity verification, privacy protection, and resource sharing with youth seeking assistance. In awarding the grant, ACF is directed to prioritize ability to coordinate with other hotlines administered by ACF.

Community Economic Development.—The agreement directs ACF to issue a funding opportunity announcement prioritizing applications from rural areas with high rates of poverty, unemployment, and substance abuse.

Early Head Start (EHS).—The agreement includes a $115,000,000 increase for Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnership Grants. The agreement directs ACF to continue to equally prioritize EHS Expansion and EHS–CC Partnerships, as determined by the needs of local communities, as done in previous grant competitions for this program. Within the total, the agreement includes a cost of living adjustment of $15,000,000 for existing grantees.

Head Start.—The agreement provides a full cost-of-living adjustment of $216,000,000 to Head Start grantees. The agreement also includes $260,000,000 for grantees to increase their program hours, in alignment with the requirement in the Head Start Program Performance Standards. In addition to supporting working families, research shows that extended duration of high-quality early learning services improves child learning and developmental outcomes.

Family Violence Prevention and Services.—The agreement includes a $9,000,000 increase and directs ACF to use $5,000,000 of that increase to supplement existing funding for Native American tribes and tribal organizations. The agreement recognizes the importance of providing supports that are culturally appropriate to the populations they serve.

Native American Programs.—The agreement includes $12,000,000 for Native American language preservation activities, including $3,000,000 for Generation Indigenous, and not less than $4,000,000 for language immersion programs authorized by section 803C(b)(7)(A)–(C) of the Native American Programs Act.

Runaway and Homeless Youth.—The agreement provides an increase of $8,300,000 for the Runaway and Homeless Youth program. The new funding should be provided to Transitional Living Program and Maternal Group Home grantees whose awards end on April 30, 2018 to continue services until new awards for those grantees are made or for grantees who did not get a new grant, a continuation grant to provide services until the end of fiscal year 2018. The new funding can only be used for additional new awards after funds have been set aside for completing extensions to ensure grantees awarded grants in fiscal year 2013 are able to operate through the end of fiscal year 2018.

Street Outreach Program.—The agreement acknowledges the value of geographic balance in providing resources to fight against youth homelessness and encourages ACF to award at least one grant in each of the 10 regions.

PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES

Kinship Navigator Programs.—As parents struggle with opioid addiction and substance use disorder, more grandparents and relatives are taking primary responsibility for the care of children. The agreement includes $20,000,000 to assist States and Indian tribes to develop and enhance kinship navigator programs. The new funding is provided to support changes to comply with upcoming requirements in the recently passed Family First Prevention Services Act, included as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (P.L. 115–123).

Regional Partnership Grants.—This agreement includes $20,000,000 for Regional Partnership Grants to fund community collaborations among substance abuse treatment, courts, and child welfare agencies to improve the lives of children and families affected by opioids and other substance use disorders.

ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING (ACL)

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

Aging Network Support Activities.—The agreement provides $12,461,000 for Aging Network Support Activities, of which $5,000,000 is for the Holocaust Survivor's Assistance program.

Alzheimer's Disease Program.—The agreement provides $23,500,000 for the Alzheimer's Disease Program, an increase of $4,000,000. The agreement accepts the Administration's proposal to streamline several Alzheimer's disease programs into one larger, more flexible program that will allow States, communities, nonprofits, and Indian tribes greater access to funding opportunities authorized under Title IV of the Older Americans Act. The agreement directs ACL to expand support for evidence-based interventions funded in fiscal year 2017 and to test cutting edge approaches that will serve persons with Alzheimer's disease, related dementias, and their family caregivers. The agreement notes that the National Institute on Aging will continue its Alzheimer's Disease Outreach Campaign and the agreement also provides funding for the National Alzheimer's Call Center under this heading.

Assistive Technology.—The agreement includes $2,000,000 for competitive grants as specified in House Report 115–244. In addition, the agreement encourages CMS to support efforts by State Medicaid programs to

partner with State Assistive Technology Act Programs to develop and implement reutilization programs with a goal of containing Medicaid costs.

Elder Rights Support Activities.—The agreement includes $15,874,000 for Elder Rights Support Activities, of which $12,000,000 is included for the Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services program.

Developmental Disabilities Projects of National Significance.—The agreement includes $12,000,000 for Developmental Disabilities Projects of National Significance. Of this amount, not less than $1,000,000 is to fund transportation assistance activities for older adults and persons with disabilities. The transportation activities should focus on the most cost-effective and sustainable strategies that can be replicated to other communities.

Independent Living.—The agreement provides $113,183,000 for the Independent Living program, of which $24,878,000 is for the Independent Living State Grants program and $88,305,000 is for the Centers for Independent Living program.

Paralysis Resource Center.—The agreement includes $7,700,000 for the National Paralysis Resource Center (PRC), an increase of $1,000,000. This program has long provided essential, comprehensive information, and referral services that promote independence and quality of life for the 5.4 million people living with paralysis and their families. The agreement directs ACL to continue support for the national PRC at not less than the fiscal year 2017 funding level.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

GENERAL DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Healthcare Costs of Illegal Immigration.—The agreement directs the Department to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate on available information regarding the costs borne by State and local governments for providing services to individuals without legal immigration status, including the Federal resources from the Department that are being used to assist States in fiscal year 2018 to cover these expenses.

Nonrecurring Expenses Fund.—In addition to funds directed in the CDC's Buildings and Facilities account to support the BSL-4 laboratory, the agreement directs the Secretary to prioritize obligations from resources in the Nonrecurring Expenses Fund for the following projects: CDC National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health facility, Indian Health Services facilities, NIH chillers, Food and Drug Administration laboratory renovations, HHS cybersecurity initiatives, and the Departmental Appeals Board case management system. Additionally, the agreement notes the number of notified projects that have not yet been completed. The agreement encourages the Secretary to complete outstanding projects in a timely manner and prior to directing funding to new projects.

Obligation Reports.—The agreement directs the Secretary to submit electronically to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate an Excel table detailing the obligations made in the most recent quarter for each office and activity funded under this appropriation not later than 30 days after the end of each quarter.

Staffing Reports.—The agreement directs the Secretary to submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a monthly Excel table listing the names, titles, grades, agencies, and divisions of all of the political appointees and special government employees, and detailees that were employed by or assigned within the Department during the previous month.

Technical Assistance.—The agreement reiterates the importance of the long-standing relationship between the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate (Committees) and the Department's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources (ASFR). As noted in Senate Report 115–150, the Committees have long relied on ASFR to facilitate the Committees' requests for legal and technical feedback that is not covered by a legitimate claim of privilege, as well as technical assistance to ensure the Committees' guidance is implemented as intended. The Committees expect that all technical assistance requests be dealt with in a manner that is consistent with past precedent, including timely answers that respond to any specific inquiries.

OFFICE OF MEDICARE HEARINGS AND APPEALS

The agreement directs the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals to provide quarterly reports to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate reflecting the total number of appeals filed, appeals pending, and appeals disposed of for all levels of the appeals process. The quarterly updates should include a breakout of Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) and non-RAC claims.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY FUND

The agreement includes a program level of $1,953,458,000 for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSSEF). This funding will support a comprehensive program to prepare for and respond to the health and medical consequences of all public health emergencies, including bioterrorism, and support the cybersecurity efforts of HHS.

The agreement commends the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) for the work ASPR has done to develop regional, coalition-based disaster medical response plans. The agreement encourages ASPR to work with States that have demonstrated success in creating statewide disaster healthcare systems to coordinate patient movement, evacuation and field emergency care, particularly in areas with high incidence of natural disasters, with the goal of establishing best practices and maximizing Federal resources.

Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP).—The agreement rejects the Administration's proposal to change the allocation formula that would leave 26 States and Territories without HPP funding.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Prevention and Public Health Fund.—The agreement reflects the allocation of the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH FUND

Agency	Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
ACL	Alzheimer's Disease Program	$14,700,000
ACL	Chronic Disease Self-Management	8,000,000
ACL	Falls Prevention	5,000,000
CDC	Breast Feeding Grants (Hospitals Promoting Breastfeeding).	8,000,000
CDC	Diabetes	52,275,000
CDC	Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grants	40,000,000
CDC	Healthcare Associated Infections	12,000,000
CDC	Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention Program	53,275,000
CDC	Million Hearts Program	4,000,000
CDC	Office of Smoking and Health	126,000,000
CDC	Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grants.	160,000,000
CDC	Section 317 Immunization Grants	324,350,000
CDC	Lead Poisoning Prevention	17,000,000
CDC	Early Care Collaboratives	4,000,000
SAMHSA	Garrett Lee Smith-Youth Suicide Prevention	12,000,000

The agreement includes a new provision related to indirect cost negotiated rates.

The agreement includes a new provision granting transfer authority for funds related to opioid research at NIH.

The agreement includes a new provision prohibiting Child Care and Development Block Grant funds from going to providers where a serious injury or death occurred due to a substantiated health or safety violation.

TITLE III

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION FOR THE DISADVANTAGED

Consultation on State Plans.—As State Educational Agencies work to finalize their plans for distributing their section 1003 funds, and continue to give priority to supporting Local Educational Agencies as required under section 1003(f) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), States must include assurances in their State plans as required under 1111(g)(2), including the assurance that the State educational agencies will ensure that local educational agencies, in developing and implementing programs under Title I, Part A, will, to the extent feasible, work in consultation with outside intermediary organizations (such as educational service agencies), or individuals, that have practical expertise in the development or use of evidence-based strategies and programs to improve teaching, learning, and schools.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Native Hawaiian Education Program.—The agreement includes $36,397,000 for the Native Hawaiian Education program, including $650,000 for the Native Hawaiian Education Council.

Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants.—One of the goals of the Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) grants program is to provide safe, healthy learning environments for students. The funding can be utilized for a wide range of uses, including to expand access to or coordinate resources for school-based mental health services and supports, which may include trauma-informed practices and school counseling; bullying prevention; and professional development for personnel in crisis management and school-based violence prevention strategies. The agreement provides $1,100,000,000, which is a $700,000,000 increase over fiscal year 2017, to make these flexible resources available to States, which can include assisting in protecting students and educators.

In addition to the language included in House Report 115–244 regarding SSAE grants and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, the agreement encourages the Department to especially support pre-kindergarten through grade 12 computer science education programs that address the enrollment and achievement gap for underrepresented students such as minorities, girls, and youth from families living at or below the poverty line.

INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT

Education Innovation and Research (EIR).—The agreement reiterates and applies language included under this heading in both House Report 115–244 and Senate Report 115–150 to funds provided in this Act.

In addition, within the total, the agreement includes $50,000,000 for innovative STEM education projects, including computer science education. The Department proposed in its fiscal year 2019 budget new bill language, not included in this agreement, that would allow the Secretary to devote all of these funds to STEM. This proposal will be considered as part of the fiscal year 2019 appropriations process.

The Department should coordinate with other Federal agencies that issue grants in this area, including the National Science Foundation, to avoid duplication and ensure activities funded under EIR build on the existing evidence base and provide a unique benefit to the field. The agreement also notes that a wide-range of formula and competitive grants at the Department of Education can also be used to support STEM education.

The agreement also encourages the Department to seek opportunities to collaborate with researchers from the fields of neuroscience, cognitive development, psychiatry, psychology, and education and human development, for the purposes of promoting research-based scientific interventions in the science of learning that improve academic outcomes for high-need, high-poverty students. The agreement also directs the Department to prioritize proposals that seek to

improve early learning and cognitive development outcomes among high-need, high-poverty students through neuroscience-based and scientifically validated interventions and meet the evidence requirements for this program established by ESSA.

Charter Schools Program.—The agreement modifies the language in Senate Report 115–150 to include up to $7,500,000 for developer grants to establish or expand charter schools in underserved, high-poverty, rural areas, as described therein.

Supporting Effective Educator Development.—In awarding grants under the Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED) program, the Secretary is directed to ensure that grants are distributed among a diverse set of eligible entities including National non-profit organizations implementing evidence-based activities (as defined in section 8101(21)(A)(i) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act) across a number of sites which can help bring to scale evidence-based programs of National significance across the country.

Additionally, the agreement supports funding for activities described under this heading in the explanatory statement accompanying Division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, regarding programs, which may include a consortia of programs operating in multiple States, to improve the academic preparation and college readiness, including the college-and-career pipeline, of rural youth.

Finally, within the SEED program, the agreement supports funding for innovative programs providing professional development for teachers in early childhood and early elementary school focused on social emotional learning, classroom and behavior management, and improving school climate, with the goal of improving the social and emotional well-being and academic performance of students.

Arts in Education.—The agreement includes funding to continue the Department's support for all grant programs funded within this program at not less than the fiscal year 2017 level. This includes $7,700,000, an increase of $1,000,000, for the National Arts in Education program, to continue the Department's support for National-level, high-quality arts education projects, which could include developing arts education data mapping tools to identify gaps in arts education across the country; developing and updating standards-aligned arts curriculum; professional development for special educators; and other high-quality projects for children and youth, with an emphasis on servicing students from low-income families and students with disabilities. The Department is also directed to provide more flexibility to Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination grantees by establishing more appropriate performance measures, such as access to standards-based arts education in high-needs schools and assessment of student knowledge and skills in the arts, for this grant activity.

SAFE SCHOOLS AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

National Activities.—The agreement includes $90,000,000, an increase of $22,000,000. These funds should be used to expand evidence-based programs to ensure safe learning environments for students and educators, including improving school climates, preventing violence in schools, and providing services in response to serious incidents.

Promise Neighborhoods.—The agreement reiterates language under this heading in Senate Report 115–150 except that it expects initial implementation continuation grants to be awarded as soon as possible, not later than June 1, 2018. In addition, the agreement specifies that not less than $12,000,000 shall be available for such extension grants in fiscal year 2018, with a minimum grant of not less than $3,000,000 per year.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Within the total for Technical Assistance and Dissemination the agreement includes $15,083,000 for education activities authorized under P.L.—108–406.

Seclusion and Restraint.—The agreement includes direction for the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a further study on data reported to the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights on the use of seclusion and restraints for all students at the school and district level on efforts to reduce the use of seclusion and restraint practices. There is concern that seclusion and restraint issues continue to be chronically underreported. In particular, GAO is encouraged to evaluate recommendations for improving data collection at any school, including any special education or alternative school, that serves students, ages 3–21. In fulfilling the requested study, the GAO should also include recommendations, including examples of best practices, of how schools are adopting effective alternatives to these practices and reducing the incidence of seclusion and restraint.

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Federal Work Study.—The agreement includes up to $9,625,000, an increase of $1,235,000, for the Work Colleges program authorized under section 448 of the Higher Education Act.

Pell Grants.—The agreement includes sufficient funding to increase the maximum award by $175 to $6,095 in academic year 2018–2019.

STUDENT AID ADMINISTRATION

Student Loan Servicing.—The agreement supports efforts to improve the Federal student aid application and servicing process to best serve students and student borrowers. However, there remains concern about specific elements of the Department's proposal to significantly revamp the Federal student loan servicing process. Accordingly, the agreement includes language, modified from Senate Report 115–150, preventing the Department from moving forward with specific components of their proposal and current solicitation unless they are modified to include certain elements to promote accountability, transparency, and competition, to better serve student borrowers and taxpayers. Nothing in this language should be interpreted as otherwise preventing the Department from modernizing the student loan servicing process, or the student and borrower experience; or improving the current performance-based student loan allocation process to strengthen incentives for servicers to provide high-quality service to borrowers.

The Department is directed to provide pursuant to the quarterly obligation plans reporting instructions in Senate Report 115–150 the following additional information: performance metrics, total loan volume, and number of accounts broken out by servicer and for each private collection agency. Further, the Department is directed to provide the requested briefing on the benefits for servicemembers and veterans directive in Senate Report 115–150 within 30 days of enactment of this Act.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Cybersecurity Education.—The growing presence of cybersecurity threats continues to highlight the need for quality cybersecurity education programs. The efforts of the nation's community colleges to expand cybersecurity education in lower-income student populations is commendable and important, but often those schools lack the resources to maintain state of the art programs. To address these needs, the agreement includes $1,000,000 for the Department of Education to establish a pilot grant program to support technological upgrades for community colleges for the purpose of supporting cybersecurity programs.

Federal TRIO Programs.—The agreement reiterates the language in Senate Report 115–150 regarding reviewing fiscal year 2017 applications with minor technical issues. Further, the agreement clarifies that minor technical issues includes applications with minor budget issues, and adds that the review should include applications under all fiscal year 2017 TRIO competitions.

GEAR UP.—The Department is directed to announce Notices Inviting Applications for New Awards for State Grants and Partnership Grants in the Federal Register. In such notice for State grants, the Department is directed to uphold the long-standing guidance that States may only administer one active State GEAR UP grant at a time. The Secretary is directed to provide written guidance in the Federal Register notifying applicants that only States without an active State GEAR UP grant, or States that have an active State GEAR UP grant that is scheduled to end prior to October 1, 2018, will be eligible to receive a new State GEAR UP award funded in whole or in part by this appropriation.

Open Textbooks Pilot.—The agreement includes $5,000,000 for a pilot, competitive grant program to support projects at institutions of higher education that create new open textbooks or expand their use in order to achieve savings for students while maintaining or improving instruction and student learning outcomes. The Secretary shall require that any open textbook created with program funds be licensed under a nonexclusive, irrevocable license to the public to exercise any of the rights under copyright conditioned only on the requirement that attribution be given as directed by the copyright owner. Further, the Secretary should give special consideration to projects at institutions of higher education that demonstrate the greatest potential to achieve the highest level of savings for students through sustainable, expanded use of open textbooks in postsecondary courses offered by the eligible entity and expand the use of open textbooks at institutions of higher education outside of the eligible entity.

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAPITAL FINANCING PROGRAM

The agreement includes new funding and provisions related to the deferment of outstanding loans for private historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs). It also includes a new provision regarding an outreach plan to help additional public HBCUs participate in the program.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Reorganization Plans.—The Department is directed to provide detailed information on any plans to reform or reorganize the Department to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate prior to beginning implementing any such plans. There remains concern that adequate information about and justification for its reorganization have not been transparently shared with Congress and stakeholders to be able to evaluate the changes being proposed, including the potential benefits or existing challenges they are meant to address.

Of particular concern is any attempt to reorganize or alter the current structure of the Budget Service office. The Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate rely on the quality and professional expertise of this office and are deeply concerned about proposed changes to its structure. Therefore, a provision is included in the agreement which would not allow funding to be used for the purpose of reorganizing or decentralizing the office.

The Budget Service office shall continue to have lead responsibility for: (1) developing and implementing the Department's budget; (2) formulating budget and related legislative policies for Department programs; (3) presenting the Department's budget and related policy proposals to the public and Congress; (4) establishing and maintaining a Department-wide performance-based budget formulation, execution, and management system; and (5) reviewing and analyzing Department program operations, including budget and policy implementation. The Budget Service office shall also continue to play a prominent role in reviewing, analyzing and estimating costs of regulations, analyzing policy, and overseeing the Department's management of its programs and administrative resources. There is strong concern that a decentralization of these functions will create inefficiencies.

Borrower Defense Claims Reporting.—The Department is directed to provide quarterly reports pursuant to the borrower defense claims reporting instructions in Senate Report 115–150 that also include the following additional information: the total and median dollar amount of outstanding debt from borrowers prior to discharge, the percentage of

the total approved claims receiving partial relief, and the median student loan debt remaining as part of claims receiving partial relief.

Office for Civil Rights.—The agreement includes $117,000,000 for the Office for Civil Rights (OCR). The OCR is directed in fiscal year 2018 to use this appropriation to increase its level of full time equivalent employment in order to effectively and timely investigate complaints; execute and report on the civil rights data collection; thoroughly monitor corrective actions of institutions and meet other critical workloads. Further, OCR is directed to maintain its 12 regional offices consistent with the organizational structure described in its fiscal year 2018 and 2019 Justification of Appropriation Estimates to the Congress.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The agreement includes a new general provision to exempt the Magnet Schools program from one long-standing general provision on transporting students. ESSA reauthorized the Magnet School program in 2015 and allowed funds to be used for transportation and this agreement should not impede the Magnet School program from doing so. The agreement notes that the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate should consider a longer term solution to this issue during the fiscal year 2019 appropriations process.

The agreement modifies a provision rescinding unobligated balances available for the Pell Grant program to offset the mandatory costs of increasing the maximum award.

The agreement includes a new provision to address a drafting error related to the reauthorization of the Impact Aid program.

The agreement includes a new provision clarifying availability of hurricane relief funding.

The agreement includes a new provision to clarify current law and allow for the continued sharing of financial data to scholarship granting organizations.

The agreement includes a new provision modifying existing authority relating to cohort default rates for a period of two years.

The agreement includes a new provision related to public service loan forgiveness.

The agreement includes a new provision regarding Pell eligibility for children of first responders who have died in the line of duty.

TITLE IV—RELATED AGENCIES

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS)

Innovation, Demonstration, and Other Activities.—The agreement includes $7,600,000 for innovation, demonstration, and assistance activities. Within the total, the agreement recommends $5,400,000 for the Volunteer Generation Fund. The agreement also includes a total of $2,200,000 for National Days of Service, to be equally allocated between the September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance and the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service, two important national events.

Commission Investment Fund (CIF).—The agreement includes not less than $8,500,000, an increase of $1,000,000 for CIF, which provides funds to State commissions for training and technical assistance activities to expand the capacity of current and potential AmeriCorps programs, particularly in underserved areas.

Reduced Full Time Service Positions.—The agreement includes a provision to allow CNCS to establish a new 1,200 hour service position, including a proportional reduction in the education award.

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Within the total for IMLS, the bill includes funds for the following activities in the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2018 Agreement
Library Services Technology Act:	
Grants to States	$160,803,000
Native American Library Services	5,063,000
National Leadership: Libraries	13,406,000
Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian	10,000,000
Museum Services Act:	
Museums for America	22,899,000
Native American/Hawaiian Museum Services	1,472,000
National Leadership: Museums	8,113,000
African American History and Culture Act:	
Museum Grants for African American History & Culture	2,231,000
Research, Analysis, and Data Collection	2,013,000
Program Administration	14,000,000
TOTAL	240,000,000

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

The agreement includes $10,000,000 for the implementation of information technology systems modernization efforts. Within 180 days of enactment of this Act, the Railroad Retirement Board is directed to submit a comprehensive update to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate on: project status, timelines to completion, and total cost of development.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA)

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Administrative Funding.—The agreement provides an increase of $480,000,000 for administrative expenses. Of this amount, bill language directs $280,000,000 to support SSA's information technology modernization initiative and directs $100,000,000, with extended availability, for processing the backlog of disability hearings within the Office of Hearings Operations.

Capability Determination Process Improvements.—The agreement notes the importance of SSA accurately evaluating an individual's ability to manage—or direct the management of—his or her Social Security benefits. However, a 2016 study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, entitled Informing Social Security's Process for Financial Capability Determination, raised concerns about SSA's capability determination process, and a 2015 internal SSA report found that most capability determination decisions are not adequately developed or documented. The agreement is encouraged by the steps SSA is taking to improve its capability determination process and requests a report not later than 60 days after the enactment of this Act on SSA's plans to evaluate the effects of these changes.

Disability Case Processing System (DCPS).—The agreement supports efforts to modernize the case processing systems used by State Disability Determination Service agencies, including the DCPS. The SSA is directed to take the necessary actions that would permit States the ability to select from all available options in the modernization of their case processing systems, so long as the selected option has similar or better functionality as DCPS without imposing costs that are higher than using DCPS. Such process must be in conformance with all Federal procurement rules and information technology security requirements. The agreement requests a detailed analysis in the fiscal year 2020 Congressional Justification on the actions SSA has taken to implement this request. The analysis should include a detailed description of any challenges or legal barriers to implementing any option to modernize the disability case processing system.

Field Offices.—The agreement is concerned that SSA may be reducing resources for field offices and expects SSA to continue to support frontline operations. In fiscal year 2017, SSA field offices served approximately 42 million visitors, a five percent increase over fiscal year 2015. The high volume of visitors, combined with factors such as complex workloads, shortened public operating hours, and staff shortages, have led to increased wait times in both field offices and the National 800 number. SSA is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate within 90 days of enactment of this Act outlining its plan for ensuring that field offices, hearing offices, processing centers, and teleservice centers are receiving sufficient resources to maintain at least the current level of constituent services.

Field Office Closures.—There is significant concern about decisions to close field offices that may not be in accordance with law, regulations, and SSA procedures. These critical decisions must comply with Federal law, regulations, and procedures to account for the impact such actions will have on the community. The agreement notes that SSA's Inspector General (IG) is reviewing decisions to close field offices, including whether SSA followed internal procedures in proposing consolidation, notifying the public, and considering feedback from public input. While the IG review is ongoing, the Acting Commissioner should not make any final decisions related to field office locations under review. Further, the agreement encourages SSA to carefully consider and fully implement any IG recommendations that may result from such review.

Report on Compassionate Allowances.—The agreement is concerned about SSA's process for identifying Compassionate Allowance (CAL) conditions. The GAO issued a report entitled SSA's Compassionate Allowance Initiative (GAO–17–625), which found that SSA did not have a formal or systematic approach for designating certain medical conditions for the CAL initiative. The agreement directs SSA to submit a report not later than 60 days after the enactment of this Act describing the steps that SSA is taking to identify and evaluate new CAL conditions and to improve the overall management of the process, including the regular review and use of available data to assess the accuracy and consistency of CAL decision-making.

Representative Payee Program.—The agreement recognizes the importance of providing oversight of the individuals and organizations serving as representative payees and that the current oversight structure needs improvement. The agreement supports efforts to institute a new, stronger system of oversight through the Federal-State Protection and Advocacy system. The SSA's current contractor has consistently underperformed and is not on track to meet the terms of the contract. In light of the concerns about the existing vendor's performance, the agreement believes it would be inappropriate for SSA to extend its current contract beyond its July 31, 2018 expiration date. Given continued concern over the administration of the program, SSA should expect further Congressional oversight of this situation throughout the coming year.

Ticket to Work Program.—The agreement recognizes that the purpose of the Ticket to Work Program is to provide the assistance disabled beneficiaries need to return to work. The agreement notes that a number of evaluations have been done on the Ticket to Work Program, including a 2016 SSA IG Report entitled ''The Ticket to Work Program'' (A–02–17–50203) and independent evaluations by Mathematica Policy Research. In lieu of language in Senate Report 115–150, the agreement directs GAO to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Finance of the Senate, and to make such report publicly available. The report shall address the following: the annual benefit savings associated with Tickets in use, the annual cost associated with the Ticket to Work Program (in excess of those that would be made under the SSA's traditional cost-reimbursement to vocational rehabilitation agencies, if the Ticket to Work program did not exist), how these costs and savings compare over time, and whether the Ticket to Work Program has led to increased earnings for beneficiaries and, if it is not possible to make such a determination, the options for a demonstration or study that would be necessary to make such a determination on earnings. Finally, GAO is directed to include any benefits from the Ticket to Work Program that are not captured by the above cost-savings analysis, whether those benefits are quantifiable, and to incorporate the views of beneficiary representatives and other stakeholders in this aspect of the report.

Vocational Experts.—The agreement notes that the Office of Hearing Operations (OHO) is developing a solicitation for a market-

based approach to acquiring contractors to provide vocational expert testimony. Prior to issuing a solicitation, the agreement requests a report on the market research used to assess the fair and reasonable rate for vocational experts. The report shall also include an assessment of how the market-based approach taken by SSA will ensure vocational experts contracted under the new procurement will have the training and experience to demonstrate a thorough understanding of the impact of impairments on functional abilities, labor market needs, and job placement strategies. The report should also include SSA's process for measuring contractor performance and contractor adherence to requirements on vocational expert qualifications.

Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) and Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS). The agreement includes $23,000,000 for WIPA and $7,000,000 for PABSS.

TITLE V

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The agreement includes language rescinding various unobligated balances.

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TITLE I--DEPARTMENT OF LABOR							
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION							
Training and Employment Services							
Grants to States:							
Adult Training, current year	D	103,556	102,370	133,556	+30,000	+31,186	FF
Advance from prior year	NA	(712,000)	(712,000)	(712,000)	---	---	
FY 2019	D	712,000	388,000	712,000	---	+324,000	
Subtotal		815,556	490,370	845,556	+30,000	+355,186	
Youth Training	D	873,416	523,667	903,416	+30,000	+379,749	FF
Dislocated Worker Assistance, current year	D	160,860	160,485	180,860	+20,000	+20,375	FF
Advance from prior year	NA	(860,000)	(860,000)	(860,000)	---	---	
FY 2019	D	860,000	455,000	860,000	---	+405,000	
Subtotal		1,020,860	615,485	1,040,860	+20,000	+425,375	
Subtotal, Grants to States		2,709,832	1,629,522	2,789,832	+80,000	+1,160,310	
Current Year		(1,137,832)	(786,522)	(1,217,832)	(+80,000)	(+431,310)	
FY 2019		(1,572,000)	(843,000)	(1,572,000)	---	(+729,000)	

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National Programs:							
Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve:							
Current year	D	20,859	87,000	20,859	---	-66,141	FF
Advance from prior year	NA	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	---	---	
FY 2019	D	200,000	30,000	200,000	---	+170,000	
Subtotal		220,859	117,000	220,859	---	+103,859	
Subtotal, Dislocated Worker Assistance		1,241,719	732,485	1,261,719	+20,000	+529,234	
Native American programs	D	50,000	49,905	54,000	+4,000	+4,095	FF
Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker programs	D	81,896	---	87,896	+6,000	+87,896	FF
YouthBuild activities	D	84,534	84,373	89,534	+5,000	+5,161	FF
Technical assistance	D	2,500	5,226	---	-2,500	-5,226	
Reintegration of Ex-Offenders	D	88,078	77,911	93,079	+5,001	+15,168	
Workforce Data Quality Initiative	D	6,000	---	6,000	---	+6,000	
Apprenticeship programs	D	95,000	89,829	145,000	+50,000	+55,171	
Total, National Programs		628,867	424,244	696,368	+67,501	+272,124	
Current Year		(428,867)	(394,244)	(496,368)	(+67,501)	(+102,124)	
FY 2019		(200,000)	(30,000)	(200,000)	---	(+170,000)	

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Total, Training and Employment Services (TES)...		3,338,699	2,053,766	3,486,200	+147,501	+1,432,434	
Current Year.....		(1,566,699)	(1,180,766)	(1,714,200)	(+147,501)	(+533,434)	
FY 2019.....		(1,772,000)	(873,000)	(1,772,000)	---	(+899,000)	
Job Corps							
Operations.....	D	1,587,325	1,341,318	1,603,325	+16,000	+262,007	FF
Construction, Rehabilitation and Acquisition.....	D	84,500	74,857	83,000	-1,500	+8,143	FF
Administration.....	D	32,330	32,269	32,330	---	+61	
Total, Job Corps.....		1,704,155	1,448,444	1,718,655	+14,500	+270,211	
Current Year.....		(1,704,155)	(1,448,444)	(1,718,655)	(+14,500)	(+270,211)	
Community Service Employment For Older Americans	D	400,000	---	400,000	---	+400,000	FF
Federal Unemployment Benefits and Allowances (indefinite).....	M	849,000	790,000	790,000	-59,000	---	

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State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service Operations							
Unemployment Compensation (UI):							
State Operations	TF	2,567,100	2,499,775	2,510,600	-56,500	+10,825	
Reemployment eligibility assessments--UI integrity	TF	115,000	130,000	120,000	+5,000	-10,000	
UI Integrity Center of Excellence	TF	5,500	6,000	9,000	+3,500	+3,000	
Subtotal, Unemployment Compensation		2,687,600	2,635,775	2,639,600	-48,000	+3,825	
Federal-State UI National Activities	TF	14,897	12,000	13,897	-1,000	+1,897	
Employment Service (ES):							
Grants to States:							
Federal Funds	D	21,413	21,372	21,413	---	+41	FF
Trust Funds	TF	650,000	394,516	645,000	-5,000	+250,484	FF
Subtotal, Grants to States		671,413	415,888	666,413	-5,000	+250,525	FF
ES National Activities	TF	19,818	19,780	19,818	---	+38	
Subtotal, Employment Service		691,231	435,668	686,231	-5,000	+250,563	
Federal Funds		(21,413)	(21,372)	(21,413)	---	(+41)	
Trust Funds		(669,818)	(414,296)	(664,818)	(-5,000)	(+250,522)	

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Foreign Labor Certifications and Related Activities:							
Federal Administration	TF	48,028	47,937	48,028	---	+91	
Grants to States	TF	14,282	14,255	14,282	---	+27	
Subtotal, Foreign Labor Certification		62,310	62,192	62,310	---	+118	
One-Stop Career Centers/Labor Market Information	D	67,653	67,524	62,653	-5,000	-4,871	FF
Total, State UI and ES		3,523,691	3,213,159	3,464,691	-59,000	+251,532	
Federal Funds		(89,066)	(88,896)	(84,066)	(-5,000)	(-4,830)	
Trust Funds		(3,434,625)	(3,124,263)	(3,380,625)	(-54,000)	(+256,362)	

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Program Administration						
Training and Employment	D	62,040	59,960	62,040	---	+2,080
Trust Funds	TF	8,639	8,623	8,639	---	+16
Employment Security	D	3,440	3,462	3,440	---	-22
Trust Funds	TF	39,264	39,189	39,264	---	+75
Apprenticeship Services	D	36,160	33,935	36,160	---	+2,225
Executive Direction	D	7,034	7,021	7,034	---	+13
Trust Funds	TF	2,079	2,075	2,079	---	+4
Total, Program Administration		158,656	154,265	158,656	---	+4,391
Federal Funds		(108,674)	(104,378)	(108,674)	---	(+4,296)
Trust Funds		(49,982)	(49,887)	(49,982)	---	(+95)
Total, Employment and Training Administration		9,974,201	7,659,634	10,018,202	+44,001	+2,358,568
Federal Funds		6,489,594	4,485,484	6,587,595	+98,001	+2,102,111
Current Year		(4,717,594)	(3,612,484)	(4,815,595)	(+98,001)	(+1,203,111)
FY 2019		(1,772,000)	(873,000)	(1,772,000)	---	(+899,000)
Trust Funds		3,484,607	3,174,150	3,430,607	-54,000	+256,457

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (EBSA)						
Salaries and Expenses						
Enforcement and Participant Assistance	D	147,400	---	147,400	---	+147,400
Policy and Compliance Assistance	D	26,901	---	26,901	---	+26,901
Executive Leadership, Program Oversight and Administration	D	6,699	---	6,699	---	+6,699
Employee benefits security programs	D	---	183,926	---	---	-183,926
Total, EBSA		181,000	183,926	181,000	---	-2,926
PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION (PBGC)						
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Fund						
Consolidated Administrative budget	NA	(519,506)	(522,917)	(424,417)	(-95,089)	(-98,500)
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION, Salaries and Expenses	D	227,500	230,068	227,500	---	-2,568
OFFICE OF LABOR-MANAGEMENT STANDARDS, Salaries and Expenses	D	38,187	46,634	40,187	+2,000	-6,447

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OFFICE OF FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS,						
Salaries and Expenses	D	104,476	88,000	103,476	-1,000	+15,476
OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAMS	D					
Salaries and Expenses	D	115,424	113,109	115,424	---	+2,315
Trust Funds	TF	2,177	2,173	2,177	---	+4
Total, Salaries and Expenses		117,601	115,282	117,601	---	+2,319
Federal Funds		(115,424)	(113,109)	(115,424)	---	(+2,315)
Trust Funds		(2,177)	(2,173)	(2,177)	---	(+4)
Special Benefits						
Federal Employees' Compensation Benefits	M	217,000	217,000	217,000	---	---
Longshore and Harbor Workers' Benefits	M	3,000	3,000	3,000	---	---
Total, Special Benefits		220,000	220,000	220,000	---	---

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Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners						
Benefit Payments	M	75,000	65,000	65,000	-10,000	---
Administration	M	5,319	5,319	5,319	---	---
Subtotal, FY 2018 program level		80,319	70,319	70,319	-10,000	---
Less funds advanced in prior year	M	-19,000	-16,000	-16,000	+3,000	---
Total, Current Year		61,319	54,319	54,319	-7,000	---
New advances, 1st quarter, FY 2019	M	16,000	15,000	15,000	-1,000	---
Total, Special Benefits for Disabled Coal Miners		77,319	69,319	69,319	-8,000	---
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Fund						
Administrative Expenses	M	59,846	59,846	59,846	---	---

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Black Lung Disability Trust Fund						
Benefit Payments and Interest on Advances	M	302,115	345,635	345,635	+43,520	---
Workers' Compensation Programs, Salaries and Expenses	M	38,246	38,246	38,246	---	---
Departmental Management, Salaries and Expenses	M	31,994	30,595	31,994	---	+1,399
Departmental Management, Inspector General	M	330	330	330	---	---
Subtotal, Black Lung Disability		372,685	414,806	416,205	+43,520	+1,399
Treasury Department Administrative Costs	M	356	356	356	---	---
Total, Black Lung Disability Trust Fund		373,041	415,162	416,561	+43,520	+1,399
Total, Workers' Compensation Programs		847,807	879,609	883,327	+35,520	+3,718
Federal Funds		845,630	877,436	881,150	+35,520	+3,714
Current year		(829,630)	(862,436)	(866,150)	(+36,520)	(+3,714)
FY 2019		(16,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(-1,000)	---
Trust Funds		2,177	2,173	2,177	---	+4

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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA)						
Salaries and Expenses						
Safety and Health Standards	D	18,000	18,176	18,000	---	-176
Federal Enforcement	D	208,000	207,465	208,000	---	+535
Whistleblower enforcement	D	17,500	17,383	17,500	---	+117
State Programs	D	100,850	100,658	100,850	---	+192
Technical Support	D	24,469	24,281	24,469	---	+188
Compliance Assistance:						
Federal Assistance	D	70,981	72,351	70,981	---	-1,370
State Consultation Grants	D	59,500	57,665	59,500	---	+1,835
Training Grants	D	10,537	---	10,537	---	+10,537
Subtotal, Compliance Assistance	D	141,018	130,016	141,018	---	+11,002
Safety and Health Statistics	D	32,900	34,326	32,900	---	-1,426
Executive Direction and Administration	D	10,050	10,952	10,050	---	-902
Total, OSHA		552,787	543,257	552,787	---	+9,530

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MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION						
Salaries and Expenses						
Coal Enforcement	D	160,000	157,026	160,000	---	+2,974
Metal/Non-Metal Enforcement	D	94,500	97,875	94,500	---	-3,375
Standards Development	D	4,500	5,460	4,500	---	-960
Assessments	D	6,627	7,457	6,627	---	-830
Educational Policy and Development	D	39,320	37,365	39,320	---	+1,955
Technical Support	D	35,041	34,330	35,041	---	+711
Program Evaluation and Information Resources (PEIR)	D	17,990	19,169	17,990	---	-1,179
Program Administration	D	15,838	16,490	15,838	---	-652
Total, Mine Safety and Health Administration		373,816	375,172	373,816	---	-1,356
Total, Worker Protection Agencies		1,595,367	1,582,339	1,596,367	+1,000	+14,028
Federal Funds		(1,593,190)	(1,580,166)	(1,594,190)	(+1,000)	(+14,024)
Trust Funds		(2,177)	(2,173)	(2,177)	---	(+4)

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BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS						
Salaries and Expenses						
Employment and Unemployment Statistics	D	208,000	203,878	209,000	+1,000	+5,122
Labor Market Information	TF	65,000	64,876	65,000	---	+124
Prices and Cost of Living	D	207,000	209,863	209,000	+2,000	-863
Compensation and Working Conditions	D	83,500	82,880	83,500	---	+620
Productivity and Technology	D	10,500	10,798	10,500	---	-298
Executive Direction and Staff Services	D	35,000	35,547	35,000	---	-547
Total, Bureau of Labor Statistics		609,000	607,842	612,000	+3,000	+4,158
Federal Funds		544,000	542,966	547,000	+3,000	+4,034
Trust Funds		65,000	64,876	65,000	---	+124
OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY						
Salaries and Expenses	D	38,203	27,203	38,203	---	+11,000

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DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT						
Salaries and Expenses						
Executive Direction	D	30,250	30,951	30,250	---	-701
Departmental Program Evaluation	D	8,040	8,025	8,040	---	+15
Legal Services	D	121,745	126,933	123,745	+2,000	-3,188
Trust Funds	TF	308	308	308	---	---
International Labor Affairs	D	86,125	18,500	86,125	---	+67,625
Administration and Management	D	28,834	23,496	23,534	-5,300	+38
Adjudication	D	35,000	31,939	35,000	---	+3,061
Women's Bureau	D	12,530	2,925	13,530	+1,000	+10,605
Civil Rights Activities	D	6,880	6,867	6,880	---	+13
Chief Financial Officer	D	5,132	9,914	10,432	+5,300	+518
Total, Departmental Management Salaries and expenses		334,844	259,858	337,844	+3,000	+77,986
Federal Funds		(334,536)	(259,550)	(337,536)	(+3,000)	(+77,986)
Trust Funds		(308)	(308)	(308)	---	---

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Veterans Employment and Training						
State Administration, Grants	TF	175,000	174,667	180,000	+5,000	+5,333
Transition Assistance Program	TF	14,600	16,073	19,500	+4,900	+3,427
Federal Administration	TF	41,027	40,410	42,127	+1,100	+1,717
National Veterans' Employment and Training Services Institute	TF	3,414	3,408	3,414	---	+6
Homeless Veterans Programs	D	45,000	45,037	50,000	+5,000	+4,963
Total, Veterans Employment and Training		279,041	279,595	295,041	+16,000	+15,446
Federal Funds		45,000	45,037	50,000	+5,000	+4,963
Trust Funds		234,041	234,558	245,041	+11,000	+10,483
IT Modernization						
Departmental support systems	D	4,898	4,889	4,889	-9	---
Infrastructure technology modernization	D	13,880	24,833	15,880	+2,000	-8,953
Total, IT Modernization		18,778	29,722	20,769	+1,991	-8,953

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Office of Inspector General						
Program Activities	D	82,061	80,487	83,487	+1,426	+3,000
Trust Funds	TF	5,660	5,649	5,660	---	+11
Total, Office of Inspector General		87,721	86,136	89,147	+1,426	+3,011
Total, Departmental Management		720,384	655,311	742,801	+22,417	+87,490
Federal Funds		480,375	414,796	491,792	+11,417	+76,996
Current Year		(480,375)	(414,796)	(491,792)	(+11,417)	(+76,996)
Trust Funds		240,009	240,515	251,009	+11,000	+10,494
Total, Workforce Investment Act Programs		5,042,854	3,502,210	5,204,855	+162,001	+1,702,645
Current Year		(3,270,854)	(2,629,210)	(3,432,855)	(+162,001)	(+803,645)
FY 2019		(1,772,000)	(873,000)	(1,772,000)	---	(+899,000)
Total, Title I, Department of Labor		13,667,361	11,296,656	13,773,299	+105,938	+2,476,643
Federal Funds		9,875,568	7,814,942	10,024,506	+148,938	+2,209,564
Current Year		(8,087,568)	(6,926,942)	(8,237,506)	(+149,938)	(+1,310,564)
FY 2019		(1,788,000)	(888,000)	(1,787,000)	(-1,000)	(+899,000)
Trust Funds		3,791,793	3,481,714	3,748,793	-43,000	+267,079

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TITLE II --DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES						
HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA)						
Primary Health Care						
Community Health Centers	D	1,490,522	1,488,587	1,625,522	+135,000	+136,935
Free Clinics Medical Malpractice	D	1,000	100	1,000	---	+900
Total, Primary Health Care		1,491,522	1,488,687	1,626,522	+135,000	+137,835
Health Workforce						
National Health Service Corps	D	---	---	105,000	+105,000	+105,000
Training for Diversity:						
Centers of Excellence	D	21,711	---	23,711	+2,000	+23,711
Health Careers Opportunity Program	D	14,189	---	14,189	---	+14,189
Faculty Loan Repayment	D	1,190	---	1,190	---	+1,190
Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students	D	45,970	---	48,970	+3,000	+48,970
Total, Training for Diversity		83,060	---	88,060	+5,000	+88,060

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Training in Primary Care Medicine	D	38,924	---	48,924	+10,000	+48,924
Oral Health Training	D	36,673	---	40,673	+4,000	+40,673
Interdisciplinary Community-Based Linkages:						
Area Health Education Centers	D	30,250	---	38,250	+8,000	+38,250
Geriatric Programs	D	38,737	---	40,737	+2,000	+40,737
Mental and Behavorial Health	D	9,916	---	36,916	+27,000	+36,916
Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training	D	50,000	---	75,000	+25,000	+75,000
Total, Interdisciplinary Community Linkages		128,903	---	190,903	+62,000	+190,903
Workforce Information and Analysis	D	4,663	4,654	5,663	+1,000	+1,009
Public Health and Preventive Medicine programs	D	17,000	---	17,000	---	+17,000
Nursing Programs:						
Advanced Education Nursing	D	64,581	---	74,581	+10,000	+74,581
Nurse Education, Practice, and Retention	D	39,913	---	41,913	+2,000	+41,913
Nursing Workforce Diversity	D	15,343	---	17,343	+2,000	+17,343
Nursing Corps Scholarship and Loan Repayment Program	D	83,135	82,977	87,135	+4,000	+4,158
Nursing Faculty Loan Program	D	26,500	---	28,500	+2,000	+28,500
Total, Nursing programs		229,472	82,977	249,472	+20,000	+166,495

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Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education.....	D	300,000	295,000	315,000	+15,000	+20,000
National Practitioner Data Bank.....	D	18,814	18,000	18,814	---	+814
User Fees.....	D	-18,814	-18,000	-18,814	---	-814
Total, Health Workforce.....		838,695	382,631	1,060,695	+222,000	+678,064
Maternal and Child Health						
Maternal and Child Health Block Grant.....	D	641,700	666,987	651,700	+10,000	-15,287
Sickle Cell Anemia Demonstration Program.....	D	4,455	---	4,455	---	+4,455
Autism and Other Developmental Disorders.....	D	47,099	---	49,099	+2,000	+49,099
Heritable Disorders.....	D	13,883	---	15,883	+2,000	+15,883
Healthy Start.....	D	103,500	128,303	110,500	+7,000	-17,803
Healthy Start Initiative (PL 114-254).....	D	15,000	---	---	-15,000	---
Universal Newborn Hearing Screening.....	D	17,818	---	17,818	---	+17,818
Emergency Medical Services for Children.....	D	20,162	---	22,334	+2,172	+22,334
Screening and treatment for maternal depression.....	D	---	---	5,000	+5,000	+5,000
Pediatric Mental Health Care Access	D	---	---	10,000	+10,000	+10,000
Total, Maternal and Child Health.....		863,617	795,290	886,789	+23,172	+91,499

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Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program						
Emergency Assistance	D	655,876	654,629	655,876	---	+1,247
Comprehensive Care Programs	D	1,315,005	1,312,505	1,315,005	---	+2,500
AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) (NA)	NA	(900,313)	(-898,602)	(900,313)	---	(+1,798,915)
Early Intervention Program	D	201,079	204,689	201,079	---	-3,610
Children, Youth, Women, and Families	D	75,088	75,088	75,088	---	---
AIDS Dental Services	D	13,122	13,097	13,122	---	+25
Education and Training Centers	D	33,611	---	33,611	---	+33,611
Special Projects of National Significance	D	25,000	---	25,000	---	+25,000
Total, Ryan White HIV/AIDS program		2,318,781	2,260,008	2,318,781	---	+58,773
Health Care Systems						
Organ Transplantation	D	23,549	23,504	25,549	+2,000	+2,045
National Cord Blood Inventory	D	12,266	11,245	15,266	+3,000	+4,021
CW Bill Young Cell Transplantation program	D	22,109	22,067	24,109	+2,000	+2,042
340B Drug Pricing program/Office of Pharmacy Affairs	D	10,238	10,219	10,238	---	+19
Poison Control	D	18,846	18,810	20,846	+2,000	+2,036
National Hansen's Disease Program	D	15,206	11,653	13,706	-1,500	+2,053
Hansen's Disease Program Buildings and Facilities	D	122	---	122	---	+122
Payment to Hawaii, Treatment of Hansen's	D	1,857	1,853	1,857	---	+4
Total, Health Care Systems		104,193	99,351	111,693	+7,500	+12,342

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Rural Health						
Rural Outreach Grants	D	65,500	50,811	71,500	+6,000	+20,689
Rural Health Research/Policy Development	D	9,351	5,000	9,351	---	+4,351
Rural Hospital Flexibility Grants	D	43,609	---	49,609	+6,000	+49,609
State Offices of Rural Health	D	10,000	---	10,000	---	+10,000
Black Lung Clinics	D	7,266	6,753	10,000	+2,734	+3,247
Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program	D	1,834	1,831	1,834	---	+3
Telehealth	D	18,500	10,000	23,500	+5,000	+13,500
Rural Communities Opioid Response	D	---	---	100,000	+100,000	+100,000
Rural Residency Program	D	---	---	15,000	+15,000	+15,000
Total, Rural Health		156,060	74,395	290,794	+134,734	+216,399
Family Planning	D	286,479	286,479	286,479	---	---
Program Management	D	154,000	151,993	155,000	+1,000	+3,007
Total, Health resources and services (HRS)		6,213,347	5,538,834	6,736,753	+523,406	+1,197,919
Vaccine Injury Compensation Program Trust Fund						
Post-FY 1988 Claims	M	240,000	268,000	268,000	+28,000	---
HRSA Administrative expenses	TF	7,750	9,200	9,200	+1,450	---
Total, Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund		247,750	277,200	277,200	+29,450	---
Total, Health Resources and Services Administration		6,461,097	5,816,034	7,013,953	+552,856	+1,197,919

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CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION						
Immunization and Respiratory Diseases	D	455,000	497,228	474,055	+19,055	-23,173
Pandemic Flu balances (Public Law 111-32)	NA	(15,000)	---	---	(-15,000)	---
Prevention and Public Health Fund 1/	NA	(324,350)	(203,600)	(324,350)	---	(+120,750)
Subtotal		(794,350)	(700,828)	(798,405)	(+4,055)	(+97,577)
HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Tuberculosis Prevention	D	1,117,278	934,000	1,127,278	+10,000	+193,278
Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases	D	532,922	377,000	562,572	+29,650	+185,572
Prevention and Public Health Fund 1/	NA	(52,000)	(137,000)	(52,000)	---	(-85,000)
Subtotal		584,922	514,000	614,572	+29,650	+100,572
Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	D	777,646	452,250	915,346	+137,700	+463,096
Prevention and Public Health Fund 1/	NA	(337,950)	(500,000)	(247,550)	(-90,400)	(-252,450)
Subtotal		1,115,596	952,250	1,162,896	+47,300	+210,646

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Birth Defects, Developmental Disabilities, Disabilities and Health	D	137,560	100,000	140,560	+3,000	+40,560
Subtotal	NA	137,560	100,000	140,560	+3,000	+40,560
Public Health Scientific Services	D	489,397	317,032	490,397	+1,000	+173,365
Evaluation Tap Funding	NA	---	(142,968)	---	---	(-142,968)
Subtotal		(489,397)	(460,000)	(490,397)	(+1,000)	(+30,397)
Environmental Health	D	163,750	157,000	188,750	+25,000	+31,750
Childhood lead poisoning prevention (PL 114-254)	D	35,000	---	---	-35,000	---
Prevention and Public Health Fund 1/	NA	(17,000)	---	(17,000)	---	(+17,000)
Subtotal		215,750	157,000	205,750	-10,000	+48,750
Injury Prevention and Control	D	286,059	216,165	648,559	+362,500	+432,394
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health	D	335,200	200,000	335,200	---	+135,200
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program	M	55,358	55,358	55,358	---	---

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Global Health	D	435,121	350,000	488,621	+53,500	+138,621
Public Health Preparedness and Response	D	1,405,000	1,266,000	1,450,000	+45,000	+184,000
Buildings and Facilities	D	10,000	20,000	270,000	+260,000	+250,000
Transfers from Nonrecurring Expenses Fund	NA	---	---	(240,000)	(+240,000)	(+240,000)
Subtotal		10,000	20,000	510,000	+500,000	+490,000
CDC-Wide Activities and Program Support						
Prevention and Public Health Fund 1/	NA	(160,000)	---	(160,000)	---	(+160,000)
Office of the Director	D	113,570	105,000	113,570	---	+8,570
Subtotal, CDC-Wide Activities		(273,570)	(105,000)	(273,570)	---	(+168,570)
Total, Centers for Disease Control		6,348,861	5,047,033	7,260,266	+911,405	+2,213,233
Discretionary		6,293,503	4,991,675	7,204,908	+911,405	+2,213,233
Evaluation Tap Funding (NA)	NA	---	(142,968)	---	---	(-142,968)
Pandemic Flu balances (Public Law 111-32)	NA	(15,000)	---	---	(-15,000)	---
Prevention and Public Health Fund 1/	NA	(891,300)	(840,600)	(800,900)	(-90,400)	(-39,700)
Transfers from Nonrecurring Expenses Fund	NA	---	---	(240,000)	(+240,000)	(+240,000)
Total, Centers for Disease Control Program Level		(7,255,161)	(6,030,601)	(8,301,166)	(+1,046,005)	(+2,270,565)

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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH						
National Cancer Institute	D	5,389,329	4,174,222	5,664,800	+275,471	+1,490,578
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute	D	3,206,589	2,534,803	3,383,201	+176,612	+848,398
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research	D	425,751	320,749	447,735	+21,984	+126,986
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)	D	1,870,595	1,449,534	1,970,797	+100,202	+521,263
Juvenile Diabetes (mandatory)	NA	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	---	---
Subtotal, NIDDK program level		2,020,595	1,599,534	2,120,797	+100,202	+521,263
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke	D	1,783,654	1,312,998	2,145,149	+361,495	+832,151
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases	D	4,906,638	3,782,670	5,260,210	+353,572	+1,477,540
National Institute of General Medical Sciences	D	1,826,395	1,405,509	1,862,529	+36,134	+457,020
Evaluation Tap Funding	NA	(824,443)	(780,000)	(922,871)	(+98,428)	(+142,871)
Subtotal, NGMS program level		2,650,838	2,185,509	2,785,400	+134,562	+599,891

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Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development	D	1,380,295	1,032,029	1,452,006	+71,711	+419,977
National Eye Institute	D	732,618	549,847	772,317	+39,699	+222,470
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences	D	714,261	533,537	751,143	+36,882	+217,606
National Institute on Aging	D	2,048,610	1,303,541	2,574,091	+525,481	+1,270,550
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases	D	557,851	417,898	586,661	+28,810	+168,763
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders	D	436,875	325,846	459,974	+23,099	+134,128
National Institute of Nursing Research	D	150,273	113,688	158,033	+7,760	+44,345
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	D	483,363	361,356	509,573	+26,210	+148,217
National Institute on Drug Abuse	D	1,090,853	864,998	1,383,603	+292,750	+518,605
National Institute of Mental Health	D	1,601,931	1,201,901	1,711,775	+109,844	+509,874
National Human Genome Research Institute	D	528,566	399,622	556,881	+28,315	+157,259
National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering	D	357,080	282,614	377,871	+20,791	+95,257
National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health	D	134,689	101,793	142,184	+7,495	+40,391
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities	D	289,069	214,723	303,200	+14,131	+88,477

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John E. Fogarty International Center	D	72,213	---	75,733	+3,520	+75,733
National Library of Medicine (NLM)	D	407,510	373,258	428,553	+21,043	+55,295
National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences	D	705,903	557,373	742,354	+36,451	+184,981
National Institute for Research on Safety and Quality3/	D	---	272,000	---	---	-272,000
Office of the Director	D	1,665,183	1,329,833	1,803,293	+138,110	+473,460
Common Fund (non-add)	NA	(682,856)	(441,823)	(588,116)	(-94,740)	(+146,293)
Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act (Common Fund add)	D	12,600	12,600	12,600	---	---
NIH Innovation Account, CURES Act2/	D	352,000	496,000	496,000	+144,000	---
Buildings and Facilities	D	128,863	98,615	128,863	---	+30,248
Total, National Institutes of Health (NIH)		33,259,557	25,823,557	36,161,129	+2,901,572	+10,337,572
(Evaluation Tap Funding)		(824,443)	(780,000)	(922,871)	(+98,428)	(+142,871)
Total, NIH Program Level		(34,084,000)	(26,603,557)	(37,084,000)	(+3,000,000)	(+10,480,443)

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)						
Mental Health						
Programs of Regional and National Significance	D	386,659	277,419	426,659	+40,000	+149,240
Prevention and Public Health Fund 1/	NA	(12,000)	---	(12,000)	---	(+12,000)
Subtotal		398,659	277,419	438,659	+40,000	+161,240
Mental Health block grant	D	541,532	400,000	701,532	+160,000	+301,532
Evaluation Tap Funding	NA	(21,039)	(15,539)	(21,039)	---	(+5,500)
Subtotal		(562,571)	(415,539)	(722,571)	(+160,000)	(+307,032)
Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics	D	---	---	100,000	+100,000	+100,000
Children's Mental Health	D	119,026	118,800	125,000	+5,974	+6,200
Grants to States for the Homeless (PATH)	D	64,635	64,512	64,635	---	+123
Protection and Advocacy	D	36,146	36,077	36,146	---	+69
Subtotal, Mental Health		1,147,998	896,808	1,453,972	+305,974	+557,164
(Evaluation Tap Funding)		(21,039)	(15,539)	(21,039)	---	(+5,500)
(Prevention and Public Health Fund 1/)		(12,000)	---	(12,000)	---	(+12,000)
Subtotal, Mental Health program level		(1,181,037)	(912,347)	(1,487,011)	(+305,974)	(+574,664)

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Substance Abuse Treatment						
Programs of Regional and National Significance.....	D	352,427	339,738	403,427	+51,000	+63,689
Evaluation Tap Funding.....	NA	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	---	---
Subtotal.....		(354,427)	(341,738)	(405,427)	(+51,000)	(+63,689)
Substance Abuse block grant.....	D	1,778,879	1,775,497	1,778,879	---	+3,382
Evaluation Tap Funding.....	NA	(79,200)	(79,200)	(79,200)	---	---
Subtotal. block grant.....		(1,858,079)	(1,854,697)	(1,858,079)	---	(+3,382)
State Opioid Response grants.....	D	---	---	1,000,000	+1,000,000	+1,000,000
Subtotal, Substance Abuse Treatment.....		2,131,306	2,115,235	3,182,306	+1,051,000	+1,067,071
(Evaluation Tap Funding).....		(81,200)	(81,200)	(81,200)	---	---
Subtotal, Program level.....		(2,212,506)	(2,196,435)	(3,263,506)	(+1,051,000)	(+1,067,071)

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Substance Abuse Prevention						
Programs of Regional and National Significance.....	D	223,219	149,703	248,219	+25,000	+98,516
Health Surveillance and Program Support	D	116,830	108,922	128,830	+12,000	+19,908
Evaluation Tap Funding (NA).....	NA	(31,428)	(23,426)	(31,428)	---	(+8,002)
Subtotal.....		148,258	132,348	160,258	+12,000	+27,910
Total, SAMHSA.....		3,619,353	3,270,668	5,013,327	+1,393,974	+1,742,659
(Evaluation Tap Funding).....		(133,667)	(120,165)	(133,667)	---	(+13,502)
(Prevention and Public Health Fund 1/).....		(12,000)	---	(12,000)	---	(+12,000)
Total, SAMHSA Program Level.....		(3,765,020)	(3,390,833)	(5,158,994)	(+1,393,974)	(+1,768,161)

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AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY (AHRQ)3/						
Healthcare Research and Quality						
Research on Health Costs, Quality, and Outcomes:						
Federal Funds	D	187,156	---	197,156	+10,000	+197,156
Medical Expenditures Panel Surveys:						
Federal Funds	D	66,000	---	66,000	---	+66,000
Program Support:						
Federal Funds	D	70,844	---	70,844	---	+70,844
Total, AHRQ (Federal funds)3/		324,000	---	334,000	+10,000	+334,000
Total, Public Health Service (PHS) appropriation		50,012,868	39,957,292	55,782,675	+5,769,807	+15,825,383
Total, Public Health Service Program Level		(51,889,278)	(41,841,025)	(57,892,113)	(+6,002,835)	(+16,051,088)

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CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES						
Grants to States for Medicaid						
Medicaid Current Law Benefits	M	354,223,901	384,608,394	384,608,394	+30,384,493	---
State and Local Administration	M	18,975,984	20,811,084	20,811,084	+1,835,100	---
Vaccines for Children	M	4,386,584	4,598,358	4,598,358	+211,774	---
Subtotal, Medicaid Program Level		377,586,469	410,017,836	410,017,836	+32,431,367	---
Less funds advanced in prior year	M	-115,582,502	-125,219,452	-125,219,452	-9,636,950	---
Total, Grants to States for Medicaid		262,003,967	284,798,384	284,798,384	+22,794,417	---
New advance, 1st quarter, FY 2019	M	125,219,452	134,847,759	134,847,759	+9,628,307	---
Payments to Health Care Trust Funds						
Supplemental Medical Insurance	M	214,944,000	245,396,000	245,396,000	+30,452,000	---
Federal Uninsured Payment	M	147,000	132,000	132,000	-15,000	---
Program Management	M	877,500	1,104,000	1,104,000	+226,500	---
General Revenue for Part D Benefit	M	82,512,000	76,133,000	76,133,000	-6,379,000	---
General Revenue for Part D Administration	M	405,000	422,000	422,000	+17,000	---
HCFAC Reimbursement	M	299,000	307,000	307,000	+8,000	---
State Low-Income Determination for Part D	M	3,200	3,300	3,300	+100	---
Total, Payments to Trust Funds, Program Level		299,187,700	323,497,300	323,497,300	+24,309,600	---

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Program Management						
Research, Demonstration, Evaluation	TF	20,054	18,054	20,054	---	+2,000
Program Operations	TF	2,519,823	2,441,274	2,519,823	---	+78,549
State Survey and Certification	TF	397,334	406,135	397,334	---	-8,801
Federal Administration	TF	732,533	722,533	732,533	---	+10,000
Total, Program management		3,669,744	3,587,996	3,669,744	---	+81,748
Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Account						
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	TF	486,936	536,145	500,368	+13,432	-35,777
HHS Office of Inspector General	TF	82,132	74,246	84,398	+2,266	+10,152
Medicaid/CHIP	TF	82,132	74,246	84,398	+2,266	+10,152
Department of Justice	TF	73,800	66,363	75,836	+2,036	+9,473
Total, Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control		725,000	751,000	745,000	+20,000	-6,000
Total, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services		690,805,863	747,482,439	747,558,187	+56,752,324	+75,748
Federal funds		686,411,119	743,143,443	743,143,443	+56,732,324	---
Current year		(561,191,667)	(608,295,684)	(608,295,684)	(+47,104,017)	---
New advance, FY 2019		(125,219,452)	(134,847,759)	(134,847,759)	(+9,628,307)	---
Trust Funds		4,394,744	4,338,996	4,414,744	+20,000	+75,748

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ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (ACF)						
Payments to States for Child Support Enforcement and Family Support Programs						
Payments to Territories	M	33,000	33,000	33,000	---	---
Repatriation	M	1,000	1,000	1,000	---	---
Subtotal		34,000	34,000	34,000	---	---
Child Support Enforcement:						
State and Local Administration	M	3,680,840	3,763,200	3,763,200	+82,360	---
Federal Incentive Payments	M	585,791	588,200	588,200	+2,409	---
Access and Visitation	M	10,000	10,000	10,000	---	---
Subtotal, Child Support Enforcement		4,276,631	4,361,400	4,361,400	+84,769	---
Total, Family Support Payments Program Level		4,310,631	4,395,400	4,395,400	+84,769	---
Less funds advanced in previous years	M	-1,300,000	-1,400,000	-1,400,000	-100,000	---
Total, Family Support Payments, current year		3,010,631	2,995,400	2,995,400	-15,231	---
New advance, 1st quarter, FY 2019	M	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	---	---

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Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)						
Formula Grants	D	3,390,304	---	3,640,304	+250,000	+3,640,304
Refugee and Entrant Assistance						
Transitional and Medical Services	D	490,000	320,000	320,000	-170,000	---
Refugee Support Services	D	---	159,321	207,201	+207,201	+47,880
Victims of Trafficking	D	18,755	18,719	23,755	+5,000	+5,036
Social Services	D	155,000	---	---	-155,000	---
Preventive Health	D	4,600	---	---	-4,600	---
Targeted Assistance	D	47,601	---	---	-47,601	---
Unaccompanied Minors	D	948,000	948,000	1,303,245	+355,245	+355,245
Victims of Torture	D	10,735	10,715	10,735	---	+20
Total, Refugee and Entrant Assistance		1,674,691	1,456,755	1,864,936	+190,245	+408,181

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Payments to States for the Child Care and Development Block Grant	D	2,856,000	2,761,000	5,226,000	+2,370,000	+2,465,000
Social Services Block Grant (Title XX)	M	1,700,000	---	1,700,000	---	+1,700,000
Children and Families Services Programs						
Programs for Children, Youth and Families:						
Head Start, current funded	D	9,253,095	9,168,095	9,863,095	+610,000	+695,000
Preschool Development Grants	D	250,000	---	250,000	---	+250,000
Consolidated Runaway, Homeless Youth Program	D	101,980	101,786	110,280	+8,300	+8,494
Prevention Grants to Reduce Abuse of Runaway Youth	D	17,141	17,108	17,141	---	+33
Child Abuse State Grants	D	25,310	25,262	85,310	+60,000	+60,048
Child Abuse Discretionary Activities	D	33,000	32,937	33,000	---	+63
Community Based Child Abuse Prevention	D	39,764	39,688	39,764	---	+76
Child Welfare Services	D	268,735	268,224	268,735	---	+511
Child Welfare Training, Research, or Demonstration projects	D	17,984	17,950	17,984	---	+34
Adoption Opportunities	D	39,100	30,072	39,100	---	+9,028
Infant Adoption Awareness Training Program	D	---	---	---	---	---
Adoption Incentive grants	D	37,943	37,871	75,000	+37,057	+37,129

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Social Services and Income Maintenance Research.....	D	6,512	6,500	6,512	---	+12
Native American Programs.....	D	52,050	49,905	54,050	+2,000	+4,145
Community Services:						
Community Services Block Grant Act programs:						
Grants to States for Community Services.....	D	715,000	---	715,000	---	+715,000
Economic Development.....	D	19,883	---	19,883	---	+19,883
Rural Community Facilities.....	D	7,500	---	8,000	+500	+8,000
Subtotal, Community Services.....		742,383	---	742,883	+500	+742,883
Domestic Violence Hotline.....	D	8,250	8,250	9,250	+1,000	+1,000
Family Violence/Battered Women's Shelters.....	D	151,000	151,000	160,000	+9,000	+9,000
Chafee Education and Training Vouchers.....	D	43,257	43,175	43,257	---	+82
Disaster Human Services Case Management.....	D	1,864	1,860	1,864	---	+4
Program Direction.....	D	205,000	204,610	205,000	---	+390
Total, Children and Families Services Programs..		11,294,368	10,204,293	12,022,225	+727,857	+1,817,932

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Promoting Safe and Stable Families	M	325,000	345,000	345,000	+20,000	---
Discretionary Funds	D	59,765	59,651	99,765	+40,000	+40,114
Total, Promoting Safe and Stable Families		384,765	404,651	444,765	+60,000	+40,114
Payments for Foster Care and Permanency						
Foster Care	M	4,992,000	5,537,000	5,537,000	+545,000	---
Adoption Assistance	M	2,780,000	2,867,000	2,867,000	+87,000	---
Guardianship	M	152,000	181,000	181,000	+29,000	---
Independent Living	M	140,000	140,000	140,000	---	---
Total, Payments to States		8,064,000	8,725,000	8,725,000	+661,000	---
Less Advances from Prior Year	M	-2,300,000	-2,500,000	-2,500,000	-200,000	---
Total, payments, current year		5,764,000	6,225,000	6,225,000	+461,000	---
New Advance, 1st quarter, FY 2019	M	2,500,000	2,700,000	2,700,000	+200,000	---
Total, ACF		33,974,759	28,147,099	38,218,630	+4,243,871	+10,071,531
Current year		(30,074,759)	(24,047,099)	(34,118,630)	(+4,043,871)	(+10,071,531)
FY 2019		(3,900,000)	(4,100,000)	(4,100,000)	(+200,000)	---
Total, ACF Program Level		33,974,759	28,147,099	38,218,630	+4,243,871	+10,071,531

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ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING						
Aging and Disability Services Programs						
Grants to States:						
Home and Community-based Supportive Services.....	D	350,224	347,063	385,074	+34,850	+38,011
Preventive Health.....	D	19,848	19,810	24,848	+5,000	+5,038
Protection of Vulnerable Older Americans-Title VII	D	20,658	20,619	21,658	+1,000	+1,039
Subtotal.....		390,730	387,492	431,580	+40,850	+44,088
Family Caregivers.....	D	150,586	150,300	180,586	+30,000	+30,286
Native American Caregivers Support.....	D	7,556	7,517	9,556	+2,000	+2,039
Subtotal, Caregivers.....		158,142	157,817	190,142	+32,000	+32,325
Nutrition:						
Congregate Meals.....	D	450,342	447,490	490,342	+40,000	+42,852
Home Delivered Meals.....	D	227,342	225,912	246,342	+19,000	+20,430
Nutrition Services Incentive Program.....	D	160,069	159,765	160,069	---	+304
Subtotal.....		837,753	833,167	896,753	+59,000	+63,586
Subtotal, Grants to States.....		1,386,625	1,378,476	1,518,475	+131,850	+139,999

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Grants for Native Americans	D	31,208	31,099	33,208	+2,000	+2,109
Aging Network Support Activities	D	9,961	9,942	12,461	+2,500	+2,519
Alzheimer's Disease Demonstrations	D	4,800	19,490	8,800	+4,000	-10,690
Prevention and Public Health Fund 1/	NA	(14,700)	---	(14,700)	---	(+14,700)
Lifespan Respite Care	D	3,360	3,354	4,110	+750	+756
Chronic Disease Self-Management Program	D	---	5,000	---	---	-5,000
Prevention and Public Health Fund 1/	NA	(8,000)	---	(8,000)	---	(+8,000)
Elder Falls Prevention	D	---	5,000	---	---	-5,000
Prevention and Public Health Fund 1/	NA	(5,000)	---	(5,000)	---	(+5,000)
Elder Rights Support Activities	D	13,874	11,851	15,874	+2,000	+4,023
Aging and Disability Resources	D	6,119	6,107	8,119	+2,000	+2,012
State Health Insurance Program	TF	47,115	---	49,115	+2,000	+49,115
Paralysis Resource Center	D	6,700	---	7,700	+1,000	+7,700
Limb loss	D	2,500	---	3,500	+1,000	+3,500
Traumatic Brain Injury	D	9,321	3,162	11,321	+2,000	+8,159

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Developmental Disabilities Programs:						
Partnerships for Innovation, Inclusion, and Independence	D	---	45,000	---	---	-45,000
State Councils	D	73,000	---	76,000	+3,000	+76,000
Protection and Advocacy	D	38,734	38,660	40,734	+2,000	+2,074
Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities	D	4,963	4,954	6,963	+2,000	+2,009
Developmental Disabilities Projects of National Significance	D	10,000	7,600	12,000	+2,000	+4,400
University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities	D	38,619	38,546	40,619	+2,000	+2,073
Subtotal, Developmental Disabilities Programs		165,316	134,760	176,316	+11,000	+41,556
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act						
Independent Living	D	101,183	78,156	113,183	+12,000	+35,027
National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research	D	103,970	95,127	104,970	+1,000	+9,843
Assistive Technology	D	34,000	31,939	36,000	+2,000	+4,061
Subtotal, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act		239,153	205,222	254,153	+15,000	+48,931

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Program Administration	D	40,063	37,987	41,063	+1,000	+3,076
Total, Administration for Community Living (ACL)		1,966,115	1,851,450	2,144,215	+178,100	+292,765
Federal funds		(1,919,000)	(1,851,450)	(2,095,100)	(+176,100)	(+243,650)
Trust Funds		(47,115)	---	(49,115)	(+2,000)	(+49,115)
(Prevention and Public Health Fund 1/)		(27,700)	---	(27,700)	---	(+27,700)
Total, ACL program level		1,993,815	1,851,450	2,171,915	+178,100	+320,465
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY						
General Departmental Management						
General Departmental Management, Federal Funds	D	199,620	203,500	200,919	+1,299	-2,581
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Community Grants	D	101,000	---	101,000	---	+101,000
Evaluation Tap Funding	NA	(6,800)	---	(6,800)	---	(+6,800)
Subtotal, Grants		(107,800)	---	(107,800)	---	(+107,800)

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Faith-Based Center	D	1,299	1,299	---	-1,299	-1,299
Sexual Risk Avoidance	D	15,000	10,000	25,000	+10,000	+15,000
Minority Health	D	56,670	56,562	56,670	---	+108
Office of Women's Health	D	32,140	32,140	32,140	---	---
Minority HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment	D	53,900	---	53,900	---	+53,900
Embryo Adoption Awareness Campaign	D	1,000	1,000	1,000	---	---
Planning and Evaluation, Evaluation Tap Funding	NA	(58,028)	(57,465)	(58,028)	---	(+563)
Total, General Departmental Management		460,629	304,501	470,629	+10,000	+166,128
Federal Funds		(460,629)	(304,501)	(470,629)	(+10,000)	(+166,128)
(Evaluation Tap Funding)		(64,828)	(57,465)	(64,828)	---	(+7,363)
Total, General Departmental Management Program		525,457	361,966	535,457	+10,000	+173,491
Account for the State Response to the Opioid Abuse Crisis, CURES Act2/	D	500,000	500,000	500,000	---	---

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Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals	TF	107,381	117,177	182,381	+75,000	+65,204
Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology	D	60,367	38,381	60,367	---	+21,986
Office of Inspector General						
Inspector General Federal Funds	D	80,000	68,085	80,000	---	+11,915
HCFAC funding (NA)	NA	(334,097)	---	(334,097)	---	(+334,097)
Total, Inspector General Program Level		(414,097)	(68,085)	(414,097)	---	(+346,012)
Office for Civil Rights						
Federal Funds	D	38,798	32,530	38,798	---	+6,268
Retirement Pay and Medical Benefits for Commissioned Officers						
Retirement Payments	M	457,459	456,266	456,266	-1,193	---
Survivors Benefits	M	31,559	31,583	31,583	+24	---
Dependents' Medical Care	M	141,390	130,840	130,840	-10,550	---
Total,Medical Benefits for Commissioned Officers		630,408	618,689	618,689	-11,719	---

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Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSSEF)						
Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response						
Operations	D	30,938	30,879	30,938	---	+59
Preparedness and Emergency Operations	D	24,654	24,607	24,654	---	+47
National Disaster Medical System	D	49,904	49,809	57,404	+7,500	+7,595
Hospital Preparedness Cooperative Agreement Grants:	D					
Formula Grants	D	254,555	227,201	264,555	+10,000	+37,354
Biomedical Advanced Research and Development	D					
Authority (BARDA)	D	511,700	511,700	536,700	+25,000	+25,000
Policy and Planning	D	14,877	14,849	14,877	---	+28
Project BioShield	D	510,000	510,000	710,000	+200,000	+200,000
Subtotal, Preparedness and Response	D	1,396,628	1,369,045	1,639,128	+242,500	+270,083
Assistant Secretary for Administration						
Assistant Secretary for Administration, Cybersecurity	D	50,860	73,263	50,860	---	-22,403
Office of Security and Strategic Information	D	7,470	7,456	7,470	---	+14

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Public Health and Science						
Medical Reserve Corps	D	6,000	5,989	6,000	---	+11
Pandemic Influenza Preparedness	D	57,000	206,863	250,000	+193,000	+43,137
Pandemic Flu balances (Public Law 111-32)	NA	(15,000)	---	---	(-15,000)	---
Subtotal, Pandemic Influenza Preparedness	D	72,000	206,863	250,000	+178,000	+43,137
Subtotal, Non-pandemic flu/BioShield/Parklawn/Other construction	D	950,958	945,753	993,458	+42,500	+47,705
Total, PHSSEF		1,517,958	1,662,616	1,953,458	+435,500	+290,842
Total, Office of the Secretary		3,395,541	3,341,979	3,904,322	+508,781	+562,343
Federal Funds		3,288,160	3,224,802	3,721,941	+433,781	+497,139
Trust Funds		107,381	117,177	182,381	+75,000	+65,204
(Evaluation Tap Funding)		(64,828)	(57,465)	(64,828)	---	(+7,363)
Total, Office of the Secretary Program Level		3,475,369	3,399,444	3,969,150	+493,781	+569,706

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Total, Title II, Health and Human Services.....	780,155,146	820,780,259	847,608,029	+67,452,883	+26,827,770
Federal Funds.....	775,598,156	816,314,886	842,952,589	+67,354,433	+26,637,703
Current year.....	(646,478,704)	(677,367,127)	(704,004,830)	(+57,526,126)	(+26,637,703)
FY 2019.....	(129,119,452)	(138,947,759)	(138,947,759)	(+9,828,307)	---
Trust Funds.....	4,556,990	4,465,373	4,655,440	+98,450	+190,067
Total, Pandemic Flu balances (Public Law 111-32)	(30,000)	---	---	(-30,000)	---
Total, Prevention and Public Health Fund 1/.....	(931,000)	(840,600)	(840,600)	(-90,400)	---
Total, Transfers from Nonrecurring Expenses Fund	---	---	(240,000)	(+240,000)	(+240,000)

Title II Footnotes:
1/ Sec.4002 of Public Law 111-148
2/ 21St Century CURES Act (Public Law 114-255); FY2017 funds provided in Public Law 114-254
3/ FY2018 budget request proposes consolidating the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality within the National Institutes of Health as the National Institute for Research on Safety and Quality

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TITLE III - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION							
EDUCATION FOR THE DISADVANTAGED							
Grants to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)							
Basic Grants:							
Advance from prior year	NA	(2,390,776)	(1,840,776)	(1,840,776)	(-550,000)	---	
Forward funded	D	4,613,625	2,733,460	4,913,625	+300,000	+2,180,165	FF
Current funded	D	5,000	466,100	5,000	---	-461,100	
Subtotal, Basic grants current year approp.		4,618,625	3,199,560	4,918,625	+300,000	+1,719,065	
Subtotal, Basic grants total funds available		(7,009,401)	(5,040,336)	(6,759,401)	(-250,000)	(+1,719,065)	
Basic Grants FY 2019 Advance	D	1,840,776	3,231,497	1,540,776	-300,000	-1,690,721	
Subtotal, Basic grants, program level		6,459,401	6,431,057	6,459,401	---	+28,344	
Concentration Grants:							
Advance from prior year	NA	(1,362,301)	(1,362,301)	(1,362,301)	---	---	
FY 2019 Advance	D	1,362,301	1,362,301	1,362,301	---	---	
Subtotal		1,362,301	1,362,301	1,362,301	---	---	

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Targeted Grants:							
Advance from prior year	NA	(3,544,050)	(3,819,050)	(3,819,050)	(+275,000)	---	
FY 2019 Advance	D	3,819,050	3,544,050	3,969,050	+150,000	+425,000	
Subtotal		3,819,050	3,544,050	3,969,050	+150,000	+425,000	
Education Finance Incentive Grants:							
Advance from prior year	NA	(3,544,050)	(3,819,050)	(3,819,050)	(+275,000)	---	
FY 2019 Advance	D	3,819,050	3,544,050	3,969,050	+150,000	+425,000	
Subtotal		3,819,050	3,544,050	3,969,050	+150,000	+425,000	
Subtotal, Grants to LEAs, program level		15,459,802	15,881,458	15,759,802	+300,000	-121,656	
FOCUS Grants (ESIA-I-E)		---	1,000,000	---	---	-1,000,000	
Innovative Approaches to Literacy	D	27,000	---	27,000	---	+27,000	
Comprehensive literacy development grants	D	190,000	---	190,000	---	+190,000	FF
State Agency Programs:							
Migrant	D	374,751	374,039	374,751	---	+712	FF
Neglected and Delinquent/High Risk Youth	D	47,614	47,523	47,614	---	+91	FF
Subtotal, State Agency programs		422,365	421,562	422,365	---	+803	

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Special Programs for Migrant Students	D	44,623	44,538	44,623	---	+85
Total, Education for the disadvantaged		16,143,790	16,347,558	16,443,790	+300,000	+96,232
Current Year		(5,302,613)	(4,665,660)	(5,602,613)	(+300,000)	(+936,953)
FY 2019		(10,841,177)	(11,681,898)	(10,841,177)	---	(-840,721)
Subtotal, Forward Funded		(5,225,990)	(3,155,022)	(5,525,990)	(+300,000)	(+2,370,968)
IMPACT AID						
Basic Support Payments	D	1,189,233	1,166,012	1,270,242	+81,009	+104,230
Payments for Children with Disabilities	D	48,316	48,224	48,316	---	+92
Facilities Maintenance (Sec. 8008)	D	4,835	4,826	4,835	---	+9
Construction (Sec. 8007)	D	17,406	17,373	17,406	---	+33
Payments for Federal Property (Sec. 8002)	D	68,813	---	73,313	+4,500	+73,313
Total, Impact aid		1,328,603	1,236,435	1,414,112	+85,509	+177,677

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS							
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	D	374,389	---	374,389	---	+374,389	FF
Advance from prior year	NA	(1,681,441)	(1,681,441)	(1,681,441)	---	---	
FY 2019	D	1,681,441	---	1,681,441	---	+1,681,441	
Subtotal, Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants, program level		2,055,830	---	2,055,830	---	+2,055,830	
Supplemental Education Grants	D	16,699	16,667	16,699	---	+32	
21st Century Community Learning Centers	D	1,191,673	---	1,211,673	+20,000	+1,211,673	FF
State Assessments	D	369,100	377,281	378,000	+8,900	+719	FF
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	D	77,000	69,867	85,000	+8,000	+15,133	FF
Training and Advisory Services (Civil Rights)	D	6,575	6,563	6,575	---	+12	
Education for Native Hawaiians	D	33,397	---	36,397	+3,000	+36,397	
Alaska Native Education Equity	D	32,453	---	35,453	+3,000	+35,453	
Rural Education	D	175,840	175,506	180,840	+5,000	+5,334	FF
Comprehensive Centers	D	50,000	51,347	52,000	+2,000	+653	
Student Support and Academic Enrichment grants	D	400,000	---	1,100,000	+700,000	+1,100,000	FF
Total, School Improvement Programs		4,408,567	697,231	5,158,467	+749,900	+4,461,236	
Current Year		(2,727,126)	(697,231)	(3,477,026)	(+749,900)	(+2,779,795)	
FY 2019		(1,681,441)	---	(1,681,441)	---	(+1,681,441)	
Subtotal, Forward Funded		(2,588,002)	(622,654)	(3,329,902)	(+741,900)	(+2,707,248)	

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INDIAN EDUCATION						
Grants to Local Educational Agencies	D	100,381	100,190	105,381	+5,000	+5,191
Federal Programs:						
Special Programs for Indian Children	D	57,993	37,921	67,993	+10,000	+30,072
National Activities	D	6,565	5,554	6,865	+300	+1,311
Subtotal, Federal Programs		64,558	43,475	74,858	+10,300	+31,383
Total, Indian Education		164,939	143,665	180,239	+15,300	+36,574
INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT						
Education Innovation and Research	D	100,000	370,000	120,000	+20,000	-250,000
American History and Civics Academies	D	1,815	---	1,815	---	+1,815
American History and Civics National Activities	D	1,700	---	1,700	---	+1,700
School Leader Recruitment and Support	D	14,500	---	---	-14,500	---
Charter Schools Grants	D	342,172	500,000	400,000	+57,828	-100,000
Magnet Schools Assistance	D	97,647	96,463	105,000	+7,353	+8,537
Teacher and School Leader Incentive Grants	D	200,000	199,563	200,000	---	+437
Ready-to-Learn Television	D	25,741	---	27,741	+2,000	+27,741
Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED)	D	65,000	42,000	75,000	+10,000	+33,000
Arts in Education	D	27,000	---	29,000	+2,000	+29,000

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Javits Gifted and Talented Students	D	12,000	---	12,000	---	+12,000	
Statewide Family Engagement Centers	D	---	---	10,000	+10,000	+10,000	
Total, Innovation and Improvement		887,575	1,208,026	982,256	+94,681	-225,770	
Current Year		(887,575)	(1,208,026)	(982,256)	(+94,681)	(-225,770)	
SAFE SCHOOLS AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION							
Promise Neighborhoods	D	73,254	60,000	78,254	+5,000	+18,254	
School Safety National Activities	D	68,000	74,857	90,000	+22,000	+15,143	
Full-Service Community Schools	D	10,000	---	17,500	+7,500	+17,500	
Total, Safe Schools and Citizenship Education		151,254	134,857	185,754	+34,500	+50,897	
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION							
Current funded	D	47,931	47,840	47,931	---	+91	
Forward funded	D	689,469	688,158	689,469	---	+1,311	FF
Total, English Language Acquisition		737,400	735,998	737,400	---	+1,402	

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SPECIAL EDUCATION							
State Grants:							
Grants to States Part B current year	D	2,719,465	1,766,099	2,994,465	+275,000	+1,228,366	FF
Part B advance from prior year	NA	(9,283,383)	(9,283,383)	(9,283,383)	---	---	
Grants to States Part B (FY 2019)	D	9,283,383	10,124,103	9,283,383	---	-840,720	
Subtotal, program level		12,002,848	11,890,202	12,277,848	+275,000	+387,646	
Preschool Grants	D	368,238	367,538	381,120	+12,882	+13,582	FF
Grants for Infants and Families	D	458,556	457,684	470,000	+11,444	+12,316	FF
Subtotal, program level		12,829,642	12,715,424	13,128,968	+299,326	+413,544	
IDEA National Activities (current funded):							
State Personnel Development	D	38,630	41,551	38,630	---	-2,921	
Technical Assistance and Dissemination (including Special Olympics Education)	D	56,928	44,261	59,428	+2,500	+15,167	
Personnel Preparation	D	83,700	83,541	83,700	---	+159	
Parent Information Centers	D	27,411	27,359	27,411	---	+52	

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EducationalTechnology, Media, and Materials	D	28,047	29,990	28,047	---	-1,943
Subtotal, IDEA National Activities		234,716	226,702	237,216	+2,500	+10,514
Total, Special education		13,064,358	12,942,126	13,366,184	+301,826	+424,058
Current Year		(3,780,975)	(2,818,023)	(4,082,801)	(+301,826)	(+1,264,778)
FY 2019		(9,283,383)	(10,124,103)	(9,283,383)	---	(-840,720)
Subtotal, Forward Funded		(3,546,259)	(2,591,321)	(3,845,585)	(+299,326)	(+1,254,264)
REHABILITATION SERVICES						
Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants	M	3,398,554	3,452,931	3,452,931	+54,377	---
Client Assistance State grants	D	13,000	12,975	13,000	---	+25
Training	D	29,388	30,131	29,388	---	-743
Demonstration and Training programs	D	5,796	5,785	5,796	---	+11
Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (PAIR)	D	17,650	17,616	17,650	---	+34
Supported Employment State grants	D	27,548	---	22,548	-5,000	+22,548
Independent Living:						
Services for Older Blind Individuals	D	33,317	33,254	33,317	---	+63
Helen Keller National Center for Deaf/Blind Youth and Adults	D	10,336	10,316	12,500	+2,164	+2,184
Total, Rehabilitation services		3,535,589	3,563,008	3,587,130	+51,541	+24,122

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SPECIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES							
American Printing House for the Blind	D	25,431	25,383	27,431	+2,000	+2,048	
National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID):							
Operations	D	70,016	69,883	73,000	+2,984	+3,117	
Gallaudet University:							
Operations	D	121,275	121,044	128,000	+6,725	+6,956	
Total, Special Institutions for Persons with Disabilities		216,722	216,310	228,431	+11,709	+12,121	
CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND ADULT EDUCATION							
Career Education:							
Basic State Grants/Secondary & Technical Education							
State Grants, current funded	D	326,598	158,499	401,598	+75,000	+243,099	FF
Advance from prior year	NA	(791,000)	(791,000)	(791,000)	---	---	
FY 2019	D	791,000	791,000	791,000	---	---	
Subtotal, Basic State Grants, program level		1,117,598	949,499	1,192,598	+75,000	+243,099	
National Programs	D	7,421	27,407	7,421	---	-19,986	FF
Subtotal, Career Education		1,125,019	976,906	1,200,019	+75,000	+223,113	

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Adult Education:							
State Grants/Adult Basic and Literacy Education:	D						
State Grants, current funded	D	581,955	485,849	616,955	+35,000	+131,106	FF
National Leadership Activities	D	13,712	13,686	13,712	---	+26	FF
Subtotal, Adult education		595,667	499,535	630,667	+35,000	+131,132	
Total, Career, Technical, and Adult Education		1,720,686	1,476,441	1,830,686	+110,000	+354,245	
Current Year		(929,686)	(685,441)	(1,039,686)	(+110,000)	(+354,245)	
FY 2019		(791,000)	(791,000)	(791,000)	---	---	
Subtotal, Forward Funded		(929,686)	(685,441)	(1,039,686)	(+110,000)	(+354,245)	
STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE							
Pell Grants -- maximum grant (NA)	NA	(4,860)	(4,860)	(5,035)	(+175)	(+175)	
Pell Grants	D	22,475,352	22,432,626	22,475,352	---	+42,726	
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	D	733,130	---	840,000	+106,870	+840,000	
Federal Work Study	D	989,728	500,000	1,130,000	+140,272	+630,000	
Total, Student Financial Assistance (SFA)		24,198,210	22,932,626	24,445,352	+247,142	+1,512,726	
FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT	CH	---	---	350,000	+350,000	+350,000	

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STUDENT AID ADMINISTRATION						
Salaries and Expenses	D	696,643	680,711	698,943	+2,300	+18,232
Servicing Activities	D	880,211	1,017,000	980,000	+99,789	-37,000
Total, Student Aid Administration		1,576,854	1,697,711	1,678,943	+102,089	-18,768
HIGHER EDUCATION						
Aid for Institutional Development:						
Strengthening Institutions	D	86,534	---	98,886	+12,352	+98,886
Hispanic Serving Institutions	D	107,795	107,590	123,183	+15,388	+15,593
Promoting Post-Baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans	D	9,671	9,653	11,052	+1,381	+1,399
Strengthening Historically Black Colleges (HBCUs)	D	244,694	244,229	279,624	+34,930	+35,395
Strengthening Historically Black Graduate Institutions	D	63,281	63,161	72,314	+9,033	+9,153
Strengthening Predominantly Black Institutions	D	9,942	9,923	11,361	+1,419	+1,438
Asian American Pacific Islander	D	3,348	3,342	3,826	+478	+484
Strengthening Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions	D	13,802	13,776	15,772	+1,970	+1,996
Strengthening Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions	D	3,348	3,342	3,826	+478	+484
Strengthening Tribal Colleges	D	27,599	27,547	31,539	+3,940	+3,992
Strengthening HBCU Masters programs	D	7,500	---	8,571	+1,071	+8,571
Subtotal, Aid for Institutional development		577,514	482,563	659,954	+82,440	+177,391

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International Education and Foreign Language:						
Domestic Programs	D	65,103	---	65,103	---	+65,103
Overseas Programs	D	7,061	---	7,061	---	+7,061
Subtotal, International Education & Foreign Lang		72,164	---	72,164	---	+72,164
Postsecondary Program for Students with Intellectual Disabilities	D	11,800	11,778	11,800	---	+22
Minority Science and Engineering Improvement	D	9,648	9,630	11,025	+1,377	+1,395
Tribally Controlled Postsec Voc/Tech Institutions	D	8,286	8,270	9,469	+1,183	+1,199
Federal TRIO Programs	D	950,000	808,289	1,010,000	+60,000	+201,711
GEAR UP	D	339,754	219,000	350,000	+10,246	+131,000
Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need	D	28,047	5,775	23,047	-5,000	+17,272
Teacher Quality Partnerships	D	43,092	---	43,092	---	+43,092
Child Care Access Means Parents in School	D	15,134	---	50,000	+34,866	+50,000
Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Ed. (FIPSE)	D	---	---	6,000	+6,000	+6,000
Total, Higher Education		2,055,439	1,545,305	2,246,551	+191,112	+701,246

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY						
Academic Program	D	191,091	190,721	201,788	+10,697	+11,067
Endowment Program	D	3,405	3,405	3,405	---	---
Howard University Hospital	D	27,325	27,273	27,325	---	+52
Total, Howard University		221,821	221,399	232,518	+10,697	+11,119
COLLEGE HOUSING AND ACADEMIC FACILITIES LOANS PROGRAM	D	435	434	435	---	+1
HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY (HBCU) CAPITAL FINANCING PROGRAM ACCOUNT						
HBCU Federal Administration	D	334	333	334	---	+1
HBCU Loan Subsidies	D	20,150	20,112	30,150	+10,000	+10,038
Total, HBCU Capital Financing Program		20,484	20,445	30,484	+10,000	+10,039

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INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES (IES)						
Research, Development and Dissemination	D	187,500	194,629	192,695	+5,195	-1,934
Statistics	D	109,500	111,787	109,500	---	-2,287
Regional Educational Laboratories	D	54,423	54,320	55,423	+1,000	+1,103
Research in Special Education	D	54,000	53,897	56,000	+2,000	+2,103
Special Education Studies and Evaluations	D	10,818	10,797	10,818	---	+21
Statewide Data Systems	D	32,281	34,473	32,281	---	-2,192
Assessment:						
National Assessment	D	149,000	148,717	149,000	---	+283
National Assessment Governing Board	D	7,745	8,219	7,745	---	-474
Subtotal, Assessment		156,745	156,936	156,745	---	-191
Total, IES		605,267	616,839	613,462	+8,195	-3,377

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DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT						
Program Administration:						
Salaries and Expenses	D	431,000	438,000	430,000	-1,000	-8,000
Building Modernization	D	1,000	---	---	-1,000	---
Total, Program administration		432,000	438,000	430,000	-2,000	-8,000
Office for Civil Rights	D	108,500	106,797	117,000	+8,500	+10,203
Office of Inspector General	D	59,256	61,143	61,143	+1,887	---
Total, Departmental management		599,756	605,940	608,143	+8,387	+2,203
Total, Title III, Department of Education		71,637,749	66,342,354	74,320,337	+2,682,588	+7,977,983
Current Year		(49,040,748)	(43,745,353)	(51,723,336)	(+2,682,588)	(+7,977,983)
FY 2019		(22,597,001)	(22,597,001)	(22,597,001)	---	---

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TITLE IV--RELATED AGENCIES						
COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED	D	8,000	6,117	8,250	+250	+2,133
CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE						
Operating Expenses						
Domestic Volunteer Service Programs:						
Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)	D	92,364	4,910	92,364	---	+87,454
National Senior Volunteer Corps:						
Foster Grandparents Program	D	107,702	117	107,702	---	+107,585
Senior Companion Program	D	45,512	117	45,512	---	+45,395
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	D	48,903	117	48,903	---	+48,786
Subtotal, Senior Volunteers		202,117	351	202,117	---	+201,766
Subtotal, Domestic Volunteer Service		294,481	5,261	294,481	---	+289,220

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National and Community Service Programs:						
AmeriCorps State and National Grants	D	386,010	2,341	412,010	+26,000	+409,669
Innovation, Assistance, and Other Activities	D	5,000	---	7,600	+2,600	+7,600
Evaluation	D	4,000	---	4,000	---	+4,000
National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)(subtitle E)	D	30,000	24,087	32,000	+2,000	+7,913
State Commission Support Grants	D	16,538	---	17,538	+1,000	+17,538
Subtotal, National and Community Service		441,548	26,428	473,148	+31,600	+446,720
Total, Operating expenses		736,029	31,689	767,629	+31,600	+735,940
National Service Trust	D	206,842	---	206,842	---	+206,842
Salaries and Expenses	D	81,737	99,735	83,737	+2,000	-15,998
Office of Inspector General	D	5,750	3,568	5,750	---	+2,182
Total, Corp. for National and Community Service		1,030,358	134,992	1,063,958	+33,600	+928,966

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CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING:						
FY 2020 (current) with FY 2018 comparable.....	D	445,000	---	445,000	---	+445,000
FY 2019 advance with FY 2017 comparable (NA).....	NA	(445,000)	(445,000)	(445,000)	---	---
Rescission of FY 2019 funds (NA).....	NA	---	(-445,000)	---	---	(+445,000)
Subtotal, FY 2019 program level.....		445,000	---	445,000	---	+445,000
FY 2018 advance with FY 2016 comparable (NA).....	NA	(445,000)	(445,000)	(445,000)	---	---
Rescission of FY 2018 funds (NA).....	NA	---	(-441,500)	---	---	(+441,500)
Subtotal, FY 2018 program level.....		445,000	3,500	445,000	---	+441,500
Public television interconnection system (current)	D	50,000	---	20,000	-30,000	+20,000

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FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE	D	46,650	48,655	46,650	---	-2,005
FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION	D	17,184	17,053	17,184	---	+131
INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES	D	231,000	23,000	240,000	+9,000	+217,000
MEDICAID AND CHIP PAYMENT AND ACCESS COMMISSION		7,765	8,700	8,480	+715	-220 D
MEDICARE PAYMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION	TF	11,925	12,295	12,545	+620	+250
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY	D	3,250	3,211	3,250	---	+39
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD	D	274,224	258,000	274,224	---	+16,224
NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD	D	13,800	13,205	13,800	---	+595
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION	D	13,225	12,615	13,225	---	+610
RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD						
Dual Benefits Payments Account	D	25,000	22,000	22,000	-3,000	---
Less Income Tax Receipts on Dual Benefits	D	-2,000	-1,000	-1,000	+1,000	---
Subtotal, Dual Benefits		23,000	21,000	21,000	-2,000	---
Federal Payments to the Railroad Retirement Accounts	M	150	150	150	---	---
Limitation on Administration	TF	113,500	111,225	123,500	+10,000	+12,275
Limitation on the Office of Inspector General	TF	10,000	8,437	11,000	+1,000	+2,563

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION						
Payments to Social Security Trust Funds	M	11,400	11,400	11,400	---	---
Supplemental Security Income Program						
Federal Benefit Payments	M	52,941,736	48,236,000	48,236,000	-4,705,736	---
Beneficiary Services	M	89,000	159,000	159,000	+70,000	---
Research and Demonstration	M	58,000	101,000	101,000	+43,000	---
Afghanistan Special Immigrant Visa	M	---	---	---	---	---
Administration	D	5,029,427	5,060,526	4,991,277	-38,150	-69,249
Subtotal, SSI program level		58,118,163	53,556,526	53,487,277	-4,630,886	-69,249
Less funds advanced in prior year	M	-14,500,000	-15,000,000	-15,000,000	-500,000	---
Subtotal, regular SSI current year		43,618,163	38,556,526	38,487,277	-5,130,886	-69,249
New advance, 1st quarter, FY 2019	M	15,000,000	19,500,000	19,500,000	+4,500,000	---
Total, SSI program		58,618,163	58,056,526	57,987,277	-630,886	-69,249

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		FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
Limitation on Administrative Expenses						
OASI/DI Trust Funds	TF	5,145,407	4,916,768	5,101,321	-44,086	+184,553
HI/SMI Trust Funds	TF	1,684,753	2,012,556	2,313,197	+628,444	+300,641
Social Security Advisory Board	TF	2,300	2,300	2,300	---	---
SSI	TF	3,706,485	3,671,376	3,602,127	-104,358	-69,249
Subtotal, regular LAE		10,538,945	10,603,000	11,018,945	+480,000	+415,945
User Fees:						
SSI User Fee activities	D	126,000	118,000	118,000	-8,000	---
CBO adjustment		-3,000	-3,000	-3,000	---	---
SSPA User Fee Activities	D	1,000	1,000	1,000	---	---
CBO adjustment		-1,000	-1,000	-1,000	---	---
Subtotal, User fees		123,000	115,000	115,000	-8,000	---
Subtotal, Limitation on administrative expenses		10,661,945	10,718,000	11,133,945	+472,000	+415,945
Program Integrity:						
OASDI Trust Funds	TF	496,058	345,850	345,850	-150,208	---
SSI	TF	1,322,942	1,389,150	1,389,150	+66,208	---
Subtotal, Program integrity funding		1,819,000	1,735,000	1,735,000	-84,000	---
Total, Limitation on Administrative Expenses		12,480,945	12,453,000	12,868,945	+388,000	+415,945

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		FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
Office of Inspector General						
Federal Funds	D	29,787	30,000	30,000	+213	---
Trust Funds	TF	75,713	75,500	75,500	-213	---
Total, Office of Inspector General		105,500	105,500	105,500	---	---
Adjustment: Trust fund transfers from general revenues	TF	-5,029,427	-5,060,526	-4,991,277	+38,150	+69,249
Total, Social Security Administration		66,186,581	65,565,900	65,981,845	-204,736	+415,945
Federal funds		58,782,350	58,212,926	58,143,677	-638,673	-69,249
Current year		(43,782,350)	(38,712,926)	(38,643,677)	(-5,138,673)	(-69,249)
New advances, 1st quarter, FY 2019		(15,000,000)	(19,500,000)	(19,500,000)	(+4,500,000)	---
Trust funds		7,404,231	7,352,974	7,838,168	+433,937	+485,194
Total, Title IV, Related Agencies		68,485,612	66,244,555	68,304,061	-181,551	+2,059,506
Federal Funds		60,945,956	58,759,624	60,318,848	-627,108	+1,559,224
Current Year		(45,500,956)	(39,259,624)	(40,373,848)	(-5,127,108)	(+1,114,224)
FY 2019 Advance		(15,000,000)	(19,500,000)	(19,500,000)	(+4,500,000)	---
FY 2020 Advance		(445,000)	---	(445,000)	---	(+445,000)
Trust Funds		7,539,656	7,484,931	7,985,213	+445,557	+500,282

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
OTHER APPROPRIATIONS					
FURTHER ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF REQUIREMENTS ACT, 2018					
TITLE VIII					
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR					
Employment and Training Administration					
Training and Employment Services (emergency).....	---	---	100,000	+100,000	+100,000
Job Corps (emergency).....	---	30,900	30,900	+30,900	---
General Provisions -- Department of Labor					
Deferment of of interest payments for U.S. Virgin Islands (Sec.20801) (emergency).....	---	---	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention					
CDC-Wide Activities and Program Support (emergency)...	---	---	200,000	+200,000	+200,000
National Institutes of Health					
Office of the Director (emergency).....	---	---	50,000	+50,000	+50,000
Administration for Children and Families					
Children and Families Services Programs (emergency)...	---	---	650,000	+650,000	+650,000
Office of the Secretary					
Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (emergency).....	---	244,400	162,000	+162,000	-82,400

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION					
Hurricane Education Recovery					
Hurricane Education Recovery (emergency)	---	1,235,000	2,700,000	+2,700,000	+1,465,000
Hurricane Education Recovery waiver authority for HEA of 1965 (Federal Direct Student Loan Program account) (emergency)	---	---	5,000	+5,000	+5,000
General Provisions -- Department of Education					
HBCU Hurricane Supplemental Loan Program (loan forgiveness) (Sec.20804) (emergency)	---	---	90,000	+90,000	+90,000
Total, title VIII	---	1,510,300	3,986,900	+3,986,900	+2,476,600
Total, Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements (Public Law 115-123 (DivB, Subdivision1))	---	1,510,300	3,986,900	+3,986,900	+2,476,600
Total, Other Appropriations	---	1,510,300	3,986,900	+3,986,900	+2,476,600

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		FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
RECAP						
Mandatory, total in bill		760,614,562	815,765,698	817,467,097	+56,852,535	+1,701,399
Less advances for subsequent years		-144,135,452	-158,462,759	-158,462,759	-14,327,307	---
Plus advances provided in prior years		133,701,502	144,135,452	144,135,452	+10,433,950	---
Total, mandatory, current year		750,180,612	801,438,391	803,139,790	+52,959,178	+1,701,399
Discretionary, total in bill		173,331,306	150,408,426	190,525,529	+17,194,223	+40,117,103
Less advances for subsequent years		-24,814,001	-23,470,001	-24,814,001	---	-1,344,000
Plus advances provided in prior years		24,814,001	24,814,001	24,814,001	---	---
Subtotal, discretionary, current year		173,331,306	151,752,426	190,525,529	+17,194,223	+38,773,103
Discretionary Scorekeeping adjustments:						
SSI User Fee Collection	D	-126,000	-118,000	-118,000	+8,000	---
CBO adjustment	D	3,000	3,000	3,000	---	---
Average Weekly Insured Unemployment (AWIU) Contingent	TF	5,000	20,000	10,000	+5,000	-10,000
Medicare Eligible Accruals (permanent,indefinite)1/	D	28,594	32,484	32,484	+3,890	---
Surplus property (Department of Labor)	CH	---	---	2,000	+2,000	+2,000
Adult employment and training activities (rescission)	D	---	-324,000	---	---	+324,000
Dislocated Worker training and employment activities (rescission)	D	---	-405,000	---	---	+405,000
Dislocated Workers assistance National Reserve (rescission)	D	-75,000	-170,000	-12,500	+62,500	+157,500

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		FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
H-1B (rescission)	CH	-46,000	---	---	+46,000	---
Rescissions (PL111-148):						
Independent Payment Advisory Board	CH	-15,000	---	---	+15,000	---
Refugee and Entrant Assistance (PL 114-254):						
(Nonrecurring expenses fund) (by transfer) (Sec.170(a))	D	(300,000)	---	---	(-300,000)	---
Unaccompanied Minors Contingency Fund ($200M, Sec.170(b)) (CBO estimate)	D	100,000	---	---	-100,000	---
Nonrecurring expenses fund (rescission) (Sec.170(d))	D	-100,000	---	---	+100,000	---
Nonrecurring expenses fund (rescission)	D	-100,000	-560,000	---	+100,000	+560,000
Childrens Health Insurance Program performance bonus (rescission)	CH	-5,750,000	-1,193,000	-88,613	+5,661,387	+1,104,387
Childrens Health Insurance Program one-time payment (rescission)	CH	-541,900	---	-54	+541,846	-54
(Public Law 114-254, Sec.201(a))	CH	-170,000	---	---	+170,000	---
Childrens Health Insurance Program State allotment (Sec.301(b)) (rescission)	CH	-1,132,000	-3,279,000	---	+1,132,000	+3,279,000
Childrens Health Insurance Program Annual Allotment to States (rescission)	CH	---	---	-3,572,000	-3,572,000	-3,572,000
Child Enrollment contingency fund (rescission)	CH	-570,000	---	-3,110,946	-2,540,946	-3,110,946

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		FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
Limitation on eligible health care entity	CH	---	-330,000	---	---	+330,000
Pell unobligated balances (rescission)	D	-1,310,000	-3,900,000	---	+1,310,000	+3,900,000
Pell: Increase maximum award	CH	---	---	48,000	+48,000	+48,000
Pell: Restore year-round Pell with 150% cap	CH	254,000	---	---	-254,000	---
Pell mandatory funds (rescission)	CH	-254,000	---	-48,000	+206,000	-48,000
SSA SSPA User Fee Collection	D	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000	---	---
CBO adjustment	D	1,000	1,000	1,000	---	---
Traditional Medicare program	D	305,000	---	305,000	---	+305,000
CNCS National Service Trust unobligated balances (rescission)	D	---	-139,000	---	---	+139,000
Corporation for Public Broadcasting FY2018 advance (rescission)	D	---	-414,550	---	---	+414,550
Cohort Default Rate Modification (Education)	CH	---	---	3,000	+3,000	+3,000
21ST Century Cures Act adjustment (PL 114-255)	D	-852,000	-996,000	-996,000	-144,000	---
Total, discretionary		162,985,000	138,469,060	178,996,000	+16,011,000	+40,526,940
Grand Total, current year		913,165,612	939,907,451	982,135,790	+68,970,178	+42,228,339

DIVISION I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

The following is an explanation of the effects of Division I, which makes appropriations for the Legislative Branch for fiscal year 2018. Unless otherwise noted, reference to the House and Senate reports are to House Report 115–199 and Senate Report 115–137. The language included in these reports should be complied with and carry the same emphasis as the language included in the explanatory statement, unless specifically addressed to the contrary in this explanatory statement. While repeating some report language for emphasis, this explanatory statement does not intend to negate the language referred to above unless expressly provided herein.

Security: This agreement provides additional resources to the United States Capitol Police and the Sergeants at Arms of both chambers to enhance security for Members of Congress, their staff, and office visitors. Over the past year there have been humbling reminders of the threats Members of Congress and their staff face as public servants. The Congressional community has also been reminded of the heroic capabilities of the men and women of the United States Capitol Police. There is no higher priority in this agreement than providing adequate resources for the physical security of Members and their staff as well as constituents and visitors to the Capitol campus.

Reprogramming Guidelines: It is expected that all agencies notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House and the Senate of any significant departures from budget plans presented to the Committees in any agency's budget justifications. In particular, agencies funded through this bill are required to notify the Committees prior to each reprogramming of funds in excess of the lesser of 10 percent or $750,000 between programs, projects or activities, or in excess of $750,000 between object classifications (except for shifts within the pay categories, object class 11, 12, and 13 or as further specified in each agency's respective section). This includes cumulative reprogrammings that together total at least $750,000 from or to a particular program, activity, or object classification as well as reprogramming FTEs or funds to create new organizational entities within the agency or to restructure entities which already exist. The Committees desire to be notified of reprogramming actions which involve less than the above-mentioned amounts if such actions would have the effect of changing an agency's funding requirements in future years or if programs or projects specifically cited in the Committee's reports are affected.

Inspectors General Budgets: It is important to ensure independence between Legislative Branch Inspectors General (IG) and their respective reporting agencies. Agencies are directed to include a separate section in their respective future budget justifications reflecting a detailed budget request for the agency's IG Office. Additionally, each IG is directed to keep the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate fully apprised of its funding needs, and each agency shall not interfere with, or require approval for, such communications.

TITLE I

SENATE

The agreement includes $919,931,581 for Senate operations. This item relates solely to the Senate, and is in accordance with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention.

The requirements of the report requested pursuant to S. Rept. 106–304 related to Senate collections is also requested to include, for all appropriated amounts, the balance of funds, the amount of prudent reserves, and the status, timeline, and cost expectations of future projects.

The Secretary of the Senate shall determine the allocations of the Offices under the Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account for fiscal year 2018 by updating the amounts provided under Public Law 111–68 to reflect any applicable adjustments under Public Law 92–607, Public Law 95–94, and Public Law 90–57.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement provides for unspent amounts remaining in Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account to be used for deficit or debt reduction and authority for transfer of funds, exempts the Senate from the requirements of 41 U.S.C. 6101, and provides a technical change to the Student Loan Program.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The agreement includes $1,200,000,766 for House operations. This item relates solely to the House, and is in accordance with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements and the other concurs without intervention.

Workplace Rights: This agreement provides $5,000,000 to the CAO for workplace rights initiatives. The funds will support mandatory training requirements for all Members and staff included in House Resolution 630, as well as the establishment of the Office of Employee Advocacy created in House Resolution 724. Mandatory training is an important first step to ensure that every Member, staff, intern, fellow and detailee is fully aware of the laws that apply to them and their right to a harassment-free workplace under the Congressional Accountability Act. The Office of Employee Advocacy will provide House employees with immediate access to a dedicated advocate who will provide legal consultation, representation, and assistance on allegations, claims, and complaints under the Congressional Accountability Act in proceedings before the Office of Compliance and Committee on Ethics.

House Wellness Program: This agreement provides $380,000 for the establishment of a comprehensive House wellness program.

Internships: The Committee believes that House internships should be available to the broadest possible pool of candidates who have the ability and interest to serve. The Committee intends to seek information on the extent to which paid internships could expand the pool of candidates and how such expansion might be implemented to the benefit of Member and Committee offices and their constituents.

House Child Care Center Expansion: This agreement provides $12,000,000 for the second phase of the House Child Care Center expansion. While expanding the center which will reduce the lengthy waitlist and create more opportunities for families to utilize the facility, it also provides an opportunity to examine and evaluate the operations of the Center. The CAO is encouraged to work with the House Child Care Center Advisory Board in evaluating current operations and with the expectation any recommendations be implemented in conjunction with the full physical expansion of the Center.

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: The Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission established in 2008 is charged with promoting, defending and advocating for international human rights. The Commission undertakes public education activities, provides expert human rights advice and encourages Members of Congress to actively engage in human rights matters. After considering testimony from the co-chairs of the Commission an additional $200,000 has been made available to the House Foreign Affairs Committee in order to provide additional support for the Commission's work.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement provides for unspent amounts remaining in Members' Representational Allowances account to be used for deficit or debt reduction; prohibits the delivery of bills and resolutions; prohibits the delivery of printed copies of the Congressional Record; places a limitation on amount available to lease vehicles; places a limitation on print copies of the U.S. Code; prohibits delivery of reports of disbursements, daily calendars, and the Congressional Pictorial Directory; amends the House Services Revolving Fund, and repurposes unexpended funds.

JOINT ITEMS

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The agreement includes $4,203,000 for salaries and expenses.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The agreement includes $11,169,000 for salaries and expenses.

OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

The agreement includes $3,838,000.

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes $1,444,000 for salaries and expenses.

CAPITOL POLICE

SALARIES

The agreement includes $351,700,000 for salaries of the Capitol Police. The increase includes necessary half year funds to hire the required officers to staff garage security and additional pre-screeners; half year funding for 48 civilians that will civilianize positions currently staffed by sworn officers to allow the department to better utilize the 48 sworn officers. The total staffing level is expected to be approximately 1,943 sworn and 420 civilian staff. No more than $45,000,000 is recommended for overtime in fiscal year 2018, which includes funds to support the staffing of the Thomas P. O'Neill House Office Building. This provides for approximately 702,280 hours of additional duty.

Security: The agreement includes $7,500,000 to enhance Member protection, including funds for increased training, equipment and technology-related support items. The men and women of the Capitol Police have an increasingly difficult mission of protecting Members of Congress and the overall Capitol complex. Their mission can, at times, put them in harm's way. Ensuring these officers have the best tools and resources to carry out their duties is of the upmost importance to Congress.

Use of Grounds: Congress understands the need to maintain safety and order on the Capitol grounds and the Capitol Police is commended for their efforts. Given the family-style neighborhood that the Capitol shares with the surrounding community the Committee continues to instruct the Capitol Police to forebear enforcement of 2 U.S.C. 1963 (''an act to protect the public property, turf, and grass of the Capitol Grounds from injury'') and the Traffic Regulations for the United States Capitol Grounds when encountering snow sledders on the grounds.

USCP Office of Inspector General: The agreement includes funds to support not less than six FTEs within the USCP Office of Inspector General.

GENERAL EXPENSES

The agreement includes $74,800,000 for general expenses of the Capitol Police.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes $4,959,000 for salaries and expenses. An increase of $1,000,000 is

provided for training and information technology enhancements.

Reform: Ensuring and protecting workplace rights of employees is imperative and the funds provided in this act support that effort. Processes to protect workplace rights have been in place for many years but they are not perfect. As Congress considers changes to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, which will impact the Office of Compliance's operations, there is a need to strengthen the agency's overall capacity, including the quality of its training and information technology processes.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes $49,945,000 for salaries and expenses.

Transparency: The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) provides timely, nonpartisan budgetary and economic analysis to support the work of the Congress and its reports and analysis can have far reaching policy implications. The Congress expects CBO to ensure a high level of transparency, while also recognizing the importance of maintaining the agency's professional independence and respecting its analytical processes. There is support for the work that CBO has done in the area of transparency thus far as well as support for the agency's goals to continue to clearly present and explain the methodology and results of CBO's analysis while pursuing opportunities to further enhance transparency. This includes exploring ways to make more supporting documents publicly available for methods used in analysis, cost estimates, and forecasts.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

This agreement provides contract parity with the Executive Branch.

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

The agreement includes $712,105,000 for the activities of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC).

Office of Inspector General: The AOC IG must maintain a staffing level commensurate with the scale of AOC's vast portfolio of operations, construction, and contract oversight. Within funds provided, the AOC IG is directed to employ not fewer than 14 full-time equivalent positions during fiscal year 2018. The AOC is directed to ensure that sufficient funding is available for contracts and other expenses identified by the AOC IG to fulfill its mission.

Custodial Services: The AOC is directed to study the feasibility of consolidating custodial services for all AOC jurisdictions across the Capitol Campus and geographically separated facilities to include leased buildings. The elements of this study should include opportunities and cost savings derived from a shared contract approach within the existing AOC custodial service(s) approaches using in-house operations and/or contractors. The consolidation of future custodial services with the current maintenance and repair services provided by the AOC should support the desired outcome of sustaining and preserving the historic fabric as well as the building materials and architectural accouterments through industry standard cleaning practices that will also reduce the life cycle costs for maintenance and repair for the AOC. The results of this study should be delivered to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate within 180 days of enactment.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS

The agreement includes $93,478,000 for Capital Construction and Operations.

With respect to operations and projects, the following is agreed to:

Operating Budget:	$93,478,000
Total, Capital Construction and Operations	$93,478,000

CAPITOL BUILDING

The agreement includes $45,300,000, for maintenance, care, and operation of the Capitol, of which $19,458,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

With respect to operations and projects, the following is agreed to:

Operating Budget:	$25,842,000
Project Budget:	
Exterior Stone & Metal Preservation, West Facade, Phase IV	12,125,000
Kitchen and Exhaust Renovation	1,734,000
Conservation of Fine and Architectural Art	599,000
Minor Construction	5,000,000
	19,458,000
Total, Capitol Building	$45,300,000

CAPITOL GROUNDS

The agreement includes $13,333,000 for the care and improvements of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, House and Senate office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, of which $3,195,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

With respect to operations and projects, the following is agreed to:

Operating Budget:	$10,138,000
Project Budget:	
Capitol Square Infrastructure Repair	1,195,000
Minor Construction	2,000,000
	3,195,000
Total, Capitol Grounds	$13,333,000

SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS

The agreement includes $101,614,000 for the maintenance, care and operation of the Senate office buildings, of which $38,937,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

Operating Budget:	$62,677,000
Project Budget:	
Senate Underground Garage Renovations and Landscaping Restoration, Phase III	34,607,000
Building Engineering and Safety Parameters	330,000
Minor Construction	4,000,000
	38,937,000
Total, Senate Office Buildings	$101,614,000

This item relates solely to the Senate and is in accordance with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements, and the other concurs without intervention.

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS

The agreement includes $207,294,000 for the care and maintenance of the House Office Buildings, of which $135,130,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2022 and $62,000,000 shall remain available until expended.

Operating Budget:	$62,164,000
Project Budget:	
Garage Rehabilitation, Phase III, RHOB	31,056,000
Garage Rehabilitation, Plaza Waterproofing Restoration, West	3,414,000
Child Care Center Expansion	12,000,000
Security Improvements	17,000,000
CAO Project Support	3,660,000
Restoration & Renovation, CHOB	62,000,000
Minor Construction	6,000,000
	135,130,000
House Office Buildings (base program)	$197,294,000
House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund	10,000,000
Total, House Office Buildings	$207,294,000

This item relates solely to the House and is in accordance with long practice under which each body determines its own housekeeping requirements, and the other concurs without intervention.

CAPITOL POWER PLANT

In addition to the $9,000,000 made available from receipts credited as reimbursements to this appropriation, the agreement includes $106,694,000 for maintenance, care and operation of the Capitol Power Plant, of which $28,057,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

With respect to operations and projects, the following is agreed to:

Operating Budget:	$87,637,000
Project Budget:	
WRP Cooling Tower Renovation and Electrical Upgrade, Phase IIIA	19,190,000
City Water Piping Replacement	2,886,000
Boiler Feedwater Piping Replacement	1,017,000
Cogeneration Management Program	964,000
Minor Construction	4,000,000
	28,057,000
Subtotal, Capitol Power Plant	$115,694,000
Offsetting Collections	(9,000,000)
Total, Capitol Power Plant	$106,694,000

LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The agreement includes $74,873,000 for Library of Congress buildings and grounds, of which $47,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

With respect to operations and projects, the following is agreed to:

Operating Budget:	$27,373,000
Project Budget:	
Collection Storage Module 6, Fort Meade	45,000,000
Minor Construction	2,500,000
	47,500,000
Total, Library Buildings and Grounds	$74,873,000

CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND SECURITY

The agreement includes $34,249,000 for Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds, and Security, of which $13,300,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

With respect to operations and projects, the following is agreed to:

Operating Budget:	$20,949,000
Project Budget:	
Barrier Lifecycle and Perimeter Security Kiosk Replacement, Phase II	8,300,000
Minor Construction	5,000,000
	13,300,000
Total, Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds, and Security	$34,249,000

BOTANIC GARDEN

The agreement includes $13,800,000 for salaries and expenses for the Botanic Garden, of which $3,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2022.

With respect to operations and projects, the following is agreed to:

Operating Budget:	$10,800,000
Project Budget:	
Urban Agriculture	400,000
Minor Construction	2,600,000
	3,000,000
Total, Botanic Garden	$13,800,000

Urban Agriculture: This agreement includes $400,000 for the Botanic Garden to expand its urban agriculture education and outreach programs including a feasibility study and pilot project for a joint outreach program between the Botanic Garden and urban local public gardens that engages citizens in food-insecure, undernourished communities in the production of nutrition-rich, healthy foods, and which includes educational, job training, and therapeutic horticultural and agricultural components.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

The agreement includes $21,470,000 for the Capitol Visitor Center.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement prohibits payments of bonuses to contractors behind schedule or over

budget; and prohibits expenditure of funds for scrims for projects performed by the Architect of the Capitol.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes $470,667,000 in direct appropriations and authority to spend receipts of $6,350,000.

This amount includes $9,494,000 for Enterprise Investment in Information Technology Modernization, $297,000 for Office of Inspector General Expanded Information Technology Audit Capabilities, $2,349,000 for the Veterans History Project and $8,653,000 for the Teaching with Primary Sources program. The increased funding in the agreement provides requested funding for maintaining the workforce, information technology, and custodial services.

Thomas Jefferson Building Experience: The recently revealed Visitor Experience Plan for the Library of Congress' Thomas Jefferson Building is an initiative that has support in Congress. The proposed concept will enhance the Library's ability to bring the nation's collections and history out of the vaults and into public spaces. With enhancements to exhibition spaces and development of learning centers, the Library can maximize the experience for its nearly two million annual visitors. The proposed funding for this initiative involves a public/private partnership, which has been a successful strategy for many similar institutions' efforts to showcase our nation's treasures. This agreement includes a total of $10,000,000, for enhancements to the public exhibits and visitor services at the Library. Of that amount, $2,000,000 is immediately available until September 30, 2020 to begin planning, including developing a detailed budget justification. The budget justification shall provide the following: 1) An overall acquisition plan with project timelines; 2) Direct and indirect cost estimates developed in conjunction with the Architect of the Capitol; 3) Projected financial impact of this capital project on the Library's operating budget; 4) Total cost estimates for: design services; construction; construction management services; project management services; and a contingency allowance. The plan should also ensure consideration of historic preservation. The remaining $8,000,000 will become available only upon written approval by the Chair and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and by the Chair and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, following review of the project's budget justification and cost estimate. It is expected that the Library provide to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate a budget justification that is comprehensive in nature and includes elements consistent with other project justifications in the past, prior to consideration of future funding requests for this project.

Memoranda of Understanding (MOU): The Library of Congress maintains several agreements with other Legislative Branch agencies to provide a range of support services. It is important that the Library works to ensure that the service level agreements within the MOUs are fully met.

Preservation: The agreement defers to the Senate report language.

National Film and Sound Recording Preservation Programs: The agreement incorporates language in Senate Report 115–137 related to the Library's National Film and Sound Recording Preservation Programs, and it is expected that the Library will provide full support to these programs.

COPYRIGHT OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes $28,446,000 in direct appropriations to the Copyright Office which fully funds the agency's amended request. An additional $41,305,000 is made available from receipts for salaries and expenses and $2,260,000 is available from prior year unobligated balances.

Modernization: Modernizing the Copyright Office and bringing its processes into the 21st Century has wide-spread support within Congress, and this act provides funds to further that effort. To date, the collaboration between the Copyright Office and the Library's Office of Chief Information Officer on modernization efforts has been promising. That collaboration is expected to continue, while allowing for mission-specific modernization requirements to be defined by the Copyright Office. As with many information technology (IT) projects there are many phases, some forward facing, some not. Much of the IT modernization work to date has been behind the scenes building a strong foundation for the long-term IT modernization strategy. However, there is an expectation that external Copyright users will begin to see and benefit from the progress being made. As new modernized processes are rolled out it is important to solicit feedback from the external Copyright community and to consider that feedback with efforts moving forward.

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes $119,279,000 for salaries and expenses.

Public Access to CRS Reports: The bill includes a provision directing the Library of Congress's Congressional Research Service (CRS) to make available to the public all non-confidential CRS products on a website operated and maintained by the Library of Congress. Non-confidential CRS products include any written CRS products containing research or analysis that are currently available for general congressional access on the CRS Congressional Intranet, or that would be made available on the CRS Congressional Intranet in the normal course of business. Non-confidential CRS reports do not include material prepared in response to Congressional requests for confidential analysis or research. The published products are to be made available in a standard format, such as PDF.

CRS reports are funded by taxpayers and should be made available to citizens, schools and libraries across the country. Ensuring these products are made publicly available is in keeping with the Committees' priority of full transparency to the American people; however, CRS is not expected or directed to respond to requests from the public, and its core mission will continue to be to provide support to the Congress. Within 60 days of enactment of this act CRS, in consultation with the Library of Congress, shall provide to the relevant oversight Committees, including the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, a plan for making these reports available by the end of Fiscal Year 2018, as well as any associated cost estimates.

Congressional Research Service Modernization: Included in the agreement is $4,000,000 to begin modernization of CRS's mission-specific information systems to increase efficiency of the office while protecting confidentiality of congressional data.

Supporting Areas of High Congressional Demand: The agreement includes $753,000 for eight additional support staff to handle routine requests, allowing senior staff to focus on more highly analytical research.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes $51,498,000 for salaries and expenses.

National Library Service: The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) has been headquartered for over 50 years in a privately leased building in Northwest, Washington, D.C. which is in need of substantial renovations to meet program requirements. Library of Congress and NLS leadership have expressed a desire to move the headquarters closer to the Library's main campus. NLS believes being in closer proximity to the Library will improve management efficiencies by integrating into existing Library infrastructure, reduce support service costs, reduce lease costs, and enhance various program synergies. Available office space exists at the Government Publishing Office (GPO) to meet NLS's needs. NLS, GPO, and the Architect of the Capitol are directed to study the feasibility of this move and provide cost estimates to their committees of oversight.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement includes provisions regarding reimbursable and revolving funds, updates to revolving fund returns to allow the Library of Congress to accept fees for services currently provided, allowing the Library of Congress to accept gifts of goods and services, providing coverage for Library of Congress employees under the Congressional Accountability Act, and providing equal access to non-confidential Congressional Research Service products.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes $79,528,000 for authorized publishing, printing and binding for the Congress.

PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes $29,000,000.

GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

BUSINESS OPERATIONS REVOLVING FUND

The agreement includes $8,540,000.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes $578,916,653 in direct appropriations for salaries and expenses of the Government Accountability Office (GAO). In addition, $23,800,000 is available from offsetting collections. The agreement provides $6,000,000 for information technology projects and $4,000,000 for facility management and services projects. The agreement also provides for statutory authority related to property management.

Inspector General Reports: With the creation of Oversight.gov, which compiles non-confidential Inspector General (IG) reports from agencies across the Federal Government, the agreement no longer requires the report requested in Senate Report 115–137 and House Report 115–199 for GAO to examine the availability of such reports by individual IG offices.

OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND

The agreement includes $5,600,000.

JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The agreement includes $430,000.

TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

The agreement continues provisions related to maintenance and care of private vehicles; fiscal year limitations; rates of compensation and designation; consulting services; costs of the LBFMC; limitation on transfers; and guided tours of the Capitol.

DIVISION I -- LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018
(Amounts in Thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
TITLE I - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH					
SENATE					
Expense allowances:					
Vice President	19	19	19	---	---
President Pro Tempore of the Senate	38	38	38	---	---
President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the Senate	---	---	15	+15	+15
Majority Leader of the Senate	40	40	40	---	---
Minority Leader of the Senate	40	40	40	---	---
Majority Whip of the Senate	10	10	10	---	---
Minority Whip of the Senate	10	10	10	---	---
Chairman of the Majority Conference Committee	5	5	5	---	---
Chairman of the Minority Conference Committee	5	5	5	---	---
Chairman of the Majority Policy Committee	5	5	5	---	---
Chairman of the Minority Policy Committee	5	5	5	---	---
Subtotal, expense allowances	177	177	192	+15	+15
Representation Allowances for the Majority and Minority Leaders	28	28	28	---	---
Total, Expense allowances and representation	205	205	220	+15	+15

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(Amounts in Thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Vice President	2,417	2,480	2,417	---	-63
Office of the President Pro Tempore	723	743	723	---	-20
Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus	---	---	309	+309	+309
Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders	5,256	5,390	5,256	---	-134
Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips	3,359	3,449	3,359	---	-90
Committee on Appropriations	15,142	15,142	15,142	---	---
Conference committees	3,316	3,402	3,316	---	-86
Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority	817	839	817	---	-22
Policy committees	3,386	3,476	3,386	---	-90
Office of the Chaplain	437	450	437	---	-13
Office of the Secretary	24,772	25,771	25,132	+360	-639
Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper	70,900	73,090	78,565	+7,665	+5,475
Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and Minority	1,810	1,810	1,810	---	---
Agency contributions and related expenses 3/	49,952	54,488	54,198	+4,246	-290
Total, Salaries, officers and employees	182,287	190,530	194,867	+12,580	+4,337
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate					
Salaries and expenses	5,809	6,115	6,115	+306	---
Office of Senate Legal Counsel					
Salaries and expenses	1,120	1,147	1,147	+27	---

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
Expense Allowances of the Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, and Secretaries for the Majority and Minority of the Senate: Expense allowances	28	28	28	---	---
Contingent Expenses of the Senate					
Inquiries and investigations	133,265	135,799	133,265	---	-2,534
Expenses of United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control	508	520	508	---	-12
Secretary of the Senate	10,250	10,536	7,036	-3,214	-3,500
Financial Management Information System Modernization	---	---	3,500	+3,500	+3,500
Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate	126,535	131,573	130,076	+3,541	-1,497
Miscellaneous items	20,870	18,870	18,870	-2,000	---
Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account	390,000	452,635	424,000	+34,000	-28,635
Official Mail Costs					
Expenses	300	300	300	---	---
Total, Contingent expenses of the Senate	681,728	750,233	717,555	+35,827	-32,678
Total, Senate	871,177	948,258	919,932	+48,755	-28,326

DIVISION I -- LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018
(Amounts in Thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES					
Payment to Widows and Heirs of Deceased Members of Congress (FY17 PL 114-223, Sec.142)1/	174	---	174	---	+174
Salaries and Expenses					
House Leadership Offices					
Office of the Speaker	6,645	6,645	6,645	---	---
Office of the Majority Floor Leader	2,180	2,180	2,180	---	---
Office of the Minority Floor Leader	7,114	7,114	7,114	---	---
Office of the Majority Whip	1,887	1,887	1,887	---	---
Office of the Minority Whip	1,460	1,460	1,460	---	---
Republican Conference	1,505	1,505	1,505	---	---
Democratic Caucus	1,487	1,487	1,487	---	---
Subtotal, House Leadership Offices	22,278	22,278	22,278	---	---
Members' Representational Allowances Including Members' Clerk Hire, Official Expenses of Members, and Official Mail					
Expenses	562,632	567,000	562,632	---	-4,368

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
Committee Employees					
Standing Committees, Special and Select	127,053	129,062	127,053	---	-2,009
Committee on Appropriations (including studies and investigations)	23,271	23,226	23,226	-45	---
Subtotal, Committee employees	150,324	152,288	150,279	-45	-2,009
Salaries, Officers and Employees					
Office of the Clerk	26,268	28,421	27,945	+1,677	-476
Office of the Sergeant at Arms	15,505	18,076	20,505	+5,000	+2,429
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer	117,165	133,635	132,865	+15,700	-770
Office of the Inspector General	4,963	5,037	4,968	+5	-69
Office of General Counsel	1,444	1,492	1,492	+48	---
Office of the Parliamentarian	1,999	2,037	2,037	+38	---
Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House	3,167	3,261	3,209	+42	-52
Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House	8,979	9,437	9,937	+958	+500
Office of Interparliamentary Affairs	814	816	814	---	-2
Other authorized employees	1,183	584	584	-599	---
Subtotal, Salaries, officers and employees	181,487	202,796	204,356	+22,869	+1,560

DIVISION I -- LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018
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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
Allowances and Expenses					
Supplies, materials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims	3,625	3,625	3,625	---	---
Official mail for committees, leadership offices, and administrative offices of the House	190	190	190	---	---
Government contributions	245,334	251,630	233,040	-12,294	-18,590
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery	16,217	16,186	16,186	-31	---
Transition activities	2,084	2,273	2,273	+189	---
Wounded Warrior program	2,500	2,500	2,750	+250	+250
Office of Congressional Ethics	1,658	1,699	1,670	+12	-29
Miscellaneous items	720	722	720	---	-2
Subtotal, Allowances and expenses	272,328	278,825	260,454	-11,874	-18,371
Total, House of Representatives (discretionary)	1,189,049	1,223,187	1,199,999	+10,950	-23,188
Total, House of Representatives (mandatory)	174	---	174	---	+174
JOINT ITEMS					
Joint Economic Committee	4,203	4,203	4,203	---	---
Joint Committee on Taxation	10,095	11,169	11,169	+1,074	---

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
Office of the Attending Physician					
Medical supplies, equipment, expenses, and allowances.	3,838	3,838	3,838	---	---
Office of Congressional Accessibility Services					
Salaries and expenses.....	1,429	1,444	1,444	+15	---
Total, Joint items.....	19,565	20,654	20,654	+1,089	---
CAPITOL POLICE					
Salaries.....	325,300	347,096	351,700	+26,400	+4,604
General expenses.....	68,000	75,211	74,800	+6,800	-411
Total, Capitol Police.....	393,300	422,307	426,500	+33,200	+4,193
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE					
Salaries and expenses.....	3,959	4,056	4,959	+1,000	+903
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses.....	46,500	49,945	49,945	+3,445	---

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL (AOC)					
Capital Construction and Operations	92,957	98,360	93,478	+521	-4,882
Capitol building	32,584	54,898	45,300	+12,716	-9,598
Capitol grounds	12,826	14,279	13,333	+507	-946
Senate office buildings	88,406	110,037	101,614	+13,208	-8,423
House of Representatives buildings:					
House office buildings	185,731	176,948	197,294	+11,563	+20,346
House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund	17,000	10,000	10,000	-7,000	---
Capitol Power Plant	95,646	117,205	115,694	+20,048	-1,511
Offsetting collections	-9,000	-9,000	-9,000	---	---
Subtotal, Capitol Power Plant	86,646	108,205	106,694	+20,048	-1,511
Library buildings and grounds	47,080	121,182	74,873	+27,793	-46,309
Capitol police buildings, grounds and security	20,033	54,177	34,249	+14,216	-19,928
Botanic Garden	14,067	13,400	13,800	-267	+400
Capitol Visitor Center	20,557	21,470	21,470	+913	---
Total, Architect of the Capitol	617,887	782,956	712,105	+94,218	-70,851

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS					
Salaries and expenses	457,017	504,260	477,017	+20,000	-27,243
Authority to spend receipts	-6,350	-6,350	-6,350	---	---
Subtotal, Salaries and expenses	450,667	497,910	470,667	+20,000	-27,243
Copyright Office, Salaries and expenses	68,825	77,709	72,011	+3,186	-5,698
Authority to spend receipts	-39,548	-38,864	-41,305	-1,757	-2,441
Prior year unobligated balances	-6,179	-7,429	-2,260	+3,919	+5,169
Subtotal, Copyright Office	23,098	31,416	28,446	+5,348	-2,970
Congressional Research Service, Salaries and expenses	107,945	119,279	119,279	+11,334	---
Books for the blind and physically handicapped, Salaries and expenses	50,248	52,815	51,498	+1,250	-1,317
Copyright Office funding flexibility information technology (Sec.1103(b))(CBO estimate)	---	2,000	---	---	-2,000
Total, Library of Congress	631,958	703,420	669,890	+37,932	-33,530

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE					
Congressional publishing	79,736	79,528	79,528	-208	---
Public Information Programs of the Superintendent of Documents, Salaries and expenses	29,500	29,000	29,000	-500	---
Government Publishing Office Business Operations Revolving Fund	7,832	8,540	8,540	+708	---
Total, Government Publishing Office	117,068	117,068	117,068	---	---
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE					
Salaries and expenses	567,856	614,478	602,717	+34,861	-11,761
Offsetting collections	-23,350	-23,800	-23,800	-450	---
Total, Government Accountability Office	544,506	590,678	578,917	+34,411	-11,761
OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER TRUST FUND					
Payment to the Open World Leadership Center (OWLC) Trust Fund	5,600	5,800	5,600	---	-200

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT					
Stennis Center for Public Service.....	430	430	430	---	---
ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS					
Scorekeeping adjustment (CBO estimate) 2/.....	-1,000	---	-2,000	-1,000	-2,000
OTHER APPROPRIATIONS					
FURTHER ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF REQUIREMENTS ACT, 2018					
Government Accountability Office, Salaries and expenses (FY2018 PL115-123, Title IX) (emergency)...	---	---	14,000	+14,000	+14,000
Total, Other Appropriations.....	---	---	14,000	+14,000	+14,000

DIVISION I -- LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018
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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
OTHER SCOREKEEPING ADJUSTMENTS					
AOC House Office Buildings Fund (PL114-254)(CBO estimate)	---	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	---
Less emergency appropriations	---	---	-14,000	-14,000	-14,000
Grand total (including scorekeeping adjustments)	4,440,173	4,864,759	4,700,173	+260,000	-164,586
Discretionary	(4,439,999)	(4,864,759)	(4,699,999)	(+260,000)	(-164,760)
Mandatory 1/	(174)	---	(174)	---	(+174)

1/ FY2017 funds provided in Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 114-223)
2/ FY2017 is Sec. 175 of Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 114-254). FY2018 is Div D, Sec.101(a)(9) of Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-56)

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs. FY 2017	Final Bill vs. Request
RECAPITULATION					
Senate	871,177	948,258	919,932	+48,755	-28,326
House of Representatives (discretionary)	1,189,049	1,223,187	1,199,999	+10,950	-23,188
House of Representatives (mandatory) 1/	174	---	174	---	+174
Joint Items	19,565	20,654	20,654	+1,089	---
Capitol Police	393,300	422,307	426,500	+33,200	+4,193
Office of Compliance	3,959	4,056	4,959	+1,000	+903
Congressional Budget Office	46,500	49,945	49,945	+3,445	---
Architect of the Capitol	617,887	782,956	712,105	+94,218	-70,851
Library of Congress	631,958	703,420	669,890	+37,932	-33,530
Government Publishing Office	117,068	117,068	117,068	---	---
Government Accountability Office	544,506	590,678	578,917	+34,411	-11,761
Open World Leadership Center	5,600	5,800	5,600	---	-200
Stennis Center for Public Service	430	430	430	---	---
Administrative Provisions 2/	-1,000	---	-2,000	-1,000	-2,000
Other Scorekeeping adjustments	---	-4,000	-4,000	-4,000	---
Grand total	4,440,173	4,864,759	4,700,173	+260,000	-164,586
Discretionary	(4,439,999)	(4,864,759)	(4,699,999)	(+260,000)	(-164,760)
Mandatory 1/	(174)	---	(174)	---	(+174)
Other Appropriations (emergency)	---	---	14,000	+14,000	+14,000

1/ FY2017 funds provided in Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 114-223)
2/ FY2017 is Sec. 175 of Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 114-254). FY2018 is Div D, Sec101(a)(9) of Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-56)

DIVISION J—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

The following is an explanation of the effects of Division J, which makes appropriations for Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2018. Unless otherwise noted, reference to the House and Senate reports are to House Report 115–188 and Senate Report 115–130. The language set forth in House Report 115–188 and Senate Report 115–130 should be complied with and carry the same emphasis as the language included in the joint explanatory statement, unless specifically addressed to the contrary in this joint explanatory statement. While repeating some report language for emphasis, this joint explanatory statement does not intend to negate the language referred to above unless expressly provided herein. In cases in which the House or the Senate has directed the submission of a report, such report is to be submitted to both Houses of Congress. House or Senate reporting requirements with deadlines prior to, or within 15 days after enactment of this Act shall be submitted no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act. All other reporting deadlines not specifically directed by this joint explanatory statement are to be met.

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Bid Savings.—Cost variation notices required by 10 U.S.C. 2853 continue to demonstrate the Department of Defense continues to have bid savings on previously appropriated military construction projects. Therefore, the agreement includes rescissions to the NATO Security Investment Program and Army Family Housing Construction accounts. The Secretary of Defense is directed to continue to submit 1002 reports on military construction bid savings at the end of each fiscal quarter to the Committees.

Naval Shipyard Modernization.—On February 12, 2018 the Secretary of the Navy transmitted a Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Plan as directed by Senate Report 115–130 accompanying the fiscal year 2018 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The report seeks to, among other requirements, assess existing facilities for efficiencies and address future infrastructure requirements at public shipyards and includes a master plan for each shipyard, including, but not limited to, capital equipment and facility investment requirements. These first steps taken by the Department of the Navy to identify gaps are important and the Secretary of the Navy is urged to adequately prioritize public shipyard infrastructure, in particular dry dock and shore infrastructure needs to support critical maintenance of surface and submarine fleets.

Coastal Erosion and Sea-Level Rise.—Sea level rise and flooding on facilities, particularly at DOD's coastal military installations, both in the United States and overseas continue to have harmful impacts. In a report to Congress in January 2018 regarding the security implications of climate-related risks, the Department noted it had conducted a preliminary screening-level assessment to determine installation vulnerabilities to climate-related security risks with the goal of identifying serious vulnerabilities and developing necessary adaptation strategies. The report identified numerous installations that experienced climate-related effects affecting, among others, airfield operations, transportation, and energy infrastructure, as well as training facilities. However, the Department has not developed a comprehensive adaptation approach, nor has it provided estimated costs associated with implementing such a strategy. Therefore, the Comptroller General is directed to undertake a study of DOD's progress in developing a means to account for potentially damaging weather in project design, and to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 180 days after enactment of this Act. At a minimum, the Comptroller General should answer the following questions: (1) What is known about the historical and projected costs for facilities maintenance and repair beyond expected repair costs of DOD infrastructure stemming from damage or degradation caused by sea level rise and weather effects associated with climate change; (2) What best practices has DOD adopted for incorporating climate change adaptation into the design of military construction or facilities sustainment, restoration, or modernization projects; and (3) To what extent has DOD developed a systematic process for ensuring climate change or severe weather effects are accounted for in the design of military construction and facilities sustainment, modernization, or restoration projects.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

The agreement provides $923,994,000 for Military Construction, Army. Within this amount, the agreement provides $101,470,000 for study, planning, design, architect and engineer services, and host nation support. The agreement also provides an additional $10,000,000 to supplement unspecified minor military construction.

Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant.—The U.S. Army is currently managing the environmental remediation of the Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant (SFAAP) property in excess of 9,000 acres in DeSoto, Kansas, which was conveyed to Sunflower Redevelopment, LLC (SRL) through the Army and the General Services Administration on August 3, 2005. Ten years after the conveyance, on October 29, 2015, the Army reinforced its responsibility in writing, ''the Army is committed to programming the necessary resources to carry out a long-term clean-up and has, for execution in fiscal year 2016, awarded several services contracts for the short-term requirements.'' The Army further wrote it would ''issue competitively sourced clean-up contracts, with Army oversight to ensure its Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabilities Act (CERCLA) §120(h) obligation at Sunflower.'' The Army confirmed its intention ''to conduct in-depth coordination with Sunflower Redevelopment, LLC (SRL) to ensure SRL's redevelopment priorities are synchronized with the Army managed clean-up activities.'' However, the Army has neglected to communicate regularly with SRL and far less than the in-depth coordination commitment made by the Army. The Army is conducting ongoing risk assessments of contaminated portions of SFAAP and is directed to work in consultation and coordination with SRL to ensure transparency. The findings and recommendations of such assessments should receive approval from State and Federal regulators regarding allowable levels of contaminants including, but not limited to, pesticides, asbestos or other contaminants subject to remediation for commercial use of the property. The Secretary of the Army is directed to deliver the assessment and brief the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on its findings and to provide a plan that ensures SRL's redevelopment priorities are synchronized with Army managed cleanup activities.

Badger Army Ammunition Plant.—In 2011, an Army Feasibility Study concluded that an offsite drinking water treatment system was needed as part of a comprehensive groundwater cleanup remedy for the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant (BAAP). Accordingly, in 2015, the Town of Merrimac, Wisconsin, designed and approved a sanitation district required by the Army to support such a system, and as recently as May 2016, the Army noted in writing that ''design of the municipal drinking water system has been initiated.'' Recently, however, the Army reversed its plans to construct and operate the drinking water system. This decision, its potential to delay the provision of clean drinking water to homes near the site, and the Army's lack of public communication regarding the decision is concerning.

Therefore, the Army is directed to conduct required human health risk assessments expeditiously, and if needed, use expedited contracting authorities. Additionally, the Army should hold regular public meetings to update and engage with local stakeholders and integrate local priorities in its remediation plans. Furthermore, within 90 days of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report and provide a corresponding briefing regarding the Army's rationale and process for approving plans to construct and operate a drinking water system and its subsequent decision to terminate such plans, as well as the Army's completed and planned actions for environmental restoration at the site.

Conveyance of property.—The Army is proposing to convey 17.1 acres of land known as Shenandoah Square and the 126 existing housing units to raise capital to improve other military housing owned by private entities. Under the proposed action, the existing 126 housing units would be demolished to allow for the construction of high-density residential housing. The residents have expressed concern about the displacement from Shenandoah Square as it is in one of the most expensive housing markets in the country and the uncertainty about the affordability of new potential housing on the site. Therefore, the Department of the Army is urged to explore all possible alternatives to a conveyance of Shenandoah Square, including a sublease of the property to an entity that can better develop affordable housing on the property.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

The agreement provides $1,553,275,000 for Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps. Within this amount, the agreement provides $219,069,000 for study, planning, design, architect and engineer services. The agreement also provides an additional $10,000,000 to supplement unspecified minor military construction.

Marine Corps fire stations.—The Marine Corps has been neglecting fire station new construction and renovation over the years and funding for military construction of new stations has been deferred to the out years of budget submissions. Many of the fire stations are deteriorating and antiquated, creating significant life, safety, and health concerns. Therefore, the Secretary of the Navy is directed to prioritize funding for fire stations in a much timelier manner and submit to the congressional defense committees a list of how those requirements will be incorporated into their construction requests for the out years. Fire stations are valuable assets that should be maintained in a manner that will ensure appropriate response time and their vital role in protecting U.S. national security assets on military installations.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

The agreement provides $1,543,558,000 for Military Construction, Air Force. Within this amount, the agreement provides $97,852,000 for study, planning, design, architect and engineer services. The agreement

also provides an additional $10,000,000 to supplement unspecified minor military construction.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement provides $2,811,513,000 for Military Construction, Defense-Wide. Within this amount, the agreement provides $210,717,000 for study, planning, design, architect and engineer services, an increase of $35,000,000. The agreement also provides an additional $10,000,000 to supplement unspecified minor military construction.

Army Corps of Engineers projects within the Defense Health Agency.—The Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) has an extremely large portfolio including executing Defense Health Agency (DHA) construction projects. There is great concern for cost overruns and poor execution of Corps projects. The Corps currently has 45 active DHA construction projects underway worldwide where there is a definitive need for effective and efficient project management. Therefore, the Acting Director of the Facilities Division within DHA is directed to provide quarterly reports to the congressional defense committees on the progress of all hospital construction projects to include any settlements that have been reached for contractor error or project management deficiencies.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

The agreement provides $220,652,000 for Military Construction, Army National Guard. Within this amount, the agreement provides $16,271,000 for study, planning, design, architect and engineer services. The agreement also provides an additional $10,000,000 to supplement unspecified minor military construction.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The agreement provides $171,491,000 for Military Construction, Air National Guard. Within this amount, the agreement provides $18,000,000 for study, planning, design, architect and engineer services. The agreement also provides an additional $10,000,000 to supplement unspecified minor military construction.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

The agreement provides $83,712,000 for Military Construction, Army Reserve. Within this amount, the agreement provides $6,887,000 for study, planning, design, architect and engineer services. The agreement also provides an additional $10,000,000 to supplement unspecified minor military construction.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

The agreement provides $95,271,000 for Military Construction, Navy Reserve. Within this amount, the agreement provides $24,430,000 for study, planning, design, architect and engineer services, an increase of $20,000,000. The agreement also provides an additional $10,000,000 to supplement unspecified minor military construction.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

The agreement provides $73,535,000 for Military Construction, Air Force Reserve. Within this amount, the agreement provides $4,725,000 for study, planning, design, architect and engineer services. The agreement also provides an additional $10,000,000 to supplement unspecified minor military construction.

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

The agreement provides $177,932,000 for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program, an increase of $23,932,000.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT

The agreement provides $310,000,000 for the Department of Defense Base Closure Account, an increase of $54,133,000 above the request. The additional funding is for the Department to accelerate environmental remediation at installations closed under previous Base Realignment and Closure rounds.

Accelerated cleanup.—The agreement includes additional funding to accelerate environmental remediation at installations closed during previous Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) rounds. Priority should be given to those sites with newly identified radiological cleanup cost. There are many factors hindering the cleanup of BRAC sites. However, strategic investments can lead to quicker clean-ups and faster turnover of DOD property to the local community. Therefore, the Department is directed to submit to the congressional defense committees a spend plan for the additional BRAC funds not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act.

Perfluorinated chemicals.—Perfluorinated chemical (PFC) contaminants linked to a firefighting agent formerly used by the DOD have been identified in water systems near military installations closed during previous Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) rounds. Identification, testing, response, and prevention activities are ongoing and will require significant attention in future budget requests. Therefore, the Secretary of the Air Force is urged to prioritize PFC-contaminated sites when considering BRAC cleanup project funding requested through this account and to move forwards with short- and long-term remediation efforts as expeditiously as possible.

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FAMILY HOUSING

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

The agreement provides $182,662,000 for Family Housing Construction, Army.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

The agreement provides $348,907,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

The agreement provides $83,682,000 for Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

The agreement provides $328,282,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

The agreement provides $85,062,000 for Family Housing Construction, Air Force.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

The agreement provides $318,324,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Air Force.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE–WIDE

The agreement provides $59,169,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide.

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FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

The agreement provides $2,726,000 for the Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

The agreement provides $623,000 for the Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS AND RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes section 101 limiting the use of funds under a cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract.

The agreement includes section 102 allowing the use of construction funds in this title for hire of passenger motor vehicles.

The agreement includes section 103 allowing the use of construction funds in this title for advances to the Federal Highway Administration for the construction of access roads.

The agreement includes section 104 prohibiting construction of new bases in the United States without a specific appropriation.

The agreement includes section 105 limiting the use of funds for the purchase of land or land easements that exceed 100 percent of the value.

The agreement includes section 106 prohibiting the use of funds, except funds appropriated in this title for that purpose, for family housing.

The agreement includes section 107 limiting the use of minor construction funds to transfer or relocate activities.

The agreement includes section 108 prohibiting the procurement of steel unless American producers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been allowed to compete.

The agreement includes section 109 prohibiting the use of construction or family housing funds to pay real property taxes in any foreign nation.

The agreement includes section 110 prohibiting the use of funds to initiate a new installation overseas without prior notification.

The agreement includes section 111 establishing a preference for American architectural and engineering services for overseas projects.

The agreement includes section 112 establishing a preference for American contractors in United States territories and possessions in the Pacific and on Kwajalein Atoll and in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf.

The agreement includes section 113 requiring congressional notification of military exercises when construction costs exceed $100,000.

The agreement includes section 114 allowing funds appropriated in prior years for new projects authorized during the current session of Congress.

The agreement includes section 115 allowing the use of expired or lapsed funds to pay the cost of supervision for any project being completed with lapsed funds.

The agreement includes section 116 allowing military construction funds to be available for five years.

The agreement includes section 117 allowing the transfer of funds from Family Housing Construction accounts to the Family Housing Improvement Program.

The agreement includes section 118 allowing transfers to the Homeowners Assistance Fund.

The agreement includes section 119 limiting the source of operation and maintenance funds for flag and general officer quarters and allowing for notification by electronic medium. The provision also requires an annual report on the expenditures of each quarters.

The agreement includes section 120 extending the availability of funds in the Ford Island Improvement Account.

The agreement includes section 121 allowing the transfer of expired funds to the Foreign Currency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense account.

The agreement includes section 122 restricting the obligation of funds for relocating an Army unit that performs a testing mission.

The agreement includes section 123 allowing for the reprogramming of construction funds among projects and activities subject to certain criteria.

The agreement includes section 124 prohibiting the obligation or expenditure of funds provided to the Department of Defense for military construction for projects at Arlington National Cemetery.

The agreement includes section 125 providing additional planning and design and construction funds for various Military Construction accounts.

The agreement includes section 126 rescinding funds from prior Appropriation Acts from various accounts.

The agreement includes section 127 defining the congressional defense committees.

The agreement includes section 128 prohibiting the use of funds in this Act to close or realign Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The provision is intended to prevent the closure or realignment of the installation out of the possession of the United States, and maintain the Naval Station's long-standing regional security and migrant operations missions.

The agreement includes section 129 restricting funds in the Act to be used to consolidate or relocate any element of Air Force Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer until certain conditions are met.

The agreement includes section 130 directing all amounts appropriated to ''Military Construction, Defense-Wide'' be immediately available and allotted for the full scope of authorized projects.

The agreement include section 131 providing additional funding for Defense Access Roads.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
ALABAMA		
ARMY		
FORT RUCKER		
TRAINING SUPPORT FACILITY	38,000	38,000
ALASKA		
AIR FORCE		
EIELSON AFB		
F-35A ADAL CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS FACILITY	2,500	2,500
F-35A AGE FACILITY / FILLSTAND	21,000	21,000
F-35A CONSOLIDATED MUNITIONS ADMIN FACILITY	27,000	27,000
F-35A EXTEND UTILIDUCT TO SOUTH LOOP	48,000	48,000
F-35A OSS/WEAPONS/INTEL FACILITY	11,800	11,800
F-35A R-11 FUEL TRUCK SHELTER	9,600	9,600
F-35A SATELLITE DINING FACILITY	8,000	8,000
REPAIR CENTRAL HEAT/POWER PLANT BOILER PH 4	41,000	41,000
ARIZONA		
ARMY		
DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB		
GENERAL INSTRUCTION BUILDING	22,000	22,000
FORT HUACHUCA		
GROUND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT BUILDING	30,000	30,000
NAVY		
YUMA		
ENLISTED DINING FACILITY & COMMUNITY BLDGS	36,358	36,358
CALIFORNIA		
ARMY		
FORT IRWIN		
LAND ACQUISITION	3,000	3,000
NAVY		
BARSTOW		
COMBAT VEHICLE REPAIR FACILITY	36,539	36,539
CAMP PENDLETON		
AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT UPGRADE	61,139	61,139
LEMOORE		
F/A 18 AVIONICS REPAIR FACILITY REPLACEMENT	60,828	60,828
MIRAMAR		
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (INC 2)	39,600	39,600
TWENTYNINE PALMS		
POTABLE WATER TREATMENT/BLENDING FACILITY	55,099	55,099
AIR FORCE		
TRAVIS AFB		
Note: Budget request is under worldwide unspecified Air Force. The Secretary of the Air Force determined the specific projects and costs after the submission.		
AIRCRAFT 3-BAY MAINTENANCE HANGAR	---	107,000
ALTER B811 CORROSION CONTROL HANGAR	---	7,700
ALTER B181/185/187 SQUAD OPS/AMU	---	---
ADAL D14 FUEL CELL HANGAR	---	---
DEFENSE-WIDE		
CAMP PENDLETON		
AMBULATORY CARE CENTER REPLACEMENT	26,400	26,400
SOF MARINE BATTALION COMPANY/TEAM FACILITIES	9,958	9,958
SOF MOTOR TRANSPORT FACILITY EXPANSION	7,284	7,284
CORONADO		
SOF BASIC TRAINING COMMAND	96,077	96,077
SOF LOGISTICS SUPPORT UNIT ONE OPS FAC. #3	46,175	46,175
SOF SEAL TEAM OPS FACILITY	66,218	66,218
SOF SEAL TEAM OPS FACILITY	50,265	50,265

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(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
MARCH AFB		
TFI CONSTRUCT RPA FLIGHT TRAINING UNIT	15,000	15,000
ARMY RESERVE		
FALLBROOK		
ARMY RESERVE CENTER	36,000	36,000
NAVY RESERVE		
LEMOORE		
NAVAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER	17,330	17,330
COLORADO		
ARMY		
FORT CARSON		
AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT	21,000	21,000
BATTLEFIELD WEATHER FACILITY	8,300	8,300
AIR FORCE		
BUCKLEY AIR FORCE BASE		
SBIRS OPERATIONS FACILITY	38,000	38,000
FORT CARSON, COLORADO		
13 ASOS EXPANSION	13,000	13,000
U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY		
AIR FORCE CYBERWORX	30,000	30,000
DEFENSE-WIDE		
SCHRIEVER AFB		
AMBULATORY CARE CENTER/DENTAL ADD./ALT	10,200	10,200
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
PETERSON AFB		
SPACE CONTROL FACILITY	8,000	8,000
CONNECTICUT		
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
BRADLEY IAP		
CONSTRUCT BASE ENTRY COMPLEX	7,000	7,000
DELAWARE		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
NEW CASTLE		
COMBINED SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SHOP	36,000	36,000
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
NAVY		
NSA WASHINGTON		
ELECTRONICS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY	37,882	37,882
WASHINGTON NAVY YARD AT/FP	60,000	---
FLORIDA		
ARMY		
EGLIN AFB		
MULTIPURPOSE RANGE COMPLEX	18,000	18,000
NAVY		
MAYPORT		
ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT	74,994	74,994
MISSILE MAGAZINES	9,824	9,824
AIR FORCE		
EGLIN AFB		
F-35A ARMAMENT RESEARCH FAC ADDITION (B614)	8,700	8,700
LONG-RANGE STAND-OFF ACQUISITION FAC	38,000	38,000
MACDILL AFB		
KC-135 BEDDOWN OG/MXG HQ	8,100	8,100
DEFENSE-WIDE		
EGLIN AFB		
SOF SIMULATOR FACILITY	5,000	5,000
UPGRADE OPEN STORAGE YARD	4,100	4,100
HURLBURT FIELD		
SOF COMBAT AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON	34,700	34,700

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
SOF SIMULATOR & FUSELAGE TRAINER FACILITY	11,700	11,700
AIR FORCE RESERVE		
PATRICK AFB		
GUARDIAN ANGEL FACILITY	25,000	25,000
GEORGIA		
ARMY		
FORT BENNING		
TRAINING SUPPORT FACILITY	28,000	28,000
FORT GORDON		
ACCESS CONTROL POINT	33,000	33,000
AUTOMATION-AIDED INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDING	18,500	18,500
AIR FORCE		
ROBINS AFB		
COMMERCIAL VEHICLE VISITOR CONTROL FACILITY	9,800	9,800
DEFENSE-WIDE		
FORT GORDON		
BLOOD DONOR CENTER REPLACEMENT	10,350	10,350
NAVY RESERVE		
FORT GORDON		
NAVAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER	17,797	17,797
HAWAII		
ARMY		
FORT SHAFTER		
COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITY, INCR 3	90,000	90,000
NAVY		
JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM		
SEWER LIFT STATION & RELIEF SEWER LINE	73,200	73,200
KANEOHE BAY		
LHD PAD CONVERSIONS MV-22 LANDING PADS	19,012	19,012
WAHIAWA		
COMMUNICATIONS/CRYPTO FACILITY	65,864	65,864
DEFENSE-WIDE		
KUNIA		
NSAH KUNIA TUNNEL ENTRANCE	5,000	5,000
AIR FORCE RESERVE		
JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM		
CONSOLIDATED TRAINING FACILITY	5,500	5,500
IDAHO		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
ORCHARD TRAINING AREA		
DIGITAL AIR/GROUND INTEGRATION RANGE	22,000	22,000
INDIANA		
ARMY		
CRANE ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT		
SHIPPING AND RECEIVING BUILDING	24,000	24,000
KANSAS		
AIR FORCE		
MCCONNELL AFB		
COMBAT ARMS FACILITY	17,500	17,500
KENTUCKY		
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
LOUISVILLE IAP		
ADD/ALTER RESPONSE FORCES FACILITY	9,000	9,000
MAINE		
NAVY		
KITTERY		
PAINT, BLAST, AND RUBBER FACILITY	61,692	61,692

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
PRESQUE ISLE		
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	17,500	17,500
MARYLAND		
AIR FORCE		
JOINT BASE ANDREWS		
PAR LAND ACQUISITION	17,500	17,500
PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT RECAP COMPLEX	254,000	124,884
DEFENSE-WIDE		
BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL		
MEDICAL CENTER ADDITION/ALTERATION INCR 2	123,800	123,800
FORT MEADE		
NSAW RECAPITALIZE BUILDING #2 INCR 3	313,968	313,968
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
SYKESVILLE		
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	19,000	19,000
MASSACHUSETTS		
AIR FORCE		
HANSCOM AFB		
VANDENBERG GATE COMPLEX	11,400	11,400
AIR FORCE RESERVE		
WESTOVER ARB		
INDOOR SMALL ARMS RANGE	10,000	10,000
MINNESOTA		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
ARDEN HILLS		
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	39,000	39,000
MISSOURI		
DEFENSE-WIDE		
FORT LEONARD WOOD		
BLOOD PROCESSING CENTER REPLACEMENT	11,941	11,941
HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT	250,000	100,000
ST LOUIS		
NEXT NGA WEST (N2W) COMPLEX	381,000	200,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
ROSECRANS MEMORIAL AIRPORT		
REPLACE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY	10,000	10,000
NEVADA		
AIR FORCE		
NELLIS AFB		
RED FLAG 5TH GEN FACILITY ADDITION	23,000	23,000
VIRTUAL WARFARE CENTER OPERATIONS FACILITY	38,000	38,000
NEW JERSEY		
AIR FORCE		
JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST		
Note: Budget request is under worldwide unspecified Air Force. The Secretary of the Air Force determined the specific projects and costs after the submission.		
2-BAY GENERAL PURPOSE MIX HANGAR	---	72,000
ADAL B2324 REGIONAL MAINTENANCE TRAINING FACILITY	---	18,000
ALTER APRON AND FUEL HYDRANT	---	17,000
ALTER BUILDINGS FOR OPS AND TFI AMU-AMXS	---	9,000
ADAL B1816 FOR SUPPLY	---	6,900
ADAL B2319 FOR BOOM OPERATOR TRAINER	---	6,100
ALTER FACILITIES FOR MAINTENANCE	---	5,800
AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIPMENT STORAGE	---	4,100
ADAL B3209 FOR FUSELAGE TRAINER	---	3,300

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(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
ADD TO B1837 FOR BODY TANKS STORAGE	---	2,300
ADAL 1749 FOR ATGL AND LIST SERVICING	---	2,000
NAVY RESERVE		
JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST		
AIRCRAFT APRON, TAXIWAY & SUPPORT FACILITIES	11,573	11,573
NEW MEXICO		
AIR FORCE		
CANNON AFB		
DANGEROUS CARGO PAD RELOCATE CATM	42,000	42,000
HOLLOMAN AFB		
RPA FIXED GROUND CONTROL STATION FACILITY	4,250	4,250
DEFENSE-WIDE		
CANNON AFB		
SOF C-130 AGE FACILITY	8,228	8,228
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
LAS CRUCES		
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER ADDITION	8,600	8,600
NEW YORK		
ARMY		
U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY		
CEMETERY	22,000	22,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
HANCOCK FIELD		
ADD TO FLIGHT TRAINING UNIT, BUILDING 641	6,800	6,800
NORTH CAROLINA		
NAVY		
CAMP LEJEUNE		
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS	37,983	37,983
WATER TREATMENT PLANT REPLACEMENT HADNOT PT	65,784	65,784
CHERRY POINT MARINE CORPS AIR STATION		
F-35B VERTICAL LIFT FAN TEST FACILITY	15,671	15,671
DEFENSE-WIDE		
CAMP LEJEUNE		
AMBULATORY CARE CENTER ADDITION/ALTERATION	15,300	15,300
AMBULATORY CARE CENTER/DENTAL CLINIC	21,400	21,400
AMBULATORY CARE CENTER/DENTAL CLINIC	22,000	22,000
SOF HUMAN PERFORMANCE TRAINING CENTER	10,800	10,800
SOF MOTOR TRANSPORT MAINTENANCE EXPANSION	20,539	20,539
FORT BRAGG		
SOF HUMAN PERFORMANCE TRAINING CTR	20,260	20,260
SOF SUPPORT BATTALION ADMIN FACILITY	13,518	13,518
SOF TACTICAL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE FACILITY	20,000	20,000
SOF TELECOMM RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENTS	4,000	4,000
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB		
CONSTRUCT TANKER TRUCK DELIVERY SYSTEM	20,000	20,000
AIR FORCE RESERVE		
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB		
KC-46A ADAL FOR ALT MISSION STORAGE	6,400	6,400
NORTH DAKOTA		
AIR FORCE		
MINOT AFB		
INDOOR FIRING RANGE	27,000	27,000

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
OHIO		
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
TOLEDO EXPRESS AIRPORT		
NORTHCOM - CONSTRUCT ALERT HANGAR	15,000	15,000
OKLAHOMA		
AIR FORCE		
ALTUS AFB		
KC-46A FTU FUSELAGE TRAINER PHASE 2	4,900	4,900
OREGON		
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
KLAMATH FALLS IAP		
CONSTRUCT CORROSION CONTROL HANGAR	10,500	10,500
CONSTRUCT INDOOR RANGE	8,000	8,000
SOUTH CAROLINA		
ARMY		
FORT JACKSON		
RECEPTION BARRACKS COMPLEX, PH1	60,000	60,000
SHAW AFB		
MISSION TRAINING COMPLEX	25,000	25,000
DEFENSE-WIDE		
SHAW AFB		
CONSOLIDATE FUEL FACILITIES	22,900	22,900
SOUTH DAKOTA		
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
JOE FOSS FIELD		
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SHOPS	12,000	12,000
TENNESSEE		
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
MCGHEE-TYSON AIRPORT		
REPLACE KC-135 MAINTENANCE HANGAR AND SHOPS	25,000	25,000
TEXAS		
ARMY		
CAMP BULLIS		
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	13,600	13,600
FORT HOOD		
BATTALION HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX	37,000	37,000
AIR FORCE		
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO		
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER	10,000	10,000
BMT CLASSROOMS/DINING FACILITY 4	38,000	38,000
BMT RECRUIT DORMITORY 7	90,130	90,130
CAMP BULLIS DINING FACILITY	18,500	18,500
DEFENSE-WIDE		
FORT BLISS		
BLOOD PROCESSING CENTER	8,300	8,300
HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT INCR 8	251,330	251,330
NAVY RESERVE		
FORT WORTH		
KC130-J EACTS FACILITY	12,637	12,637
UTAH		
AIR FORCE		
HILL AFB		
UTTR CONSOLIDATED MISSION CONTROL CENTER	28,000	28,000
DEFENSE-WIDE		
HILL AFB		
REPLACE POL FACILITIES	20,000	20,000

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
AIR FORCE RESERVE		
HILL AFB		
ADD/ALTER LIFE SUPPORT FACILITY	3,100	3,100
VIRGINIA		
ARMY		
FORT BELVOIR		
SECURE ADMIN/OPERATIONS FACILITY, INCR 3	14,124	14,124
JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS		
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONAL BLDG	34,000	34,000
JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON		
SECURITY FENCE	20,000	20,000
NAVY		
DAM NECK		
ISR OPERATIONS FACILITY EXPANSION	29,262	29,262
JOINT EXPEDITIONARY BASE LITTLE CREEK - STORY		
ACU-4 ELECTRICAL UPGRADES	2,596	2,596
NORFOLK		
CHAMBERS FIELD MAGAZINE RECAP PH 1	34,665	34,665
PORTSMOUTH		
SHIP REPAIR TRAINING FACILITY	72,990	72,990
YORKTOWN		
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS	36,358	36,358
DEFENSE-WIDE		
JOINT EXPEDITIONARY BASE LITTLE CREEK - STORY		
SOF SATEC RANGE EXPANSION	23,000	23,000
NORFOLK		
REPLACE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WAREHOUSE	18,500	18,500
PENTAGON		
PENTAGON CORR 8 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS CONTROL PT	8,140	8,140
S.E. SAFETY TRAFFIC AND PARKING IMPROVEMENTS	28,700	28,700
SECURITY UPDATES	13,260	13,260
PORTSMOUTH		
REPLACE HARARDOUS MATERIALS WAREHOUSE	22,500	22,500
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
FORT PICKETT		
TRAINING AIDS CENTER	4,550	4,550
WASHINGTON		
ARMY		
JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD		
CONFINEMENT FACILITY	66,000	66,000
YAKIMA		
FIRE STATION	19,500	19,500
NAVY		
INDIAN ISLAND		
MISSILE MAGAZINES	44,440	44,440
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
TURNWATER		
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	31,000	31,000
WISCONSIN		
ARMY RESERVE		
FORT MCCOY		
AT/MOB DINING FACILITY	13,000	13,000
WYOMING		
AIR FORCE		
F. E. WARREN AFB		
CONSOLIDATED HELO/TRF OPS/AMU AND ALERT FAC	62,000	62,000
CONUS CLASSIFIED		
DEFENSE-WIDE		
CLASSIFIED LOCATION		
BATTALION COMPLEX, PH 1	64,364	64,364

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
AUSTRALIA		
AIR FORCE		
DARWIN		
APR - BULK FUEL STORAGE TANKS	76,000	76,000
DJIBOUTI		
NAVY		
CAMP LEMONIER		
AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON EXPANSION	13,390	---
GERMANY		
ARMY		
STUTTGART		
EIC: COMMISSARY	40,000	40,000
WIESBADEN		
EIC: ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING	43,000	43,000
DEFENSE-WIDE		
RHINE ORDNANCE BARRACKS		
MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT INCR 7	106,700	106,700
SPANGDAHLEM AB		
SPANGDAHLEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPLACEMENT	79,141	79,141
STUTTGART		
ROBINSON BARRACKS ELEM. SCHOOL REPLACEMENT	46,609	46,609
GREECE		
NAVY		
SOUDA BAY		
STRATEGIC AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON EXPANSION	22,045	22,045
DEFENSE-WIDE		
SOUDA BAY		
CONSTRUCT HYDRANT SYSTEM	18,100	18,100
GUAM		
NAVY		
JOINT REGION MARIANAS		
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR #2	75,233	75,233
CORROSION CONTROL HANGAR	66,747	66,747
MALS FACILITIES	49,431	49,431
NAVY-COMMERCIAL TIE-IN HARDENING	37,180	37,180
WATER WELL FIELD	56,088	56,088
DEFENSE-WIDE		
ANDERSEN AFB		
CONSTRUCT TRUCK LOAD & UNLOAD FACILITY	23,900	23,900
AIR FORCE RESERVE		
JOINT REGION MARIANAS		
RESERVE MEDICAL TRAINING FACILITY	5,200	5,200
ITALY		
AIR FORCE		
AVIANO AB		
GUARDIAN ANGEL OPERATIONS FACILITY	27,325	---
DEFENSE-WIDE		
SIGONELLA		
CONSTRUCT HYDRANT SYSTEM	22,400	---
VICENZA		
VICENZA HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT	62,406	62,406
JAPAN		
NAVY		
IWAKUNI		
KC130J ENLISTED AIRCREW TRAINER FACILITY	21,860	21,860
DEFENSE-WIDE		
IWAKUNI		
CONSTRUCT BULK STORAGE TANKS PH 1	30,800	30,800

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(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
KADENA AB		
SOF MAINTENANCE HANGAR	3,972	3,972
SOF SPECIAL TACTICS OPERATIONS FACILITY	27,573	27,573
OKINAWA		
REPLACE MOORING SYSTEM	11,900	11,900
SASEBO		
UPGRADE FUEL WHARF	45,600	45,600
TORRI COMMO STATION		
SOF TACTICAL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE FACILITY	25,323	25,323
YOKOTA AB		
AIRFIELD APRON	10,800	10,800
HANGAR/AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIT	12,034	12,034
OPERATIONS AND WAREHOUSE FACILITIES	8,590	8,590
SIMULATOR FACILITY	2,189	2,189
KOREA		
ARMY		
KUNSAN AB		
UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE HANGAR	53,000	53,000
MARIANA ISLANDS		
AIR FORCE		
TINIAN		
APR LAND ACQUISITION	12,900	12,900
PUERTO RICO		
DEFENSE-WIDE		
PUNTA BORINQUEN		
RAMEY UNIT SCHOOL REPLACEMENT	61,071	61,071
ARMY RESERVE		
AGUADILLA		
ARMY RESERVE CENTER	12,400	12,400
QATAR		
AIR FORCE		
AL UDEID		
CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY	15,000	---
TURKEY		
ARMY		
TURKEY VARIOUS		
FORWARD OPERATING SITE	6,400	---
AIR FORCE		
INCIRLIK AB		
DORMITORY	25,997	---
UNITED KINGDOM		
AIR FORCE		
ROYAL AIR FORCE FAIRFORD		
EIC RC-135 INFRASTRUCTURE	2,150	2,150
EIC RC-135 INTEL AND SQUAD OPS FACILITY	38,000	38,000
EIC RC-135 RUNWAY OVERRUN RECONFIGURATION	5,500	5,500
ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH		
CONSOLIDATED CORROSION CONTROL FACILITY	20,000	20,000
F-35A 6-BAY HANGAR	24,000	24,000
F-35A F-15 PARKING	10,800	10,800
F-35A FIELD TRAINING DETACHMENT FACILITY	12,492	12,492
F-35A FLIGHT SIMULATOR FACILITY	22,000	22,000
F-35A INFRASTRUCTURE	6,700	6,700
F-35A SQUADRON OPERATIONS AND AMU	41,000	41,000
DEFENSE-WIDE		
MENWITH HILL STATION		
RAFMH MAIN GATE REHABILITATION	11,000	11,000

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM	154,000	177,932
WORLDWIDE UNSPECIFIED		
ARMY		
HOST NATION SUPPORT	28,700	28,700
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	31,500	41,500
PLANNING AND DESIGN	72,770	72,770
NAVY		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	219,069	219,069
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	23,842	33,842
AIR FORCE		
KC-46A MAIN OPERATING BASE 4	269,000	---
Note: The recommended funding is provided under Travis Air Force Base, CA and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ as determined by the Secretary of the Air Force.		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	97,852	97,852
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	31,400	41,400
DEFENSE-WIDE		
CONTINGENCY CONSTRUCTION	10,000	---
ENERGY RESILIENCE CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM	150,000	165,000
PLANNING AND DESIGN		
DEFENSE WIDE	23,500	48,500
DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY	40,220	40,220
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPENDENT EDUCATION	26,147	26,147
DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY	1,150	1,150
DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY	23,012	23,012
ERCIP	---	10,000
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY	20,000	20,000
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND	39,746	39,746
WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICE	1,942	1,942
SUBTOTAL, PLANNING AND DESIGN	1,109,850	910,850
UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION		
DEFENSE-WIDE	3,000	13,000
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPENDENT EDUCATION	8,000	8,000
DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY	10,000	10,000
DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY	2,039	2,039
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF	11,490	11,490
MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY	3,000	3,000
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY	3,000	3,000
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND	7,384	7,384
SUBTOTAL, UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	47,913	57,913
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	16,271	16,271
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	16,731	26,731
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	18,000	18,000
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	17,191	27,191
ARMY RESERVE		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	6,887	6,887
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	5,425	15,425

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
NAVY RESERVE		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	4,430	24,430
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	1,504	11,504
AIR FORCE RESERVE		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	4,725	4,725
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	3,610	13,610
FAMILY HOUSING, ARMY		
GEORGIA		
FORT GORDON		
FAMILY HOUSING NEW CONSTRUCTION	6,100	6,100
MASSACHUSETTS		
NATICK SOLDIER SUPPORT CENTER (28 UNITS)	21,000	21,000
KOREA		
CAMP HUMPHRIES		
FAMILY HOUSING NEW CONSTRUCTION Inc 2	34,402	34,402
KWAJALEIN		
FAMILY HOUSING NEW CONSTRUCTION (22 UNITS)	31,000	31,000
GERMANY		
SOUTH CAMP VILSECK		
FAMILY HOUSING NEW CONSTRUCTION (36 UNITS)	22,445	22,445
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS - BAUMHOLDER (96 UNITS)	34,156	34,156
ITALY		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	33,559	33,559
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION	182,662	182,662
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE		
UTILITIES ACCOUNT	60,251	60,251
SERVICES ACCOUNT	8,930	9,106
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT	37,089	37,089
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT	400	400
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT	12,816	12,816
LEASING	148,538	150,644
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY	57,708	57,708
PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT COSTS	20,893	20,893
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	346,625	348,907
FAMILY HOUSING, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS		
MARIANA ISLANDS		
NSA ANDERSON		
REPLACEMENT HOUSING PHASE II	40,875	40,875
BAHRAIN		
SW ASIA		
CONSTRUCTION OF ON-BASE GENERAL FLAG OFFICER QUARTERS	2,138	2,138
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS	36,251	36,251
PLANNING AND DESIGN	4,418	4,418
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION	83,682	83,682
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE		
UTILITIES ACCOUNT	62,167	62,167

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
SERVICES ACCOUNT	15,649	15,649
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT	50,989	50,989
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT	336	336
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT	14,529	14,529
LEASING	61,921	61,921
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY	95,104	95,104
PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT COSTS	27,587	27,587
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	328,282	328,282
FAMILY HOUSING, AIR FORCE		
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS	80,617	80,617
PLANNING AND DESIGN	4,445	4,445
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION	85,062	85,062
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE		
UTILITIES ACCOUNT	47,504	47,504
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT	53,464	53,464
SERVICES ACCOUNT	13,517	13,517
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT	29,424	29,424
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT	1,839	1,839
LEASING	16,818	16,818
MAINTENANCE	134,189	134,189
PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT COSTS	21,569	21,569
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	318,324	318,324
FAMILY HOUSING, DEFENSE-WIDE		
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE		
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY		
UTILITIES	268	268
FURNISHING	407	407
LEASING	12,390	12,390
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY	655	655
DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY		
UTILITIES	4,100	4,100
FURNISHINGS	641	641
LEASING	39,716	39,716
DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY		
UTILITIES	86	86
FURNISHINGS	6	6
SERVICES	14	14
MANAGEMENT	319	319
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY	567	567
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	59,169	59,169
DOD MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND	623	623
DOD FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND	2,726	2,726
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE		
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACCOUNT	255,867	310,000
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY	---	93,800
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS	---	202,130
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE	---	138,100
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD	---	113,500
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD	---	52,000
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE	---	76,000
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE	---	64,100

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
DEFENSE ACCESS ROADS PROGRAM (SEC. 131)	---	20,000
RESCISSIONS FROM PRIOR YEAR UNOBLIGATED BALANCES		
NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM	---	-25,000
FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY	---	-18,000

TITLE II

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement provides $95,768,462,000 for Compensation and Pensions in advance for fiscal year 2019. Of the amount provided, not more than $17,882,000 is to be transferred to General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) and Information Technology Systems for reimbursement of necessary expenses in implementing provisions of title 38.

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

The agreement provides $11,832,175,000 for Readjustment Benefits in advance for fiscal year 2019.

VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

The agreement provides $109,090,000 for Veterans Insurance and Indemnities in advance for fiscal year 2019, as well as an additional $12,439,000 for fiscal year 2018.

VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

The agreement provides such sums as may be necessary for costs associated with direct and guaranteed loans for the Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund. The agreement limits obligations for direct loans to not more than $500,000 and provides that $178,626,000 shall be available for administrative expenses.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The agreement provides $30,000 for the cost of direct loans from the Vocational Rehabilitation Loans Program Account, plus $395,000 to be paid to the appropriation for General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration. The agreement provides for a direct loan limitation of $2,356,000.

As indicated in the House report, the Secretary is directed to provide the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress (''the Committees''') options to support greater utilization of the Home Loan Program in locations with a large veteran population and competitive housing markets.

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The agreement provides $1,163,000 for administrative expenses of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program Account.

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

The agreement provides $2,910,000,000 for General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration and makes available not to exceed 10 percent of this funding until the end of fiscal year 2019. The agreement provides $66,000,000 above the request and intends that the increase be used for the Veterans Claims Intake Program; additional claims and appellate staff; increased staff for the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program; and overtime payments, as necessary.

Equitable relief.—As described in the House report, the Secretary is directed to continue to grant or extend equitable relief to eligible veterans initially deemed eligible in instances of administrative error.

Compensation claims for Camp Lejeune contaminated water veterans.—There is concern regarding the lack of consistency in the Department's handling of disability compensation claims for veterans, former reservists, and former National Guard members who served at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune for no less than 30 days (consecutive or nonconsecutive) between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987. VA established a presumption of service connection for eight diseases associated with exposure to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune during that period. The Department made the decision to subject nonpresumptive Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water (CLCW) exposure claims to a higher level of scrutiny than is applied to other exposure claims and did so without providing notice or an opportunity for public comment. In addition, no other toxic exposure claims require a positive medical opinion to warrant service connection. The evidentiary burden VA requires for CLCW nonpresumptive exposure claims is significantly greater than the standard used for Agent Orange or any other exposure claims. Furthermore, there currently exists a wealth of ''competent medical evidence'' specific to diseases related to exposure to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune, as published by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), the Institute of Medicine (IoM), and other government-sanctioned medical experts. Nevertheless, the Department's same Clinical Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), who provide medical opinions, have routinely rejected ATSDR and IoM's findings without providing any justification or explanation for doing so.

The Department is directed to conduct a Special Focus Review for the CLCW claims process and submit the results of the review to the Committees no later than 180 days after enactment of this Act. The report should also address the lack of consistency for CLCW claims as compared to other nonpresumptive and exposure claims, as well as answer the following questions: (1) Why did the Department determine it was necessary to ''create a process that fell outside of the traditional Compensation and Pension (C&P) examination process''' for Camp Lejeune exposure claims? (2) The Department has stated that ''SMEs are required to be familiar with the study of Environmental & Occupational Medicine and Toxicology due to the specialized nature of these claims.'' (a) Explain what the Department means by ''the specialized nature of these claims.'' (b) Explain how and why this process differs from the C&P examination process for Agent Orange or other exposure claims. (c) What are the educational, practical, or other requirements that a VHA employee must meet in order to qualify as a ''Subject Matter Expert'' who can adjudicate Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water claims? (3) What justification did the Department use to require a positive medical opinion to warrant service connection for every single non-presumptive claim for CLCW veterans? (a) What evidence is there to demonstrate the necessity of establishing such a process? (b) What evidence is there to demonstrate the impact that such extraordinary evidentiary requirements have had on the processing of CLCW exposure claims? (4) What percentage of non-presumptive claims (VA wide) are currently referred to VHA Clinical SMEs for a medical opinion? (5) Why does the Department require an evidentiary standard greater than ''competent medical evidence'' for CLCW claims? (6) Does the Department consider the ATSDR and IoM reports on diseases associated with exposure to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune to be ''competent medical evidence?'' (a) If so, why has the Department refused to accept these findings as sufficient medical evidence to establish a nexus of service connection? (b) If not, why does the Department apply a different definition of ''competent medical evidence'' to CLCW claims than it applies to Agent Orange claims? (7) Is there any other type of claim for which the Department requires a positive medical opinion from a VHA clinical Subject Matter Expert on each claim?

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

OVERVIEW

As described in the Senate report, the Secretary is directed to establish relationships with personnel divisions at the Departments of Defense (DOD) and Homeland Security to enable rapid hiring by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) of separating service members.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The agreement provides $49,161,165,000 in advance for fiscal year 2019 for Medical Services and makes $1,400,000,000 of the advance available through fiscal year 2020. The agreement also provides $1,962,984,000 for fiscal year 2018 in addition to the advance appropriation provided last year.

Given that there may be significant unfunded liabilities created by the winding down of the Choice Act, the agreement continues to include bill language in section 229 permitting the transfer of funding from multiple VA appropriations accounts to Medical Services to address unfunded needs.

The agreement includes bill language requiring the Secretary to ensure that sufficient amounts are available for the acquisition of prosthetics designed specifically for female veterans.

Allocations.—At the beginning of fiscal year 2018, without public notice, the Department considered fundamentally changing the manner in which Medical Services allocations were made to the Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISNs). Specifically, consideration was being given to converting almost $1,000,000,000 of Specific Purpose funding to General Purpose funding. After consultation with Congress regarding the unknown and potentially serious impacts the conversion could have to programs, such as the successful Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Services program, the Department ceased implementation and determined that conversion to General Purpose funding would not go forward in fiscal year 2018. In order to provide for transparency and ensure Congressional oversight and deliberation, in the future, the VA is directed to consult with the Committees on Appropriations and the Committees on Veterans Affairs of both Houses of Congress before any attempt is made to change the manner in which funding allocations are made to the field, and to propose these types of changes in an annual budget submission.

Opioid abuse.—The agreement provides the estimated $329,953,000 VA will spend on inpatient and outpatient treatment, methadone and other pharmacy-related costs related to opioid abuse; $55,821,000 to continue to implement opioid safety initiatives outlined as part of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act; and $48,778,000 for the Justice Outreach and Prevention program. In addition to these amounts, the agreement also includes $270,000,000 for the Office of Rural Health's Rural Health Initiative, which funds several pilot projects aimed at treating and preventing opioid abuse, including projects focused on alternatives to opioid-centered pain management in rural, highly rural, and remote areas. In addition to the funding levels described above, all directives regarding opioid prevention, treatment, safety, and drug monitoring programs in both Senate Report 115–130 and House Report 115–188 shall be complied with.

Overmedication.—As indicated in the Senate report, and in addition to the funding levels highlighted for opioid abuse above, the agreement provides $500,000 for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct an assessment of the potential overmedication of veterans during fiscal years 2010 to 2017 that led to suicides, deaths, mental disorders, and combat-related traumas.

Mental health.—The agreement provides the full budget request for all VA mental health services and programs of $8,385,202,000, with an additional $10,000,000 provided for the Veterans Crisis Line, an additional $22,002,000 above the request provided for the National Centers for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, and an additional $10,000,000 to the Clay Hunt pilot programs. The agreement includes $40,000,000 for the National Centers and $99,044,000 for the Veterans Crisis Line. The additional Clay Hunt funding will provide new funding to each pilot site to incorporate best practices and funding for new pilot sites in highly rural areas. Overall, the agreement includes $186,128,000 for suicide prevention outreach.

Staffing shortages.—As indicated in the Senate report, VA is directed to ensure that the brain bank and the consultation program for providers, particularly in rural areas, have the appropriate number of full-time staff.

Suicide hotline.—The agreement includes bill language in section 232 that was contained in the House bill which requires certain professional standards for the suicide hotline. As indicated in the House report, the Secretary is urged to develop a basic training protocol for all VA employees who deal with veterans in crisis, not only those who staff the suicide hotline, as well as community providers who deal with veterans.

Women's health.—While VA has made efforts to address the needs of female veterans, many still often report feeling unrecognized and underappreciated. To better assist female veterans and increase their knowledge of the services and benefits to which they are entitled, the agreement provides $512,000,000 for gender-specific healthcare, which is $20,000,000 above the fiscal year 2018 budget estimate. Furthermore, the Secretary should make it a top priority to increase female veterans' access and utilization of VA benefits and services. There are several areas where VA could improve the quality of life for female veterans. One area that needs improvement is access to mental healthcare services. Many female veterans are faced with disabling mental health issues when they leave active duty. Therefore, VA is directed to renew its focus on improving access to mental health services for female veterans and to work to ensure that female veterans' psychological needs are met. In addition to mental healthcare access, VA must ensure that VA facilities can meet the needs of female veterans. Currently, women make up 15 percent of the active military and are a growing segment of the veteran population. According to the 1990 Census, there were 1.2 million women veterans. By the next census in 2000, that number increased to 1.6 million, with 1.74 million at the end of the fiscal year 2010, and it is projected to increase to 1.9 million in 2020. However, even with this growth in the female veteran population, numerous VA facilities are still primarily designed to meet the needs of male veterans. Consequently, the agreement directs VA to describe the locations where VA facilities do not meet the standards established in 2010 specifically for healthcare services for female veterans. Also, VA is further directed to create a master plan to address issues at the locations that do not meet the established standards for female veterans. This report shall be submitted no later than 180 days after enactment of this Act.

Rural healthcare.—The agreement provides $270,000,000 for the Office of Rural Health (ORH) and the Rural Health Initiative, which is $20,000,000 above the President's request. As included in the Senate report, the Department is directed to conduct an agency-wide assessment of its rural and highly rural workforce to identify geographic areas where staffing needs exist. The Committees support the Department's expansive use of telehealth for medical services and encourage VA to strive to be even more innovative, more expansive, and more connected in this area, especially as the technique has proven particularly helpful in mental health and primary care health delivery. The agreement includes $1,348,883,000 for telehealth services, which is $5,000,000 above the budget request. The additional funding should be used to further expand telehealth capacity and services in rural and remote areas. The agreement directs no less than $4,000,000 toward a pilot program to train veterans in agricultural vocations while also tending to behavioral and mental health needs with behavioral healthcare services and treatments from licensed providers at no fewer than three locations, as instructed in the Senate report.

Long-term care.—The agreement provides $8,821,657,000 as requested for long-term care, including $6,073,862,000 for institutional care and $2,747,795,000 for non-institutional care. As indicated in the Senate report, VA is directed to meet its fiscal year 2018 non-institutional care request as originally proposed in the advance Medical Services appropriation if that care is not provided through the Choice program. In order to improve budgetary oversight of non-institutional care programs, the Department is directed to meet the reporting requirements included in Senate Report 115–130.

Headache centers of excellence.—The agreement provides $10,000,000 for the creation of headache centers of excellence, as described in the Senate report.

Veterans centers.—The agreement provides $258,483,000 for readjustment counseling at Vet Centers, which is $15,000,000 above the budget request. As described in the Senate report, within this amount, $2,500,000 is allocated to develop a program to partner with organizations that provide outdoor experiences for veterans as part of a continuum of care to treat combat-related injuries, including those related to behavioral health. The Department is also directed to continue to work to expand Vet Centers and readjustment services at areas across the country that currently lack access.

Caregivers program.—The agreement provides $839,828,000 for the caregivers program, which is the same as the original fiscal year 2018 request and $235,889,000 above the revised 2018 request. The Department is instructed to provide quarterly reports on obligations for the caregivers program, with a full explanation of any inability to obligate the original 2018 request.

Dental care.—As part of VA's comprehensive medical benefits package, certain eligible veterans also qualify for dental care benefits. In some instances, VA is authorized to provide extensive dental care, while in other cases treatment may be limited. In order to better understand the full array of services provided, and the locations in which they are provided, the Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, describing the types of services provided to eligible veterans, as well as a list of on-site dental clinics by location and medical center. The report should also include any implementation plans to expand on-sight dental care, particularly in States in which there are currently no services offered by VA or which have no on-site VA dental clinics.

Homeless assistance programs.—The agreement provides $1,747,784,000 for homeless assistance programs, which includes $340,000,000 for the homeless supportive services for low income veterans and families, a level which is $20,000,000 above the request.

Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH).—The agreement includes full funding for the HUD-VASH program. However, if additional new vouchers are issued in fiscal year 2018 by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the HUD/VASH program. VA is directed to increase funding for this program above the budget estimate to ensure adequate staffing levels exist to manage the increased workload. Further, the Department is directed to submit to the Committee on Appropriations no later than 30 days after enactment of this Act the amount above the budget estimate that has been made available for this purpose.

High-cost areas.—There is a need for an examination of the effects of rapidly rising rents in urban areas across the nation and strategies to create and retain affordable housing options for veterans. Avoiding the displacement of veterans and their families in these communities should be a top priority at the Department. Therefore, the Secretary is directed, in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to submit a report detailing the best practices and recommendations to address the displacement of lower-income veterans who are long-time residents in urban areas when there is a loss of affordable housing due to high rental cost. This report shall be submitted to the Committees no later than 180 days after enactment of this Act.

Curing Hepatitis C within the veteran population.—The Department should be commended on its successful efforts to treat almost 100,000 veterans. Since VA has been successful in negotiating lower prices for the drugs used to cure hepatitis C, it has obligated less funding than anticipated. Therefore, the agreement includes a rescission (Section 237) and reappropriation (within the Medical Services account) of $751,000,000 to prevent the funding already provided from lapsing. The Department is directed to continue to aggressively fund the Hepatitis C program consistent with its fiscal year 2018 budget request.

Hepatitis C screening.—There is a cohort of veterans who are more difficult to screen, engage, and treat for hepatitis C, due to factors such as the inability to adhere to therapy, psychosocial determinants, unstable or uncontrolled medical comorbidities, and enrollment barriers and challenges. The Department is directed to improve hepatitis C screening rates in traditional and non-traditional settings, including increasing the utilization of innovative strategies like point-of-care testing and public health outreach. The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees no later than 120 days after enactment of this Act on VA's efforts to facilitate this directive.

Incorrect reporting of laboratory tests.—According to press reports, in February 2018, at least 8 veterans in the Miami area were given incorrect lab results indicating that they did not test positive for the presence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), when in fact they did have the virus and needed treatment. The VA Inspector General is directed to provide a report to the Committees describing how the incident at the Miami VA hospital occurred and who was responsible. This report shall be submitted no later than 180 days after enactment of this Act. The agreement further directs that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) provide a report to the Committees that examines VA's HIV testing policy, including the use of the latest technologies, and how this policy is implemented at a sample of VA hospitals. This report shall be submitted no later than 180 days after enactment of this Act.

Hospice care for veterans.—As described in the House and Senate reports, the Department is directed to conduct a study on the feasibility of implementing hospice care protocols tailored to the unique needs of combat

veterans, with special emphasis on the needs of Vietnam veterans.

Intimate Partner Violence Program.—The agreement provides $17,000,000 for the Intimate Partner Violence Program within the Medical Services account, which is the base level of funding for the program and the amount identified in the Senate report.

Colorectal cancer screening.—The Department is directed to offer all 7 colorectal cancer screening strategies recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force and adopted by the National Committee for Quality Assurance Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set measures, which are used by more than 90 percent of U.S. health plans to measure performance. The Department is directed to report to the Committees within 90 days of enactment of this Act if it determines that it is unable to comply with this directive.

National Veteran Sports Program.—The agreement provides $16,965,000 for the National Veterans Sports Program, with $2,000,000 designated for veterans monthly assistance allowances; $9,000,000 for the Adaptive Sports Grants Program; and $5,965,000 for support of national veterans sports and special events programs like the Paralympics. The agreement includes necessary bill language within the Medical Services account to permit VHA to carry out the Office's activities.

Equine therapy.—The Adaptive Sports Program awards small grants for equine therapy, mostly for physical disabilities. An additional $1,000,000 above the request is provided to the Adaptive Sports Program to encourage VA to increase its use of Adaptive Sports Program grants for equine therapy for mental health issues, given the promising results reported using equine therapy for veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder.

Burn pits.—The agreement provides $5,000,000 for the purpose of implementing the recommendations included in National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's assessment to improve the VA open burn pit registry.

Specialized and modular prosthetics.—As referenced in the House report, the field of specialized and modular prosthetics is evolving at a faster pace than VA has been able to match. There is concern that VA does not have an effective, streamlined model of service for specialized or innovative modular prosthetics, unlike both the DOD and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which have begun to explore this field. Therefore, the agreement directs VA to conduct comparative analyses of prosthetic manufacturing processes and determine whether it has the capacity to use the ''best of breed'' manufacturing processes in cases where it directly produces the prosthesis. This report shall be submitted to the Committees no later than 90 days after enactment of this Act.

Proposed prosthetics regulation.—VA has included a provision in its proposed regulation on prosthetic and rehabilitative items and services that may limit veterans' choice in obtaining prosthetic, orthotic and other rehabilitative services. The regulation appears to give the Department sole authority to choose the provider of the services, contrary to the current practice of giving veterans a choice in these services. VA is encouraged to reconsider this issue as it develops its final regulation.

Partnerships with community providers.—The Department is encouraged to establish a pilot program within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) to support a partnership between community health centers, other health providers, and higher education institutions for the purpose of providing education, training, and placement of veterans into health professions. No later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees outlining the feasibility and advisability of establishing such a pilot program.

Demand profile.—The creation of a demand profile of VA healthcare needs across the country would be important to inform the proper balance between VA and non-VA care covered by the Department at VA and non-VA facilities. The Department is directed to establish a demand profile for each of the healthcare services furnished by VA and submit the findings to the Committees no later than twelve months after enactment of this Act. VA is directed to use the demand profile to inform the capability and capacity of any non-Department healthcare services provided. Each demand profile shall include the following information: (1) the number of requests for the healthcare service; (2) the number of appointments for the receipt of the healthcare service, disaggregated by appointments at VA facilities and appointments with non-Department healthcare providers; (3) the capacity of the Department to provide the healthcare service at VA facilities; and (4) an assessment of the extent to which the Department needs to use non-Department healthcare providers to provide healthcare services.

Chiropractic services.—The agreement includes $5,000,000 for the chiropractic programs to be developed under the authority of sec. 245.

MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

The agreement provides $8,384,704,000 in advance fiscal year 2019 funding for Medical Community Care, with $2,000,000,000 available through fiscal year 2022. The agreement also provides $419,176,000 for fiscal year 2018 in addition to the advance appropriation provided last year.

Due to the timing of reconciliation between obligations, authorizations, and the number of those authorizations filled through private providers, VA's accounting procedure has led to the de-obligation of funds past the life of the budget authority, leading to the expiration of millions of dollars that could have been applied to veterans healthcare programs. Therefore, the agreement provides extended availability to aid the Department in ensuring that it can obligate all appropriations within this account before expiration.

MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

The agreement provides $7,239,156,000 in advance for fiscal year 2019 for Medical Support and Compliance and makes $100,000,000 of the advance funding available through fiscal year 2020. The agreement also provides $100,000,000 for fiscal year 2018 in addition to the advance appropriation provided last year.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

The agreement provides $5,914,288,000 in advance for fiscal year 2019 for Medical Facilities, as well as $707,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 funding, which is in addition to the advance funding provided last year and is made available for two years. Of the advance funding, $250,000,000 is made available through fiscal year 2020.

In addition, $1,000,000,000 is provided for non-recurring maintenance in section 255 to be available until expended. The funding is to be used to correct deficiencies identified in the VA's facilities assessments reports as well as to supplement base funding provided within this Medical Facilities account.

Bakersfield outpatient clinic.—The lengthy period VA has taken to lease a new outpatient clinic in Bakersfield, CA pursuant to Public Law 111–82 is concerning. Outpatient clinics greatly reduce the need for veterans to travel long distances for care by providing reliable medical services closer to a veteran's home. The new outpatient clinic would replace the Bakersfield community-based outpatient clinic and would provide expanded primary care and mental health services while offering a range of specialty care clinics. This project would simultaneously increase veterans' access to healthcare locally as well as reduce the caseload at other facilities in the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. While VA received congressional authorization for the project in fiscal year 2010 and has allocated funding for it, the project has been delayed for years and is still in the acquisition phase. The Department is urged to expedite the project in light of the urgent need for expanded healthcare services. The Secretary is directed to report to the Committees no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act on past actions and the future plan forward, including the timeline for this project, and to provide periodic progress reports to the Committees every 120 days. These periodic progress reports shall include an explanation of any changes to: (1) the project's status; (2) the expected cost of the lease; and (3) the projected completion date.

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

The agreement provides $722,262,000 for Medical and Prosthetic Research, available until September 30, 2019. Bill language is included to ensure that the Secretary allocates adequate funding for research on gender-appropriate prosthetics and toxic exposures.

Exoskeleton research.—As indicated in the Senate report, VA is directed to study the efficacy of exoskeletons in the rehabilitation of patients who have suffered a stroke or traumatic brain injury.

Cancer moonshot.—As indicated in the Senate report, the Department is urged to include skin cancer as a subject of its efforts to provide targeted cancer treatments to veterans through genomic science.

Rare cancers.—The disproportionate impact of rare cancers on veterans, the number of rare cancers affecting veterans that are understudied and misunderstood, and inadequate treatment options for rare cancers are concerning. Therefore, the Department is instructed to provide a report to the Committees within 90 days of enactment of this Act for each of the last five years: the prevalence rate of rare cancers among veterans; the types of treatments being provided to veterans specifically for rare cancers; any studies on rare cancers conducted by the Department; the Department's expenditures on the treatment of rare cancers; the Department's programs dedicated to addressing rare cancers among veterans; and recommendations on ways the Department can enhance rare cancer treatments for veterans.

Exposure to Agent Orange by certain Navy veterans.—As described in the Senate report, beginning in 2002, a revised VA interpretation of the Agent Orange Act of 1991 (Public Law 102–4) has prevented ''Blue Water'' Navy veterans who served in the Navy outside of the riverine and coastal areas from collecting benefits unless they could prove that they stepped onto land or that their ship entered the internal river system of the Republic of Vietnam. However, a growing body of research supports the resumption of the presumption of exposure for these veterans. Subsequently, the Secretary has testified before the House Veterans Affairs Committee that he believes these veterans should be extended the presumption of exposure. The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees no later than 180 days after enactment of this Act evaluating each of the U.S. and non-U.S. studies on Agent Orange exposure and any additional relevant material. The report should also include any justification for the continued exclusion policy

or, in the alternative, detail the intent, along with associated milestones, for lifting the exclusion policy.

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

The agreement provides $306,193,000 for the National Cemetery Administration (NCA). Of the amount provided, not to exceed 10 percent is available until September 30, 2019.

Burial rights for Hmong veterans.—The agreement includes section 251 permitting burial in a National Cemetery Administration national cemetery for any Hmong veterans naturalized pursuant to the Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000, who served on behalf of the United States during the Vietnam War, and who were residing in the United States at the time of the individual's death. The Department is instructed to conduct an analysis of the number of surviving Hmong veterans who served in Vietnam on behalf of the United States and who would not be eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery under the provisions of section 251. This analysis should be submitted to the Committees no later than 180 days after enactment of this Act.

Deferred maintenance.—Given the weaknesses in the Facilities Condition Assessment currently used by NCA, as described in the House report, NCA is encouraged to pilot in one region the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Sustainment Management System (SMS). The procurement of the SMS is available to VA without cost. The SMS provides automated, predictive modeling that may provide more accurate data to model future maintenance needs. Since other groups within VA also currently use the Facilities Condition Assessment, this pilot may provide a useful test to see if the SMS has utility department-wide. VA is directed to inform the Committees of its plans to pilot the SMS, including the region chosen, the expected cost, and planned start date and duration of the pilot. If VA determines it is unable to conduct the pilot, it is directed to report to the Committees the reasons why.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement provides $335,891,000 for General Administration. Of the amount provided, not to exceed 10 percent is available for obligation until September 30, 2019. The agreement continues to include bill language permitting the transfer of funds from this account to General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration.

Recording of obligations.—VA is in the process of changing its accounting for obligations for healthcare services purchased from non-VA providers. Up to this time, such obligations have been recorded at the time the health care services were authorized. Obligations were later adjusted after healthcare services were rendered, and VA received a claim for payment, VA evaluated the claim to ensure that it was allowable, and VA approved the claim for payment. Because of the lag in the time between the date services were rendered and the date a claim was processed, approved and paid, approximately 75 percent of the preliminary fiscal year 2017 obligations were based on VA's ''best estimate'' of services that a veteran might or might not receive. This is because the amount of VA's final liability was contingent on the veteran seeking health care services and the type and length of services that were provided by the non-VA provider. The proposed accounting change will mean that obligations will be recorded at the time claims are processed and approved, thereby eliminating the uncertainty regarding the actual total obligations against the program. The Department believes that this change in obligation procedure will improve program management and the ability to forecast and justify budget requirements. The Committees concur with the VA proposal, noting the Comptroller General has opined in the past that VA could determine whether the government should accept liability for non-VA health care claims following a review and approval process and record obligations upon approval. This proposal matches the system DOD uses for its non-Department healthcare claims.

Staff vacancies.—As indicated in the Senate report, VA is directed to use funds provided by this Act to fill its staff vacancies and to report monthly on its progress in doing so.

Financial management system.—The agreement includes $10,800,000 in this account, as well as $83,000,000 in the Information Technology Systems account for development of a new financial management system. The VA agreement to use the Department of Agriculture's Federal Shared Services financial management system has broken down and VA is trying to use the contracts USDA had set up to reconstruct the financial management system it had anticipated acquiring through USDA. It is concerning that VA is trying to move forward alone, given the disastrous outcomes of its two previous attempts to create a modern financial management system. VA is directed to provide a report to the Committees within 60 days of enactment of this Act that describes the components that will be included in its planned financial management system, such as acquisition, the cost of the contracts and staffing that VA has acquired from USDA, the annual and total costs of the project, and its timeline and performance benchmarks. The report should also include a description of interim steps the Department is taking to improve the timeliness of payments made to healthcare providers and vendors while the FMS is being developed. Upon submission of this report, VA is directed to provide the Committees on a quarterly basis a report that compares actual progress on the financial management system to the performance benchmarks and timeline provided in the first report.

Inconsistencies in contracting policy after the Kingdomware decision.—VA issued guidance to implement the Kingdomware decision of June 2016, which held that the VA ''must use the Rule of Two when awarding contracts, even when the Department will otherwise meet its annual minimum contracting goals'' and that it must be applied to Federal Supply Schedule purchase orders. The VA guidance outlined ways to identify potential vendors and evaluate their capabilities. However, there is concern that VA's guidance is being interpreted inconsistently across the VISNs. In some VISNs, option years are not being exercised as anticipated, but instead, are being re-bid to satisfy the ''Rule of Two'' retroactively based on a misinterpretation of the Supreme Court's ruling.

A report by the GAO (GAO–17–748) highlighted similar concerns. The GAO report identified significant inconsistencies between national policies set by the VA and implementation of those policies at the regional and local levels. The report emphasized that VA has not established a process for systematically ensuring that local policies are aligned with national policies.

To ensure veterans' continued access to quality care, VA is urged to issue additional guidance to provide a standard set of criteria for contracting officers to evaluate veteran-owned providers' capabilities and to take steps to ensure their implementation in a consistent manner across the VISNs, in alignment with the GAO's recommendations, especially with regard to option years.

BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

The agreement provides $161,048,000 for the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA), of which not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until September 30, 2019. Funding above the budget request is to be used to assist in streamlining the appeals process, with the new authorities provided by Congress. Bill language continues to be included in section 230 permitting VA to transfer funding between this account and the General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration account if needed to align funding with the appropriate account to hire staff to address the appeals backlog.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement provides $4,055,500,000 for Information Technology (IT) Systems. The agreement identifies separately in bill language the funding available for pay ($1,230,320,000); operations and maintenance ($2,496,650,000); and systems development ($328,530,000). The agreement makes not to exceed 5 percent of pay and of operations and maintenance funding available until the end of fiscal year 2019; not to exceed 5 percent of operations and maintenance funding available until the end of fiscal year 2019, and all IT systems development funding available until the end of fiscal year 2019.

The agreement includes $63,404,000 in information technology funding for the Veterans Benefits Management System which processes disability claims; $7,500,000 for the BVA claims appeals modernization effort; $83,000,000 for development of a new VA financial management system; and $340,000,000 for the Office of Information Security.

The agreement continues language prohibiting the obligation of IT development funding until VA submits a certification of the amounts to be obligated, in part or in full, for each development project.

The agreement continues language permitting funding to be transferred among the three IT subaccounts, subject to approval from the Committees.

The agreement continues language providing that funding may be transferred among development projects or to new projects subject to the Committees' approval.

The agreement continues language indicating that no development project may be increased or decreased by more than $1,000,000 prior to receiving approval of the Committees or a period of 30 days has elapsed.

The agreement provides funding for IT development for the projects and in the amounts specified in the following table:

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

(in thousands of dollars)

Project	Agreement
VLER Health	10,000
VistA Module Enhancements	9,000
Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS)	59,904
Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER)	20,968
Veteran Customer Experience (formerly VRM)	58,473
Other IT Systems Development	170,185
Total, All Development	$328,530

This table is intended to serve as the Department's approved list of development projects; any requested changes are subject to reprogramming requirements.

Expenditure plan.—The Department is directed to continue to provide a fiscal year 2018 IT expenditure plan to the Committees upon enactment of this Act. This plan should be in the same format as the table above.

VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

The agreement provides $782,000,000 for activities related to the development and rollout of a new VA electronic health record, the

associated contractual costs, and the salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles 5 and 38, United States Code. Because this is a very substantial new effort, the timing of obligation of funding is uncertain. As a result, the agreement makes these funds available for three years.

This account is intended to be the single source of funding within VA for the electronic health record effort. There is no authority for funds from other VA accounts to be transferred to this account or for funds from this account to be transferred to other accounts. Consistent with the effort to centralize financial management of the development of the electronic health record, the Department is directed to place top management of the project at the headquarters level above either the VHA or the Office of Information Technology, such as in the Office of the Deputy Secretary.

The bill language for this account requires the Secretary to submit a report quarterly to the Committees detailing obligations, expenditures, and deployment strategy by facility. In addition, GAO is directed to perform quarterly performance reviews of the VA electronic health record deployment so that the Committees are kept abreast of important issues such as cost and operational capability. It is expected that this quarterly reporting will avail the Committees and VA with timely information to properly oversee this effort and address important issues.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The agreement provides $164,000,000 for the Office of Inspector General (OIG). Of the amount provided, not to exceed 10 percent is available for obligation until September 30, 2019.

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

The agreement provides $512,430,000 for Construction, Major Projects, which is the same as the budget request. The agreement makes this funding available for five years, except that $80,000,000 is made available until expended.

External project management.—The agreement continues the bill language requiring that large VA construction projects be managed by a non-VA government entity. Of the total provided, $117,300,000 for VHA major construction projects shall not be available until the Department enters into an agreement with a non-Department of Veterans Affairs Federal entity to serve as the design and/or construction agent for each major construction project with a total estimated cost of $100,000,000 or above. Funding is available for obligation for each project only after VA certifies that the agreement with the non-Department Federal entity is in effect for that project. The single large VHA project affected by this provision is in Livermore, California.

The requirement to contract with an outside agent for major construction projects was also mandated in Section 502 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–58), enacted on September 30, 2015. Since the provision in the annual appropriations bill is also contained in permanent authorizing law, in future years, this provision will not be included in the appropriations bill.

The agreement funds the following items as requested in the budget submission:

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

(in thousands of dollars)

Location and description	Agreement
Veterans Health Admin. (VHA):	
Livermore, CA, realignment and closure of the Livermore campus	$117,300
Advance Planning and Design Fund: various locations	57,500
Asbestos: various locations	7,500
Major Construction Staff: various locations	27,500
Hazardous Waste: various locations	15,000
Judgment Fund: various locations	10,000
Non-Dept. Fed. Entity Project Management Support	16,730
Total, VHA	251,530
National Cemetery Admin. (NCA):	
Sacramento, CA: gravesite expansion	35,000
Bushnell, FL: gravesite expansion and cemetery improvement sites	51,500
Elwood, IL: gravesite expansion, Phase 3	35,000
Calverton, NY: gravesite expansion	50,000
Phoenix, AZ: gravesite expansion	31,900
Bridgeville, PA: gravesite expansion , Phase 3	39,000
Advance Planning and Design Fund	8,500
NCA Land Acquisition Fund	5,000
Total, NCA	255,900
General Admin.:	
Staff Offices Advance Planning Fund	5,000
Total, Construction Major Projects	$512,430

West Los Angeles, California seismic corrections.—VA removed six buildings from the scope of the West Los Angeles, California seismic corrections project to be addressed through the Enhanced Use Lease supportive housing program. In the fiscal year 2018 budget submission, VA advised that details would be provided on how the remaining funding appropriated for the West LA project would be used. VA's most urgent need is to address Building 300, the Regional Food Services Facility, which is critical for providing quality service to vulnerable inpatient veterans. The Regional Food Services Facility is currently housed in a 65 year old, seismically at-risk facility potentially impacting food quality and safety, and placing veterans at risk. Renovation of Building 300 was originally included in the scope of the major project, but VA has determined that new construction would be more cost-effective than the originally planned renovation. The new Food Services facility will be efficient, purpose-built, and centrally located adjacent to the inpatient facility. VA has estimated that the total cost for new construction of the approximately 25,000 gross square foot Food Services facility is $35,000,000. VA is directed to utilize $35,000,000 of the remaining funds from the West Los Angeles, California Seismic Corrections major construction project for construction of the Food Service facility. Further, it is expected that the vacated Building 300 site will be used to support the Department's stated goal of developing at least 1,200 housing units on the campus by 2026. VA is directed to provide to the Committees no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act an estimated schedule for completion of the Food Services facility.

Strategic Capital Investment Plan (SCIP).—It is appreciated that VA has consulted with the Committees and will be modifying its future capital budget and long term capital plan, with its submission to include a clearer presentation of its capital needs, by year, over the next five years. In addition, VA will make improvements to the congressional justification to make it a more usable and understandable document. This additional information will provide more clarity on VA's future capital plans. An example of a presentation that accurately reflects the priority projects from the SCIP that will actually be funded in the request is the ''Active Development Major Construction Projects''' on page 8.2 11 of Volume 4 of the fiscal year 2018 justification volumes. VA is encouraged to place such charts in a more prominent place in the justifications. VA is also encouraged to ensure that the funds requested for projects (major, minor, leases, and non-recurring maintenance) that are presented in congressional justification documents are in fact allocated to those projects for execution. VA is directed to report quarterly on the allocation and execution of such funds for the identified projects and clearly identify any changes.

Vacant and underutilized buildings and structures.—In June 2017, the Secretary announced plans to initiate disposal or reuse actions for 430 vacant buildings in VA's real property inventory in order to decrease the maintenance of buildings VA does not need and reinvest the savings. The Secretary also announced a review of 784 non-vacant but underutilized buildings. While the Department's initiative to review the utility of VA property is commendable, the process by which the list of buildings and structures was created was not transparent. The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees no later than 90 days after enactment of this Act that includes the following elements: (1) an explanation of the process and methodology used to determine, record, and validate which buildings and structures in VA's real property portfolio are vacant, mostly vacant, or underutilized, and their physical condition; (2) an explanation of the process by which those property disposal analyses and plans were developed and coordinated with, and within, each VISN; (3) a cost-benefit analysis of the Department's ongoing real property disposal plans, both in terms of this immediate disposal action, and in aggregate; (4) a discussion of the impact of historic designations of buildings and structures on the Department's ability to manage its real property portfolio; and (5) a certification that the disposal of these identified properties will have no significant adverse impact on the Department's ability to provide health care and benefits for veterans.

National realignment strategy.—It is understood the Department, as part of a national realignment strategy of VA services, will continue to reevaluate and scrutinize the utility of facilities and property as well as the healthcare services available at VA facilities and available through non-Department healthcare providers. The Department is prohibited from diminishing healthcare services at existing VHA medical facilities as part of a planned realignment of VA services until the Secretary provides justification to the Committees.

CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

The agreement provides $342,570,000 for Construction, Minor Projects. The agreement makes this funding available for five years. Included within the total is $193,610,000 for the Veterans Health Administration; $97,950,000 for the National Cemetery Administration; $29,895,000 for the Veterans Benefits Administration; and $21,115,000 for General Administration—Staff Offices.

In addition, $425,000,000 is provided for minor construction projects in section 255 to remain available until expended.

Expenditure plan.—The agreement includes a directive for the Department to provide an expenditure plan no later than 30 days after the enactment of this Act. This expenditure plan shall include a complete list of minor construction projects to be supported with the fiscal year 2018 appropriation. The plan shall be updated six months and twelve months after enactment.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

The agreement provides $110,000,000 for Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities, to remain available until expended.

The agreement includes in section 253 a provision ensuring that the priority order for eligible and approved, but unfunded, State projects in 2017 is not disrupted by priority designated for approved 2018 projects.

The agreement includes section 255 which provides an additional $575,000,000 for grants

for construction of State extended care facilities to be available until expended. This funding, coupled with the base funding of $110,000,000 and fiscal year 2017 carryover should be sufficient to support the entire existing backlog of approved State applications.

VA is encouraged to prioritize the needs of rural States in its allocation of funding for State homes by: (1) including consideration of rural mileage access in its ''great need for beds to be established'' at a State home; (2) considering the unique needs of small States with a single facility; and (3) prioritizing large rural States where veterans may live hundreds of miles from the nearest facility.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

The agreement provides $45,000,000 for Grants for Construction of Veterans Cemeteries, to remain available until expended.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS AND RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes section 201 allowing for the transfer of funds among the three mandatory accounts.

The agreement includes section 202 allowing for the transfer of funds among the four medical accounts.

The agreement includes section 203 allowing salaries and expenses funds to be used for related authorized purposes.

The agreement includes section 204 restricting the accounts that may be used for the acquisition of land or the construction of any new hospital or home.

The agreement includes section 205 limiting the use of funds in the Medical Services account only for entitled beneficiaries unless reimbursement is made to the Department.

The agreement includes section 206 allowing for the use of certain mandatory appropriations accounts for payment of prior year accrued obligations for those accounts.

The agreement includes section 207 allowing the use of appropriations available in this title to pay prior year obligations.

The agreement includes section 208 allowing the Department to use surplus earnings from the National Service Life Insurance Fund, the Veterans' Special Life Insurance Fund, and the United States Government Life Insurance Fund to administer these programs.

The agreement includes section 209 allowing the Department to cover the administrative expenses of enhanced-use leases and provides authority to obligate these reimbursements in the year in which the proceeds are received.

The agreement includes section 210 limiting the amount of reimbursement the Office of Resolution Management, the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion can charge other offices of the Department for services provided.

The agreement includes section 211 requiring the Department to collect third-party payer information for persons treated for a non-service-connected disability.

The agreement includes section 212 allowing for the use of enhanced-use leasing revenues for Construction, Major Projects and Construction, Minor Projects.

The agreement includes section 213 outlining authorized uses for Medical Services funds.

The agreement includes section 214 allowing for funds deposited into the Medical Care Collections Fund to be transferred to the Medical Services and Medical Community Care accounts.

The agreement includes section 215 which allows Alaskan veterans to use medical facilities of the Indian Health Service or tribal organizations.

The agreement includes section 216 permitting the transfer of funds from the Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund to the Construction, Major Projects and Construction, Minor Projects accounts and makes those funds available until expended.

The agreement includes section 217 requiring the Secretary to submit financial status quarterly reports for each of the Administrations in the Department. The specific data requested is similar to that requested in the fiscal year 2016 conference report.

The agreement includes section 218 requiring the Department to notify and receive approval from the Committees of any proposed transfer of funding to or from the Information Technology Systems account and limits the aggregate annual increase in the account to no more than 10 percent of the funding appropriated to the account in this Act.

The agreement includes section 219 providing up to $297,137,000 of fiscal year 2018 funds for transfer to the Joint DOD–VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund.

The agreement includes section 220 which permits $306,378,000 of fiscal year 2019 medical care funding provided in advance to be transferred to the Joint DOD–VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund.

The agreement includes section 221 which authorizes transfers from the Medical Care Collections Fund to the Joint DOD–VA Medical Facility Demonstration Fund.

The agreement includes section 222 which transfers at least $15,000,000 from VA medical accounts to the DOD–VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund.

The agreement includes section 223 prohibiting funds available to the Department in this or any other Act from being used to replace the current system by which VISNs select and contract for diabetes monitoring supplies and equipment.

The agreement includes section 224 requiring that the Department notify the Committees of bid savings in a major construction project of at least $5,000,000, or 5 percent, whichever is less, 14 days prior to the obligation of the bid savings and their anticipated use.

The agreement includes section 225 which prohibits VA from increasing the scope of work for a major construction project above the scope specified in the original budget request unless the Secretary receives approval from the Committees.

The agreement includes section 226 requiring a quarterly report from each VBA regional office on pending disability claims, both initial and supplemental; error rates; the number of claims processing personnel; corrective actions taken; training programs; and review team audit results. It also requires a quarterly report on the number of appeals pending at the Veterans Benefits Administration and the Board of Veterans Appeals.

The agreement includes section 227 requiring VA to notify the Committees 15 days prior to any staff office relocations within VA of 25 or more fulltime-equivalent staff.

The agreement includes section 228 requiring the Secretary to report to the Committees each quarter about any single national outreach and awareness marketing campaign exceeding $2,000,000.

The agreement includes section 229 permitting the transfer to the Medical Services account of fiscal year discretionary 2018 funds appropriated in this Act or available from advance fiscal year 2018 funds already appropriated, except for funds appropriated to General Operating Expenses, VBA, to address possible unmet, high priority needs in Medical Services. Such unanticipated demands may result from circumstances such as a greater than projected number of enrollees or higher intensity of use of benefits. Any such transfer requires the approval of the Committees.

The agreement includes section 230 permitting the transfer of funding between the General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration account and the Board of Veterans Appeals account if necessary to permit the hiring of staffing at the appropriate stage of the appeals process to address mounting claims appeals workload. Any such transfer requires the approval of the Committees.

The agreement includes section 231 prohibiting the Secretary from reprogramming funds in excess of $7,000,000 among major construction projects or programs unless the reprogramming is approved by the Committees.

The agreement includes section 232 mandating certain professional standards for the veterans crisis hotline.

The agreement includes section 233 restricting funds from being used to close medical facilities in the absence of a national realignment strategy.

The agreement includes section 234 modifying current law to permit VA hospitals to use shuttle buses for employees so that patients can use the closer parking lots.

The agreement includes section 235 requiring VA to use the mammography screening guidelines announced by the Secretary on May 10, 2017.

The agreement includes section 236 allowing the use of Medical Services funding for assisted reproductive technology treatment and adoption reimbursement for veterans and their spouses if the veteran has a service-connected disability that results in being unable to procreate without such fertility treatment.

The agreement includes section 237 which provides a rescission of $751,000,000. This funding is reappropriated in the Medical Services account to extend its availability.

The agreement includes section 238 prohibiting any funds from being used in a manner that is inconsistent with statutory limitations on outsourcing.

The agreement includes section 239 pertaining to limitations on Indian- or Native Hawaiian-owned businesses contracting with VA.

The agreement includes section 240 directing the elimination over a series of years of the use of social security numbers in VA programs.

The agreement includes section 241 referencing the provision in the 2017 appropriations Act pertaining to certification of marriage and family therapists.

The agreement includes section 242 which prohibits funds from being used to transfer funding from the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund to any other VA account.

The agreement includes section 243 which rescinds and reappropriates Major Construction funding for eight projects to extend its availability.

The agreement includes section 244 permitting funding to be used in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to carry out and expand the child care pilot program authorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163.

The agreement includes section 245 creating a pilot program for chiropractic services.

The agreement includes section 246 creating a pilot program for training veterans to become physician assistants.

The agreement includes section 247 which includes a reference to a provision in the 2017 appropriations Act identifying information

which may be used to verify the status of coastwise merchant seamen who served during World War II for the purposes of eligibility for medals, ribbons, or other military decorations.

The agreement includes section 248 permitting the Secretary to use appropriated funds to ensure particular ratios of veterans to full-time employment equivalents within any VA program of rehabilitation.

The agreement includes section 249 prohibiting VA from using funds to enter into an agreement to resolve a dispute or claim with an individual that would restrict the individual from speaking to members of Congress or their staff on any topic, except those required to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign affairs.

The agreement includes section 250 referencing language in the 2017 appropriations Act requiring certain data to be included in budget justifications for Major Construction projects.

The agreement includes section 251 permitting Hmong veterans who served in Vietnam and were naturalized pursuant to the Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000 to be buried in VA national cemeteries.

The agreement includes section 252 creating a 2 year pilot program to make grants to veterans service organizations to upgrade their facilities to become health and wellness centers.

The agreement includes section 253 ensuring that the priority order for eligible and approved, but unfunded, State projects in 2017 is not disrupted by priority designated for approved 2018 projects.

The agreement includes section 254 prohibiting the use of canines in VA research unless: the scientific objectives of the study can only be met by using canines; the study has been directly approved by the Secretary; and the study is consistent with the revised VA canine research policy document released in December 2017.

The agreement includes section 255 providing $2,000,000,000 to be available until expended for VA infrastructure needs, of which $1,000,000,000 is for Medical Facilities for nonrecurring maintenance; $425,000,000 is for Minor Construction; and $575,000,000 is for Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities. This funding is not made available until VA provides and the Committees approve a detailed expenditure plan.

The agreement includes section 256 clarifying that payment for the costs of contract disability examinations shall be financed within the Compensation and Pensions account.

The agreement includes section 257 prohibiting funds to be used to charge a veteran for a veterans identification card.

The agreement includes section 258 related to the eligibility of veterans for certain medical services with other than honorable discharges. The two criteria that the veteran must meet to be eligible for these medical services are as follows: 1) veterans who have served 100 days in uniform and were deployed to a combat zone; or 2) veterans who are victims of sexual assault/sexual harassment.

The agreement includes section 259 regarding the process for a veteran to appeal the character of his or her service determination.

TITLE III

RELATED AGENCIES

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes $79,000,000 for Salaries and Expenses of the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC), an increase of $3,900,000 to support World War I anniversary activities.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT

The agreement includes such sums as necessary for the Foreign Currency Fluctuations Account. However, due to favorable exchange rates, no funds are expected to be required in fiscal year 2018.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes $33,600,000 for Salaries and Expenses for the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement includes $80,800,000 for Cemeterial Expenses, Army Salaries and Expenses. Within that amount, up to $15,000,000 in funding is available until September 30, 2020.

CONSTRUCTION

The agreement provides $167,000,000 for planning and design and construction of Southern Expansion to remain available until expended.

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

TRUST FUND

The agreement includes a total of $64,300,000 for the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH), as requested, but does not provide the funds in the manner requested. The agreement directs that $42,300,000 be derived from the Trust Fund and $22,000,000 be provided from the General Fund to support AFRH operations.

Trust Fund Solvency.—There continues to be a belief that both legislative and administrative actions are necessary to improve Trust Fund solvency, eliminate AFRH's reliance on the General Fund, and maintain the high-quality services provided to AFRH residents. While there is still concern about the path forward, DOD is directed to continue working with AFRH to take appropriate administrative action and to develop and submit proposed authorizing language that addresses the issue of Trust Fund solvency.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement includes section 301 permitting funds to be provided to Arlington County, Virginia, for the relocation of a water main located on the Arlington National Cemetery property.

The agreement includes section 302 allowing Arlington National Cemetery to deposit and use funds derived from concessions.

TITLE IV

OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

The agreement includes title IV, Overseas Contingency Operations, for military construction projects related to the Global War on Terrorism and the European Deterrence/Reassurance Initiative.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

The agreement includes $146,100,000 for ''Military Construction, Army'', for planning and design and construction in support of Overseas Contingency Operations and the European Deterrence/Reassurance Initiative.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

The agreement includes $33,248,000 for ''Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps'', for planning and design and construction in support of Overseas Contingency Operations and the European Deterrence/Reassurance Initiative.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

The agreement includes $546,352,000 for ''Military Construction, Air Force'', for planning and design and construction in support of Overseas Contingency Operations and the European Deterrence/Reassurance Initiative.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

The agreement includes $24,300,000 for ''Military Construction, Defense-Wide'', for planning and design and construction in support of Overseas Contingency Operations and the European Deterrence/Reassurance Initiative.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The agreement includes section 401 which provides the contingent emergency designation for the Overseas Contingency Operations accounts.

The agreement includes section 402 which requires the Department of Defense to provide a future year defense program for European Deterrence/Reassurance Initiative to the congressional defense committees.

OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
TITLE IV		
FY 2018 OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS		
OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS		
CUBA		
ARMY		
GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL STATION		
BARRACKS	115,000	115,000
WORLDWIDE UNSPECIFIED		
ARMY		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	9,000	9,000
AIR FORCE		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	41,500	41,500
DJIBOUTI		
NAVY		
CAMP LEMONIER		
AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON EXPANSION	---	13,390
ITALY		
AIR FORCE		
AVIANO AB		
GUARDIAN ANGEL OPERATIONS FACILITY	---	27,325
DEFENSE-WIDE		
SIGONELLA		
CONSTRUCT HYDRANT SYSTEM	---	22,400
JORDAN		
AIR FORCE		
MUWAFFAQ SALTI AIR BASE		
MUWAFFAQ SALTI AIR BASE	143,000	---
AIRFIELD PAVEMENTS	---	52,735
ISR SHELTERS	---	10,000
CAS REVETMENTS/SUN SHADES	---	11,168
DORMITORY	---	8,003
CARGO MARSHALLING YARD FACILITY	---	1,034
SUPPORTING FACILITIES/UTILITIES	---	60,060
QATAR		
AIR FORCE		
AL UDEID		
CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY	---	15,000
TURKEY		
ARMY		
TURKEY VARIOUS		
FORWARD OPERATING SITES	---	6,400
AIR FORCE		
INCIRLIK AB		
RELOCATE BASE MAIN ACCESS CONTROL POINT	14,600	14,600
REPLACE PERIMETER FENCE	8,100	8,100
DORMITORY	---	25,997
TOTAL, OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS	331,200	441,712
EUROPEAN DETERRENCE / REASSURANCE INITIATIVE		
ESTONIA		
AIR FORCE		
AMARI AIR BASE		
POL CAPACITY PHASE II	4,700	4,700
TACTICAL FIGHTER AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON	9,200	9,200

OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	FINAL BILL
HUNGARY		
AIR FORCE		
KECSKEMET AIR BASE		
AIRFIELD UPGRADES	12,900	12,900
CONSTRUCT PARALLEL TAXIWAY	30,000	30,000
INCREASE POL STORAGE CAPACITY	12,500	12,500
ICELAND		
AIR FORCE		
KEFLAVIK		
AIRFIELD UPGRADES	14,400	14,400
LATVIA		
AIR FORCE		
LIELVARDE AIR BASE		
EXPAND STRATEGIC RAMP PARKING	3,850	3,850
LUXEMBOURG		
AIR FORCE		
SANEM		
ECAOS DEPLOYABLE AIRBASE SYSTEM STORAGE	67,400	67,400
NORWAY		
AIR FORCE		
RYGGE		
REPLACE/EXPAND QUICK REACTION ALERT PAD	10,300	10,300
ROMANIA		
AIR FORCE		
CAMP TURZII		
UPGRADE UTILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE	2,950	2,950
SLOVAKIA		
AIR FORCE		
MALACKY		
AIRFIELD UPGRADES	4,000	4,000
INCREASE POL STORAGE CAPACITY	20,000	20,000
SLIAC AIRPORT		
AIRFIELD UPGRADES	22,000	22,000
WORLDWIDE UNSPECIFIED		
ARMY		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	15,700	15,700
NAVY		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	18,500	19,858
AIR FORCE		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	56,630	56,630
DEFENSE-WIDE		
SOCOM		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	1,900	1,900
TOTAL, EUROPEAN DETERRENCE / REASSURANCE INITIATIVE	306,930	308,288

NOTE: FUNDING FOR CERTAIN MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN DJIBOUTI, ITALY, QATAR, AND TURKEY WAS REQUESTED IN TITLE I AND PROVIDED IN TITLE IV OCO.

TITLE V

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The agreement includes section 501 prohibiting the obligation of funds in this Act beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided.

The agreement includes section 502 prohibiting the use of the funds in this Act for programs, projects, or activities not in compliance with Federal law relating to risk assessment, the protection of private property rights, or unfunded mandates.

The agreement includes section 503 encouraging all Departments to expand their use of ''E-Commerce.''

The agreement includes section 504 specifying the congressional committees that are to receive all reports and notifications.

The agreement includes section 505 prohibiting the transfer of funds to any instrumentality of the United States Government without authority from an appropriations Act.

The agreement includes section 506 prohibiting the use of funds for a project or program named for a serving Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner of the United States House of Representatives.

The agreement includes section 507 requiring all reports submitted to Congress to be posted on official web sites of the submitting agency.

The agreement includes section 508 prohibiting the use of funds to establish or maintain a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography, except for law enforcement investigation, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

The agreement includes section 509 prohibiting the use of funds for the payment of first-class air travel by an employee of the executive branch.

The agreement includes section 510 prohibiting the use of funds in this Act for any contract where the contractor has not complied with E-Verify requirements.

The agreement includes section 511 prohibiting the use of funds in this Act by the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purchase or lease of a new vehicle except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011.

The agreement includes section 512 prohibiting the use of funds in this Act for the renovation, expansion, or construction of any facility in the continental United States for the purpose of housing any individual who has been detained at the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

DIVISION J, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
TITLE I - DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE					
Military Construction, Army	513,459	920,394	923,994	+410,535	+3,600
Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps	1,021,580	1,616,665	1,553,275	+531,695	-63,390
Hurricane Supplemental (P.L. 115-123) (Emergency)	---	201,636	201,636	+201,636	---
Total	1,021,580	1,818,301	1,754,911	+733,331	-63,390
Military Construction, Air Force	1,491,058	1,738,796	1,543,558	+52,500	-195,238
Military Construction, Defense-Wide	2,025,444	3,114,913	2,811,513	+786,069	-303,400
Additional Funds (P.L. 115-96) (Emergency)	---	200,000	200,000	+200,000	---
Total	2,025,444	3,314,913	3,011,513	+986,069	-303,400
Total, Active components	5,051,541	7,792,404	7,233,976	+2,182,435	-558,428
Military Construction, Army National Guard	232,930	210,652	220,652	-12,278	+10,000
Hurricane Supplemental (P.L. 115-123) (Emergency)	---	519,345	519,345	+519,345	---
Subtotal	232,930	729,997	739,997	+507,067	+10,000
Military Construction, Air National Guard	143,957	161,491	171,491	+27,534	+10,000
Military Construction, Army Reserve	68,230	73,712	83,712	+15,482	+10,000
Military Construction, Navy Reserve	38,597	65,271	95,271	+56,674	+30,000

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
Military Construction, Air Force Reserve	188,950	63,535	73,535	-115,415	+10,000
Total, Reserve components	672,664	1,094,006	1,164,006	+491,342	+70,000
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program	177,932	154,000	177,932	---	+23,932
Department of Defense Base Closure Account	240,237	255,867	310,000	+69,763	+54,133
Total, Military Construction	6,142,374	9,296,277	8,885,914	+2,743,540	-410,363
Emergency appropriations	---	(920,981)	(920,981)	(+920,981)	---
Family Housing Construction, Army	157,172	182,662	182,662	+25,490	---
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army	325,995	346,625	348,907	+22,912	+2,282
Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps	94,011	83,682	83,682	-10,329	---
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps	300,915	328,282	328,282	+27,367	---
Family Housing Construction, Air Force	61,352	85,062	85,062	+23,710	---
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Air Force	274,429	318,324	318,324	+43,895	---
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide	59,157	59,169	59,169	+12	---
DoD Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund	---	623	623	+623	---
Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund	3,258	2,726	2,726	-532	---
Total, Family Housing	1,276,289	1,407,155	1,409,437	+133,148	+2,282

DIVISION J, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS					
Military Construction, Army (Sec. 126) (rescission)...	-29,602	---	---	+29,602	---
Military Construction, Air Force (Sec. 127) (rescission).....	-51,460	---	---	+51,460	---
Military Construction, Defense-Wide (Sec. 126) (rescission).....	-141,600	---	---	+141,600	---
Military Construction, Defense-Wide - Planning and Design (Sec. 127).....	-30,000	---	---	+30,000	---
Military Construction, Army (Sec. 125).....	40,500	---	93,800	+53,300	+93,800
Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps (Sec. 125).....	227,099	---	202,130	-24,969	+202,130
Military Construction, Air National Guard (Sec. 125)..	---	---	52,000	+52,000	+52,000
Military Construction, Army National Guard (Sec. 125).	67,500	---	113,500	+46,000	+113,500
Military Construction, Army Reserve (Sec. 125).....	30,000	---	76,000	+46,000	+76,000
NATO Security Investment Program (Sec. 127) (rescission).....	-30,000	---	---	+30,000	---
42 USC 3374 (Sec. 128).....	-25,000	---	---	+25,000	---
Military Construction, Air Force (Sec. 125).....	149,500	---	138,100	-11,400	+138,100
Military Construction, Air National Guard (Sec. 125)..	11,000	---	---	-11,000	---
Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps (Sec. 126).....	89,400	---	---	-89,400	---
Military Construction, Air Force Reserve (Sec. 125)...	---	---	64,100	+64,100	+64,100
NATO Security Investment Program (Sec. 126).....	---	---	-25,000	-25,000	-25,000
Family Housing Construction, Army (Sec. 126).....	---	---	-18,000	-18,000	-18,000

DIVISION J, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
Defense Access Roads Program (Sec. 131)	---	---	20,000	+20,000	+20,000
Total, Administrative Provisions	307,337	---	716,630	+409,293	+716,630
Appropriations	(614,999)	---	(759,630)	(+144,631)	(+759,630)
Rescissions	(-307,662)	---	(-43,000)	(+264,662)	(-43,000)
Total, title I, Department of Defense	7,726,000	10,703,432	11,011,981	+3,285,981	+308,549
Appropriations	(8,033,662)	(9,782,451)	(10,134,000)	(+2,100,338)	(+351,549)
Rescissions	(-307,662)	---	(-43,000)	(+264,662)	(-43,000)
Emergency appropriations	---	(920,981)	(920,981)	(+920,981)	---
Total, title I less emergency appropriations	7,726,000	9,782,451	10,091,000	+2,365,000	+308,549
TITLE II - DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS					
Veterans Benefits Administration					
Compensation and pensions:					
Advance from prior year	(86,083,128)	(90,119,449)	(90,119,449)	(+4,036,321)	---
Subtotal, current year	86,083,128	90,119,449	90,119,449	+4,036,321	---

DIVISION J, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018
(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
Advance appropriation, FY 2019	90,119,449	95,768,462	95,768,462	+5,649,013	---
Readjustment benefits:					
Advance from prior year	(16,340,828)	(13,708,648)	(13,708,648)	(-2,632,180)	---
Subtotal	16,340,828	13,708,648	13,708,648	-2,632,180	---
Advance appropriation, FY 2019	13,708,648	11,832,175	11,832,175	-1,876,473	---
Veterans insurance and indemnities:					
Advance from prior year	(91,920)	(107,899)	(107,899)	(+15,979)	---
Current year request	16,605	12,439	12,439	-4,166	---
Subtotal	108,525	120,338	120,338	+11,813	---
Advance appropriation, FY 2019	107,899	109,090	109,090	+1,191	---
Veterans housing benefit program fund:					
(Limitation on direct loans)	(500)	(500)	(500)	---	---
Administrative expenses	198,856	178,626	178,626	-20,230	---
Vocational rehabilitation loans program account	36	30	30	-6	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(2,517)	(2,356)	(2,356)	(-161)	---
Administrative expenses	389	395	395	+6	---
Native American veteran housing loan program account	1,163	1,163	1,163	---	---

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
General operating expenses, VBA	2,856,160	2,844,000	2,910,000	+53,840	+66,000
Total, Veterans Benefits Administration	107,009,205	110,746,380	110,812,380	+3,803,175	+66,000
Appropriations	(3,073,209)	(3,036,653)	(3,102,653)	(+29,444)	(+66,000)
Advance appropriations, FY 2019	(103,935,996)	(107,709,727)	(107,709,727)	(+3,773,731)	---
Advances from prior year appropriations	(102,515,876)	(103,935,996)	(103,935,996)	(+1,420,120)	---
Veterans Health Administration					
Medical services:					
Advance from prior year	(51,673,000)	(44,886,554)	(44,886,554)	(-6,786,446)	---
Current year request /1	1,078,993	1,031,808	1,962,984	+883,991	+931,176
Supplemental funding for opioid abuse prevention (P.L. 115-31) /2	50,000	---	---	-50,000	---
Medical Services (Sec. 217) (rescission)	-7,246,181	---	---	+7,246,181	---
Hurricane Supplemental (P.L. 115-123) (Emergency)	---	11,075	11,075	+11,075	---
Subtotal	45,555,812	45,929,437	46,860,613	+1,304,801	+931,176
Advance appropriation, FY 2019	44,886,554	49,161,165	49,161,165	+4,274,611	---

1/ $2.1 billion in emergency funding for Medical Services purposes was appropriated in H.J. Res. 124 in addition to these funds

2/ Funding for opioid abuse prevention was included

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
in the FY17 supplemental. In FY18, it is provided within the amount recommended by the Committee					
Medical community care:					
Advance from prior year	---	(9,409,118)	(9,409,118)	(+9,409,118)	---
Current year request	7,246,181	254,000	419,176	-6,827,005	+165,176
Subtotal	7,246,181	9,663,118	9,828,294	+2,582,113	+165,176
Advance appropriation, FY 2019	9,409,118	8,384,704	8,384,704	-1,024,414	---
Medical support and compliance:					
Advance from prior year	(6,524,000)	(6,654,480)	(6,654,480)	(+130,480)	---
Current year request	---	284,397	100,000	+100,000	-184,397
Hurricane Supplemental (P.L. 115-123) (Emergency)	---	3,209	3,209	+3,209	---
Subtotal	6,524,000	6,942,086	6,757,689	+233,689	-184,397
Advance appropriation, FY 2019	6,654,480	7,239,156	7,239,156	+584,676	---
Medical facilities:					
Advance from prior year	(5,074,000)	(5,434,880)	(5,434,880)	(+360,880)	---
Current year request	247,668	1,079,795	707,000	+459,332	-372,795
Hurricane Supplemental (P.L. 115-123) (Emergency)	---	75,108	75,108	+75,108	---
Subtotal	5,321,668	6,589,783	6,216,988	+895,320	-372,795

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
Advance appropriation, FY 2019	5,434,880	5,914,288	5,914,288	+479,408	---
Medical and prosthetic research	675,366	640,000	722,262	+46,896	+82,262
Medical care cost recovery collections:					
Offsetting collections	-2,637,000	-2,507,000	-2,507,000	+130,000	---
Appropriations (indefinite)	2,637,000	2,507,000	2,507,000	-130,000	---
Subtotal	---	---	---	---	---
DoD-VA Joint Medical Funds (transfers out)	(-274,731)	(-297,137)	(-297,137)	(-22,406)	---
DoD-VA Joint Medical Funds (by transfer)	(274,731)	(297,137)	(297,137)	(+22,406)	---
DoD-VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund (Transfer out)	(-15,000)	(-15,000)	(-15,000)	---	---
DoD-VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund (by transfer)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	---	---
Total, Veterans Health Administration	68,437,059	74,078,705	74,700,127	+6,263,068	+621,422
Appropriations	(2,052,027)	(3,290,000)	(3,911,422)	(+1,859,395)	(+621,422)
(By transfer)	(289,731)	(312,137)	(312,137)	(+22,406)	---
Emergency appropriations	---	(89,392)	(89,392)	(+89,392)	---
Advance appropriations, FY 2019	(66,385,032)	(70,699,313)	(70,699,313)	(+4,314,281)	---
Advances from prior year appropriations	(63,271,000)	(66,385,032)	(66,385,032)	(+3,114,032)	---
National Cemetery Administration					
National Cemetery Administration	286,193	306,193	306,193	+20,000	---

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
Departmental Administration					
General administration	345,391	346,891	335,891	-9,500	-11,000
Board of Veterans Appeals	156,096	155,596	161,048	+4,952	+5,452
Information technology systems	4,278,259	4,055,500	4,055,500	-222,759	---
Elect. health record modern	---	---	782,000	+782,000	+782,000
Office of Inspector General	160,106	159,606	164,000	+3,894	+4,394
Construction, major projects	528,110	512,430	512,430	-15,680	---
Construction, minor projects	372,069	342,570	342,570	-29,499	---
Hurricane Supplemental (P.L. 115-123) (Emergency)	---	4,088	4,088	+4,088	---
Subtotal	372,069	346,658	346,658	-25,411	---
Grants for construction of State extended care facilities	90,000	90,000	110,000	+20,000	+20,000
Grants for the construction of veterans cemeteries	45,000	45,000	45,000	---	---
Total, Departmental Administration	5,975,031	5,711,681	6,512,527	+537,496	+800,846
Emergency appropriations	---	(4,088)	(4,088)	(+4,088)	---
Appropriations	(5,975,031)	(5,707,593)	(6,508,439)	(+533,408)	(+800,846)
Administrative Provisions					
JIF rescission	-40,000	---	---	+40,000	---
General rescission	-169,000	---	---	+169,000	---
General reduction	-23,000	---	---	+23,000	---

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
Mandatory disability exams language (Sec. 256)	---	40,000	25,000	+25,000	-15,000
Medical services (Sec. 237) (rescission)	---	---	-751,000	-751,000	-751,000
VA deferred maintenance (Sec. 255)	---	---	2,000,000	+2,000,000	+2,000,000
Construction, major projects:					
Sec. 243(a) rescission	---	---	-10,000	-10,000	-10,000
Sec. 243(b) reappropriation	---	---	10,000	+10,000	+10,000
Sec. 243(c) rescission	---	---	-410,000	-410,000	-410,000
Sec. 243(d) reappropriation	---	---	410,000	+410,000	+410,000
Total. Administrative Provisions	-232,000	40,000	1,274,000	+1,506,000	+1,234,000
Total, title II	181,475,488	190,882,959	193,605,227	+12,129,739	+2,722,268
Appropriations	(11,363,460)	(12,380,439)	(15,853,707)	(+4,490,247)	(+3,473,268)
Reappropriations	---	---	(420,000)	(+420,000)	(+420,000)
Emergency appropriations	---	(93,480)	(93,480)	(+93,480)	---
Rescissions	(-209,000)	---	(-1,171,000)	(-962,000)	(-1,171,000)
(By transfer)	(289,731)	(312,137)	(312,137)	(+22,406)	---
Advance Appropriations, FY 2019:					
Mandatory	(103,935,996)	(107,709,727)	(107,709,727)	(+3,773,731)	---
Discretionary	(66,385,032)	(70,699,313)	(70,699,313)	(+4,314,281)	---
Advances from prior year appropriations:					
Mandatory	(102,515,876)	(103,935,996)	(103,935,996)	(+1,420,120)	---
Discretionary	(63,271,000)	(66,385,032)	(66,385,032)	(+3,114,032)	---

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
(Limitation on direct loans)	(3,017)	(2,856)	(2,856)	(-161)	---
Discretionary	(77,522,887)	(83,160,793)	(85,883,061)	(+8,360,174)	(+2,722,268)
Advances from prior year less FY 2019 advances	(-3,114,032)	(-4,314,281)	(-4,314,281)	(-1,200,249)	---
Net discretionary	(74,408,855)	(78,753,032)	(81,475,300)	(+7,066,445)	(+2,722,268)
Mandatory	(103,952,601)	(107,722,166)	(107,722,166)	(+3,769,565)	---
Advances from prior year less FY 2019 advances	(-1,420,120)	(-3,773,731)	(-3,773,731)	(-2,353,611)	---
Net mandatory	(102,532,481)	(103,948,435)	(103,948,435)	(+1,415,954)	---
Total mandatory and discretionary	176,941,336	182,701,467	185,423,735	+8,482,399	+2,722,268
TITLE III - RELATED AGENCIES					
American Battle Monuments Commission					
Salaries and expenses	75,100	75,100	79,000	+3,900	+3,900
Total, American Battle Monuments Commission	75,100	75,100	79,000	+3,900	+3,900
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims					
Salaries and expenses	30,945	33,608	33,600	+2,655	-8

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
Department of Defense - Civil					
Cemeterial Expenses, Army					
Salaries and expenses	70,800	70,800	80,800	+10,000	+10,000
Construction	---	---	167,000	+167,000	+167,000
Total, Cemeterial Expenses, Army	70,800	70,800	247,800	+177,000	+177,000
Armed Forces Retirement Home - Trust Fund					
Operation and maintenance	41,300	41,300	41,300	---	---
Capital program	1,000	1,000	1,000	---	---
Payment from General Fund	22,000	22,000	22,000	---	---
Total, Armed Forces Retirement Home	64,300	64,300	64,300	---	---
Total, title III	241,145	243,808	424,700	+183,555	+180,892
TITLE IV - OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS					
Overseas Contingency Operations					
Army	---	124,000	130,400	+130,400	+6,400
Additional funding for planning and design (P.L. 115-31)	39,500	---	---	-39,500	---

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
Navy	38,409	---	13,390	-25,019	+13,390
Additional funding for construction (P.L. 115-31)	66,708	---	---	-66,708	---
Subtotal	105,117	---	13,390	-91,727	+13,390
Air Force	11,440	207,200	275,522	+264,082	+68,322
Additional funding for construction (P.L. 115-31)	93,000	---	---	-93,000	---
Subtotal	104,440	207,200	275,522	+171,082	+68,322
Defense-Wide	---	---	22,400	+22,400	+22,400
Army National Guard					
Additional funding for planning and design (P.L. 115-31)	12,000	---	---	-12,000	---
Air National Guard					
Additional funding for construction (P.L. 115-31)	13,000	---	---	-13,000	---
Army Reserve					
Additional funding for planning and design (P.L. 115-31)	10,000	---	---	-10,000	---
Navy Reserve					
Additional funding for construction (P.L. 115-31)	4,525	---	---	-4,525	---

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
Air Force Reserve					
Additional funding for planning and design (P.L. 115-31)	9,000	---	---	-9,000	---
Subtotal	297,582	331,200	441,712	+144,130	+110,512
European Deterrence / Reassurance Initiative					
Army	18,900	15,700	15,700	-3,200	---
Navy	21,400	18,500	19,858	-1,542	+1,358
Air Force	68,280	270,830	270,830	+202,550	---
Additional funding for planning and design (P.L. 115-31)	12,300	---	---	-12,300	---
Subtotal	80,580	270,830	270,830	+190,250	---
Defense-Wide	5,000	1,900	1,900	-3,100	---
Administrative Provision					
Military Construction, Air Force (Sec. 101, P.L. 115-31) (rescission)	-12,300	---	---	+12,300	---
Subtotal	113,580	306,930	308,288	+194,708	+1,358

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
Counterterrorism Support					
Air Force	8,571	---	---	-8,571	---
Total, title IV	419,733	638,130	750,000	+330,267	+111,870
Grand total	189,862,366	202,468,329	205,791,908	+15,929,542	+3,323,579
Appropriations	(19,638,267)	(22,406,698)	(26,412,407)	(+6,774,140)	(+4,005,709)
Reappropriations	---	---	(420,000)	(+420,000)	(+420,000)
Rescissions	(-516,662)	---	(-1,214,000)	(-697,338)	(-1,214,000)
Rescission of OCO	(-12,300)	---	---	(+12,300)	---
Emergency appropriations	---	(1,014,461)	(1,014,461)	(+1,014,461)	---
Advance appropriations, FY 2019	(170,321,028)	(178,409,040)	(178,409,040)	(+8,088,012)	---
Overseas contingency operations	(432,033)	(638,130)	(750,000)	(+317,967)	(+111,870)
Advances from prior year appropriations	(165,786,876)	(170,321,028)	(170,321,028)	(+4,534,152)	---
(By transfer)	(289,731)	(312,137)	(312,137)	(+22,406)	---
(Transfer out)	(-289,731)	(-312,137)	(-312,137)	(-22,406)	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(3,017)	(2,856)	(2,856)	(-161)	---

DIVISION K—DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

In implementing this agreement, Federal departments, agencies, commissions, and other entities are directed to comply with the directives, reporting requirements, and instructions contained in H. Rept. 115–253 (House report) accompanying H.R. 3362 (House bill) and S. Rept. 115–152 (Senate report) accompanying S. 1780 (Senate bill) as though stated in this explanatory statement, unless specifically directed to the contrary.

This explanatory statement, while repeating some House and Senate report language for emphasis or clarification, does not negate language in such reports unless expressly provided herein. Language expressing an opinion or making an observation in the House or Senate reports represents the view of the respective committee unless specifically endorsed in this explanatory statement. In cases in which the House and Senate reports provide contradictory directives or instructions that are not addressed in this explanatory statement, such directives or instructions are negated.

Reports required to be submitted pursuant to the Act, including reports required by this explanatory statement and the House and Senate reports, may not be consolidated to include responses to multiple requirements in a single report, except following consultation with the Committees on Appropriations.

In lieu of the tables contained in the House and Senate reports, the tables contained in this explanatory statement shall guide departments, agencies, commissions, and other entities when allocating funds.

Section 7019 requires that amounts designated in the respective tables referenced in this explanatory statement for funds appropriated in titles III through V shall be made available in such designated amounts, unless otherwise provided for in the Act, and shall be the basis of the report required by section 653(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA) (the 653(a) report), where applicable. The section also includes limited authority to deviate from such specified amounts and continues language similar to prior years including exceptions to the application of the requirements of such section for amounts designated in tables included in this explanatory statement for International Military Education and Training and Global Health Programs, and funds for which the initial period of availability has expired.

Proposed deviations from tables in titles I and II in this explanatory statement are subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations, unless an exception or deviation authority is specifically provided herein.

For the purposes of the Act, the term ''regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations'' means such Committees are notified not less than 15 days in advance of the initial obligation of funds.

For purposes of the Act, the term ''prior consultation'' shall mean a pre-decisional engagement between a relevant Federal agency and the Committees on Appropriations during which such Committees are provided a meaningful opportunity to provide relevant facts and opinions to inform the use of funds; the development, content, or conduct of a program or activity; or a decision to be taken.

In meeting the requirements of section 7076(e) of the Act, the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall include in congressional budget justifications (CBJs) the justifications for multi-year availability for funds requested under Diplomatic and Consular Programs and Operating Expenses. The Department of State, USAID, and other agencies are also directed to include in CBJs the information included in the Introduction of the Senate report under Congressional Budget Request and Justifications, as applicable.

The Department of State, USAID, and other agencies funded by the Act are directed to notify the Committees on Appropriations of: (1) reprogrammings of funds, as required by sections 7015 and 7019 of the Act, at the most detailed level of the CBJ, the Act, or this explanatory statement; (2) significant departures in funding from the CBJ or the 653(a) report to be submitted 30 days after enactment of the Act; and (3) plans for restructuring the department or agency involving funding or staffing changes in accordance with section 7081 of the Act.

CBJ documents, and operating and spend plans, shall not suffice for purposes of satisfying special notification requirements contained in the Act.

As in prior fiscal years, additional funding designated as Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism (OCO/GWOT) pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (BBEDCA) is contained in title VIII of the Act. Such funds are intended to address the extraordinary costs of operations and assistance in countries in conflict and areas of instability and violence, particularly in the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa; security, stabilization, and peacekeeping programs; humanitarian activities; and counterterrorism and counterinsurgency efforts.

For purposes of the Act, the ''term extremist organization'' means the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS); organizations affiliated with ISIS; a foreign organization that is determined to be engaged in terrorist activity, as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182); and other entities designated as foreign terrorist organizations pursuant to section 219 of such Act. The term ''extremist'' means an individual affiliated with an extremist organization. The term ''extremism'' means the advocacy or use of violence by such organizations or individuals to achieve political or religious goals.

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND RELATED AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Act provides $9,054,019,000 for Administration of Foreign Affairs in this title, and an additional $3,115,849,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA. The Act includes a total of $6,071,348,000 for embassy security in this title and title VIII, as contained in the table below:

EMBASSY SECURITY

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Program/Activity	Budget Authority
Worldwide Security Protection	3,756,874
Embassy Security, Construction, and Maintenance	2,314,474
Total	6,071,348

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS

The Act provides $5,744,440,000 for Diplomatic and Consular Programs in this title, and an additional $2,975,971,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

Within the total provided under this heading in this title, up to $1,380,752,000 is for Worldwide Security Protection (WSP) and may remain available until expended; and $4,363,688,000 is for operations, of which $654,553,000 may remain available until September 20, 2019. Not later than September 1, 2018, the Secretary of State is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations on projected amounts available for operations beyond fiscal year 2018 by category and bureau. Title VIII of the Act includes funds for embassy operations in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq and other areas of unrest.

Funds appropriated by the Act for activities, bureaus, and offices under this heading in this title are allocated according to the following table:

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Category	Budget Authority
Human Resources	2,770,673
Worldwide Security Protection	[476,879]
Overseas Programs	1,253,799
Diplomatic Policy and Support	794,561
Security Programs	925,407
Worldwide Security Protection	[903,873]
Total	5,744,440

BUREAU/OFFICE

(includes salary and bureau-managed funds)

Bureau of Administration	
Freedom of Information Act	[33,960]
Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation	6,250
Cultural Antiquities Task Force	1,000
Bureau of Counterterrorism	
Office of Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs	[1,250]
Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor	42,020
Human Rights Vetting	[9,000]
Office of International Religious Freedom	[6,500]
of which, religious freedom curriculum development	[500]
Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia	[2,000]
Atrocities Prevention Training	[500]
Special Advisor for International Disability Rights	[445]
Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs	
Office of the Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues	[634]
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs	
Office of Terrorism Financing and Economic Sanctions Policy	[6,100]
Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs	41,859
Office of the Legal Advisor	
Document Review Unit	[2,889]
Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons	13,822
Bureau of Political-Military Affairs	
Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement	[3,570]
Office of the Secretary	
Office of Global Women's Issues	[5,326]
Office of the Coordinator for Cyber Issues	[5,497]
Undersecretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights	[2,347]
Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues	[1,000]
Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice	[3,750]

Funds allocated for offices and programs under the bureaus listed in the table under this heading that exceed the 2018 CBJ levels for such offices and programs are in addition to funds otherwise made available for such bureaus.

The agreement includes sufficient funds to support public diplomacy programs at not less than the fiscal year 2017 level. In addition, the Secretary of State is directed to include projected funding levels for public diplomacy in the operating plan required by section 7076(a) of the Act.

Section 7034(h) of the Act continues a limitation on the use of funds for the preservation of religious sites as in prior fiscal years.

Section 7034(l)(1) of the Act extends for one year the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative surcharge authority, which is the same extension of authority included in prior fiscal years.

Section 7034(l)(4) of the Act continues the Foreign Service overseas pay comparability authority, but, as in prior fiscal years, prohibits implementation of the third phase of the authority.

Assaults Abroad.—The Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM) sets forth authorities, responsibilities, and guidelines for assisting United States citizens and their families who are victims of sexual assaults and other crimes while traveling abroad. FAM chapter 7, section 1931.1 directs consular officers to ''assist victims of crime abroad and their families in receiving necessary services while still overseas'', and to ''assist victims in continuing those services in the United States if appropriate and desired. . .'' The Secretary of State is directed to remind consular officers that they can lessen the effects of a crime on United States victims by the quality and timeliness of their response. The Secretary shall make officers aware of their obligation to expeditiously fulfill their responsibilities to crime victims set forth in FAM chapter 7, sections 1920 and 1930, including ascertaining the status of the police investigation into the incident and assisting victims in obtaining a copy of the police report, with translation if possible.

Chief of Mission Authority.—The Secretary of State shall exercise existing authorities to strengthen interagency coordination at United States diplomatic facilities abroad to gain greater visibility on all United States Government foreign assistance in a country and region, and to strengthen the authority of the Chief of Mission.

Conflict Stabilization Operations.—The agreement does not include the authority for the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (CSO) to use funds made available under this heading for related reconstruction and stabilization grants and cooperative agreements. Funds are included under Economic Support Fund for CSO to support such activities, subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

Cultural Property.—The Cultural Properties Implementation Act requires each State Party seeking or participating in an MOU with the United States to take measures consistent with the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export, and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property to protect its cultural patrimony. In carrying out section 303(f) of such Act and in lieu of the guidance in the House and Senate reports, the Cultural Property Advisory Committee should consider a State Party's expenditures on securing and inventorying cultural sites and museums among the criteria used to determine whether a State Party has taken such measures. The Secretary of State should review the feasibility of collecting and reporting on such measures taken by a State Party and be prepared to report on such review during the hearing process on the fiscal year 2019 budget request.

Eligible Family Member (EFM) Employment.—The agreement endorses the reporting directive under this heading in the Senate report concerning cost-savings associated with EFM employment at diplomatic facilities abroad.

Expanded Professional Associates Program.—The agreement provides funds under this heading for the Expanded Professional Associates Program equal to the prior fiscal year, and the Secretary of State shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations prior to implementing a significant deviation from such levels.

Foreign Affairs Security Training Center.—Not later than 45 days after enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations a progress report on the Foreign Affairs Security Training Center project, which shall be updated semi-annually until the completion the completion of the project. The report shall include the requirements described under this heading in the House and Senate reports.

Global Engagement Center (GEC).—The agreement includes up to $20,000,000 for the GEC for countering foreign state propaganda and disinformation. Pursuant to section 7015(h)(2)(A) of the Act, the Secretary of State shall consult with the appropriate congressional committees on the intended use of such funds, including any funds transferred or requested to be transferred for such purposes from the Department of Defense, prior to submitting the notification required by such section. In addition, not later than 30 days after enactment of the Act, the Secretary shall submit the reports related to the GEC referenced under this heading in the Senate report.

Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.—The agreement includes $13,822,000 for the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons for support of activities and directives described in the House and Senate reports.

Review of Development Finance Activities.—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the USAID Administrator, the President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall submit the review required under this heading in the House report not later than 90 days after enactment of the Act. The review shall also include recommendations for enhancing the effectiveness of such programs within the current organization of executive agencies, and a comparison of the advantages and disadvantages of all recommendations made in the review, including in relation to those proposed in the fiscal year 2019 budget request.

Workforce Diversity Initiatives.—Funds appropriated under this heading shall continue to be made available for support of workforce diversity initiatives, at levels commensurate with prior years, including for fellowships to promote diversity and excellence in the Foreign Service, such as the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program and the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program.

Worldwide Aviation Support Services.—In lieu of the requirement in the Senate report for the Department of State OIG to submit a report on the Worldwide Aviation Support Services contract, the Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations, not later than 90 days after enactment of the Act, on steps taken by the Department of State to ensure the security and safety of aviation services performed under such contract, including in Afghanistan.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND

The Act provides $103,400,000 for Capital Investment Fund, including $88,400,000 for improving and modernizing information technology platforms.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Act provides $77,629,000 for Office of Inspector General (OIG) in this title, of which $11,644,000 may remain available until September 30, 2019, and an additional $68,100,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA. The Act waives the requirement of section 209(a)(1) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, as included in prior fiscal years.

In addition to the review required by this explanatory statement under section 7081, the OIG shall review the current status of the freeze on hiring, including EFM employment and lateral transfers, and assess the impact of such freeze during calendar year 2017 on: (1) the day-to-day function and mission of the Department of State, United States embassies, and consulates; (2) the safety, welfare, and morale of Department personnel; and (3) the personnel costs of the Department. The review shall also examine the impact of the suspension of EFM employment on embassy and consulate operations, and on other Federal agencies.

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

The Act provides $646,143,000 for Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs, of which not less than $240,000,000 is for the Fulbright Program and $111,360,000 is for the Citizen Exchange Program, of which not less than $4,125,000 is for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange. Funds under this heading are allocated according to the following table:

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Program/Activity	Budget Authority
Academic Programs:	
Fulbright Program	240,000
Global Academic Exchanges	63,176
Special Academic Exchanges	16,950
Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship Program	[12,550]
Subtotal	320,126
Professional and Cultural Exchanges:	
International Visitor Program	97,765
Citizen Exchange Program	111,360
Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange	[4,125]
Special Professional and Cultural Exchanges	5,575
Subtotal	214,700
Special Initiatives:	
Young Leaders Initiatives	28,500
Countering State Disinformation and Pressure	12,000
Subtotal	40,500
Program and Performance	7,383
Exchanges Support	63,434
Total	646,143

The Secretary of State shall include in the operating plan required by section 7076(a) of the Act the information listed under this heading in the House and Senate reports.

Countering State Disinformation and Pressure.—The agreement includes $12,000,000 in additional funding to counter state-sponsored disinformation and hybrid threats, promote democracy, and support exchanges with countries facing state-sponsored disinformation and pressure campaigns, particularly in Europe and Eurasia. A portion of the funds shall be made available through a process whereby the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State, solicits proposals from posts located in affected countries.

Fulbright Initiatives.—The agreement funds Fulbright program initiatives in Korea, the Baltic states and Finland, and Eastern Europe at not less than, and in a manner consistent with, fiscal year 2017.

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Staffing.—The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State, which manages programs funded under this heading, is currently only staffed at 75 percent of its authorized personnel level. Under-staffing hinders the effective implementation and oversight of such programs. The Secretary of State is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 30 days after enactment of the Act on a plan to ensure adequate personnel levels to effectively implement and oversee the funds provided for exchanges, including a justification for any proposed reductions to staffing below the authorized level.

Citizen Exchange Program.—Funds made available for the Citizen Exchange Program are intended for the purposes described under this heading in the House report.

Special Academic and Professional and Cultural Exchanges.—The agreement includes funds to continue the Special Academic Exchanges and Special Professional

and Cultural Exchanges described in the House and Senate reports, including the Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship Program and the Tibetan exchanges and fellowships.

The agreement includes $2,500,000 under this heading and $2,500,000 under Development Assistance for grants authorized by section 211 of the Vietnam Education Foundation Act of 2000, as amended.

REPRESENTATION EXPENSES

The Act provides $8,030,000 for Representation Expenses, subject to section 7020 of the Act.

PROTECTION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS AND OFFICIALS

The Act provides $30,890,000 for Protection of Foreign Missions and Officials.

Section 7034(i) of the Act continues the authority for the Secretary of State to transfer expired, unobligated balances from funds made available under Diplomatic and Consular Programs to this heading.

EMBASSY SECURITY, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE

The Act provides $2,242,696,000 for Embassy Security, Construction, and Maintenance in this title, of which $1,477,237,000 is for Worldwide Security Upgrades (WSU) and $765,459,000 is for other construction, operations, and maintenance. An additional $71,778,000 is provided in title VIII under this heading that is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

The agreement includes not less than $1,120,000,000 under this heading for the Department of State share of the Capital Security and Maintenance Cost Sharing Programs, consistent with section 7004(c) of the Act. These funds, combined with an estimated $151,100,000 from consular fee revenue, bring the total Department of State share for such programs to $1,271,100,000.

The agreement includes funds for compound security upgrades and domestic renovations at not less than the fiscal year 2017 level.

Design Excellence.—The Secretary of State shall submit the report required under this heading in the Senate report regarding a review of the Department of State's embassy construction processes and the Excellence approach, which shall also include a summary of any changes to the Design Excellence/Excellence approach already implemented. Such report shall be submitted to the appropriate congressional committees not later than 180 days after enactment of the Act.

Diplomatic Facilities in Russia and Tunisia.—Not later than 45 days after the enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations with respect to the funding directives for diplomatic facilities in Russia and Tunisia included in the Senate report.

EMERGENCIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR SERVICE

The Act provides $7,885,000 for Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service.

REPATRIATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The Act provides $1,300,000 for Repatriation Loans Program Account.

PAYMENT TO THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN

The Act provides $31,963,000 for Payment to the American Institute in Taiwan.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER, WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Act provides $743,000 for International Center, Washington, District of Columbia.

PAYMENT TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY FUND

The Act provides $158,900,000 for Payment to the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Act provides $1,371,168,000 for Contributions to International Organizations in this title, and an additional $96,240,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

Review of Contributions to International Organizations and Multilateral Entities.—In lieu of the requirement in the Senate report under this heading, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 90 days after enactment of the Act that includes: (1) a description of the current tools, methods, and resources, including personnel, employed by the Department of State, USAID, the Department of the Treasury, and other relevant Federal agencies, to assess the value of, and prioritize contributions to, international organizations and other multilateral entities; and (2) recommendations for the development of more effective tools and methods for evaluating United States participation in, and contributions to, such organizations and entities, including a review of the approach and methods specified in the Senate report.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES

The Act provides $414,624,000 for Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities in this title, and an additional $967,456,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

Sufficient funds are provided in the agreement for United States contributions to peacekeeping missions at the statutory level of 25 percent. Funding for the United States share of the United Nations Support Office in Somalia is provided under Peacekeeping Operations in title VIII instead of under this heading.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONS

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The Act provides $48,134,000 for Salaries and Expenses.

CONSTRUCTION

The Act provides $29,400,000 for Construction.

AMERICAN SECTIONS, INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONS

The Act provides $13,258,000 for American Sections, International Commissions, including $8,052,000 for the International Joint Commission, $2,304,000 for the International Boundary Commission, and $2,902,000 for the Border Environment Cooperation Commission, in the amounts and for the purposes specified under this heading in the Senate report.

In addition to the report required under this heading in the House report, not later than 60 days after enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations a report detailing actions taken to date, and planned for the future, to engage the Government of Canada to jointly refer for research and study by the International Joint Commission the proposed deep geologic repository for nuclear waste in Kincardine, Ontario. The Secretary of State is directed to include in the report the diplomatic and legal steps the Department plans to take to address concerns about the protection of the Great Lakes water basin and to review alternatives for the proposed nuclear storage facility that will not place the health, safety, and economic security of residents of the Great Lakes basin at risk.

INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES COMMISSIONS

The Act provides $46,356,000 for International Fisheries Commissions. The agreement provides funding for the purposes specified under this heading in the Senate report and such funds are allocated according to the following table:

INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES COMMISSIONS

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Commission/Activity	Budget Authority
Great Lakes Fishery Commission	33,290
Lake Champlain Basin	[5,000]
Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission	1,750
Pacific Salmon Commission	3,685
International Pacific Halibut Commission	4,200
Other Marine Conservation Organizations	3,431
Total	46,356

RELATED AGENCY

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING OPERATIONS

The Act provides $797,986,000 for International Broadcasting Operations.

Of the funds made available under this heading, up to $34,508,000 may remain available until expended for satellite transmissions and Internet freedom programs, of which not less than $13,800,000 is for Internet freedom and circumvention programs. In addition, $1,200,000 is included within funds provided for Radio Free Asia for the personnel costs associated with Internet freedom activities, bringing the total provided for such programs to not less than $15,000,000. The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) is directed to include amounts planned for Internet freedom in fiscal year 2018 as part of the operating plan required by section 7076(a) of the Act and to describe the planned activities in the Internet freedom spend plan required by section 7078(c) of the Act.

Funds under this heading in the Act are allocated according to the following table:

INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING OPERATIONS

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Entities/Grantees	Budget Authority
Federal Entities:	
International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB):	
IBB Operations	58,628
Internet Freedom	[13,800]
Office of Technology, Services, and Innovation	182,987
Voice of America	244,894
Office of Cuba Broadcasting	28,936
Subtotal	515,445
Independent Grantee Organizations:.	
Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty	126,821
Radio Free Asia	44,173
Middle East Broadcasting Networks	111,547
Subtotal	282,541
Total	797,986

BROADCASTING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Act provides $9,700,000 for Broadcasting Capital Improvements.

RELATED PROGRAMS

THE ASIA FOUNDATION

The Act provides $17,000,000 for The Asia Foundation.

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

The Act provides $37,884,000 for United States Institute of Peace.

CENTER FOR MIDDLE EASTERN-WESTERN DIALOGUE TRUST FUND

The Act provides $140,000 from interest and earnings from the Center for Middle Eastern-Western Dialogue Trust Fund.

EISENHOWER EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Act provides $158,000 from interest and earnings from the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program Trust Fund.

ISRAELI ARAB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Act provides $65,000 from interest and earnings from the Israeli Arab Scholarship Endowment Fund.

EAST-WEST CENTER

The Act provides $16,700,000 for East-West Center.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY

The Act provides $170,000,000 for National Endowment for Democracy.

Not later than 45 days after enactment of the Act, the President of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations on the proposed uses of the funds provided under this heading on a regional and country basis. The report should include a description of programmatic goals for each region and country and how the planned use of funds will meet such goals. The NED President should consult with such Committees in advance of any significant deviation from the plans outlined in such report.

OTHER COMMISSIONS

COMMISSION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICA'S HERITAGE ABROAD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The Act provides $675,000 for Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The Act provides $4,500,000 for United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), of which $1,000,000 is withheld from obligation until the Commission consults with the appropriate congressional committees on the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the Independent Review of USCIRF Mission Effectiveness that was conducted pursuant to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–71). Additionally, the funds withheld are subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The Act provides $2,579,000 for Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The Act provides $2,000,000 for Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China.

UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The Act provides $3,500,000 for United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

TITLE II

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

OPERATING EXPENSES

The Act provides $1,189,609,000 for Operating Expenses in this title, of which $178,441,000 may remain available until September 30, 2019, and an additional $158,067,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA. Funds for certain programs under this heading are allocated according to the following table:

OPERATING EXPENSES

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Program/Mission	Budget Authority
Atrocities Prevention Training	250
USAID Advisor for Indigenous Peoples Issues	250
Regional Development Mission for Asia	16,500

Limited Competition.—The USAID Administrator shall submit the report required under this heading in the House report regarding limited competition not later than 45 days after the enactment of the Act.

Regional Development Mission for Asia.—The agreement provides $16,500,000 for the operating expenses of the Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA), including salaries and benefits and other direct costs, which is consistent with prior fiscal year levels. Any deviation in operations and personnel for RDMA, including any proposal for such deviation, shall be subject to the notification requirements of section 7019 of the Act.

The March 8, 2018 USAID OIG report entitled ''USAID's Redesign Efforts Have Shifted Over Time'' (Audit Report 9–000–18–003–P) raises questions about USAID's compliance with notification and reporting requirements mandated by law, and decision making processes regarding RDMA's Mission Management Assessment and the proposed closure of the Mission. While a review of RDMA is appropriate, particularly its role in supporting other missions in the region, the mishandling of this matter caused significant disruption to RDMA personnel, operations, and programs. The USAID Administrator is directed to review USAID actions regarding RDMA from November 2016 to the present, inform the appropriate congressional committees of specific findings and recommendations, and provide supporting documents. The review should include consultation with Department of State personnel at Embassy Bangkok.

The USAID Administrator shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations prior to informing any mission of a proposed closure.

Workforce Diversity Initiatives.—Funds appropriated under this heading shall continue to be made available for support of workforce diversity initiatives, at levels commensurate with prior years, including for fellowships to promote diversity and excellence in the Foreign Service, such as the Donald M. Payne International Development Graduate Fellowship Program.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND

The Act provides $197,100,000 for Capital Investment Fund.

The agreement includes not less than $167,500,000 under this heading for USAID's share of the Capital Security and Maintenance Cost Sharing Programs, consistent with section 7004(c) of the Act.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Act provides $72,800,000 for Office of Inspector General, of which $10,920,000 may remain available until September 30, 2019, and an additional $2,500,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

The Act provides up to $2,000,000 to support Office of Inspector General activities in the West Bank and Gaza: $1,000,000 is provided under this heading and up to $1,000,000 is provided pursuant to section 7039. The Act also provides an additional $2,800,000 under this heading to support Office of Inspector General activities in Afghanistan.

TITLE III

BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

The Act provides $8,690,000,000 for Global Health Programs. Funds under this heading are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Program/Activity	Budget Authority
Maternal and Child Health	829,500
Polio	[51,500]
Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus	[1,000]
The GAVI Alliance	[290,000]
Nutrition (USAID)	125,000
Micronutrients	[33,000]
of which, Vitamin A	[22,500]
Iodine Deficiency Disorder	[2,500]
Vulnerable Children (USAID)	23,000
Blind Children	[3,500]
HIV/AIDS (USAID)	330,000
Microbicides	[45,000]
HIV/AIDS (Department of State)	5,670,000
The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria	[1,350,000]
UNAIDS	[45,000]
Family Planning/Reproductive Health (USAID)	523,950
Other Infectious Diseases (USAID)	1,188,550
Global Health Security	[72,550]
Malaria	[755,000]
Tuberculosis	[261,000]
of which, Global TB Drug Facility	[15,000]
Neglected Tropical Diseases	[100,000]
Total	8,690,000

Female Morbidity and Mortality.—Not later than 120 days after enactment of the Act, the USAID Administrator shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations on the leading causes of morbidity and mortality of females in low-income countries by age group from infancy to older age, the cost of effectively addressing such causes, and an assessment of the quality and coverage of data in such countries on female morbidity and mortality.

Repurposed Funds.—Section 7058(d) of the Act repurposes funds from title IX of division J of Public Law 113–235 for specific purposes.

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

The Act provides $3,000,000,000 for Development Assistance. Funds for certain programs under this heading are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Global Programs	Budget Authority
Bureau for Food Security	315,960
Community Development Fund	[80,000]
Feed the Future Innovation Labs	[55,000]
Global Crop Diversity Trust	[15,000]
Combating child marriage	11,000
Development Innovation Ventures	23,000
Leahy War Victims Fund	13,500
Ocean Freight Reimbursement Program	1,500
Reconciliation Programs	18,000
Trade capacity building	10,000
USAID Advisor for Indigenous Peoples Issues	3,500
Victims of torture	12,000
Wheelchairs	5,000

Domestic Resource Mobilization.—Funds appropriated by the Act under title III should be made available for USAID to promote domestic resource mobilization consistent with the purposes identified in the House and Senate reports. The USAID Administrator shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations prior to the obligation of such funds, including on how eligibility for such assistance will be determined and how USAID, in consultation with other Federal agencies, will develop the objectives, monitor the implementation, and measure the outcomes of such assistance.

Food Security and Agricultural Development.—Funds provided to countries for food security and agricultural development should be made available at levels not less than the prior fiscal year, particularly for countries with high levels of food insecurity.

Higher Education.—The agreement includes funds for partnerships between higher education institutions in the United States and developing countries to be used for institutional capacity building, including $15,000,000 for new partnerships which should be competed and awarded not later than one year after enactment of the Act. Despite congressional directives in prior years, USAID has not sufficiently responded to the demand for higher education institutional capacity building. Programs should be designed to ensure that each partnership has sufficient resources and time to affect meaningful institutional change and should be awarded on an open and competitive basis. The USAID Administrator shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations on the proposed uses of funds made available for higher education partnerships.

Indigenous Peoples.—The USAID Administrator is directed to develop, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies and indigenous peoples' organizations, a USAID policy to guide the Agency in effectively addressing the rights and needs of indigenous peoples in USAID programs, projects, and activities. The Administrator shall report to the Committees on Appropriations on progress in developing the policy not later than 90 days after enactment of the Act.

Latrines.—In lieu of the directive in the Senate report regarding latrines, the agreement provides funds to support initiatives by local communities in developing countries to build and maintain safe latrines.

Microenterprise and Microfinance.—Not later than 120 days after enactment of the Act, the USAID Administrator shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees on the extent to which microenterprise and microfinance programs have demonstrated sustainable improvements in the lives of the very poor or of those who are slightly above the poverty level in developing countries. The report shall further address, based on the latest evidence, the most effective approaches to economic empowerment of the poor in order to provide sustainable pathways out of poverty in such countries.

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

The Act provides $2,696,534,000 for International Disaster Assistance in this title, and an additional $1,588,778,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

TRANSITION INITIATIVES

The Act provides $30,000,000 for Transition Initiatives in this title, and an additional $62,043,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

COMPLEX CRISES FUND

The Act provides $10,000,000 for Complex Crises Fund in this title, and an additional $20,000,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

Consistent with previous practice, the USAID Administrator shall have responsibility for the use of funds appropriated under this heading in this title, in consultation with the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State shall have the responsibility for the use of funds appropriated under this heading in title VIII.

DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AUTHORITY

The Act includes a $55,000,000 limitation on funds that may be transferred from other programs in this title to Development Credit Authority. In addition, $10,000,000 is provided for administrative expenses, which may be transferred to, and merged with, Operating Expenses. A limitation of $1,750,000,000 is included on total loan principal.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND

The Act provides $1,816,731,000 for Economic Support Fund in this title, and an additional $2,152,122,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA. Funds for certain programs under this heading are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Global Programs	Budget Authority
Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues	10,000
Conflict and Stabilization Operations	5,000
Disability Programs	7,500
Family Planning/Reproductive Health (USAID)	51,050
House Democracy Partnership	1,900
Organization of American States	9,000
Polio	7,500
Reconciliation Programs	12,000
Trade capacity building	10,000

The agreement provides funding to support the first through third organizational pillars of the Organization of American States. Within the total provided under this heading, $4,000,000 is for programs to strengthen democracy, and $5,000,000 is for programs to promote and protect human rights, of which not less than $500,000 is for the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression. Such funds are subject to prior consultation with the Committees on Appropriations.

Programs that provide policy and technical training to information communication technology professionals from developing countries shall be continued at the fiscal year 2017 levels.

DEMOCRACY FUND

The Act provides $215,500,000 for Democracy Fund, of which $150,375,000 is for the Department of State Human Rights and Democracy Fund, including $5,000,000 to implement section 7032(i) of the Act, and $65,125,000 is for the USAID Center of Excellence for Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance.

The Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations on the uses of funds provided by the Act for the Human Rights and Democracy Fund that are above the fiscal year 2016 level.

A portion of funds appropriated by the Act under this heading may be used by the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL), Department of State, and the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, USAID, for costs associated with administering such funds.

ASSISTANCE FOR EUROPE, EURASIA AND CENTRAL ASIA

The Act provides $750,334,000 for Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia.

The agreement continues the notwithstanding authority provided in the prior year. Not later than 45 days after enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the USAID Administrator, shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations on the use of such authority during fiscal year 2017 to include: (1) a description of each use of such authority, including the activity, purpose, and dollar amount, if applicable; (2) the provision of law that was notwithstood; and (3) in the absence of such authority, the use of an alternative notwithstanding authority that would have achieved the same result. The report shall include such information with regard to hiring and personnel matters.

Baltic States.—Funds made available by the Act for the Countering Russian Influence Fund (CRIF) shall be made available for the Baltic states for cyber and democracy programs to counter Russian influence and aggression. The Secretary of State shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations on the uses of such funds.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

The Act provides $927,802,000 for Migration and Refugee Assistance in this title, and an additional $2,431,198,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

Funds made available under this heading in the Act shall be administered in accordance with the directive in section 7081(b)(2)(A) of the Act.

Funds made available by the Act should be made available to address the needs of refugees from Venezuela in Colombia, including to reduce stress on Colombian health care and other social welfare systems.

UNITED STATES EMERGENCY REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE FUND

The Act provides $1,000,000 for United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund. The agreement also directs the transfer to Migration and Refugee Assistance of any balances in the Fund that exceed the limitation in paragraph (2) of section 2(c) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962.

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

PEACE CORPS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The Act provides $410,000,000 for Peace Corps.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

The Act provides $905,000,000 for Millennium Challenge Corporation, including up to $105,000,000 for administrative expenses.

INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

The Act provides $22,500,000 for Inter-American Foundation.

UNITED STATES AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

The Act provides $30,000,000 for United States African Development Foundation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Act provides $30,000,000 for International Affairs Technical Assistance.

The operating and spend plans required under sections 7076(a) and (b) of the Act shall include estimated program and administrative costs by fiscal year of appropriation.

TITLE IV—INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Act provides $950,845,000 for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement in this title, and an additional $417,951,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA. Funds for certain programs under this heading are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Program/Activity	Budget Authority
Combating wildlife trafficking	50,000

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT—Continued

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Program/Activity	Budget Authority
Cybercrime and intellectual property rights	10,000
Demand reduction	12,500
International Law Enforcement Academy	27,000
Programs to end modern slavery	25,000

Combating Wildlife Trafficking.—Funds included to combat wildlife trafficking should be used to strengthen law enforcement capacity, further partnerships through regional and international cooperation, and provide site-based protection of wildlife. The Secretary of State shall continue to consult with the Committees on Appropriations on the use of aircraft for anti-poaching activities, including any demonstration projects started in the previous fiscal year.

Cybercrime and Intellectual Property Rights.—The agreement includes $10,000,000 to support the efforts of Federal agencies to build the capacity of partner nations to combat cybercrime and strengthen law enforcement in the area of intellectual property rights. Not later than 45 days after enactment of the Act and prior to the initial obligation of funds for such purposes, the Secretary of State is directed to submit a spend plan to the Committees on Appropriations for assistance planned under this heading.

International Organized Crime.—The agreement includes $27,000,000 to further the objectives of Executive Order 13773 on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking, which is in addition to funds made available for combating wildlife trafficking. Not later than 45 days after enactment of the Act and prior to the initial obligation of funds for such purposes, the Secretary of State is directed to submit a spend plan to the Committees on Appropriations for assistance planned under this heading.

Opioids.—The agreement supports Department of State programs to combat the production, trafficking, and sale of heroin, fentanyl, and other opioids. Not later than 90 days after enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees that describes the specific activities undertaken or planned by the Department of State to stop the flow of opioids into the United States. The report shall also include relevant information on efforts by other Federal agencies implementing programs in foreign countries, and steps taken to achieve such goals by countries in which opioids are produced or trafficked.

NONPROLIFERATION, ANTI–TERRORISM, DEMINING AND RELATED PROGRAMS

The Act provides $655,467,000 for Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs in this title, and an additional $220,583,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA. Funds for certain programs under this heading are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

NONPROLIFERATION, ANTI-TERRORISM, DEMINING AND RELATED PROGRAMS

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Program/Activity	Budget Authority
Nonproliferation programs	292,300
Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund	[30,000]
Export Control and Related Border Security	[60,000]
Global Threat Reduction	[70,000]
International Atomic Energy Agency	[94,800]
Anti-terrorism programs	344,750
Anti-terrorism Assistance	[182,000]

NONPROLIFERATION, ANTI-TERRORISM, DEMINING AND RELATED PROGRAMS—Continued

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Program/Activity	Budget Authority
of which, airport and aviation security	[20,000]
Terrorist Interdiction Program	[36,000]
Counterterrorism financing	[12,500]
Counterterrorism Partnerships Fund	[114,250]
Conventional weapons destruction	189,000
Humanitarian demining	[151,500]

Airport and Aviation Security.—Not later than 45 days after enactment of the Act and prior to the initial obligation of funds for such purposes, the Secretary shall submit a spend plan to the Committees on Appropriations on the uses of such funds by country and program.

Conventional Weapons Destruction.—In lieu of the directives under this heading in the House and Senate reports, the Secretary of State shall conduct an assessment of programs funded under this heading and submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 90 days after enactment of the Act. For each country that receives $2,000,000 or more of assistance for conventional weapons destruction programs, the report shall include: (1) an explanation of the United States national interest served; (2) the risk factors and casualty data associated with such weapons and their proposed removal; (3) the effectiveness of ongoing programs, including a description of how programs are evaluated; (4) short and long-term goals, graduation criteria, and associated metrics; (5) the cooperation of host governments in program implementation; (6) support for similar activities from sources other than the United States Government; and (7) the scale of the conventional weapons problem in such country that are intended to be addressed by such assistance. The Secretary of State shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations prior to conducting such assessment.

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

The Act provides $212,712,000 for Peacekeeping Operations in this title, and an additional $325,213,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA. Funds under this heading are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Program/Activity	Budget Authority
Africa	326,825
Central African Republic	[8,000]
Democratic Republic of the Congo	[5,000]
Liberia	[1,000]
Somalia	[253,500]
South Sudan	[25,000]
Africa Regional	[34,325]
of which, Partnership for Regional East Africa Counterterrorism	[10,000]
of which, Africa Conflict Stabilization and Border Security	[8,400]
of which, Africa Military Education Program	[3,000]
of which, Africa Maritime Security Initiative	[2,000]
of which, Africa Regional Counterterrorism	[10,000]
Near East	31,000
Multinational Force and Observers	[31,000]
Political-Military Affairs	180,100
Defense Reform	[5,000]
Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership	[34,100]
Global Peacekeeping Operations Initiative	[61,000]
Total	537,925
of which, OCO	[325,213]

Congressional notifications submitted for funds made available under Peacekeeping Operations shall continue to include for each program a description of the type of equipment, training, or other assistance to be provided, and the total amount obligated for each such program in fiscal years 2017 and 2018 at the time of submission of such notification, on a country-by-country basis to the extent practicable.

Multinational Force and Observers.—Funds made available by the Act above the level of the United States contribution are intended to address ongoing force protection requirements and emerging needs to protect and sustain the Multinational Force and Observers mission in the Sinai.

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Act provides $110,875,000 for International Military Education and Training, of which up to $11,000,000 may remain available until September 30, 2019.

The agreement includes $1,000,000 for Greece and not less than the fiscal year 2017 level for Malta. The agreement also includes $5,000,000 for the Countering Russian Influence Fund. The agreement does not provide funding under this heading for Nicaragua.

The Secretary of State is directed to submit the report described under this heading in the House report concurrently with the report required by section 7034(b)(7) of the Act.

FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING PROGRAM

The Act provides $5,671,613,000 for Foreign Military Financing Program in this title, and an additional $460,000,000 in title VIII under this heading is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

Countering Russian Influence Fund.—Funds made available for the CRIF under this heading are provided to assist countries in Europe and Eurasia in enhancing the capacity of their security forces, including for the modernization of systems of North Atlantic Treaty Organization partners, such as Greece. The Secretary of State is directed to consult with the Committees on Appropriations on the proposed uses of such funds prior to the submission of the spend plan required by section 7076(b) of the Act.

Greece.—Not later than 30 days after enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees detailing the proposed upgrades to the Greek F–16 fighter jet program and recommending specific actions to be taken to support such upgrades, including with funds made available under this heading.

TITLE V

MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS

The Act provides $339,000,000 for International Organizations and Programs. Funds under this heading are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Programs	Budget Authority
International Chemicals and Toxins Programs	3,175
International Civil Aviation Organization	800
International Conservation Programs	7,000
International Development Law Organization	400
International Maritime Organization	325
Montreal Protocol Multilateral Fund	31,000
Organization of American States Development Assistance Programs	500
Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia	50
UN Capital Development Fund	500
UN Children's Fund	137,500
of which, Combating female genital mutilation programs	[5,000]
UN Democracy Fund	3,000
UN Development Program	80,000
UN Environmental Programs	10,000
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights	8,500
of which, Honduras	[500]

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS—Continued

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Programs	Budget Authority
of which, Colombia	[1,000]
UN Human Settlements Program	700
UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	2,500
UN Population Fund	32,500
UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sexual Violence in Conflict	1,750
UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women	1,000
UN Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights	1,150
UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture	6,550
UN Women	8,500
World Meteorological Organization	1,000
World Trade Organization Technical Assistance	600
Total	339,000

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

The Act provides $139,575,000 for Global Environment Facility.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The Act provides $1,097,010,000 for Contribution to the International Development Association.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Act provides $47,395,000 for Contribution to the Asian Development Fund.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

The Act provides $32,418,000 for Contribution to the African Development Bank.

LIMITATION ON CALLABLE CAPITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Act provides $507,860,808 for Limitation on Callable Capital Subscriptions.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Act provides $171,300,000 for Contribution to the African Development Fund.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Act provides $30,000,000 for Contribution to the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

GLOBAL AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM

The Act does not include an appropriation for a contribution to the Global Agriculture Food Security Program (GAFSP), which has remaining balances available from prior appropriations Acts for such contribution. The Secretary of the Treasury shall continue the 2012 pledge to provide to GAFSP $1 for every $2 in contributions from other donors, utilizing such prior year balances.

TITLE VI

EXPORT AND INVESTMENT ASSISTANCE

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Act provides $5,700,000 for Inspector General for the Export-Import Bank of the United States, of which $855,000 may remain available until September 30, 2019.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The Act provides $110,000,000 for Administrative Expenses for the Export-Import Bank of the United States, of which $16,500,000 may remain available until September 30, 2019.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

NONCREDIT ACCOUNT

The Act provides $79,200,000 for Noncredit Account of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The Act provides $20,000,000 for Program Account of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

In lieu of the directive on monthly reports in the House report, OPIC shall submit the confidential annex on a quarterly basis for the current year to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 30 days after the end of each quarter, including the amounts of principal and subsidy obligated or deobligated by date and the remaining unobligated balances of resources and the statutory cap. This quarterly report is in addition to the annual confidential annex.

The efforts made by the OPIC President and the USAID Inspector General to successfully reach a long-term inter-agency agreement for continued oversight of OPIC are commendable. In support of such agreement, not less than $1,000,000 under this heading shall be allocated to reimburse the USAID OIG for costs for fiscal year 2018 oversight activities.

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Act provides $79,500,000 for Trade and Development Agency.

TITLE VII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The following general provisions are continued in the Act substantively unchanged from the fiscal year 2017 Act (division J of Public Law 115–31):

Section 7001. Allowances and Differentials
Section 7002. Unobligated Balances Report
Section 7003. Consulting Services
Section 7005. Personnel Actions
Section 7007. Prohibition Against Direct Funding for Certain Countries
Section 7008. Coups d'Etat
Section 7009. Transfer of Funds Authority
Section 7012. Limitation on Assistance to Countries in Default
Section 7014. Reservations of Funds
Section 7016. Notification on Excess Defense Equipment
Section 7018. Prohibition on Funding for Abortions and Involuntary Sterilization
Section 7020. Representation and Entertainment Expenses
Section 7021. Prohibition on Assistance to Governments Supporting International Terrorism
Section 7022. Authorization Requirements
Section 7023. Definition of Program, Project, and Activity
Section 7024. Authorities for the Peace Corps, Inter-American Foundation and United States African Development Foundation
Section 7025. Commerce, Trade and Surplus Commodities
Section 7026. Separate Accounts

The USAID Administrator is directed to include the report on local currency in the congressional budget justification pursuant to subsection (a)(5).

Section 7027. Eligibility for Assistance
Section 7028. Local Competition
Section 7029. International Financial Institutions
Section 7030. Debt-for-Development
Section 7035. Arab League Boycott of Israel
Section 7036. Palestinian Statehood
Section 7037. Restrictions Concerning the Palestinian Authority
Section 7038. Prohibition on Assistance to the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation
Section 7040. Limitation on Assistance for the Palestinian Authority
Section 7047. War Crimes Tribunals
Section 7049. Community-Based Police Assistance
Section 7050. Disability Programs
Section 7051. International Conferences
Section 7052. Aircraft Transfer, Coordination, and Use
Section 7053. Parking Fines and Real Property Taxes Owed by Foreign Governments
Section 7054. Landmines and Cluster Munitions
Section 7055. Prohibition on Publicity or Propaganda
Section 7056. Continuous Supervision and General Direction of Economic and Military Assistance
Section 7057. United States Agency for International Development Management
Section 7061. Overseas Private Investment Corporation
Section 7062. Arms Trade Treaty
Section 7063. Inspectors General
Section 7064. Reporting Requirements Concerning Individuals Detained at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Section 7065. Multi-Year Pledges
Section 7066. Prohibition on the Use of Torture
Section 7067. Extradition

The Act continues the limitation on assistance for the central government of a country that refuses to extradite to the United States any individual indicted for a criminal offense for which the maximum penalty is life imprisonment without parole or for killing a law enforcement officer, as specified in a United States extradition request. The Secretary of State is directed to engage with foreign governments not covered by section 7067 of the Act, such as the Government of Cuba, to resolve cases of fugitives from justice, including persons sought by the United States Department of Justice for such crimes committed in the United States, such as Joanne Chesimard.

Section 7068. Commercial Leasing of Defense Articles
Section 7071. International Monetary Fund
Section 7072. Special Defense Acquisition Fund
Section 7074. Enterprise Funds
Section 7075. Use of Funds in Contravention of this Act
Section 7079. Impact on Jobs in the United States
Section 7082. United Nations Population Fund

The following general provisions are new or substantively modified from the fiscal year 2017 Act (division J of Public Law 115–31):

Section 7004. Diplomatic Facilities (Modified)

Subsection (c) includes a new requirement that funds appropriated by the Act that are made available for Federal agencies shall be made available for the Capital Security Cost Sharing Program and the Maintenance Cost Sharing Program at levels not less than the prior fiscal year.

Subsection (h) directs that the Secretary of State not grant final approval for the construction of a new facility or substantial construction to improve or expand an existing facility in the United States by or for the Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) until the Secretary certifies that the PRC permits secure resupply, maintenance, and new construction of United States Government facilities in the PRC.

Subsection (i) conditions a portion of assistance for the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo until the Secretary of State certifies that such Government has vacated the property purchased by the United States in Kinshasa for the construction of a New Embassy Compound.

Subsection (j) adds the New Delhi Embassy project to the reporting directive carried in prior years.

Section 7006. Department of State Management (Modified)

The report required in subsection (c) shall include a description of the criteria used by the Secretary of State to certify that an office or bureau is capable of managing and overseeing foreign assistance, and a brief description of the technical training required

by the Department of State for personnel involved in such activities. The report should also include a summary of each open recommendation from the Department of State Office of Inspector General related to oversight and management of foreign assistance for such bureau or office and the respective timelines and actions planned to close such recommendations.

The plan and timeline required in paragraph (3) shall be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations.

Section 7010. Prohibition on Certain Operational Expenses (Modified)

Section 7011. Availability of Funds (Modified)

Section 7013. Prohibition on Taxation of United States Assistance (Modified)

The report required to be submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection (h) shall include a description of the steps taken by the Department of State and other relevant Federal agencies to comply with the requirements of this section. The report shall include rules, regulations, and policy guidance issued and updated pursuant to subsection (f).

Section 7015. Notification Requirements (Modified)

Trust Funds.—In lieu of the notification requirements in the House report for certain trust funds, notifications submitted pursuant to subsection (g), including for funds made available for the Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative, shall include the following information: (1) the office or bureau at the Department of the Treasury and USAID or the Department of State that will oversee programs and expenditures of the trust fund; (2) the Web site link to publicly available expenditures of the trust fund; (3) a copy of the administrative agreement between the international financial institution and the United States; and (4) whether direct government assistance will be provided by the trust fund and specific risk mitigation and anti-corruption steps are being taken by the trust fund.

Programs to End Modern Slavery.—The notification requirement for programs to end modern slavery in subsection (h)(2)(G) shall not apply to funds made available pursuant to section 7060(f).

Section 7017. Limitation on Availability of Funds for International Organizations and Programs (Modified)

Section 7019. Allocations and Reports (Modified)

The Act continues the requirement, with certain exceptions and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Act, that amounts designated in the respective tables referenced in the explanatory statement accompanying the Act shall be made available in such designated amounts and shall be the basis of the 653(a) report, where applicable.

Section 7031. Financial Management and Budget Transparency (Modified)

The waiver authority provided in subsection (c)(3) may only be exercised with respect to an individual.

Section 7032. Democracy Programs (Modified)

Funds.—The Act provides a total of not less than $2,308,517,000 for democracy programs. The spend plan required pursuant to section 7076(b) for such programs should include regions and global programs at not less than the following levels: $314,271,000 for Africa; $147,130,000 for East Asia and the Pacific; $218,141,000 for Europe and Eurasia; $280,111,000 for Near East; $517,426,000 for South and Central Asia; $551,245,000 for Western Hemisphere; and $280,193,000 for global programs. Funds made available for democracy programs in Africa are also designated in the Other Assistance for Africa table under section 7042 of this explanatory statement.

Funds made available pursuant to this section are not intended for attribution to other sector or program directives included in the Act.

Authority.—The Secretary of State and USAID Administrator shall only apply the authority of subsection (b) to funds attributed to democracy programs pursuant to subsection (a) and to funds made available to the NED.

Current Practices.—For the purposes of subsection (f), the term civil society includes the program area Independent Media and Free Flow of Information.

Not later than September 30, 2018, the USAID Administrator shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the use of acquisition and assistance instruments for democracy programs, which shall include: (1) the assessment being conducted by USAID as a result of the recommendation of the United States Government Accountability Office report GAO–18–136 Democracy Assistance; and (2) an assessment of implementation of the Amplifying Guidance for Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance programs.

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State.—Subsection (a)(2) provides that DRL shall administer not less than the amount of democracy funds made available by the Act under Economic Support Fund and Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia as DRL administered in fiscal year 2017.

In order to more accurately track funds administered by DRL, including funds made available for specific directives, the Secretary of State shall identify in the 653(a) report the amount of funds, at the country or program level, as appropriate, to be administered by DRL under Economic Support Fund, Democracy Fund, and Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia.

Protection of Civil Society Activists and Journalists.—Subsection (i) requires an action plan to address how diplomatic engagement and foreign assistance will be used in a proactive and consistent manner to support and protect members of civil society, including democratic activists, human rights and environmental defenders, and independent journalists who have been threatened, harassed, or attacked for exercising their rights of free expression, association, or assembly. DRL shall develop the plan in coordination with other relevant bureaus and offices of the Department of State and USAID, and in consultation with representatives of civil society and independent media organizations whose members have been threatened, harassed, or attacked. The action plan should include an analysis of current programs that work with civil society actors in restrictive environments to increase their protection, provide legal assistance and emergency training, and identify gaps where greater support and protection are possible.

Funds made available pursuant to this subsection are in addition to amounts allocated for such purposes in fiscal year 2017. Prior to the obligation of such funds, the Secretary of State shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations on: (1) the proposed allocations by bureau and office; and (2) proposed activities to implement the plan, including to enhance the security of such activists and journalists, support the enactment of laws to protect fundamental freedoms and the rights of civil society and independent media organizations to operate, and increase public awareness about the legitimate role of such organizations in society.

Section 7033. International Religious Freedom (Modified)

The Act provides not less than $25,000,000 for international religious freedom programs, including to protect vulnerable and persecuted religious minorities. Transitional justice programs should support the efforts of entities, including nongovernmental organizations, to assist in addressing crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, or war crimes, including in Iraq, Syria, Sri Lanka, and Burma.

Pursuant to subsection (d), funds for atrocities prevention shall be derived in the following manner: $2,500,000 under Economic Support Fund and $2,500,000 under International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement.

The agreement includes not less than $1,000,000 for programs to combat anti-Semitism abroad.

Section 7034. Special Provisions (Modified)

The Secretary of State has not submitted several reports required by section 7034(b)(8) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2017 (division J of Public Law 115–31). The Secretary of State is directed to submit such reports not later than 30 days after the enactment of the Act.

The agreement does not include a requirement for the Secretary of State to withhold assistance to the central government of a country if the Secretary determines that such government has engaged in, planned, or facilitated unconventional attacks against United States personnel stationed abroad. However, the Secretary shall regularly brief the appropriate congressional committees on embassy security matters, including unconventional attacks, as appropriate.

Of the funds made available pursuant to subsection (b)(4)(A), funds shall be made available for such programs in Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Iraq, Sri Lanka, and Syria.

In addition to the directives in subsection (k), and with respect to the implementation of section 203(a)(2) of Public Law 110–457, the Secretary of State shall consider the following as sufficient to determine that a diplomatic mission ''tolerated such actions'': the failure to provide a replacement passport within a reasonable period of time to a T-visa recipient; the existence of multiple concurrent civil suits against members of the diplomatic mission; or the failure to satisfy a civil judgment against an employee of the diplomatic mission.

Subsection (o)(2) includes Egypt, Jordan, and Tunisia.

Subsection (p) renames the Small Grants Program as Local Works. The USAID Administrator is directed to comply with the directives under the heading Local Sustainable Awards Program (LSAP) in this section and under the heading Local Sustainable Development Officers under Operating Expenses in the Senate report, except that each reference to LSAP and to the Small Grants Program shall be considered a reference to Local Works.

Section 7039. Assistance for the West Bank and Gaza (Modified)

For the purposes of subsection (c)(1)(A), the prohibition shall include any funds provided to family members of Palestinians who commit or have committed acts of terrorism if the purpose of providing such funds is to recognize or otherwise honor the individual who commits or has committed such acts.

Section 7041. Middle East and North Africa (Modified)

Egypt.—Funds for Egypt are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

EGYPT

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Economic Support Fund	112,500
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	2,000
Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs	3,000
International Military Education and Training	1,800
Foreign Military Financing Program	1,300,000
Total	1,419,300

The Act provides not less than $10,000,000 for Egyptian students with high financial need to attend not-for-profit institutions of higher education. Such institutions must meet standards equivalent to those required for United States institutional accreditation by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

For the purpose of the certification required under subsection (a)(3)(A)(v), such cases include the murder of Giulio Regeni.

The agreement requires that an assessment of the Government of Egypt's compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 2270 and other such resolutions regarding North Korea be included in the report required to accompany any waiver exercised by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection (a)(3)(B). Illicit arms sales and trafficking are a source of significant revenue for the North Korean regime and present an increasing threat to United States national security and global stability.

Iraq.—Funds are made available to support American-style higher education institutions in Iraq, including in the Kurdistan region, on an open and competitive basis. American educational institutions play an important role in educating the next generation of leaders in the region, countering extremism, strengthening democracy, and encouraging economic opportunities. The Secretary of State or USAID Administrator, as appropriate, shall include funds allocated for this purpose in the spend plan submitted pursuant to section 7076(b) of the Act.

Jordan.—In addition to the amounts designated in the Act for Economic Support Fund and Foreign Military Financing Program for assistance for Jordan, the agreement includes not less than $13,600,000 under Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs and not less than $4,000,000 under International Military Education and Training for assistance for Jordan.

Lebanon.—In meeting the reporting requirement on Lebanon in the House report under Foreign Military Financing Program, the Secretary of State shall also include an assessment of the capability and performance of the Lebanese Armed Forces over time in carrying out each of the purposes contained in subsection (e)(4).

Libya.—No funds were requested for lethal assistance for Libya, and none are provided in the Act. In submitting the certification required by subsection (f)(3), the Secretary of State is directed to include a description of how regular oversight will be provided by the Department of State and USAID, as well as a detailed description of the vetting procedures used for recipients of any assistance made available by the Act for security forces.

Morocco.—Funds for Morocco are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

MOROCCO

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account	Budget Authority
Economic Support Fund	20,000

MOROCCO—Continued

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account	Budget Authority
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	5,000
Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs	1,500
International Military Education and Training	2,000
Foreign Military Financing Program	10,000
Total	38,500

Refugee Assistance in North Africa.—In lieu of the statements regarding United Nations Security Council Resolution 2351 in the House and Senate reports, subsection (h) includes a reporting requirement regarding the delivery of humanitarian assistance to refugees in North Africa.

Relief and Recovery Fund.—The agreement includes the following amounts for the Relief and Recovery Fund: $25,000,000 under International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement; $50,000,000 under Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs; $80,000,000 under Peacekeeping Operations; $75,000,000 under Foreign Military Financing Program; and $270,000,000 under Economic Support Fund, which includes funds for assistance for Libya, Syria, and Yemen. Not later than 45 days after enactment of the Act, and every 90 days thereafter until September 30, 2019, the Secretary of State and USAID Administrator shall submit a consolidated report to the Committees on Appropriations containing updated information on obligations and expenditures of such funds on a country and program basis.

Funds made available for the Relief and Recovery Fund shall be made available for stabilization assistance for vulnerable ethnic and religious minority communities affected by conflict. The Secretary of State and USAID Administrator should consider the stabilization needs of such communities in Iraq and Syria, such as in the Nineveh Plains, Tel Afar, and Sinjar areas of Iraq, when making decisions on the allocation of funds. Funds should also support programs that are locally-led and intended to promote sustainable development.

The Secretary of State shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations prior to exercising the transfer authority contained in subsection (j)(1). Funds made available pursuant to subsection (j)(2) are made available to support the efforts of entities, including nongovernmental organizations, to assist in addressing genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes in Iraq and Syria, including through programs to assist in the conduct of criminal investigations, to develop local investigative and judicial skills, and to collect and preserve evidence and the chain of custody of evidence. Funds made available pursuant to this subsection are in addition to funds under section 7033(b)(4).

The uses of funds for the Relief and Recovery Fund shall be made available in consultation with the Chief of Mission in a recipient country, if a diplomatic presence exists in such country.

Syria.—The agreement includes funds for non-lethal assistance programs to address the needs of civilians affected by conflict in Syria in a manner consistent with the prior fiscal year. Such funds are made available for programs in areas not controlled by the Government of Syria.

Tunisia.—The Act provides not less than $165,400,000 for assistance for Tunisia. Such funds are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

TUNISIA

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Economic Support Fund	79,000
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	13,000
Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs	6,100
International Military Education and Training	2,300
Foreign Military Financing Program	65,000
Total	165,400

The Secretary of State and USAID Administrator, as appropriate, shall encourage the National Economic Strategic Dialogue to include discussion of governance reforms.

Of the funds appropriated by the Act for assistance for Tunisia, not less than $30,800,000 shall be made available for democracy and governance programs, including to support implementation of Tunisia's Law on Eliminating Violence Against Women.

Other Assistance for the Middle East and North Africa.—Funds for certain programs for the Middle East and North Africa are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Economic Support Fund:	
Iraq	100,000
Marla Ruzicka Iraqi War Victims Fund	[7,500]
Lebanon	115,000
Scholarships	[12,000]
Middle East Partnership Initiative scholarship program	20,000
Middle East Regional Cooperation	5,000
Near East Regional Democracy	42,000
Relief and Recovery:	
Refugee Scholarships Pilot Program in Lebanon	[2,000]
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement:	
West Bank security assistance	60,000
Foreign Military Financing Program:	
Iraq	250,000

Refugee Scholarships.—The agreement provides $2,000,000 to continue a university scholarship program for refugees in Lebanon. Consistent with the Lebanon scholarship program, scholarships shall be for students with high financial need at not-for-profit educational institutions in Lebanon that meet standards comparable to those required for United States accreditation, to be awarded on a competitive basis. The USAID Administrator shall ensure that refugees in Lebanon of any nationality, including those attending public or private secondary schools, are eligible to apply for such scholarships.

Section 7042. Africa (Modified)

Partnership for Regional East Africa Counterterrorism.—Funds for the Partnership for Regional East Africa Counterterrorism are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account	Budget Authority
Economic Support Fund	2,000
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	1,000
Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs	11,150
Peacekeeping Operations	10,000
Total	24,150

Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership.—Funds for the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

TRANS-SAHARA COUNTERTERRORISM PARTNERSHIP

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account	Budget Authority
Development Assistance	15,275
Economic Support Fund	10,000
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	6,000
Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs	18,446
Peacekeeping Operations	34,100
Total	83,821

Ethiopia.—The report submitted pursuant to subsection (d)(3) shall include: (1) a detailed description of the role and conduct of the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) in internal security, including under the state of emergency declared in February 2018; (2) the impact of such role and conduct on United States assistance programs, including any intended changes to the content of such programs; (3) any plans for the United States to partner with other countries to advance security sector objectives in Ethiopia; and (4) a description of the role of the ENDF in Somalia.

South Sudan.—Due to mass displacement and the absence of a constitutional framework necessary to support credible elections, no funds are provided for electoral assistance for South Sudan.

The strategy update required under subsection (h)(1) shall include a description of steps taken, or intended to be taken, by the United States, in cooperation with the international community, to restrict the influx of weapons and ammunition into South Sudan, including with regard to countries named by the Panel of Experts as having facilitated arms transfers to South Sudan.

Assistance made available under title IV of the Act for the central Government of South Sudan pursuant to subsection (h)(3) should only be made available for monitoring the peace process and the verification of a ceasefire and to continue, but not expand, assistance previously provided by the United States, unless the Secretary of State determines and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that such government is in compliance with a comprehensive ceasefire agreement, including providing unimpeded access for ceasefire monitors, and that such assistance will be made available to support entities that are inclusive of all relevant stakeholders.

Zimbabwe.—The agreement continues the prior year limitation on assistance, including international financing, for the central Government of Zimbabwe. The Secretary of State is directed to work with other donor governments to advocate for similar limitations on assistance for Zimbabwe until fundamental rights are being respected, including freedom of expression, association, and assembly, due process, and the holding of free and fair elections.

The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of State shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations not later than 15 days prior to exercising an exception pursuant to subsection (j)(1).

The agreement includes not less than the fiscal year 2017 level for programs to promote democracy and protect human rights in Zimbabwe, which should include efforts to build the capacity of political parties.

Other Assistance for Africa.—Funds for certain programs for Africa are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR AFRICA

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Development Assistance:	
Liberia	65,439

OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR AFRICA—Continued

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Malawi higher education	10,000
Economic Support Fund:	
Counter Lord's Resistance Army (section 7042(f))	10,000
Democratic Republic of the Congo	75,188
Djibouti	9,000
West Africa anti-slavery programs	2,000
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement:	
Liberia	11,000
Africa Democracy Programs (section 7032(a))	314,271
Cameroon	1,000
Chad	1,000

Funds for West Africa anti-slavery programs are derived from within bilateral country and regional programs.

Section 7043. East Asia and the Pacific (Modified)

Burma.—Funds for Burma are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

BURMA

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Economic Support Fund	82,700
Documentation of human rights violations against Rohingya	[2,500]
Documentation of human rights violations in Burma	[500]
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	3,500

In considering programs pursuant to subsection (a)(1)(B)(xii) to support the return of Rohingya, Karen, and other ethnic minorities that have been displaced, the Secretary of State shall ensure that: (1) such returns are verifiably of a voluntary nature; (2) such returnees are guaranteed equal rights with others in Burma, including the restoration or granting of full citizenship, freedom of movement and access to basic services in such locations, and are not placed in internment camps; (3) such locations are free from ethnic violence, and the root causes of unrest are addressed, consistent with the Rakhine Advisory Commission recommendations (for the return of Rohingya) to ensure the sustainability of returns and prevent further displacement; (4) such programs are implemented in a credible and transparent manner; and (5) international and local media organizations, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, have unimpeded access to monitor all areas of return.

For purposes of this section, displaced Rohingya should be considered refugees regardless of their legal status in their current location.

Cambodia.—The report on the electoral environment in Cambodia in the Senate report is no longer required.

North Korea.—The agreement includes the following amounts for human rights programs pursuant to subsection (c)(4)(A), to be administered by DRL: $4,000,000 under Economic Support Fund and $4,000,000 under Democracy Fund.

People's Republic of China.—The Secretary of State and USAID Administrator are directed to provide no assistance to the central Government of the PRC under Global Health Programs, Development Assistance, and Economic Support Fund, except for assistance to detect, prevent, and treat infectious diseases.

The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall brief the appropriate congressional committees as requested on freedom of navigation and operations in the South China Sea.

Philippines.—The agreement includes funds under title III for USAID to support the implementation by the Philippine Department of Health and local entities of a national and community based drug treatment and demand reduction program, including for the purposes enumerated in the Senate report. Such funds shall be made available on a cost-matching basis, to the maximum extent practicable, and following consultation with the appropriate congressional committees.

The Secretary of State shall comply with the reporting requirement in Senate Report 114–79 under Foreign Military Financing Program with respect to certain actions by the Government of the Philippines.

Thailand.—Funds for Thailand under Economic Support Fund are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

THAILAND

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Economic Support Fund:	
Democracy and conflict resolution programs	4,000

The Secretary of State shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations prior to the obligation of assistance for Thailand.

Tibet.—For purposes of the 653(a) report, spend plans, and notifications, the Department of State and USAID shall differentiate assistance made available by the Act for Tibet from any such assistance made available for the People's Republic of China.

USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia.—Program funds for RDMA are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

USAID REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MISSION FOR ASIA

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Development Assistance	35,440
Economic Support Fund	5,000

Vietnam.—Funds for certain programs for Vietnam are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

VIETNAM

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Development Assistance	55,250
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	6,000
Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs Humanitarian demining	12,500
Foreign Military Financing Program	12,000

Other Assistance for East Asia and the Pacific Region.—Funds for certain programs in East Asia and the Pacific are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Global Health Programs:	
Laos nutrition programs	3,500
Development Assistance:	
Laos	20,000
Timor-Leste	16,000
Philippines	70,000
Economic Support Fund:	
People's Republic of China (democracy, rule of law, and environment)	15,000
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement:	
Indonesia	10,625

OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION—Continued

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Laos	1,000
Southeast Asia Maritime Security Initiative	7,750
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs:	
Laos humanitarian demining	30,000
Foreign Military Financing Program:	
Indonesia	14,000
Mongolia	2,600

Section 7044. South and Central Asia (Modified)

Afghanistan.—The Secretary of State shall submit the report required by section 7044(a)(1)(B) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2017 (division J of Public Law 115–31), in the manner described.

In making the certification in subsection (a)(1)(B), the Secretary shall consider, for each requirement, whether progress has been made during the previous calendar year.

In lieu of the House and Senate reports regarding assistance provided to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the USAID Administrator, shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 90 days after enactment of the Act on progress made with respect to the monitoring of such assistance, including the extent to which information obtained through such monitoring is shared with the United States Government.

The Secretary of State, in consultation with the USAID Administrator, shall ensure sufficient funding for the safety and security of soft targets in Afghanistan, including the American University of Afghanistan.

Of the funds provided under International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement for assistance for Afghanistan, not less than $10,000,000 is for programs to significantly increase the recruitment, training, and retention of women in law enforcement positions and in the judiciary, and to train Afghan security personnel to prevent and address gender-based violence, human trafficking, and other practices that disproportionately harm women and girls. The Secretary of State is directed to consult with the Committees on Appropriations prior to the obligation of such funds.

The Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, in consultation with the offices of the Inspectors General of the Department of State and USAID, shall update the assessment required by the explanatory statement accompanying division J of Public Law 115–31 of the Government of Afghanistan's implementation of the ''Afghanistan National Strategy for Combating Corruption,'' including whether such government is making progress toward achieving its anti-corruption objectives.

Maldives.—The agreement provides $1,500,000 for civil society programs to counter violent extremism in the Maldives, to be administered by USAID.

Pakistan.—In submitting the information required in subsection (c)(1)(B), the Secretary of State shall include a description of the steps taken by the Government of Pakistan to: (1) conduct military operations that significantly disrupt the safe havens, fundraising and recruiting efforts, and freedom of movement of domestic and foreign terrorist organizations, including the Haqqani Network, in Pakistan; (2) demonstrate its commitment to prevent domestic and foreign terrorist organizations, including the Haqqani Network, from using any Pakistan territory as a safe haven and for fundraising and recruiting efforts; (3) coordinate with the Government of Afghanistan to restrict the movement of militants, such as the Haqqani Network, along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border; (4) arrest and prosecute senior leaders and mid-level operatives of domestic and foreign terrorist organizations; and (5) prevent the proliferation of nuclear-related materials and expertise.

Not later than 90 days after enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations: (1) a report identifying the amount of funds appropriated under Foreign Military Financing Program for assistance for Pakistan under the Act and prior Acts, by fiscal year, that are withheld from expenditure; a description of existing contracts; the amount of funds required to fulfill commitments on existing contracts; and the amount of uncommitted funds; and (2) a report identifying the total amount of funds withheld from obligation, by fiscal year and account, pursuant to subsection (c)(4) and similar provisions of law.

Sri Lanka.—Subsection (d)(3)(B) conditions assistance related to international peacekeeping that is made available under Peacekeeping Operations for Sri Lanka on whether the Government of Sri Lanka is taking effective steps to bring to justice Sri Lankan peacekeeping troops who have engaged in sexual exploitation and abuse, including in Haiti in 2007, and including preventing such troops from deploying on future missions.

Regional Programs.—Of the funds made available pursuant to subsection (e)(2), funds shall be made available for such programs in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Other Assistance for South and Central Asia.—Funds for certain programs for South and Central Asia are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Development Assistance:	
Bangladesh labor programs	3,000
Economic Support Fund:	
Civilian victims of war, Afghanistan	10,000
Civilian victims of war, Pakistan	10,000
Maldives	1,500
Nepal	75,000
Foreign Military Financing Program:	
Sri Lanka	500

Section 7045. Latin America and the Caribbean (Modified)

Central America.—Subsection (a) provides that up to $615,000,000 may be made available for assistance for countries in Central America to implement the United States Strategy for Engagement in Central America (the Strategy). Such funds are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

UNITED STATES STRATEGY FOR ENGAGEMENT IN CENTRAL AMERICA

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Global Health Programs:	
Guatemala	13,000
Subtotal	13,000
Development Assistance:	
El Salvador	55,035
Guatemala	93,000
Honduras	75,000
Nicaragua	10,000
Award for Extraordinary Progress	7,000
Transfer to Inter-American Foundation	10,000
Subtotal	250,035
Economic Support Fund:	
Central America Regional Security Initiative	104,225

UNITED STATES STRATEGY FOR ENGAGEMENT IN CENTRAL AMERICA—Continued

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Award for Extraordinary Progress	[4,000]
Subtotal	104,225
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement:	
Central America Regional Security Initiative	215,000
Costa Rica	[25,000]
DNA forensic technology	[6,000]
International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala	[6,000]
Award for Extraordinary Progress	[4,000]
Subtotal	215,000
Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs:	
Panama	500
Subtotal	500
International Military Education and Training:	
Belize	250
Costa Rica	725
El Salvador	800
Guatemala	800
Honduras	800
Panama	725
Subtotal	4,100
Foreign Military Financing Program:	
Belize	1,000
Costa Rica	5,000
El Salvador	1,900
Guatemala	1,740
Honduras	4,000
Panama	2,000
State Western Hemisphere Regional	12,500
Subtotal	28,140
Total	615,000

In accordance with subsection (a)(2), the updated multi-year spend plan shall include an explanation of how funds will be prioritized to address the key factors in countries in Central America that contribute to the migration of undocumented Central Americans to the United States. The plan shall also describe how funds address the factors that contribute to criminal activity in the United States by individuals with ties to Central American-based criminal organizations, and the flows of illicit narcotics and money into the United States. The plan shall also include a description of: (1) the 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year goals and benchmarks against which the success of the Strategy should be measured; (2) the proposed uses of assistance from the Act for each country and the amounts allocated from prior Acts since fiscal year 2015; (3) how such assistance differs from, complements, and leverages funds allocated by the governments of such countries, other donors (including international financial institutions), and other Federal agencies, and the amounts of funding from such sources; (4) funds planned to be transferred or otherwise provided to other Federal agencies, international financial institutions, organizations, and offices, and the purpose; and (5) the funding levels by account planned for each of the central governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, including amounts subject to the certifications in subsection (a)(3).

In making the certification pursuant to subsection (a)(3)(B), the Secretary of State shall review whether such government is taking effective steps to enact and implement plea bargaining laws.

Not later than 60 days after enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations a report detailing any outstanding commercial and trade disputes between the United States and El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

To further incentivize progress in the region, subsection (a)(4)(B) authorizes the Secretary of State to increase funding for El Salvador, Guatemala, or Honduras if the Secretary determines and reports to the appropriate congressional committees that the

central government of such country has made extraordinary progress in meeting the requirements of paragraphs (3)(A) and (3)(B). $15,000,000 is designated for an Award for Extraordinary Progress, to be provided in total for one country.

Not later than 60 days after enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the USAID Administrator, is directed to issue a progress report based on the plan for monitoring and evaluation developed in accordance with the explanatory statements accompanying division K of Public Law 114–113 and division J of Public Law 115–31. The report shall include a description of the results, by country, for each of the program and context indicators, and be submitted to the appropriate congressional committees. The Department of State and USAID Web sites shall be updated accordingly in a timely manner.

The Secretary of State and USAID Administrator shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations prior to transferring funds under Development Assistance to the Inter-American Development Bank or the Inter-American Foundation in support of the Strategy.

The agreement supports efforts to strengthen the rule of law by combating corruption and impunity in Central America. Within the total funding provided for the Strategy, a total of $31,000,000 is for the Mission to Support the Fight against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras (MACCIH) and the offices of the Attorneys General/Public Ministries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. The spend plan required by subsection (a)(2) shall identify the amounts proposed for such organizations and the proposed uses of funds.

Not later than 90 days after enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State is directed to submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees on whether: (1) the Organization of American States Secretariat has made reforms to ensure that MACCIH has a qualified director with authority over budgetary, personnel, and programmatic decisions; (2) MACCIH is able to carry out its mission independently and with the support of the Government of Honduras; and (3) funds provided for MACCIH are properly managed and subject to independent audits.

Colombia.—Subsection (b) provides not less than $391,253,000 for assistance for Colombia. Such funds are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

COLOMBIA

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Economic Support Fund	187,328
Transfer to Migration and Refugee Assistance	[7,000]
Afro-Colombian and indigenous communities	[20,000]
Human rights	[9,000]
Biodiversity	[5,000]
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	143,000
Office of the Attorney General, Human Rights Unit	[10,000]
Office of the Attorney General, Environmental Crimes Unit	[1,000]
Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs	21,000
International Military Education and Training	1,400
Foreign Military Financing Program	38,525
Total	391,253

In accordance with subsection (b)(3), the spend plan shall describe in detail the proposed uses of funds by account and activity, including those activities specified in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (1), and the amounts made available from prior Acts for such activities. The spend plan shall also include the following information for any funds made available to support the implementation of the peace agreement: (1) an estimate of planned funding by fiscal year and account; (2) an estimate of the commitments and expenditures by the Government of Colombia to implement the agreement; (3) an explanation of how assistance made available by the Act and prior Acts to support implementation of the agreement will be coordinated with resources provided by the Government of Colombia and other donors, including international financial institutions; and (4) information regarding funding from other Federal agencies.

The report to accompany the certification submitted pursuant to subsection (b)(5) shall include metrics and related information to support such certification.

The report to accompany the certification submitted pursuant to subsection (b)(6) shall include the effective steps taken by the Government of Colombia to investigate and prosecute individuals responsible for attacks against human rights defenders, journalists, trade unionists, and other civil society activists. The Secretary of State should not submit the report directed in the House report under this section regarding justice and rule of law activities.

Not later than 60 days after enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations an update to the report on outstanding commercial and trade disputes between the United States and Colombia required by the explanatory statement accompanying division J of Public Law 115–31. The updated report shall include the information described in the House report under this section.

Caribbean Basin Security Initiative.—Funds for the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

CARIBBEAN BASIN SECURITY INITIATIVE

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account	Budget Authority
Economic Support Fund	25,000
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	25,200
Foreign Military Financing Program	7,500
Total	57,700

Mexico.—Funds for assistance for Mexico are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

MEXICO

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account	Budget Authority
Economic Support Fund	45,000
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	100,000
Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs	1,160
International Military Education and Training	1,500
Foreign Military Financing Program	5,000
Total	152,660

The Act provides resources above the prior fiscal year to combat the production and trafficking of heroin, fentanyl, and other opioids into the United States. The report on opioids under International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement required in this explanatory statement shall include information on such matters.

The Secretary of State shall follow the directive in the Senate report under Foreign Military Financing Program regarding assistance for Mexico. The Secretary of State should not submit the report directed in the House report under International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement regarding Mexico.

The agreement supports efforts to investigate and prosecute cases of violence against journalists in Mexico. Within the amount provided for assistance for Mexico, $1,000,000 is for the Special Prosecutor's Office for Crimes against Freedom of Expression, subject to prior consultation with the Committees on Appropriations.

Other Assistance for Latin America and the Caribbean.—Funds for certain programs in Latin America and the Caribbean are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Economic Support Fund:	
Caribbean Energy Security Initiative	2,000
Cuba	20,000
Haiti reforestation	8,500
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement:	
Argentina	2,500
Haiti prison assistance	1,500
Peru	32,000
Western Hemisphere regional security cooperation	12,500
Foreign Military Financing Program:	
Peru	1,800

In lieu of the directives in the House and Senate bills and reports, the agreement includes funds for democracy programs in Cuba.

Funds provided under International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement for assistance for Argentina should support mutually agreed upon goals in the areas of counterterrorism, counternarcotics, and law enforcement, and help increase Argentina's technological capabilities in such areas.

The Act provides $1,500,000 for Haiti prison assistance in the manner described under this heading in the Senate report.

Funds provided for Western Hemisphere regional security cooperation are in addition to amounts otherwise provided for bilateral and regional programs under International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement.

Section 7046. Europe and Eurasia (Modified)

Georgia.—The Act provides not less than $105,325,000 for assistance for Georgia. Such funds are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

GEORGIA

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account	Budget Authority
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia	63,025
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	4,000
Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs	1,100
International Military Education and Training	2,200
Foreign Military Financing Program	35,000
Total	105,325

Ukraine.—The Act provides not less than $420,700,000 for assistance for Ukraine. Such funds are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

UKRAINE

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account	Budget Authority
Global Health Programs	32,800
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia	250,000
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	30,000
Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs	10,000
International Military Education and Training	2,900
Foreign Military Financing Program	95,000
Total	420,700

Other Assistance for Europe and Eurasia.—Funds for certain programs in Europe and

Eurasia are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR EUROPE AND EURASIA

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Country	Budget Authority
International Military Education and Training:	
Greece	1,000
Foreign Military Financing Program:	
Estonia	8,000
Latvia	8,000
Lithuania	8,000
Moldova	12,750

The agreement includes funding at levels consistent with prior years to further the economic, social development, and reconciliation goals of Public Law 99–415.

Section 7048. United Nations (Modified)

In making the determination required by subsection (a)(1)(C), the Secretary of State shall review whether each organization, department, or agency is effectively implementing and enforcing policies and procedures on the appropriate use of travel funds, including restrictions on first class and business class travel. The report to accompany such determination shall assess all of the recommendations (including the status of such recommendations) contained in the April 2017 United Nations Joint Inspection Unit's ''Review of Air Travel Policies in the United Nations System,'' including the steps taken or planned to be taken to implement the report's second recommendation to ''abolish first class travel for all categories of staff and non-staff by January 2019.'' The report may include additional recommendations from the Secretary for reducing travel costs and improving the oversight of travel at such entities.

Not later than 30 days after enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations on the status of any outstanding determinations required by subsection (a), including with respect to the World Intellectual Property Organization, and inform the Committee of any steps that need to be taken by such organizations to comply with the requirements of such subsection.

Section 7058. Global Health Activities (Modified)

Global Health Security Strategy.—Not later than 180 days after enactment of the Act, the Senior Director for Global Health Security and Biothreats at the National Security Council, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the USAID Administrator, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a comprehensive inter-agency strategy to accelerate the capabilities of targeted countries to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease outbreaks. The strategy shall: (1) detail the role and responsibility of each relevant Federal agency in implementing the strategy; (2) include multi-year cost estimates for operations and programs necessary to implement such strategy, disaggregated by agency; (3) describe the mechanisms for coordination and oversight of such programs; (4) review lessons-learned from previous efforts to promote global health security; and (5) identify any obstacles to the implementation of such strategy in policy or legislation, and include specific recommendations for addressing such obstacles.

Subsection (d)(1)(C) repurposes funds to assist communities in Haiti affected by cholera resulting from the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti. The Act also requires the Secretary of State to ensure that mechanisms are in place for monitoring, oversight, and control of such funds in order to prevent waste, fraud and abuse. The Secretary of State shall work to increase such assistance from other donor countries. Information on these matters shall be included in any notification submitted pursuant to subsection (d)(1)(C).

Subsection (d)(1)(B) repurposes funds for USAID to carry out programs to accelerate the capacities of targeted countries to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease outbreaks.

Section 7059. Gender Equality (Modified)

Section 7060. Sector Allocations (Modified)

Environment Programs.—Subsection (c) includes authority for environment programs, subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations. Additionally, subsection (c) states that none of the funds in the Act are appropriated or otherwise made available for a contribution, grant, or other payment to the Green Climate Fund.

Funds for certain bilateral environment programs are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Andean Amazon	20,000
Brazilian Amazon	10,500
Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment	39,400
USAID	[21,900]
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	[17,500]
Guatemala/Belize	5,000
USAID	[3,500]
Department of the Interior	[1,500]
Lacey Act	2,500
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	9,150
Great apes	[3,500]
Migratory bird conservation	[500]
Endangered sea turtles	[150]
United States Forest Service	5,000
USAID/Indonesia Orangutan program	2,500
Toxic chemicals	5,000
Waste recycling	5,000

The spend plan requirement for funds made available pursuant to subsection (c) shall include levels consistent with prior fiscal years. Such spend plan shall include proposed amounts for programs and activities in the Senate report.

Not later than 45 days after enactment of the Act and prior to the obligation of funds made available pursuant to subsection (c), the Secretary of State, USAID Administrator, Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Director of the United States Forest Service (USFS), and Secretary of Interior are directed to consult with the Committees on Appropriations on the uses of such funds.

Funds included for USFWS, USFS, and Department of the Interior (DOI) shall be provided through direct transfers pursuant to section 632(a) of the FAA not later than 90 days after enactment of the Act. Prior to such transfer, the USFWS, USFS, and DOI shall submit spend plans to the Committees on Appropriations and to USAID detailing the planned uses of funds and expected programmatic results.

The Act provides not less than fiscal year 2016 levels for USAID Great Apes programs.

The agreement includes funds to support programs in the Mekong region, and in other vulnerable areas, that assist countries in adapting to flooding, drought, infrastructure development, and other natural and man-made causes that threaten the livelihoods of local people.

Combating Wildlife Trafficking.—The Act includes not less than $90,664,000 to combat wildlife poaching and trafficking, of which not less than $10,000,000 shall be made available for programs to combat rhinoceros poaching primarily for site-based, anti-poaching activities to address immediate requirements. Funds are provided to support regional wildlife enforcement networks, including not less than the fiscal year 2017 level to support regional cooperation in Southern Africa.

Trafficking in Persons.—The Act provides not less than $78,822,000 for programs and activities to combat trafficking in persons internationally, including $13,822,000 provided under Diplomatic and Consular Programs for the State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, and not less than $65,000,000 from funds made available under titles III and IV which are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account	Budget Authority
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia	5,000
Development Assistance	12,000
Economic Support Fund	8,000
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	40,000
Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons	[32,000]
Total	65,000

Programs to end modern slavery designated in the table under International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement in title IV are in addition to funds allocated to combat trafficking in persons pursuant to this section. Up to $5,000,000 should be made available for child protection compacts, pursuant to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended by Public Law 113–4, and following consultation with the appropriate congressional committees. The Department of State and USAID shall implement the directive in section 7060(f)(3) of division J of Public Law 115–31 requiring program coordination.

Section 7069. Joint Strategic Plan, Budget, and Transitions (New)

Prior to selecting a country for strategic transition, the USAID Administrator shall report to the appropriate congressional committees on the justification for such transition.

Section 7070. Countering Russian Influence and Aggression (Modified)

Countering Russian Influence Fund.—The Act provides not less than $250,000,000 for the CRIF, which is in addition to amounts made available for bilateral assistance for countries in Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia. Such funds are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

COUNTERING RUSSIAN INFLUENCE FUND

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account	Budget Authority
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia	75,000
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	50,000
International Military Education and Training	5,000
Foreign Military Financing Program	120,000
Total	250,000

The Secretary of State shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations on the proposed uses of such funds prior to obligation.

Not later than 90 days after the initial obligation of funds and every 90 days thereafter until September 30, 2019, the Secretary of State and USAID Administrator shall submit a consolidated report to the Committees

on Appropriations containing updated information on obligations and expenditures of such funds on a country and project basis.

In lieu of the directive in the Senate report under this heading concerning Russia reporting requirements, the Secretary of State is directed to update the reports required by subsections (b)(2) and (e) of section 7071 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2014 (division K of Public Law 113–76) not later than 45 days after enactment of the Act.

Section 7073. Stability and Development in Regions Impacted by Extremism and Conflict (Modified)

Section 7076. Budget Documents (Modified)

Spend Plans.—Subsection (b)(3) includes new language that makes 10 percent of the funds contained in a spend plan available for obligation prior to the submission of such spend plan in certain circumstances. The Secretary of State or USAID Administrator, as applicable, shall submit each spend plan required by this subsection with all planned accounts, programs, and activities. Partial spend plans will not be considered complete for the purposes of this requirement. Funds notified prior to the submission pursuant to this section shall be noted in such spend plan.

Section 7077. Reports and Records Management (Modified)

Section 7078. Global Internet Freedom (Modified)

The Act provides not less than $55,500,000 for programs to promote Internet freedom globally. Funds for such activities appropriated in title III of the Act are allocated according to the following table and subject to section 7019 of the Act:

GLOBAL INTERNET FREEDOM

[Budget authority in thousands of dollars]

Account/Program	Budget Authority
Democracy Fund (Department of State)	14,000
Democracy Fund (USAID)	3,500
Economic Support Fund	17,025
Near East Regional Democracy	[11,750]
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia	5,975

In addition to the funds made available in title III, the Act also includes $15,000,000 for Internet freedom under Broadcasting Board of Governors, including $13,800,000 for International Broadcasting Operations for programs and $1,200,000 for the associated personnel costs of Radio Free Asia.

Section 7080. United States Citizens and Nationals Unlawfully or Wrongfully Detained Abroad (New)

Section 7081. Reorganization and Redesign (New)

Not later than 45 days after enactment of the Act, the Secretary of State and USAID Administrator shall each submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report summarizing all efforts taken during calendar year 2017 to reorganize, redesign, or otherwise change the form or function of their respective agencies, including actions taken pursuant to Executive Order 13781 on a Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch. The report shall include a clear description of the desired outcome the respective agency seeks to achieve through any reforms. The report shall also include a description of the current policy for supporting the operations of the National Security Council (NSC) through the detail of agency staff, including staff projected to be detailed to the NSC during fiscal years 2018 and 2019, if applicable.

The offices of the Inspectors General of the Department of State and USAID shall review the processes by which the Department of State and USAID, respectively, developed and implemented reorganization and redesign efforts and plans, including the extent to which employees of such agencies provided input into such efforts and plans.

Funds made available by the Act are provided in the amounts necessary for, and purposes of, hiring to attrition and maintaining the on-board Foreign Service and Civil Service staff levels at the Department of State and USAID as of December 31, 2017.

The agreement assumes that the USAID Administrator will be responsible for establishing all personnel levels and positions for USAID, pursuant to the existing agreement between the Department of State and USAID.

The agreement assumes sufficient funding for introductory classes for the Department of State Foreign Service (A–100 classes) at the pre-fiscal year 2017 rate, and the Secretary of State shall continue such classes in such manner. The Secretary is directed to report to the appropriate congressional committees not later than 45 days after enactment of the Act on the schedule for the A–100 classes.

The agreement includes sufficient funds for new leadership training programs which shall be subject to prior consultation with the appropriate congressional committees. Additional funds should be made available to expand and enhance training for Department of State and USAID personnel.

Pursuant to subsection (a)(3), the notification shall include a detailed justification and analysis that includes the following information: (1) a detailed description of, and justification for, the proposed action, including any policies or procedures currently or expected to be used to implement Executive Order 13781; (2) the current organizational chart, showing the operating units of the respective department, agency or organization and a brief description of each operating unit; the number of employees for each operating unit; the proposed new organizational chart with descriptions of each new operating unit; and the number of employees once the proposed reorganization is complete; (3) an assessment of how the proposed action will improve the efficiency, effectiveness, performance, and accountability (including through modernizing information technology platforms and streamlining administrative functions) of the department, agency, or organization; (4) an analysis of the impact of any such change on the ability to advance the national interest of the United States through diplomacy and development, and to conduct adequate monitoring and oversight of foreign assistance programs, and any legislative change necessary to implement such proposals; (5) the estimated cost and timeline to complete the proposed action; and (6) an assessment of any cost savings and efficiencies achieved through implementation of each element of the proposed action.

Many of the proposals included in the August 28, 2017 letter from the Secretary of State to the appropriate congressional committees on the proposed elimination, consolidation, and retention of positions at the Department of State have been cleared by the Committees on Appropriations. Pursuant to subsection (a)(4), operating plans shall include amounts for the following:

Department of State:

Bureau of Consular Affairs

Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs

Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

Coordinator for Cyber Issues

Coordinator for Sanctions Policy

Office of Global Women's Issues

Office of International Religious Freedom

Office of the Special Coordinator for Global Criminal Justice

Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism

Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs

Special Advisor for International Disability Rights

Special Advisor for Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia

Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues

Special Representative for the Arctic Region

USAID:

Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance

Bureau for Economic Growth, Education and Environment

Bureau for Food Security

Regional Development Mission for Asia

Office of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

USAID Advisor for Indigenous Peoples Issues

The directive in the Senate report for the Comptroller General to review any reorganization or redesign proposal or plan by the Department of State and USAID is no longer required.

Section 7083. Multilateral Development Bank Replenishments (New)

Section 7084. Rescissions (New)

TITLE VIII

OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS/GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The Act provides an additional $2,975,971,000 for Diplomatic and Consular Programs, of which $2,376,122,000 is for WSP, for the extraordinary costs of operations and security in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, areas of unrest, and high threat and high risk posts, which is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

Within the total, up to $5,000,000 may be transferred to other agencies to support operations in, and assistance for, Afghanistan. The Secretary of State is directed to include in the operating plan required by section 7076(a) of the Act a description of any funds transferred to other agencies in support of Afghanistan operations, including projected transfer amounts and the number of staff supported by each agency, and operating levels for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Act provides an additional $68,100,000 for Office of Inspector General, of which $54,900,000 is for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, and is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

EMBASSY SECURITY, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE

The Act provides an additional $71,778,000 for Embassy Security, Construction, and Maintenance, which is for WSU and designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Act provides an additional $96,240,000 for Contributions to International Organizations for the extraordinary costs of UN missions in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, and Somalia, which is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES

The Act provides an additional $967,456,000 for Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities for peacekeeping operations in the Middle East and Africa, which is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA. Sufficient funds are provided under Peacekeeping Operations for a United States contribution to the United Nations Support Office in Somalia at the statutory level of 25 percent.

RELATED AGENCY

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

OPERATING EXPENSES

The Act provides an additional $158,067,000 for Operating Expenses for the extraordinary costs of operations in countries in conflict and areas of instability and violence, including in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq, which is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Act provides an additional $2,500,000 for Office of Inspector General for the costs associated with oversight of the obligation and expenditure of OCO/GWOT funding, which is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

The Act provides an additional $1,588,778,000 for International Disaster Assistance for the extraordinary costs of the United States response to international disasters and crises, including those resulting from conflict, which is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

TRANSITION INITIATIVES

The Act provides an additional $62,043,000 for Transition Initiatives for the extraordinary costs of assistance for conflict countries and countries emerging from conflict, which is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

COMPLEX CRISES FUND

The Act provides an additional $20,000,000 for Complex Crises Fund for the extraordinary costs of addressing security and stabilization requirements in conflict countries, which is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND

The Act provides an additional $2,152,122,000 for Economic Support Fund for the extraordinary costs of assistance for countries in conflict and areas of instability and violence, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, and countries in the Middle East and Africa, which is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

The Act provides an additional $2,431,198,000 for Migration and Refugee Assistance for the extraordinary costs to respond to refugee crises overseas, which is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Act provides an additional $417,951,000 for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement for the extraordinary costs for assistance for countries in conflict and areas of instability and violence, including Afghanistan and Pakistan, which is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

NONPROLIFERATION, ANTI-TERRORISM, DEMINING AND RELATED PROGRAMS

The Act provides an additional $220,583,000 for Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs for the extraordinary costs for anti-terrorism, demining, and other programs in countries in conflict and areas of instability and violence, which is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

The Act provides an additional $325,213,000 for Peacekeeping Operations for the extraordinary cost for peacekeeping requirements, including the United States share of the UN Support Office in Somalia, which is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING PROGRAM

The Act provides an additional $460,000,000 for Foreign Military Financing Program for the extraordinary costs for assistance for countries in conflict and areas of instability and violence, including to counter Russian influence and aggression, which is designated for OCO/GWOT pursuant to BBEDCA.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 8001. Additional Appropriations

This section clarifies that amounts appropriated by this title are in addition to amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in the Act for fiscal year 2018.

Section 8002. Extension of Authorities and Conditions

This section requires that the authorities and conditions applicable to funding elsewhere in the Act are applicable to funds in this title.

Section 8003. Counterterrorism Partnerships Fund

The Act provides $114,250,000 under Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs for the Counterterrorism Partnerships Fund, including to enhance the capacity of the Kurdistan Regional Government security services and for other programs in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. The Secretary of State shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations prior to the notification and obligation of such funds.

Section 8004. Transfer of Funds

Subsection (a) provides certain transfer authorities for funds appropriated by this title in the Act.

Subsection (b) provides authority for the Secretary of State to transfer funds appropriated by this title in the Act under International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement, Peacekeeping Operations, and Foreign Military Financing Program in an amount that shall not exceed $7,500,000 to Global Security Contingency Fund.

Subsection (c) requires that any transfers pursuant to subsection (a) may only be exercised to address contingencies.

Subsection (d) requires that the transfer authority provided by subsections (a) and (b) is subject to prior consultation with, and the regular notification procedures of, the Committees on Appropriations.

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TITLE I - DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND RELATED AGENCY					
Department of State					
Administration of Foreign Affairs					
Diplomatic and consular programs	4,247,775	3,903,034	4,363,688	+115,913	+460,654
Worldwide security protection	1,899,479	1,380,752	1,380,752	-518,727	---
Total, Diplomatic and consular programs	6,147,254	5,283,786	5,744,440	-402,814	+460,654
Capital investment fund	12,600	15,000	103,400	+90,800	+88,400
Office of Inspector General	87,069	72,562	77,629	-9,440	+5,067
Educational and cultural exchange programs	634,143	285,000	646,143	+12,000	+361,143
Representation expenses	8,030	7,000	8,030	---	+1,030
Protection of foreign missions and officials	30,344	30,890	30,890	+546	---
Embassy security, construction, and maintenance	759,161	754,459	765,459	+6,298	+11,000
Worldwide security upgrades	358,698	387,741	1,477,237	+1,118,539	+1,089,496
Total, Embassy security	1,117,859	1,142,200	2,242,696	+1,124,837	+1,100,496
Emergencies in the diplomatic and consular service	7,900	7,885	7,885	-15	---
Repatriation Loans Program Account:					
Direct loans subsidy	1,300	1,300	1,300	---	---
Payment to the American Institute in Taiwan	31,963	26,312	31,963	---	+5,651

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International Chancery Center, Washington, District of Columbia	1,320	743	743	-577	---
Payment to the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability Fund	158,900	158,900	158,900	---	---
Total, Administration of Foreign Affairs	8,238,682	7,031,578	9,054,019	+815,337	+2,022,441
International Organizations					
Contributions to international organizations, current year assessment	1,262,966	900,195	1,371,168	+108,202	+470,973
Contributions for international peacekeeping activities, current year assessment	552,904	268,886	414,624	-138,280	+145,738
Total, International Organizations	1,815,870	1,169,081	1,785,792	-30,078	+616,711
International Commissions					
International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico:					
Salaries and expenses	48,134	44,748	48,134	---	+3,386
Construction	29,400	27,900	29,400	---	+1,500
Total, Boundary and Water Commission	77,534	72,648	77,534	---	+4,886
American sections, international commissions	12,258	12,184	13,258	+1,000	+1,074

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International fisheries commissions	37,502	33,871	46,356	+8,854	+12,485
Total, International commissions	127,294	118,703	137,148	+9,854	+18,445
Related Agency					
Broadcasting Board of Governors					
International broadcasting operations	772,108	680,363	797,986	+25,878	+117,623
Reappropriation of surge capacity funds	---	3,000	---	---	-3,000
Broadcasting capital improvements	9,700	4,791	9,700	---	+4,909
Total, Broadcasting Board of Governors	781,808	688,154	807,686	+25,878	+119,532
Related Programs					
The Asia Foundation	17,000	---	17,000	---	+17,000
United States Institute of Peace, Operating expenses	37,884	19,117	37,884	---	+18,767
Center for Middle Eastern-Western dialogue	122	140	140	+18	---
Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship program	350	158	158	-192	---
Israeli Arab scholarship program	47	65	65	+18	---
East-West Center	16,700	---	16,700	---	+16,700
National Endowment for Democracy	170,000	103,500	170,000	---	+66,500
Total, Related programs	242,103	122,980	241,947	-156	+118,967

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Other Commissions					
Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad					
Salaries and expenses	888	675	675	-213	---
Commission on International Religious Freedom					
Salaries and expenses	3,500	4,500	4,500	+1,000	---
Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe					
Salaries and expenses	2,579	2,579	2,579	---	---
Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China					
Salaries and expenses	2,000	2,000	2,000	---	---
United States - China Economic and Security Review Commission					
Salaries and expenses	3,500	3,500	3,500	---	---
Total, title I, Department of State and Related Agency	11,218,224	9,143,750	12,039,846	+821,622	+2,896,096

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TITLE II - UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE					
Funds Appropriated to the President					
Operating expenses, USAID	1,204,609	1,045,797	1,189,609	-15,000	+143,812
Capital Investment Fund	174,985	157,980	197,100	+22,115	+39,120
Office of Inspector General, USAID	67,600	69,000	72,800	+5,200	+3,800
Total, title II, Administration of Foreign Assistance	1,447,194	1,272,777	1,459,509	+12,315	+186,732
TITLE III - BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE					
Funds Appropriated to the President					
Global Health Programs:					
U.S. Agency for International Development	3,054,950	1,505,500	3,020,000	-34,950	+1,514,500
Department of State	5,670,000	4,975,000	5,670,000	---	+695,000
(Global fund contribution) /1	(1,350,000)	(1,125,000)	(1,350,000)	---	(+225,000)
Total, Global Health Programs	8,724,950	6,480,500	8,690,000	-34,950	+2,209,500
Development assistance	2,995,465	---	3,000,000	+4,535	+3,000,000
Transfer out	(-50,000)	(-60,000)	(-55,000)	(-5,000)	(+5,000)
Total, Development Assistance	2,995,465	---	3,000,000	+4,535	+3,000,000

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International disaster assistance	498,483	690,259	2,696,534	+2,198,051	+2,006,275
Transition initiatives	35,600	30,000	30,000	-5,600	---
Complex Crises fund	10,000	---	10,000	---	+10,000
Development Credit Authority:					
(By transfer)	(50,000)	(60,000)	(55,000)	(+5,000)	(-5,000)
Administrative expenses	10,000	9,120	10,000	---	+880
Economic Support Fund	1,041,761	---	1,816,731	+774,970	+1,816,731
Economic Support and Development Fund	---	2,229,350	---	---	-2,229,350
Democracy Fund:					
Human Rights and Democracy Fund, Department of State	145,375	---	150,375	+5,000	+150,375
Bureau of Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, USAID	65,125	---	65,125	---	+65,125
Total, Democracy Fund	210,500	---	215,500	+5,000	+215,500
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia	291,638	---	750,334	+458,696	+750,334
Department of State					
Migration and refugee assistance	912,802	715,241	927,802	+15,000	+212,561
United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund	10,000	---	1,000	-9,000	+1,000
Total, Department of State	922,802	715,241	928,802	+6,000	+213,561

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Independent Agencies					
Peace Corps	410,000	398,221	410,000	---	+11,779
Millenium Challenge Corporation	905,000	800,000	905,000	---	+105,000
Inter-American Foundation	22,500	4,565	22,500	---	+17,935
United States African Development Foundation	30,000	8,332	30,000	---	+21,668
Total, Independent Agencies	1,367,500	1,211,118	1,367,500	---	+156,382
Department of the Treasury					
International Affairs Technical Assistance	30,000	25,455	30,000	---	+4,545
Total, title III, Bilateral economic assistance	16,138,699	11,391,043	19,545,401	+3,406,702	+8,154,358
TITLE IV - INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE					
Department of State					
International narcotics control and law enforcement	889,664	695,550	950,845	+61,181	+255,295
Nonproliferation, anti-terrorism, demining and related programs	500,696	312,766	655,467	+154,771	+342,701
Peacekeeping operations	135,041	122,300	212,712	+77,671	+90,412

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Funds Appropriated to the President					
International Military Education and Training.....	110,300	100,160	110,875	+575	+10,715
Foreign Military Financing Program:					
Grants:					
Israel.....	3,100,000	3,100,000	3,100,000	---	---
Egypt.....	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	---	---
Other.....	385,805	270,713	1,271,613	+885,808	+1,000,900
Limitation on Administrative Expenses.....	(80,000)	(70,000)	(75,000)	(-5,000)	(+5,000)
Total, Foreign Military Financing Program.	4,785,805	4,670,713	5,671,613	+885,808	+1,000,900
Total, title IV, Security assistance.....	6,421,506	5,901,489	7,601,512	+1,180,006	+1,700,023
TITLE V - MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE					
Multilateral Assistance					
Funds Appropriated to the President					
International Organizations and Programs.....	339,000	---	339,000	---	+339,000

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International Financial Institutions					
World Bank Group					
Global Environment Facility	146,563	102,375	139,575	-6,988	+37,200
International Development Association	1,197,128	1,097,010	1,097,010	-100,118	---
The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD):					
IBRD paid in capital	5,963	---	---	-5,963	---
Global agriculture and food security program	23,000	---	---	-23,000	---
Total, World Bank Group	1,372,654	1,199,385	1,236,585	-136,069	+37,200
Inter-American Development Bank Group					
Inter-American Development Bank paid in capital	21,940	---	---	-21,940	---
Asian Development Bank Group					
Asian Development Fund	99,233	47,395	47,395	-51,838	---
African Development Bank Group					
African Development Bank Paid in capital	32,418	32,418	32,418	---	---
(Limitation on callable capital)	(507,861)	(507,861)	(507,861)	---	---

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
African Development Fund	214,332	171,300	171,300	-43,032	---
Total, African Development Bank	246,750	203,718	203,718	-43,032	---
International Fund for Agricultural Development	30,000	30,000	30,000	---	---
Total, International Financial Institutions	1,770,577	1,480,498	1,517,698	-252,879	+37,200
Total, title V, Multilateral assistance	2,109,577	1,480,498	1,856,698	-252,879	+376,200
(Limitation on callable capital)	(507,861)	(507,861)	(507,861)	---	---
TITLE VI - EXPORT AND INVESTMENT ASSISTANCE					
Export-Import Bank of the United States					
Administrative expenses	110,000	95,500	110,000	---	+14,500
Inspector General	5,700	5,000	5,700	---	+700
Offsetting collections	-530,000	-264,700	-254,700	+275,300	+10,000
Total, Export-Import Bank of the United States	-414,300	-164,200	-139,000	+275,300	+25,200

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
Overseas Private Investment Corporation					
Noncredit account:					
Administrative expenses	70,000	60,800	79,200	+9,200	+18,400
Insurance fees and other offsetting collections	-341,000	-270,000	-350,000	-9,000	-80,000
Subtotal	-271,000	-209,200	-270,800	+200	-61,600
Program account	20,000	---	20,000	---	+20,000
Total, Overseas Private Investment Corporation	-251,000	-209,200	-250,800	+200	-41,600
Funds Appropriated to the President					
Trade and Development Agency	75,000	12,105	79,500	+4,500	+67,395
Total, title VI, Export and investment assistance	-590,300	-361,295	-310,300	+280,000	+50,995
TITLE VII - GENERAL PROVISIONS					
Special immigrant visa proposal (Sec. 7083(a))	6,000	---	---	-6,000	---
ESF rescission of funds (Sec. 7083(b))	-6,000	---	---	+6,000	---
Development Assistance rescission (Sec. 7069(a))	---	---	-23,766	-23,766	-23,766
Export-Import Bank, Tied Aid Rescission (Sec. 7060(c))	---	-165,000	---	---	+165,000

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Unobligated balances of EXIM Carryover receipts (Rescission)	---	---	-10,000	-10,000	-10,000
Total, title VII, General Provisions	---	-165,000	-33,766	-33,766	+131,234
TITLE VIII - OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS / GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM (OCO/GWOT)					
Diplomatic and consular programs (OCO/GWOT)	2,410,386	2,975,971	2,975,971	+565,585	---
(Worldwide security protection) (OCO/GWOT)	(1,815,210)	(2,376,122)	(2,376,122)	(+560,912)	---
(Transfer to other agencies)	(-5,000)	(-5,000)	---	(+5,000)	(+5,000)
Subtotal	2,410,386	2,975,971	2,975,971	+565,585	---
Office of Inspector General (OCO/GWOT)	54,900	68,100	68,100	+13,200	---
Embassy security, construction, and maintenance (OCO/GWOT)	1,238,800	---	71,778	-1,167,022	+71,778
Contributions to int'l organizations (OCO/GWOT)	96,240	96,240	96,240	---	---
Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities (OCO/GWOT)	1,354,660	927,224	967,456	-387,204	+40,232
Broadcasting board of governors (OCO/GWOT)	4,800	---	---	-4,800	---
Operating expenses of USAID (OCO/GWOT)	152,080	136,555	158,067	+5,987	+21,512
USAID Office of Inspector General:					
OIG (OCO/GWOT)	---	2,500	2,500	+2,500	---

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International Disaster Assistance (OCO/GWOT)	3,313,203	1,817,941	1,588,778	-1,724,425	-229,163
(Famine prevention, relief, and mitigation) (OCO/GWOT)	(990,000)	---	---	(-990,000)	---
Transition Initiatives (OCO/GWOT)	37,000	62,043	62,043	+25,043	---
Complex Crises fund (OCO/GWOT)	20,000	---	20,000	---	+20,000
Economic Support Fund (OCO/GWOT)	2,609,242	---	2,152,122	-457,120	+2,152,122
Economic Support and Development Fund (OCO/GWOT)	---	2,708,800	---	---	-2,708,800
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia (OCO/GWOT)	453,696	---	---	-453,696	---
Migration and Refugee assistance (MRA) (OCO/GWOT)	2,146,198	2,030,900	2,431,198	+285,000	+400,298
United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund (OCO/GWOT)	40,000	---	---	-40,000	---
International narcotics control and law enforcement (OCO/GWOT)	412,260	196,250	417,951	+5,691	+221,701
Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related programs (NADR) (OCO/GWOT)	341,754	365,840	220,583	-121,171	-145,257
Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) (OCO/GWOT)	473,973	179,100	325,213	-148,760	+146,113
Foreign Military Financing program (OCO/GWOT)	1,325,808	450,000	460,000	-865,808	+10,000
Total, Title VIII, OCO/GWOT	16,485,000	12,017,464	12,018,000	-4,467,000	+536

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OTHER APPROPRIATIONS					
Department of State					
Administration of Foreign Affairs					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	1,052,400	---	---	-1,052,400	---
(Worldwide security protection) (OCO/GWOT).....	(927,189)	---	---	(-927,189)	---
Office of Inspector General:					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	2,500	---	---	-2,500	---
Embassy security, construction, and maintenance:					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	654,411	---	---	-654,411	---
United States Agency for International Development					
Funds Appropriated to the President					
Operating expenses of USAID:					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	5,000	---	---	-5,000	---
Capital Investment Fund, USAID:					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	25,000	---	---	-25,000	---
USAID Office of Inspector General:					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	2,500	---	---	-2,500	---

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
Bilateral Economic Assistance					
Funds Appropriated to the President					
International Disaster Assistance:					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	616,100	---	---	-616,100	---
Transition Initiatives:					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	50,234	---	---	-50,234	---
Economic Support Fund:					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	1,030,555	---	---	-1,030,555	---
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia:					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	157,000	---	---	-157,000	---
Migration and Refugee assistance (MRA):					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	300,000	---	---	-300,000	---
International narcotics control and law enforcement:					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	26,300	---	---	-26,300	---
Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related programs (NADR):					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	128,000	---	---	-128,000	---
Peacekeeping Operations (PKO):					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	50,000	---	---	-50,000	---

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs FY 2017	Final Bill vs Request
Foreign Military Financing program:					
Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254) (OCO/GWOT)...	200,000	---	---	-200,000	---
Total, Other Appropriations.....	4,300,000	---	---	-4,300,000	---
Grand Total.....	57,529,900	40,680,726	54,176,900	-3,353,000	+13,496,174
Appropriations.....	(36,750,900)	(28,825,262)	(42,192,666)	(+5,441,766)	(+13,367,404)
Overseas contingency operations, This bill..	(16,485,000)	(12,017,464)	(12,018,000)	(-4,467,000)	(+536)
Overseas contingency operations, Security Assistance Act (P.L. 114-254).....	(4,300,000)	---	---	(-4,300,000)	---
Rescissions.....	(-6,000)	(-165,000)	(-33,766)	(-27,766)	(+131,234)
(By transfer).....	(50,000)	(60,000)	(55,000)	(+5,000)	(-5,000)
(Transfer out).....	(-50,000)	(-60,000)	(-55,000)	(-5,000)	(+5,000)
(Limitation on administrative expenses).....	(80,000)	(70,000)	(75,000)	(-5,000)	(+5,000)
(Limitation on callable capital).....	(507,861)	(507,861)	(507,861)	---	---

DIVISION L—TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTIVES

Unless otherwise noted, the language and allocations set forth in the House report (House Report 115–237) and the Senate report (Senate Report 115–138) carry the same weight as the language included in this joint explanatory statement and should be complied with unless specifically addressed to the contrary in this division or joint explanatory statement. House report language and Senate report language, neither of which is changed by this joint explanatory statement, is a result of the 2018 appropriations agreement. The joint explanatory statement, while repeating some report language for emphasis, does not intend to negate the language referred to above unless expressly provided herein. In cases where the House or the Senate has directed the submission of a report, such report is to be submitted to both the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development are directed to notify the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations seven days prior to the announcement of a new program, initiative, or authority. Any reprogramming requests must be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations no later than June 30, 2018.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement provides $112,813,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Secretary. The agreement includes funding by office as specified below, and offices are to manage staffing levels within the amounts provided. Funds are available for transfer between all offices under certain conditions.

Immediate Office of the Secretary	$3,001,000
Immediate Office of the Deputy Secretary	1,040,000
Office of the General Counsel	20,555,000
Office of the Under Secretary for Transportation Policy	10,331,000
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs	14,019,000
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Government Affairs	2,546,000
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration	29,356,000
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs	2,142,000
Office of the Executive Secretariat	1,760,000
Office of Intelligence, Security, and Emergency Response	11,318,000
Office of the Chief Information Officer	16,745,000

Consumer protections.—The Department has, in recent years, initiated a process to establish more transparency in displaying the total prices of airfare tickets and related charges. Whether consumers are purchasing directly from the airlines or through ticket agents, consumers should have clear and accurate pricing information when choosing among various air transportation options. Currently, fees for additional services can be difficult to determine when searching for airfares, and, as a result, consumers may be unable to understand the true cost of travel when comparing prices. To enhance consumers' choices and provide consumers with full airline ticket pricing information, the agreement directs the Department to work in collaboration with industry, consumers, and other stakeholders to establish guidelines which should lead to airlines or any for-profit seller of commercial air transportation displaying, on an airline's website or any travel metasearch website with which the airline is partnered, full ticketing charges, including, but not limited to, seat price, any additional fees the consumer will pay per piece of baggage or per seat upgrade, and optional flight insurance costs. As a result, all the charges should be clear to the consumer, at the time of the initial search, and the anticipated total charges fully disclosed. The Secretary is directed to provide a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the progress being made to establish these guidelines within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

The agreement provides $23,465,109 for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, of which $2,618,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2020.

University transportation centers.—The agreement provides $15,000,000 in additional funding for the University Transportation Center (UTC) program as authorized under the FAST Act. This additional funding is for competitive grants for a national center for congestion research, focusing on congestion relief, and a national center for infrastructure research, focusing on improving the durability and extending the life of transportation infrastructure. The increase is in addition to amounts provided for fiscal year 2018 by the FAST Act for a total UTC funding level of $90,000,000. The agreement continues to direct the Department to award no less than $3,000,000 of the amounts provided under the FAST Act for research on rural autonomous vehicles and connected vehicles to be conducted by existing UTC universities.

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

The agreement provides $1,500,000,000 for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure, commonly known as the ''TIGER'' program, to remain available until September 30, 2020. The Department is directed to administer the program within its current staffing levels.

NATIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND INNOVATIVE FINANCE BUREAU

The agreement provides $3,000,000 for the national surface transportation and innovative finance bureau. The agreement does not make an additional $3,000,000 available by transfer from the Maritime Guaranteed (Title XI) Loan Program account and does not expect the bureau to administer the Title XI program in fiscal year 2018.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CAPITAL

The agreement provides $6,000,000 for the financial management capital program, to remain available until September 30, 2020, which includes resources for the continued execution of Data Act compliance requirements at the Department.

CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVES

The agreement provides $15,000,000 for departmental cyber security initiatives, to remain available until September 30, 2019.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

The agreement provides $9,500,000 for the office of civil rights.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT

The agreement provides $14,000,000 for planning, research, and development activities, of which $1,500,000 is for the Interagency Infrastructure Permitting Improvement Center (IIPIC) and $5,500,000 is for the safety data and automated vehicle safety data initiatives, to remain available until expended. Bill language is included to allow for the transfer of funds to this account from other Federal agencies utilizing the services of the IIPIC.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

The agreement limits expenditures for working capital fund activities to $202,245,000.

MINORITY BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAM

The agreement provides a total appropriation of $500,301 for the minority business center program for administrative expenses, including education outreach activities, monitoring of existing loans, and modification of existing loans. No funding is provided to support the subsidy cost of new loan guarantees, and no additional limitation on guaranteed loans is provided as those functions are administered by the Small Business Administration.

SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION AND OUTREACH

The agreement provides $4,646,000 for small and disadvantaged business utilization and outreach, to remain available until September 30, 2019.

PAYMENTS TO AIR CARRIERS

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

The agreement provides $155,000,000 for payments to air carriers, to remain available until expended.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

Section 101 prohibits funds available to the Department of Transportation from being obligated for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to approve assessments or reimbursable agreements pertaining to funds appropriated to the modal administrations, except for activities underway on the date of enactment of this Act, unless such assessments or agreements have completed the normal reprogramming process for Congressional notification.

Section 102 requires the Secretary of Transportation to post on the internet a schedule of all Council on Credit and Finance meetings, agendas, and meeting minutes.

Section 103 allows the Department of Transportation Working Capital Fund to provide payments in advance to vendors for the Federal transit pass fringe benefit program and to provide full or partial payments to, and to accept reimbursements from, Federal agencies for transit benefit distribution services.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

The agreement includes $10,211,754,000 for the operations of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), to remain available until September 30, 2019. Of the total amount provided, $8,851,000,000 is to be derived from the airport and airway trust fund. Funds are distributed in the bill by budget activity.

The following table compares the agreement to the levels proposed in the budget request by activity:

	Budget Request	Agreement
Air traffic organization	$7,491,938,000	$7,692,786,000
Aviation safety	1,257,981,000	1,310,000,000
Commercial space transportation	17,905,000	22,587,000
Finance and management	758,192,000	801,506,000
NextGen planning	59,041,000	60,000,000
Security and Hazardous Materials Safety	100,961,000	112,622,000
Staff offices	204,868,000	212,253,000
Total	9,890,886,000	10,211,754,000

Operations funding.—The agreement includes $200,848,000 above the budget request for the air traffic organization. This funding level fully supports the air traffic operational workforce, including the hiring and training of new controllers to fill critical positions.

Noise mitigation.—The agreement includes no less than $2,000,000 and eight full time equivalencies for regional offices to dedicate staff for activities to address aviation noise concerns, including community engagement.

Organization designation authorization.—The agreement modifies language that was included in the House and Senate bills regarding the FAA's Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) in order to advance the certification of new aviation technologies and products. Utilization of ODAs is key to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of product certification. With funds made available under this agreement, the FAA should ensure that ODAs conduct all of the specified activities authorized and approved by the FAA in its procedures manual while the FAA continues to conduct its core responsibility of safety oversight and to take action if a systemic airworthiness noncompliance performance issue has been identified and documented. The agreement recognizes that, for safety oversight, the FAA considers a variety of mechanisms, including inspections, whistleblower alerts, and customer safety concerns.

Contract towers.—The agreement includes $165,000,000 for the contract tower program and establishes new requirements for the FAA to expedite entry into the program for towers that have met cost-benefit requirements.

Controller hiring.—The agreement directs the FAA to continue to update the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the diversity of the controller workforce, as specified in House Report 115–237, and to report on workforce attrition, as specified in Senate Report 115–138, within 120 days of enactment of this Act.

Cyber security.—The agreement provides $24,000,000 in the finance and management activity to address cyber security requirements for the air traffic control system, as well as other critical systems at the FAA.

Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)—Electronic registration.—The agreement notes the progress the FAA has made within the past year creating a new electronic registration system for UAS. The FAA has provided regular updates to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, and therefore, the agreement no longer directs the FAA to provide an update within 120 days of enactment of this Act.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

The agreement includes $3,250,000,000 for FAA facilities and equipment. Of the total amount available, $498,000,000 is available until September 30, 2019, $2,602,000,000 is available until September 30, 2020, and $150,000,000 is available until expended.

The following table provides a breakdown of the agreement by program:

Program	Request	Agreement
Activity 1—Engineering, Development, Test, and Evaluation		
Advanced Technology Development and Prototyping	$26,800,000	$26,800,000
William J. Hughes Technical Center Laboratory Improvement	1,000,000	1,000,000
William J. Hughes Technical Center Laboratory Sustainment	18,000,000	23,000,000
William J. Hughes Technical Center Infrastructure Sustainment	10,000,000	15,000,000
Separation Management Portfolio	13,500,000	13,500,000
Traffic Flow Management Portfolio	10,800,000	10,800,000
On Demand NAS Portfolio	12,000,000	12,000,000
NAS Infrastructure Portfolio	17,500,000	17,500,000
NextGen Support Portfolio	12,000,000	12,000,000
Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)	15,000,000	25,000,000
Enterprise, Concept Development, Human Factors, & Demonstrations Portfolio	9,000,000	9,000,000
Total Activity 1	145,600,000	165,600,000
Activity 2—Air Traffic Control Facilities and Equipment		
a. En Route Programs:		
En Route Automation Modernization (ERAM)—System Enhancements and Tech Refresh	76,650,000	91,650,000
En Route Communications Gateway (ECG)	2,650,000	2,650,000
Next Generation Weather Radar (NEXRAD)—Provide	5,500,000	5,500,000
Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) & Combined Control Facility (CCF) Building Improvements	100,400,000	120,400,000
Air Traffic Management (ATM)	4,900,000	4,900,000
Air/Ground Communications Infrastructure	9,750,000	9,750,000
Air Traffic Control En Route Radar Facilities Improvements	5,400,000	5,400,000
Voice Switching and Control System (VSCS)	12,800,000	15,800,000
Oceanic Automation System	23,100,000	34,950,000
Next Generation Very High Frequency Air/Ground Communications (NEXCOM)	53,000,000	60,000,000
System-Wide Information Management	50,050,000	50,050,000
ADS–B NAS Wide Implementation	139,150,000	150,300,000
Windshear Detection Service	1,000,000	1,000,000
Collaborative Air Traffic Management Technologies	9,000,000	9,000,000
Time Based Flow Management Portfolio	40,450,000	40,450,000
NextGen Weather Processors	35,450,000	45,450,000
Airborne Collision Avoidance System X (ACASX)	7,700,000	7,700,000
Data Communications in Support of NG Air Transportation System	154,100,000	294,100,000
Offshore Automation System	11,000,000	2,000,000
SBS Advanced Surveillance Enhanced Proced Separation/Reduced Oceanic Separation (ROS)	4,350,000	24,350,000
En Route Service Improvements	3,000,000	3,000,000
Commercial Space Integration	4,500,000	4,500,000
Subtotal En Route Programs	753,900,000	982,900,000
b. Terminal Programs:		
Airport Surface Detection Equipment—Model X (ASDE–X):		
Terminal Doppler Weather Radar (TDWR)—Provide	3,800,000	3,800,000
Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System (STARS) (TAMR Phase 1)	86,700,000	86,700,000
Terminal Automation Modernization/Replacement Program (TAMR Phase 3)	66,100,000	66,100,000
Terminal Automation Program	8,493,000	8,493,000
Terminal Air Traffic Control Facilities—Replace	31,118,485	58,118,485
ATCT/Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) Facilities—Improve	56,800,000	91,800,000
Terminal Voice Switch Replacement (TVSR)	6,000,000	10,000,000
NAS Facilities OSHA and Environmental Standards Compliance	46,700,000	46,700,000
Airport Surveillance Radar (ASR–9)	11,400,000	11,400,000
Terminal Digital Radar (ASR–11) Technology Refresh and Mobile Airport Surveillance Radar (MASR)	3,200,000	5,200,000
Runway Status Lights	2,800,000	12,800,000
National Airspace System Voice System (NVS)	68,750,000	68,750,000
Integrated Display System (IDS)	5,000,000	5,000,000
Remote Monitoring and Logging System (RMLS)	7,400,000	7,400,000
Mode S Service Life Extension Program (SLEP)	20,900,000	20,900,000
Terminal Flight Data Manager (TFDM)	90,350,000	90,350,000
National Air Space (NAS) Voice Recorder Program (NVRP)	5,000,000	5,000,000
Integrated Terminal Weather System (ITWS)	1,000,000	1,000,000
Performance Based Navigation & Metroplex Portfolio	20,000,000	20,000,000
Subtotal Terminal Programs	541,511,485	619,511,485
c. Flight Service Programs:		
Aviation Surface Observation System (ASOS)	10,000,000	10,000,000
Future Flight Services Program	14,038,515	14,038,515
Alaska Flight Service Facility Modernization (AFSFM)	2,650,000	2,650,000
Weather Camera Program	1,300,000	1,300,000
Subtotal Flight Service Programs	27,988,515	27,988,515
d. Landing and Navigational Aids Program:		
VHF Omnidirectional Radio Range (VOR) with Distance Measuring Equipment (DME)	11,000,000	17,000,000
Instrument Landing System (ILS)—Establish	7,000,000	11,000,000
Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) for GPS	102,300,000	110,300,000
Runway Visual Range (RVR) and Enhanced Low Visibility Operations (ELVO)	4,000,000	4,000,000
Approach Lighting System Improvement Program (ALSIP)	3,000,000	3,000,000
Distance Measuring Equipment (DME)	3,000,000	3,000,000
Visual NAVAIDS—Establish/Expand	2,000,000	2,000,000
Instrument Flight Procedures Automation (IFPA)	8,500,000	8,500,000
Navigation and Landing Aids—Service Life Extension Program (SLEP)	3,000,000	3,000,000
VASI Replacement—Replace with Precision Approach Path Indicator	5,000,000	5,000,000
Runway Safety Areas—Navigational Mitigation	1,600,000	1,600,000
NAVAIDS Monitoring Equipment	2,000,000	2,000,000
Subtotal Landing and Navigational Aids Programs	152,400,000	170,400,000
e. Other ATC Facilities Programs:		
Fuel Storage Tank Replacement and Management	28,100,000	35,000,000
Unstaffed Infrastructure Sustainment	35,700,000	41,000,000
Aircraft Related Equipment Program	12,500,000	12,500,000
Airport Cable Loop Systems—Sustained Support	8,000,000	8,000,000
Alaskan Satellite Telecommunications Infrastructure (ASTI)	20,900,000	20,900,000
Facilities Decommissioning	13,900,000	27,000,000
Electrical Power Systems—Sustain/Support	110,000,000	125,000,000
Energy Management and Compliance (EMC)	2,400,000	2,400,000
Child Care Center Sustainment	1,000,000	1,000,000
FAA Telecommunications Infrastructure	2,000,000	30,000,000
Data Visualization, Analysis and Reporting System (DVARS)	5,500,000	5,500,000
TDM-to-IP Migration	3,000,000	39,000,000
Subtotal Other ATC Facilities Programs	243,000,000	347,300,000
Total Activity 2	1,718,800,000	2,148,100,000
Activity 3—Non-Air Traffic Control Facilities and Equipment		
a. Support Equipment:		
Hazardous Materials Management	35,300,000	35,300,000
Aviation Safety Analysis System (ASAS)	12,000,000	12,000,000
National Air Space (NAS) Recovery Communications (RCOM)	12,000,000	12,000,000
Facility Security Risk Management	20,400,000	20,400,000
Information Security	20,700,000	20,700,000
System Approach for Safety Oversight (SASO)	25,800,000	25,800,000
Aviation Safety Knowledge Management Environment (ASKME)	4,000,000	4,000,000
Aerospace Medical Equipment Needs (AMEN)	7,000,000	7,000,000
System Safety Management Portfolio	16,200,000	16,200,000
National Test Equipment Program	4,000,000	4,000,000
Mobile Assets Management Program	3,600,000	3,600,000
Aerospace Medicine Safety Information Systems (AMSIS)	14,000,000	14,000,000
Tower Simulation System (TSS) Technology Refresh	3,000,000	3,000,000
Subtotal Support Equipment	178,000,000	178,000,000
b. Training, Equipment and Facilities:		
Aeronautical Center Infrastructure Modernization	14,000,000	14,000,000
Distance Learning	1,000,000	1,000,000
Subtotal Training, Equipment and Facilities	15,000,000	15,000,000
Total Activity 3	193,000,000	193,000,000

Program	Request	Agreement
Activity 4—Facilities and Equipment Mission Support		
a. System Support and Services:		
System Engineering and Development Support	35,700,000	35,700,000
Program Support Leases	47,000,000	47,000,000
Logistics and Acquisition Support Services	11,000,000	11,000,000
Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center Leases	19,700,000	19,700,000
Transition Engineering Support	19,900,000	24,900,000
Technical Support Services Contract (TSSC)	23,000,000	28,000,000
Resource Tracking Program (RTP)	6,000,000	6,000,000
Center for Advanced Aviation System Development (CAASD)	57,000,000	57,000,000
Aeronautical Information Management Program	4,700,000	15,000,000
Cross Agency NextGen Management	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Activity 4	225,000,000	245,300,000
Activity 5—Personnel and Related Expenses		
Personnel and Related Expenses	483,800,000	498,000,000
Total All Activities	2,766,200,000	3,250,000,000

NextGen funding.—The agreement provides $1,268,165,000 for the FAA's Next Generation of Air Traffic control (NextGen) programs across the operations; facilities and equipment; and research, engineering and development accounts. This is an increase of $238,891,000 above the current level for these efforts.

DataComm.—The agreement places a high priority on accelerating the ''Data Communications in Support of NextGen Air Traffic Control System'' (DataComm), as a NextGen program that promises significant, near-term improvements in the efficiency of the national airspace system. Accordingly, the agreement provides $294,100,000 for this program, a $140,000,000 increase above the budget request. Within this amount, no less than $5,000,000 is directed for cyber security enhancements to ensure the safety and security of this system.

Reduced oceanic separation.—The agreement provides $24,350,000, an increase of $20,000,000 above the budget request, to enable enhanced oceanic separation services. The agreement directs an expeditious final investment decision on this program, consistent with priorities of the NextGen Advisory Committee.

Remote towers.—The agreement includes $5,000,000 to continue the ongoing remote tower project, including operating costs, and to deploy and pilot remote tower systems to at least two additional airports. The FAA is directed to begin the remote tower pilot initiative within 45 days of enactment of this Act.

Terminal radar approach control (TRACON) facilities-improve.—The agreement provides $91,800,000 for TRACON improvements, a $35,000,000 increase above the budget request, to expedite currently planned improvements at critical TRACON facilities.

Wide area augmentation system (WAAS) for GPS.—The agreement includes language consistent with House and Senate direction on WAAS dual frequency operations and directs the FAA to provide a briefing to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations to accomplish the direction within 120 days of enactment of this Act.

RESEARCH, ENGINEERING, AND DEVELOPMENT

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

The agreement provides $188,926,000 for the FAA's research, engineering, and development activities, to remain available until September 30, 2020.

The agreement provides the following levels for specific programs:

Program	Request	Agreement
Fire Research and Safety	$7,044,000	$7,200,000
Propulsion and Fuel Systems	2,269,000	2,100,000
Advanced Materials/Structural Safety	4,338,000	10,500,000
Aircraft Icing/Digital System Safety	9,253,000	9,253,000
Continued Airworthiness	10,437,000	11,269,000
Aircraft Catastrophic Failure Prevention Research	1,570,000	1,570,000
Flightdeck/Maintenance/System Integration Human Factors	6,825,000	7,305,000
System Safety Management	4,149,000	5,500,000
Air Traffic Control/Technical Operations Human Factors	5,196,000	5,800,000
Aeromedical Research	9,765,000	9,080,000
Weather Program	13,399,000	15,476,000
Unmanned Aircraft Systems Research	6,787,000	24,035,000
NextGen—Alternative Fuels for General Aviation	5,924,000	7,000,000
Commercial Space	1,796,000	1,872,000
NextGen—Wake Turbulence	6,831,000	6,831,000
NextGen—Air Ground Integration Human Factors	6,757,000	6,757,000
NextGen—Weather Technology in the Cockpit	3,644,000	3,644,000
NextGen—Information Security	1,000,000	1,000,000
Environment and Energy	14,497,000	18,013,000
NextGen—Environmental Research—Aircraft Technologies, Fuels, and Metrics	23,151,000	29,174,000
System Planning and Resource Management	2,135,000	2,135,000
William J. Hughes Technical Center Laboratory Facility	3,233,000	3,412,000
Total	150,000,000	188,926,000

Advanced material/structural safety.—The agreement provides $10,500,000 for Advanced Material/Structural Safety, including $2,000,000 for public/private partners to evaluate material for airworthiness certification and $4,000,000 to advance the use of new structural material applications and bring new materials into production.

Continued airworthiness.—The agreement provides $11,269,000 and directs the FAA to use the increase above the enacted level to collaborate with academic and industry partners to develop standards and assessment methods for certifying advanced material components for aerospace applications.

Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) research.—The agreement provides $24,035,000, an increase of $17,248,000 above the budget request. Of the funds provided, $12,035,000 is to support the expanded role of the UAS Center of Excellence, $2,000,000 is to expand the Center's role in transportation disaster preparedness and response, and $10,000,000 is to support UAS research activities at the FAA technical center and other FAA facilities.

UAS traffic management (UTM).—The agreement includes direction included in House Report 115–237 and Senate Report 115–138 and directs the FAA to report its progress on this direction to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no later than 120 days after enactment of this Act.

Environmental sustainability.—The agreement includes a total of $47,187,000 for research related to environmental sustainability, which is $9,539,000 above the budget request and $4,000,000 above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level. This total includes $18,013,000 under ''Environment and Energy'' and another $29,174,000 under ''NextGen—Environmental Research Aircraft Technologies, Fuels, and Metrics.'' The total level of funding supports the CLEEN program, as well as the Center of Excellence for alternative jet fuels and environment. The FAA is directed to use the increase in funding for the Center of Excellence, resulting in a total of $15,000,000 for the Center.

GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement includes an obligation limitation of $3,350,000,000 and a liquidating cash appropriation of $3,000,000,000, to remain available until expended. Within the obligation limitation, the agreement provides not more than $111,863,000 for administrative expenses, no less than $15,000,000 for the airport cooperative research program, no less than $33,210,000 for airport technology research, and $10,000,000 for the small community air service development program (SCASDP).

Aircraft rescue and firefighting training facilities.—The agreement includes direction included in House Report 115–237 and Senate Report 115–138 regarding aircraft rescue and firefighting training facilities, and directs the FAA to provide a report within 120 days of enactment of this Act.

GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS

The agreement provides $1,000,000,000 in new discretionary budget authority for grants for high priority airport construction projects. The agreement includes language to prioritize funding for small and rural airports.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Section 110 allows no more than 600 technical staff-years at the Center for Advanced Aviation Systems Development.

Section 111 prohibits the use of funds for adopting guidelines or regulations requiring airport sponsors to provide the FAA ''without cost'' building construction or space.

Section 112 allows reimbursement for fees collected and credited under 49 U.S.C. 45303.

Section 113 allows reimbursement of funds for providing technical assistance to foreign aviation authorities to be credited to the operations account.

Section 114 prohibits funds for Sunday premium pay unless work was actually performed on a Sunday.

Section 115 prohibits funds from being used to buy store gift cards with Government issued credit cards.

Section 116 prohibits funds from being obligated or expended for retention bonuses for FAA employees without prior written approval of the DOT Assistant Secretary for Administration.

Section 117 requires the Secretary to block the display of an owner or operator's aircraft registration number in the Aircraft Situational Display to Industry program upon the request of an owner or operator.

Section 118 prohibits the use of funds for salaries and expenses of more than eight political and Presidential appointees in the FAA.

Section 119 prohibits funds to increase fees under 49 U.S.C. 44721 until the FAA provides a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations that justifies all fees related to aeronautical navigation products and explains how such fees are consistent with Executive Order 13642.

Section 119A requires the FAA to notify the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations at least 90 days before closing a regional operations center or reducing the services provided.

Section 119B prohibits funds from being used to change weight restrictions or prior permission rules at Teterboro Airport in New Jersey.

Section 119C prohibits funds from being used to withhold from consideration and approval certain applications for participation in the Contract Tower Program, or for re-evaluation of cost-share program participation, pending as of January 1, 2016.

Section 119D requires the FAA to take certain actions regarding Organization Delegation Authorization (ODA).

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement limits obligations for the administrative expenses of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to $439,443,925.

In addition, the agreement provides $3,248,000 for the administrative expenses of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

The agreement limits obligations for the federal-aid highways program to $44,234,212,000.

Highway guide sign fonts.—The agreement prohibits funds from being used to enforce actions terminating the Interim Approval IA–5 of the Clearview font on highway guide signs. FHWA is directed to reinstate Interim Approval IA–5. FHWA is also directed to conduct a comprehensive review of the research on this alternative font and to report on its findings to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 90 days of enactment of this Act. The report must document the safety and cost implications of the decision to terminate approval of Clearview font and fully address the comments submitted by affected states during the related December 13, 2016 request for information (FHWA Docket No. FHWA 2016 0036). The agreement does not include directives under the paragraph entitled ''Highway Guide Signs Font'' in Senate Report 115–138.

Bridge corrosion control best practices.—The agreement directs the Secretary to submit the report required in House Report 115 237 on bridge corrosion control best practices, but does not direct the Secretary to use a third party organization to determine the qualification of contractors and subcontractors.

Culvert and storm sewer materials procurement.—The Secretary is not directed to evaluate the methods by which States procure culvert and storm sewer materials or the impact of those methods on project costs.

Surface transportation system funding alternatives program.—The Secretary is not directed to issue an annual notice of funding opportunity for the surface transportation system funding alternatives program for each fiscal year for which funding is provided. The Secretary is not directed to modify deadlines within such notices to align with state legislative calendars. Going forward, should pilot planning and predevelopment activities be made eligible for funding under this program, the Secretary is directed to extend the amount of time permitted for these activities from 18 to 24 months.

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

The agreement provides a liquidating cash appropriation of $44,973,212,000, to remain available until expended, to pay the outstanding obligations of the various highway programs at the levels provided in this Act and prior appropriations Acts.

HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS

The agreement provides $2,525,000,000 from the general fund, of which $1,980,000,000 is for road and bridge projects eligible under the surface transportation block grant program, $15,800,000 is for the Puerto Rico highway program, $4,200,000 is for the territorial highway program, $300,000,000 is for the nationally significant federal lands and tribal projects program, and $225,000,000 is for a competitive bridge program. Funding for the nationally significant federal lands and tribal projects program is available until expended, and all other funding is available until September 30, 2021.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Section 120 distributes the federal-aid highways program's obligation limitation.

Section 121 allows funds received by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics from the sale of data products to be credited to the federal-aid highways account.

Section 122 provides requirements for any waiver of Buy America requirements.

Section 123 prohibits funds from being used to provide credit assistance under sections 603 and 604 of title 23, United States Code, unless the Secretary of Transportation notifies the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure at least three days prior to credit application approval.

Section 124 requires 60-day notification to the Committees on Appropriations for any INFRA grants as authorized under 23 U.S.C. 117 provided that such notification shall be made no later than 180 days from the date of enactment of this Act.

Section 125 requires the reinstatement of the Clearview font.

Section 126 allows state DOTs to repurpose certain highway project funding to be used within 50 miles of its original designation.

Section 127 adds a truck weight exemption for certain highways in North Dakota.

Section 128 amends an existing high priority corridor on the national highway system.

Section 129 allows the Secretary to remove outdated restrictions on the use of excess toll revenues for certain highways in order to make them consistent with 23 U.S.C. 129.

Section 129A makes a technical correction to an existing truck weight exemption for New Hampshire.

FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

The agreement includes a liquidation of contract authorization and a limitation on obligations of $283,000,000 for the operations and programs of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Of this limitation, $9,073,000 is for the research and technology program and $34,824,000 is for information management to remain available for obligation until September 30, 2020.

Bus and lease interchange rule.—The FMCSA is directed to modify or remove the final rule concerning the lease and interchange of passenger carrying motor vehicles no later than December 1, 2018.

Regulatory compliance burdens on small carriers.—The Department is not required to deliver a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on whether an implementation and enforcement delay of the electronic logging device rule would be appropriate.

Information management.—The Secretary is not directed to hold 50 percent of the allotment of funding for the FMCSA Office of the Chief Information Officer, but the FMCSA Administrator shall submit an information technology capital investment plan that meets the requirements described in Senate Report 115–138 and deliver that plan to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by May 31, 2018.

Heavy vehicle speed limiters.—The agreement does not include a prohibition on finalizing the proposed rule on Speed Limiting Devices and does not direct the FMCSA and NHTSA to fully and expeditiously address all public comments on the August 26, 2016, joint proposed rule requiring speed limiter devices.

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY GRANTS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement provides a liquidating cash appropriation of $374,800,000 and a limitation on obligations of $561,800,000 for motor carrier safety grants, of which $87,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2022, and $474,800,000 shall remain available until expended. The agreement allocates the total grant funding as follows:

Program	Funding
Motor carrier safety assistance program	$298,900,000
Commercial driver's license program implementation program	31,800,000
High priority activities program	43,100,000
Commercial motor vehicle operators grant program	1,000,000
Highly automated vehicle research and development	100,000,000
Border facility modernization and maintenance	87,000,000

Highly automated vehicle research and development program.—The agreement provides $100,000,000, to remain available until expended, for a highly automated vehicle research and development program to fund planning, direct research, and demonstration grants for highly autonomous vehicle (HAV) technologies and advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS). The agreement does not include directives included in House Report 115–237 under the paragraph entitled ''Highly automated commercial vehicle research and development program'' and instead replaces those directives with those contained herein.

Of the total amount provided, up to $500,000 shall be available to the Secretary to develop a comprehensive plan to better manage departmental initiatives related to automated vehicles in response to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) recommendation for executive action included in the November 2017 report (GAO–18–132) within 90 days of enactment of this Act. The Secretary is directed to specify within this plan goals, priorities, steps to achieve results, milestones, and performance measures to track progress.

Of the total amount provided, not less than $38,000,000 shall be used for direct research, including administrative expenses, on HAV and ADAS technologies by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration, of which no more than $5,000,000 shall be for ADAS research. For the purposes of the agreement, HAV refers to technologies capable of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Level 3, Level 4, or Level 5 automation, whereas ADAS refers to technologies capable of Level 1 or Level 2.

Prior to obligating funds provided in the above paragraph and within 120 days of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop a holistic HAV/ADAS research spend plan that advances DOT's understanding of HAV and ADAS technologies to the benefit of both commercial motor vehicle and light duty vehicle safety and is consistent with the comprehensive plan developed pursuant to GAO's recommendation. The research should leverage the expertise of the private sector to identify methods and criteria for measuring the cyber security assurance levels deployed in autonomous vehicles. The Secretary is expected to prioritize research topics that fill gaps in research being conducted by the private sector, have the strongest potential to advance the safe deployment of HAV and ADAS technologies, and deliver the highest net benefits to road safety. The research spend plan shall identify research topics and goals, estimated

costs per topic, estimated time of completion for each goal, the lead modal administration for each topic, as well as roles and responsibilities of any supporting modal administrations. The Secretary is directed to certify in the spend plan that all funded activities shall be coordinated with ongoing research funded across the Department and shall supplement and not supplant ongoing AV and ADAS research including NHTSA's vehicle safety and connected vehicle research programs.

Of the total amount provided, not less than $60,000,000 shall be used for grants and cooperative agreements to fund demonstration projects that test the feasibility and safety of HAV and ADAS deployments, as well as necessary administrative expenses. The Secretary is directed to solicit applications within 180 days of enactment of this Act and to make funding awards within one year of enactment of this Act. The Secretary is directed to include state, local, and tribal governments, transit agencies and authorities, metropolitan planning organizations, other subdivisions of state or local governments, or a multijurisdictional group thereof, including entities designated as automated vehicle proving grounds, as eligible applicants. The Secretary may also include academic institutions or research institutions as eligible, but shall not award funds to private companies. The Department is expected to include as eligible activities the following: technologies associated with autonomous vehicles and other collision avoidance technologies, including systems using cellular technology; advanced safety systems, including vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communications; advanced mobility and access technologies, such as dynamic ridesharing and information systems to support human services for elderly and disabled individuals; dynamic road network mapping; roadway marking and signage; community education and outreach; and transportation data collection and analysis. In reviewing applications and making funding awards, the Secretary is directed to award no more than $10,000,000 to a single grantee, no more than $15,000,000 to grantees within a single state, and not less than $20,000,000 to entities designated as automated vehicle proving grounds. The Secretary is directed to select projects that serve a variety of communities, including urban, suburban, and rural environments, and that serve a variety of transportation markets including freight, personal mobility, and mass transit. The Secretary is directed to prioritize projects that test applications with the greatest potential to serve transportation-challenged populations, including the elderly and individuals with disabilities. For all funded projects, the Secretary is expected to require grantees to gather and share relevant data with the Department, subject to appropriate protections for confidential business information, to aid DOT research efforts, and to inform future policies and standards.

Of the total amount provided, up to $1,500,000 shall be for the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the impact ADAS and HAV technologies on drivers and operators of commercial motor vehicles, including labor displacement, within one year of enactment of this Act. The analysis shall include stakeholder outreach and examine: (1) reduced situational awareness caused by the operation of these vehicles and options for mitigating such safety risks; (2) visibility, mobility, and safety issues of platooning; and (3) minimum and recommended training requirements. The analysis should also examine labor displacement from the deployment of HAV and ADAS technologies, including: (1) the potential pace of job loss; (2) segments of motor carrier and passenger transportation that could be affected; (3) existing labor market programs that link workers to employment; and (4) recommendations for new public or private sector job training opportunities. The analysis shall not impede or delay any ongoing studies at the Department related to automated vehicles.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Section 130 subjects funds appropriated in this Act to the terms and conditions of section 350 of Public Law 107–87 and section 6901 of Public Law 110–28.

Section 131 requires FMCSA to send notice of 49 CFR section 385.308 violations by certified mail, registered mail, or some other manner of delivery which records receipt of the notice by the persons responsible for the violations.

Section 132 prohibits funds from being used to enforce the electronic logging device rule with respect to carriers transporting livestock or insects.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH

The agreement provides $189,075,000 from the general fund for operations and research. Of this amount, $40,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2019.

In addition to salaries and expenses, the agreement provides $24,545,000 in Rulemaking program funding, of which not less than $15,000,000 is for the new car assessment program, $32,154,000 is for enforcement program funding, of which not less than $20,000,000 is for the Office of Defects Investigation, and $48,866,000 is for research and analysis programs, of which not less than $15,000,000 is for vehicle electronics and emerging technologies, which includes research of automated vehicle technologies.

The agreement fully funds Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing increases consistent with prior year appropriations and the program increases provided herein and does not prohibit the addition of FTE above those provided in previous fiscal years.

OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

The agreement provides a liquidating cash appropriation and an obligation limitation of $149,000,000, to remain available until expended, which reflects the authorized level of contract authority. Of the total, $143,700,000 is provided for the programs authorized under 23 U.S.C. 403, and $5,300,000 is for the national driver register. Of the total amount provided under this heading, $20,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2019, and shall be in addition to any limitation imposed on obligations in future fiscal years. Consistent with the FAST Act, the agreement includes $5,494,000 for in-vehicle alcohol detection device research. The agreement does not include up to $6,500,000 for a high visibility enforcement paid-media campaign in the area of highway-rail grade crossing safety under this heading and instead funds this activity with an additional appropriation from the general fund.

Additional highway safety funding.—The agreement provides $11,500,000 in additional highway safety funding from the general fund under Section 144 of this Act. Of this amount $6,500,000 shall be used to support a high visibility enforcement paid-media campaign in the area of highway-rail grade crossing safety. The Committee directs NHTSA to coordinate these resources with the media and other highway safety campaigns, and to work collaboratively with the Federal Railroad Administration on the campaign's message development.

The remaining $5,000,000 shall be available for grants, pilot program activities, and other innovative solutions to reduce impaired-driving fatalities, including efforts to expand awareness and use of Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training. Such activities shall be in collaboration with appropriate State and local governments and law enforcement organizations.

The agreement fully funds Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing increases consistent with prior year appropriations and the program increases provided herein and does not prohibit the addition of FTE above those provided in previous fiscal years.

Automated vehicle exemptions to vehicle standards.—The Department is not directed to grant or deny 49 CFR Part 555 exemption requests within 60 days. However, the Department is directed to implement a streamlined application process for 49 CFR Part 555 exemption requests and to grant or deny a request for exemption as expeditiously as possible.

Impaired driving study.—The Department is directed to perform a pilot, within existing resources and in partnership with one or more qualified universities, to examine behavioral factors that influence a driver's willingness to drive while impaired rather than a national study as directed in Senate Report 115–138. The pilot shall be conducted to inform whether or not a national study would be useful in determining if traffic safety behavior and culture can be analyzed to predict the intention to drive impaired. Analyses from this pilot study may be used in conjunction with other studies to assist existing safety programs in achieving a sustainable reduction in impaired driving.

HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

The agreement provides a liquidating cash appropriation and an obligation limitation of $597,629,000 for highway traffic safety grants, to remain available until expended. The agreement allocates funding as follows:

Highway safety programs (section 402)	$261,200,000
National priority safety programs (section 405)	280,200,000
High visibility enforcement program (section 404)	29,900,000
Administrative expenses	26,329,000
Total:	$597,629,000

Consistent with the FAST Act, the agreement includes $5,494,000 for in-vehicle alcohol detection device research within the highway safety programs funded under the operations and research heading. The agreement does not include additional funding for this research as a set-aside within highway traffic safety grants.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Section 140 provides funding for travel and related expenses for state management reviews and highway safety core competency development training.

Section 141 exempts obligation authority made available in previous public laws from the obligation limitations set for the current year.

Section 142 prohibits the use of funds in the Act for the National Roadside Survey.

Section 143 prohibits funds from being used to mandate global positioning systems in

private vehicles without consideration of privacy concerns.

Section 144 provides additional funding for highway safety programs.

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

SAFETY AND OPERATIONS

The agreement provides $221,698,000 for safety and operations of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). Of the funds provided, $15,900,000 is available until expended, and up to $350,000 is available for the Secretary to assist Class II and Class III railroads to prepare and apply for Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program (RRIF) direct loans. The agreement fully funds every previously provided full-time equivalent position and does not provide for new positions in fiscal year 2018.

The agreement funds the following priorities:

Safe transportation of energy products	$2,000,000
Automated track inspection program	16,500,000
Railroad safety information system and front end interface	4,800,000
Positive train control	10,000,000
Confidential close call program	3,500,000
National bridge system inventory update and model modification	600,000

The agreement directs FRA to explore ways to increase participation in the confidential close call reporting system and develop a solution that allows the private sector to contribute financially to the program. FRA is directed to provide a summary report on the previous direction to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 120 days of enactment of this Act.

RAILROAD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The agreement provides $40,600,000, to remain available until expended, for railroad research and development. The agreement supports $2,500,000 to improve safety practices and training for Class II and Class III freight railroads; $2,000,000 for tank car research related to the safe transportation of energy products in partnership with other Federal agencies; and $1,000,000 for research with universities on intelligent railroad systems.

RAILROAD REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT FINANCING PROGRAM

The agreement authorizes the Secretary to issue direct loans and loan guarantees pursuant to sections 501 through 504 of P.L. 94–210, and provides $25,000,000 for the cost of such credit instruments. The agreement directs the Secretary, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, to define and create loan cohorts on a fiscal year basis within 120 days of enactment of this Act. Within 180 days of enactment of this Act, the Secretary is required to repay the credit risk premium (CRP) plus interest for all loans in cohorts with satisfied obligations. For cohorts with outstanding obligations, the Secretary is required to repay the CRP plus interest within 60 days after all obligations in the cohort are satisfied.

FEDERAL-STATE PARTNERSHIP FOR STATE OF GOOD REPAIR

The agreement provides $250,000,000, to remain available until expended, for grants authorized by section 24911 of title 49, United States Code, and allows the Secretary to withhold up to one percent for project management and oversight of these grants. In addition, the agreement clarifies that an otherwise eligible project on the Northeast Corridor may receive a grant if the entities at the project locations have valid cost allocation agreements with Amtrak pursuant to section 24905(c)(2) title 49 U.S.C.

The Agreement does not direct FRA to give preference to projects with completed environmental and design work or for critical at-risk projects.

CONSOLIDATED RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

The agreement provides $592,547,000, to remain available until expended, for consolidated rail infrastructure and safety improvements grants. Of this amount, $35,500,000 is for projects eligible under section 24407(c)(2) of title 49 U.S.C. that contribute to the initiation or restoration of intercity passenger rail service; and $250,000,000 is for Positive Train Control (PTC) deployment grants pursuant to section 24407(c)(1). In addition, the agreement expands PTC deployment grant eligibility to include commuter rail lines and allows the Secretary to transfer funds, after selection, to the appropriate agency. The agreement allows applications for multiple phases of a project in the same application. The agreement allows the Secretary to withhold up to one percent for project management and oversight of these grants.

RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT

The agreement provides a total of $20,000,000, to remain available until expended, for restoration and enhancement grants authorized by section 24408 of title 49 U.S.C. The agreement allows the Secretary to withhold up to one percent for project management and oversight of these grants.

NORTHEAST CORRIDOR GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

The agreement provides $650,000,000 for the Secretary to make grants for activities associated with the Northeast Corridor (NEC), defined as the main line between Boston, Massachusetts, and the District of Columbia, and the facilities and services used to operate and maintain that line. Amtrak projects a fiscal year 2018 NEC net operating profit of $403,500,000, yielding a total funding level of $1,053,500,000 for the NEC.

The agreement allows the Secretary to retain up to one-half of one percent of the total provided to Amtrak for project management and oversight costs and requires not less than $50,000,000 to bring Amtrak-served facilities and stations into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The agreement also allows up to $5,000,000 of the NEC grants to fund the NEC Commission expenses.

The Agreement does not include language from the Senate Report 115–138 and does not include the directive from House Report 115–237 requiring the FRA to first give preference to eligible projects that have complete environmental impact statements and final design or that address major critical assets which have conditions that pose a substantial risk now or in the future to the reliability of train service before considering other factors.

NATIONAL NETWORK GRANTS TO THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

The agreement provides $1,291,600,000 for the Secretary to make grants for activities associated with the National Network. National Network Grants provide operating and capital funding for expenses on Amtrak's entire network, including long-distance routes that operate on the NEC. Of this amount, the Secretary may retain up to an additional $2,000,000 to fund expenses associated with the state-supported route committee, up to $5,000,000 may be used for costs associated with matters Amtrak brings before the Surface Transportation Board related to passenger rail service, and a minimum of $50,000,000 shall be for railroad safety technologies on state-supported routes that are not required to install PTC.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

Section 150 limits overtime to $35,000 per employee. The agreement allows Amtrak's president to waive this restriction for specific employees for safety or operational efficiency reasons. Amtrak's president is required to delineate the reasons for granting such waiver, provide quarterly reports within 30 days of the quarter's end on cap waivers granted, and amounts paid above the cap for each month. The agreement also requires Amtrak's president to provide an annual report 60 days after enactment of this Act that summarizes Amtrak's total overtime expenses incurred by the corporation in 2017 and the three prior years, and the number of employees receiving overtime cap waivers and total overtime payments resulting from waivers by month of the 2017 calendar year and the three prior calendar years.

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The agreement provides $113,165,000 for administrative expenses.

TRANSIT FORMULA GRANTS

(LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION)

(LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS)

(HIGHWAY TRUST FUND)

The agreement limits obligations from the Mass Transit Account for transit formula grants to $9,733,353,407, as authorized by the FAST Act. Funds are to be distributed as authorized. Further, the agreement provides $10,300,000,000 for the liquidation of contract authority.

TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

The agreement provides an additional $834,000,000 in transit infrastructure grants to remain available until expended. Of the funds provided, $400,000,000 is available for buses and bus facilities grants authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5339, of which $209,104,000 is provided for formula grants, $161,446,000 is provided for competitive grants, and $29,450,000 is provided for low or no emission grants. In addition, $400,000,000 is available for state of good repair grants authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5337, $30,000,000 is provided for high density state apportionments authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5340(d), $2,000,000 is provided for the bus testing facility authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5318, and $2,000,000 is provided for bus testing facilities authorized under 49 U.S.C. 5312(h). The agreement provides funding from the general fund, and the funding is not subject to any limitation on obligations.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING

The agreement provides $5,000,000 for research activities under 49 U.S.C. 5314.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS

The agreement provides $2,644,960,000 for fixed-guideway projects, to remain available until September 30, 2021, and directs the Secretary to administer the capital investment grants program in accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5309 and move projects through the program from initial application to construction. The agreement directs the FTA to use $5,050,000 from unobligated amounts for fixed-guideway projects. Of the funds provided, $1,506,910,000 is available for projects authorized under 5309(d), $715,700,000 is available for projects authorized under 5309(e), $400,900,000 is for projects authorized under 5309(h), and $26,500,010 is available for oversight activities. The agreement directs the Secretary to obligate $2,252,508,586 of the amount provided for the capital investment grants program by December 31, 2019. The agreement directs the Secretary to provide updated project ratings expeditiously at the request of the project sponsor.

GRANTS TO THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

The agreement provides $150,000,000 to carry out section 601 of division B of Public

Law 110–432, to remain available until expended. The agreement no longer requires the Secretary to certify that WMATA is making progress toward full implementation of the corrective actions identified in the 2014 Financial Management Oversight review as WMATA has addressed all findings associated with improper financial management.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Section 160 exempts previously made transit obligations from limitations on obligations.

Section 161 allows for the transfer of appropriations made prior to October 1, 2017 from older accounts to be merged into new accounts with similar current activities.

Section 162 prohibits funds in this Act from being used to advance a specific transit line in Harris County, Texas without the results of a local election.

Section 163 prohibits funds to enter into an FFGA for a project with a New Starts share greater than 51 percent.

SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

(HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND)

The agreement provides $40,000,000 for operations, maintenance, and the capital asset renewal program, of which not less than $19,500,000 is provided for asset renewal program activities and shall remain available until September 30, 2020. The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) is directed to submit an annual report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on its asset renewal program activities by April 30, 2018. The agreement limits funding for new studies and reports for SLSDC to those studies listed in the fiscal year 2018 budget estimates.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

MARITIME SECURITY PROGRAM

The agreement provides the authorized level of $300,000,000 for the maritime security program. Funds are available until expended.

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

The agreement provides a total of $513,642,000 for the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) operations and training account.

For the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), the bill provides a total of $121,000,000. Of the funds provided, $69,000,000 is for Academy operations, including funds for an attorney for sexual assault and harassment legal advice; $45,000,000 is for the capital improvement program; and $7,000,000 is for maintenance, repairs, and equipment. The agreement directs MARAD to utilize the resources provided to fully meet the staffing, support, and training needs at the Academy to address the prevention of sexual assault and sexual harassment.

The agreement provides a total of $332,200,000 for the state maritime academies, of which $6,000,000 is for direct payments; $2,400,000 is for student incentive payments; $22,000,000 is for schoolship maintenance and repair; $1,800,000 is for fuel assistance; and $300,000,000 is for design and construction of a new common schoolship for the National Security Multi-Mission Vessel Program (NSMVP). The agreement also allows prior year NSMVP design funds to be available for construction purposes.

Finally, the agreement provides a total of $60,442,000 for MARAD headquarters, regional offices, and maritime program expenses. Of the funds provided, up to $1,000,000 is for contract support and/or additional personnel to administer, manage, and oversee the NSMVP new construction contract; $3,000,000 is for the maritime environmental and technical assistance program, as authorized by 46 U.S.C. 50307; and $7,000,000 is for the short sea transportation program, authorized by 46 U.S.C 55601(b)(1) and (3).

The agreement requires MARAD to submit the biennial survey and report on sexual assault and sexual harassment at the Academy, as required pursuant to section 3507 of P.L. 110–418, to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations no later than January 12, 2019.

ASSISTANCE TO SMALL SHIPYARDS

The agreement provides $20,000,000 for the small shipyard grant program, to remain available until expended.

SHIP DISPOSAL

The agreement provides $116,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the ship disposal program. Of the total, $6,000,000 is for the disposal of four National Defense Reserve Fleet vessels, and $110,000,000 is for the storage, maintenance, and final decommissioning of the NS Savannah.

MARITIME GUARANTEED LOAN (TITLE XI) PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement provides a total of $30,000,000 for the Title XI program for the cost of guaranteed loans. Of the total, $3,000,000 is available for administrative expenses and shall be transferred to MARAD's operations and training account for administrative expenses.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Section 170 authorizes MARAD to furnish utilities and services and to make necessary repairs in connection with any lease, contract, or occupancy involving government property under control of MARAD and allows payments received to be credited to the Treasury and to remain available until expended.

Section 171 prohibits a fee-for-service contract for vessel disposal, scrapping, or recycling unless a qualified domestic ship recycler will not pay for the vessel.

PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

The agreement provides $23,000,000 for necessary operational expenses. Within this amount, the agreement includes $1,500,000 for ''Pipeline Safety Information Grants to Communities,'' as authorized under section 60130 of title 49, United States Code.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY

The agreement provides $59,000,000 for the agency's hazardous materials safety functions. Of this amount, $7,570,000 is available until September 30, 2020, and $800,000 in fees collected under 49 U.S.C. 5108(g) shall be deposited in the general fund as offsetting receipts. Funds made available until September 30, 2020, are for long-term research and development contracts.

PIPELINE SAFETY

(PIPELINE SAFETY FUND)

(OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND)

The agreement provides $162,000,000 for pipeline safety. Of that amount, $23,000,000 is derived from the oil spill liability trust fund, to remain available until September 30, 2020; $131,000,000 is derived from the pipeline safety fund, of which $64,736,000 is available until September 30, 2020; and $8,000,000 is derived from the underground natural gas storage facility safety account of the pipeline safety fund, to remain available until September 30, 2020. Of the total amount, not less than $1,058,000 shall be for the one-call state grant program.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANTS

(EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND)

The agreement provides an obligation limitation of $28,318,000 for emergency preparedness grants. Further, the amount of funding provided under this account that is available for administrative costs is increased from two percent to four percent.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement provides $92,152,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of Inspector General.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Section 180 provides authorization for DOT to maintain and operate aircraft, hire passenger motor vehicles and aircraft, purchase liability insurance, buy uniforms, or allowances therefor.

Section 181 limits appropriations for services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109 to the rate permitted for an Executive Level IV.

Section 182 prohibits recipients of funds from disseminating personal information obtained by state DMVs in connection to motor vehicle records, with an exception.

Section 183 prohibits the use of funds for salaries and expenses of more than 110 political and Presidential appointees in the Department of Transportation.

Section 184 stipulates that revenue collected by FHWA and FRA from States, counties, municipalities, other public authorities, and private sources for training be transferred into specific accounts within the agency, with an exception.

Section 185 prohibits DOT from using funds to make a grant, loan, loan guarantee, or cooperative agreement, unless DOT gives a 3 day advance notice to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. The provision also requires notice of any ''quick release'' of funds from FHWA's emergency relief program and prohibits notifications from involving funds not available for obligation. The provision requires DOT to provide a comprehensive list of all loans, loan guarantees, lines of credit, cooperative agreements, and discretionary grants that will be announced with a 3 day advance notice to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

Section 186 allows funds received from rebates, refunds, and similar sources to be credited to appropriations of DOT.

Section 187 allows amounts from improper payments to a third party contractor that are lawfully recovered by DOT to be made available until expended to cover expenses incurred in recovery of such payments.

Section 188 requires that reprogramming actions have to be approved or denied by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, and reprogramming notifications shall be transmitted solely to the Appropriations Committees.

Section 189 allows funds appropriated to modal administrations to be obligated for the Office of the Secretary for costs related to assessments only when such funds provide a direct benefit to that modal administration.

Section 190 authorizes the Secretary to carry out a program that establishes uniform standards for developing and supporting agency transit pass and transit benefits, including distribution of transit benefits.

Section 191 allows the use of funds to assist a contract utilizing geographic, economic, or other hiring preference not otherwise authorized by law, only if certain requirements are met related to availability of local labor, displacement of existing employees, and delays in transportation plans.

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

The agreement directs the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to refer all appropriations law issues to the Office of Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) appropriations attorneys. The agreement also directs the Department to allow other offices to participate in technical assistance between the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and the OCFO appropriations attorneys only at the invitation of those Committees.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

The agreement includes $14,708,000 for the salaries and expenses for Executive Offices, which shall be comprised of seven offices including the Offices of the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Adjudicatory Services, Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Public Affairs, and Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, as well as the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. The agreement includes a provision limiting official reception and representation expenses to no more than $19,876.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICES

The agreement provides $518,303,000 for Administrative Support Offices. Funds are provided as follows:

Office of the Chief Financial Officer	$52,200,000
Office of the General Counsel	95,400,000
Office of Administration	204,253,000
Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer	39,300,000
Office of Field Policy and Management	53,500,000
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer	19,500,000
Office of Departmental Equal Employment Opportunity	3,800,000
Office of Strategic Planning and Management	4,950,000
Office of the Chief Information Officer	45,400,000
Total	$518,303,000

The agreement no longer caps the staffing level of the OCFO Office of the Budget to the level of staff on board on September 30, 2017. The agreement amends Senate Report 115–138 by directing the Department to prioritize the hiring of additional staff for the OCFO Office of Accounting. The agreement neither authorizes the creation of an Office of Chief Operations Officer, nor allows for the Secretary to transfer any funds from the proposed office into the ''Information Technology Fund.'' The agreement requires the Secretary to submit organizational charts within 30 days of enactment of this Act that reflect the Department's and each office's structure (to the branch level) on October 1, 2017 and on the date of enactment of this Act. The agreement notes that the Department received a failing grade on the most recent Biannual FITARA Scorecard for software licensing and directs the Department to prioritize improving its management of software licenses, including inventory and usage analysis.

PROGRAM OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

The agreement provides $216,633,000 for the salaries and expenses for the Office of Public and Indian Housing.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The agreement provides $107,554,000 for the salaries and expenses for the Office of Community Planning and Development. The agreement amends the hiring directive contained in Senate Report 115–138 to clarify that regional and field office hiring should be prioritized to support the closeout of open audits and backlog of open grants, particularly as it relates to disaster recovery grants, before hiring personnel in other areas, unless such staff are identified as backfilling mission-critical positions.

HOUSING

The agreement provides $383,000,000 for the salaries and expenses for the Office of Housing. The agreement no longer directs the Department to perform the activities carried out in prior years by the performance-based contract administrators within the Office.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

The agreement provides $24,065,000 for the salaries and expenses for the Office of Policy Development and Research.

FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The agreement provides $69,808,000 for the salaries and expenses for the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY HOMES

The agreement provides $7,600,000 for the salaries and expenses for the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement provides the Secretary with the authority to transfer amounts provided in this title for salaries and expenses, except those for the Office of Inspector General, to this account for the purpose of funding certain centralized activities.

PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

The agreement provides $22,015,000,000 for all tenant-based Section 8 activities under the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance account. Language is included designating funds provided as follows:

Activity	Agreement
Voucher Renewals	$19,600,000,000
Tenant Protection Vouchers	85,000,000
Administrative Fees	1,760,000,000
Section 811 Vouchers	505,000,000
Tribal HUD-VASH Renewals	5,000,000
HUD-VASH Incremental Vouchers	40,000,000
Family Unification Program Vouchers	20,000,000

The agreement includes a provision requiring the notification of obligations to Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), including the tenant protection voucher notice, within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

The agreement includes language that allows the Secretary to consider PHAs' net restricted assets balances when determining allocations.

The agreement does not include funding for public housing information technology modernization projects or the authority to transfer amounts to the Public Housing Capital Fund for this purpose.

HOUSING CERTIFICATE FUND

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

The agreement includes language allowing unobligated balances in the Housing Certificate Fund to be used for the renewal of or amendments to section 8 project-based contracts and for performance-based contract administrators.

PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL FUND

The agreement provides $2,750,000,000, of which up to $8,300,000 is for public housing financial and physical assessment activities; up to $1,000,000 is for administrative and judicial receiverships; not to exceed $21,500,000 for emergency capital needs, of which not less than $5,000,000 is for safety and security measures; up to $35,000,000 for the Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency program; and $15,000,000 for the Jobs-Plus Pilot Initiative.

Public Housing Mortgage Program.—The agreement excludes the directive contained in House Report 115–237 for HUD to create a research advisory committee on the public housing mortgage program and to provide quarterly reports to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the same subject. Instead, the Department is directed to provide a single report within 180 days of enactment of this Act on policy and regulatory changes that would allow for increased use of the public housing mortgage program.

PUBLIC HOUSING OPERATING FUND

The agreement provides $4,550,000,000 for the Public Housing Operating Fund.

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

The agreement provides $150,000,000 for the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative. The agreement includes language requiring that at least $75,000,000 be made available to PHAs and provides up to $5,000,000 for grants to fund comprehensive local implementation plans with community notice and input. The agreement requires the Department to issue the notice of funding availability (NOFA) within 60 days of enactment and to issue awards within 270 days of enactment of this Act.

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY

The agreement provides $75,000,000 for the Family Self-Sufficiency program to support service coordinators who serve residents in both the public housing and Section 8 voucher programs.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The agreement provides $755,000,000 for the Native American Housing Block Grant program. Of the total amount, $100,000,000 is provided for competitive grants to remain available until September 30, 2022. The remaining $655,000,000 is for the formula funding program and shall remain available until September 30, 2022. Of this amount, $7,000,000 is set aside for inspections, contracting expertise, training, and technical assistance related to funding provided for the needs of Native Americans, including no less than $2,000,000 to be awarded to a national organization as authorized by section 703 of Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), and $2,000,000 is for the cost of guaranteed loans as authorized by title VI of NAHASDA provided that the principal amount is no greater than $17,391,304.

The agreement does not include a provision limiting the amount of funding a tribe can receive, and therefore the Department is not directed to collect data on the impact of such provision.

INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The agreement provides $1,000,000, to remain available until expended, to subsidize a total loan level of up to $270,270,270.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT

The agreement provides $2,000,000 for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program, to remain available until September 30, 2022.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

The agreement provides $375,000,000 for the housing opportunities for persons with AIDS program, to remain available until September 30, 2019, except for amounts allocated pursuant to 854(c)(5) of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act, which shall remain available until September 30, 2020.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The agreement provides $3,365,000,000 for the community development fund, to remain available until September 30, 2020. Of the total, the agreement provides $3,300,000,000 in formula funding and $65,000,000 for Indian

tribes, of which up to $4,000,000 is available for imminent health and safety emergencies.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN GUARANTEES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The agreement does not provide a credit subsidy for this program, but instead provides the authority to collect fees from borrowers adequate to result in a subsidy cost of zero. The agreement also provides an aggregate limitation on commitments of no more than $300,000,000 for loan guarantees under section 108.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

The agreement provides $1,362,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2021, for the home investment partnerships program.

SELF-HELP AND ASSISTED HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

The agreement provides a total of $54,000,000 for this account, of which $50,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2020, in the following amounts and for the following purposes: $10,000,000 for the self-help homeownership opportunity program; $35,000,000 for the second, third, and fourth capacity building activities authorized under section 4(a) of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993, of which not less than $5,000,000 shall be for rural capacity building activities; and $5,000,000 for capacity building activities by national organizations with expertise in rural housing development. The remaining $4,000,000 shall remain available until expended for a program to rehabilitate and modify homes of disabled or low-income veterans as authorized under section 1079 of Public Law 113–291. The agreement directs HUD to publish a NOFA for the Home Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program for Disabled or Low-Income Veterans within 30 days of enactment of this Act and to award funds provided for this program in fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018 within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

The agreement provides $2,513,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020, for homeless assistance grants. Of the amount provided, not less than $270,000,000 shall be for the emergency solutions grants program; not less than $2,106,000,000 shall be for the continuum of care and rural housing stability assistance programs; up to $50,000,000 shall be for rapid re-housing projects and supportive service projects providing coordinated entry and for eligible activities that are critical in order to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; up to $7,000,000 shall be for the national homeless data analysis project; and up to $80,000,000 shall be for projects in up to 25 communities, including up to 8 rural communities, to demonstrate how a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth can reduce youth homelessness, of which up to $5,000,000 shall be for technical assistance on youth homelessness, and the collection, analysis, and reporting of data and performance measures under the comprehensive approaches to serve homeless youth.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

The agreement provides $11,115,000,000 for project-based rental assistance activities, of which not to exceed $285,000,000 is for performance-based contract administrators (PBCA). The agreement also provides an additional advance appropriation of $400,000,000, to be made available on October 1, 2018. The agreement allows for the Secretary to use project funds held in residual receipt accounts, unobligated balances, including recaptures, and carryover for program activities.

Troubled properties report.—The agreement directs the Department to provide quarterly reports to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on projects with deficient and or unsatisfactory scores within the past 36 months and the Department's plans to remedy those deficiencies. The agreement does not impose any monetary penalties on the Department for failing to meet reporting deadlines; however, the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations expect the Department to comply with the reporting deadlines herein.

Performance-based contract administrators (PBCAs).—The agreement notes that PBCA services are integral to the Department's efforts to provide effective and efficient oversight and monitoring of this program, reduce improper payments, protect tenants, and ensure that properties are well maintained. In December 2017, the Department issued two solicitations, numbered 86546A18R00001 and 86546A18R00002, to procure PBCA services on a competitive basis. Due to the overwhelming critical responses from industry and stakeholders, the Department chose to cancel these solicitations, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations find such action appropriate. In keeping with the Administration's direction, the agreement supports the cancellation of these solicitations for the remainder of the fiscal year. In addition, the agreement directs the Department to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 90 days of enactment of this Act on the staffing and funding requirements in the Office of Multifamily Housing Programs and the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer that would be necessary to undertake and oversee a state-by-state contracting methodology, as compared to the cancelled proposals.

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

The agreement provides $678,000,000 for the Section 202 program, to remain available until September 30, 2021, of which $105,000,000 shall be for new capital advances and project-based rental assistance contracts, and up to $90,000,000 shall be for service coordinators and the continuation of existing congregate service grants. The appropriation, plus carryover balances and residual receipts, fully funds all renewals, amendments, and property inspections related to project-based rental assistance contracts, senior preservation rental assistance contracts, service coordinators, and existing congregate service grants.

HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The agreement provides $229,600,000 for the Section 811 program to remain available until September 30, 2021. The appropriation, plus carryover balances and residual receipts, fully funds all project-based rental assistance contract amendments and renewals. The agreement includes $82,600,000 for new capital advance and project rental assistance awards and directs HUD to prioritize the creation of new unit configurations that help localities comply with the obligations of Olmstead v. LC, 527 U.S. 581 (1999).

HOUSING COUNSELING ASSISTANCE

The agreement provides $55,000,000 for housing counseling assistance, including up to $4,500,000 for administrative contract services, to remain available until September 30, 2019. The agreement requires the Secretary to award grants within 180 days of enactment of this Act and allows for the Secretary to enter into multiyear grant agreements, subject to the availability of annual appropriations.

RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE

The agreement provides $14,000,000 for the rental housing assistance program and allows for the Department to use funds, including unobligated balances and recaptured amounts, for one-year contract extensions.

PAYMENT TO MANUFACTURED HOUSING FEES TRUST FUND

The agreement provides $11,000,000 for the manufactured housing standards programs, of which $11,000,000 is to be derived from fees collected and deposited in the Manufactured Housing Fees Trust Fund. The agreement directs that not less than $3,600,000 is for payments to State Administrative Agency partners and not less than $4,000,000 is for the monitoring of manufacturers' compliance with construction and safety standards by third party inspection agencies. The Department has issued a final rule, interpretive bulletin, and memorandum regarding the on-site completion of construction of manufactured homes cited in section 424 of H.R. 3354 that has caused concern among various stakeholders. The agreement directs the Department to review such rule, interpretive bulletin, and memorandum, and develop a solution that ensures the safety of consumers and minimizes costs and burdensome requirements on manufacturers and consumers. The agreement also directs the Department to explore if state and local planning and permitting agencies should have jurisdiction over on-site completion and to provide a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 120 days of enactment of this Act.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The agreement establishes a limitation of $400,000,000,000 on commitments to guarantee single-family loans during fiscal year 2018, and provides that such commitment authority shall be available until September 30, 2019. The agreement also provides $130,000,000 for administrative contract expenses and provides an additional $1,400 for administrative contract expenses, up to $30,000,000, for each $1,000,000 in additional guaranteed loan commitments, if guaranteed loan commitment levels exceed $200,000,000,000 by April 1, 2018. The agreement requires that insurance for new mortgage commitments in fiscal year 2018 under Section 255 of the National Housing Act have a net credit subsidy cost that does not exceed zero. The agreement prohibits FHA from taking adverse actions against lenders in disaster affected areas based solely on compare ratios and negates the reporting requirement included in Senate Report 115–138 related to 24 C.F.R. 203.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL RISK PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The agreement establishes a $30,000,000,000 limitation on multifamily and specialized loan guarantees during fiscal year 2018 and provides that such commitment authority shall be available until September 30, 2019.

GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION

GUARANTEES OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The agreement establishes a limitation of up to $500,000,000,000 for new commitments during fiscal year 2018, which shall be available until September 30, 2019. The agreement also provides $27,000,000 for salaries and expenses for the Government National Mortgage Association during fiscal year 2018. The agreement increases salaries and expenses by $100 for each $1,000,000 in additional guaranteed loan commitments, up to a maximum of $3,000,000, if guaranteed loan commitments exceed $155,000,000,000 by April 1, 2018.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

The agreement provides $89,000,000 for research and technology activities and technical assistance, to remain available until September 30, 2019.

The agreement provides up to $14,000,000 for critical research, demonstrations, and evaluations, including:

- Moving to Work Expansion Demonstration evaluation;
- Choice Neighborhood Implementation study (final phase);
- Family Unification Program and Family Self-Sufficiency evaluation;
- Rental Assistance Demonstration and Choice Mobility evaluation;
- Effectiveness Evaluation of HUD's Resiliency Funding in Response to Natural Disasters;
- Family Self-Sufficiency National evaluation;
- First-Time Homebuyer Education and Counseling; and
- Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Rental Assistance Demonstration's Impact on Tenants, Related Protections, and Long-Term Preservation of Housing Affordability.

The agreement provides not less than $25,000,000 under this heading for technical assistance, of which $3,000,000 is for non-profit or private sector organizations to provide technical assistance to distressed cities or regions.

Further, up to $50,000,000 is provided for core research and technology including: market surveys, research support and dissemination, data acquisition, housing finance studies, research partnerships, and housing technology.

The agreement provides no funding under this heading for the EnVision Center Demonstration.

The agreement encourages the Department to continue using ZIP Code-level data when calculating the most impacted and distressed areas in the community development block grant—disaster recovery program.

FAIR HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

The agreement provides $65,300,000 for fair housing activities, of which $39,600,000 is for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP), $23,900,000 is for the Fair Housing Assistance Program, $1,500,000 is for the National Fair Housing Training Academy, and $300,000 is for translated materials. Of the funds available for FHIP, not less than $7,450,000 is available for education and outreach programs.

OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY HOMES

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION

The agreement provides $230,000,000 for lead hazard control and healthy homes programs. Of the amount provided, $45,000,000 is available for the healthy homes initiative.

The agreement consolidates HUD's two lead hazard reduction funding programs into a single grant program and directs HUD to award not less than $95,000,000 to those jurisdictions with the highest lead-based paint abatement needs. This consolidation will establish a single source of funding for lead hazard reduction grants with a single set of application criteria, which will ease administrative burdens on both the applicants and the Department.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND

The agreement provides $267,000,000 for the Information Technology Fund, of which $250,000,000 is available until September 30, 2019, and $17,000,000 is available until September 30, 2020. The agreement does not include additional funding for the development, modernization, and enhancement of the next generation management system. Instead, the agreement includes $7,000,000 for cyber security improvements and $10,000,000 for disaster grant management.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The agreement provides $128,082,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Office of Inspector General. The agreement does not limit funding for the hiring of any additional personnel.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

(INCLUDING RESCISSION)

Section 201 splits overpayments evenly between the Treasury and State Housing Finance Agencies.

Section 202 prohibits funds from being used to investigate or prosecute lawful activities under the Fair Housing Act.

Section 203 requires any grant or cooperative agreement to be made on a competitive basis, unless otherwise provided, in accordance with Section 102 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989.

Section 204 relates to the availability of funds for services and facilities for GSEs and others subject to the Government Corporation Control Act and the Housing Act of 1950.

Section 205 prohibits the use of funds in excess of the budget estimates, unless provided otherwise.

Section 206 relates to the expenditure of funds for corporations and agencies subject to the Government Corporation Control Act.

Section 207 requires the Secretary to provide quarterly reports on uncommitted, unobligated, recaptured, and excess funds in each departmental program and activity.

Section 208 requires the Administration's budget and HUD's budget justifications for fiscal year 2019 to be submitted in the identical account and sub-account structure provided in this Act.

Section 209 exempts GNMA from certain requirements of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990.

Section 210 authorizes HUD to transfer debt and use agreements from an obsolete project to a viable project, provided that no additional costs are incurred and other conditions are met.

Section 211 sets forth requirements for Section 8 voucher assistance eligibility and includes consideration for persons with disabilities.

Section 212 distributes Native American Housing Block Grants to the same Native Alaskan recipients as in fiscal year 2005.

Section 213 authorizes the Secretary to insure mortgages under Section 255 of the National Housing Act.

Section 214 instructs HUD on managing and disposing of any multifamily property that is owned or held by HUD.

Section 215 allows the Section 108 loan guarantee program to guarantee notes or other obligations issued by any State on behalf of non-entitlement communities in the State.

Section 216 allows PHAs that own and operate 400 or fewer units of public housing to be exempt from asset management requirements.

Section 217 restricts the Secretary from imposing any requirements or guidelines relating to asset management that restrict or limit the use of capital funds for central office costs, up to the limit established in QHWRA.

Section 218 requires that no employee of the Department shall be designated as an allotment holder unless the CFO determines that such employee has received certain training.

Section 219 requires the Secretary to publish all notices of funding availability that are competitively awarded on the internet for fiscal year 2018.

Section 220 requires attorney fees for programmatic litigation to be paid from the individual program office and Office of General Counsel salaries and expenses appropriations, and requires the Department to submit a spend plan to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

Section 221 allows the Secretary to transfer up to 10 percent of funds or $5,000,000, whichever is less, appropriated under the headings ''Administrative Support Offices'' or ''Program Office Salaries and Expenses'' to any other office funded under such headings.

Section 222 requires HUD to take certain actions against owners receiving rental subsidies that do not maintain safe properties.

Section 223 places a salary and bonus limit on public housing agency officials and employees.

Section 224 authorizes HUD to obligate balances previously made available under the heading ''Choice Neighborhoods Initiative'' until September 30, 2018.

Section 225 requires the Secretary to notify the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations at least 3 full business days before grant awards are announced.

Section 226 prohibits funds to be used to require or enforce the Physical Needs Assessment (PNA).

Section 227 prohibits funds for HUD financing of mortgages for properties that have been subject to eminent domain.

Section 228 prohibits the use of funds to terminate the status of a unit of general local government as a metropolitan city with respect to grants under section 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

Section 229 allows funding for research, evaluation, and statistical purposes that is unexpended at the time of completion of the contract, grant, or cooperative agreement to be reobligated for additional research.

Section 230 prohibits funds to be used for financial awards for employees subject to administrative discipline in fiscal years 2017 or 2018.

Section 231 authorizes the Secretary on a limited basis to use funds available under the ''Homeless Assistance Grants'' heading to participate in the multiagency Performance Partnership Pilots program.

Section 232 allows program income as an eligible match for 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 Continuum of Care funds.

Section 233 permits HUD to provide one year transition grants under the continuum of care program with no more than 50 percent of the grant provided for costs of eligible activities of the program component originally funded.

Section 234 prohibits the use of funds to direct a grantee to undertake specific changes to existing zoning laws as part of carrying out the final rule entitled, ''Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing'' or the notice entitled, ''Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Assessment Tool''.

Section 235 prohibits section 218(g) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act from applying with respect to the right of a jurisdiction to draw funds from its HOME Investment Trust Fund that otherwise expired or would expire in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, or 2020.

Section 236 extends the mark to market program to October 1, 2022.

Section 237 modifies the Rental Assistance Demonstration included in Public Law 112–55.

Section 238 prohibits funds from being used to interfere with State and local inspections of public housing units.

Section 239 maintains current Promise Zone designations and agreements.

Section 240 repeals a duplicative provision providing Section 8 voucher flexibility.

TITLE III—RELATED AGENCIES

ACCESS BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement provides $8,190,000 for salaries and expenses.

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement provides $27,490,000 for salaries and expenses, of which not more than $2,000 is available for official reception and representation expenses. Of the funds provided, not less than $480,931 is available for the Office of Inspector General.

NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement provides $23,274,000.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement provides $110,400,000.

NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

PAYMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

The agreement provides $140,000,000, of which $5,000,000 shall be for a multi-family rental housing program. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation is directed to provide at least 3-day advance notice to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations prior to the announcement of any grant exceeding $50,000 that is awarded to a Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation network organization.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The agreement provides $37,100,000 for salaries and expenses. The agreement permits the collection of up to $1,250,000 in user fees to be credited to that appropriation and provides that the general fund appropriation be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the actual amount collected in user fees to result in a final appropriation from the general fund estimated at no more than $35,850,000.

UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

OPERATING EXPENSES

The agreement provides $3,600,000 and extends the authorization of the agency until October 1, 2020.

The agreement does not direct USICH to comply with certain performance requirements included in Senate Report 115–138 for its fiscal year 2019 budget submission. However, the agreement does not discourage USICH from developing such performance goals and metrics in order to measure its progress in accomplishing its mission.

TITLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

Section 401 prohibits the use of funds for the planning or execution of any program to pay the expenses of, or otherwise compensate, non-Federal parties intervening in regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings.

Section 402 prohibits the obligation of funds beyond the current fiscal year and the transfer of funds to other appropriations, unless expressly provided.

Section 403 limits consulting service expenditures through procurement contracts to those contracts contained in the public record, except where otherwise provided under existing law.

Section 404 prohibits funds from being used for certain types of employee training.

Section 405 specifies requirements for the reprogramming of funds and requires agencies to submit a report in order to establish the baseline for the application of reprogramming and transfer authorities.

Section 406 provides that not to exceed fifty percent of unobligated balances for salaries and expenses may remain available until September 30, 2019, for each account for the purposes authorized, subject to the approval of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

Section 407 prohibits the use of funds for any project that seeks to use the power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is employed only for a public use.

Section 408 prohibits funds from being transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the U.S. Government, except where transfer authority is provided in this or any other appropriations Act.

Section 409 prohibits funds from being used to permanently replace an employee intent on returning to his or her past occupation following completion of military service.

Section 410 prohibits funds from being used by an entity unless the expenditure is in compliance with the Buy American Act.

Section 411 prohibits funds from being made available to any person or entity that has been convicted of violating the Buy American Act.

Section 412 prohibits funds from being used for first-class airline accommodations in contravention of sections 301–10.122 and 301–10.123 of title 41 CFR.

Section 413 prohibits funds from being used for the approval of a new foreign air carrier permit or exemption application if that approval would contravene United States law or Article 17 bis of the U.S.-E.U.-Iceland-Norway Air Transport Agreement.

Section 414 restricts the number of employees that agencies may send to international conferences unless such attendance is important to the national interest.

Section 415 caps the amount of fees the Surface Transportation Board can charge or collect for rate or practice complaints filed at the amount authorized for district court civil suit filing fees.

Section 416 prohibits the use of funds to purchase or lease new light-duty vehicles for any executive fleet or fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum-Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011.

Section 417 rescinds all unobligated balances, including recaptures and carryover, from various salaries and expenses accounts.

Section 418 prohibits funds from being used to maintain or establish computer networks unless such networks block the viewing, downloading, or exchange of pornography.

Section 419 prohibits funds from being used to deny an Inspector General timely access to any records, documents, or other materials available to the department or agency over which that Inspector General has responsibilities, or to prevent or impede that Inspector General's access to such records, documents, or other materials.

Section 420 requires the FAA to permit intermittent large cargo air carriers to land in remote areas using a mix of available meteorological weather reports, in place of National Weather Service forecast reports where they do not provide weather coverage.

Section 421 allows states to utilize CMAQ funds for operating assistance on certain State-supported Amtrak routes without a time limitation.

DIVISION L -- TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs Enacted	Final Bill vs Request
TITLE I - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION					
Office of the Secretary					
Salaries and expenses	114,000	111,899	112,813	-1,187	+914
Immediate Office of the Secretary	(2,758)	---	(3,001)	(+243)	(+3,001)
Immediate Office of the Deputy Secretary	(1,040)	---	(1,040)	---	(+1,040)
Office of the General Counsel	(20,772)	---	(20,555)	(-217)	(+20,555)
Office of the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy	(10,033)	---	(10,331)	(+298)	(+10,331)
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs	(14,019)	---	(14,019)	---	(+14,019)
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs	(2,546)	---	(2,546)	---	(+2,546)
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration	(29,356)	---	(29,356)	---	(+29,356)
Office of Public Affairs	(2,142)	---	(2,142)	---	(+2,142)
Office of the Executive Secretariat	(1,760)	---	(1,760)	---	(+1,760)
Office of Intelligence, Security, and Emergency Response	(11,089)	---	(11,318)	(+229)	(+11,318)
Office of the Chief Information Officer	(18,485)	---	(16,745)	(-1,740)	(+16,745)
Research and Technology	13,000	8,465	23,465	+10,465	+15,000
National Infrastructure Investments	500,000	---	1,500,000	+1,000,000	+1,500,000
National Surface Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau	3,000	3,000	3,000	---	---
Financial Management Capital	4,000	3,000	6,000	+2,000	+3,000
Cyber Security Initiatives	15,000	10,000	15,000	---	+5,000

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Office of Civil Rights	9,751	9,500	9,500	-251	---
Transportation Planning, Research, and Development	12,000	8,500	14,000	+2,000	+5,500
Working Capital Fund	(190,389)	(202,245)	(202,245)	(+11,856)	---
Minority Business Resource Center Program	941	500	500	-441	---
(Limitation on guaranteed loans)	(18,367)	---	(18,367)	---	(+18,367)
Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilizaton and Outreach /Minority Business Outreach	4,646	3,999	4,646	---	+647
Payments to Air Carriers (Airport & Airway Trust Fund)	150,000	---	155,000	+5,000	+155,000
Administrative Provisions					
Working Capital Fund (Sec. 104) (reappropriation)	---	12,000	---	---	-12,000
Total, Office of the Secretary	826,338	170,863	1,843,924	+1,017,586	+1,673,061
Federal Aviation Administration					
Operations	10,025,852	9,890,886	10,211,754	+185,902	+320,868
Air traffic organization	(7,559,785)	(7,491,938)	(7,692,786)	(+133,001)	(+200,848)
Aviation safety	(1,298,482)	(1,257,981)	(1,310,000)	(+11,518)	(+52,019)
Commercial space transportation	(19,826)	(17,905)	(22,587)	(+2,761)	(+4,682)
Finance and management	(771,342)	(758,192)	(801,506)	(+30,164)	(+43,314)
NextGen	(60,155)	(59,041)	(60,000)	(-155)	(+959)
Security and Hazardous Materials Safety	(107,161)	(100,961)	(112,622)	(+5,461)	(+11,661)
Staff offices	(209,101)	(204,868)	(212,253)	(+3,152)	(+7,385)

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Facilities and Equipment (Airport & Airway Trust Fund)	2,855,000	2,766,200	3,250,000	+395,000	+483,800
Rescission of unobligated balances	---	-31,200	---	---	+31,200
Research, Engineering, and Development (Airport & Airway Trust Fund	176,500	150,000	188,926	+12,426	+38,926
Grants-in-Aid for Airports (Airport and Airway Trust Fund)(Liquidation of contract authorization)	(3,750,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(-750,000)	---
(Limitation on obligations)	(3,350,000)	(3,350,000)	(3,350,000)	---	---
Administration	(107,691)	(111,863)	(111,863)	(+4,172)	---
Airport cooperative research program	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	---	---
Airport technology research	(31,375)	(33,210)	(33,210)	(+1,835)	---
Small community air service development program	(10,000)	---	(10,000)	---	(+10,000)
Airport Discretionary Grants (General Fund)	---	---	1,000,000	+1,000,000	+1,000,000
Total, Federal Aviation Administration	13,057,352	12,775,886	14,650,680	+1,593,328	+1,874,794
Limitations on obligations	(3,350,000)	(3,350,000)	(3,350,000)	---	---
Total budgetary resources	(16,407,352)	(16,125,886)	(18,000,680)	(+1,593,328)	(+1,874,794)
Federal Highway Administration					
Limitation on Administrative Expenses	(435,795)	(442,692)	(442,692)	(+6,897)	---
Federal-Aid Highways (Highway Trust Fund):					
(Liquidation of contract authorization)	(44,005,100)	(44,973,212)	(44,973,212)	(+968,112)	---
(Limitation on obligations)	(43,266,100)	(44,234,212)	(44,234,212)	(+968,112)	---
(Exempt contract authority)	(739,000)	(739,000)	(739,000)	---	---

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Rescission of contract authority (Highway Trust Fund)	-857,000	---	---	+857,000	---
Federal-Aid Highways, grants to States (General Fund)	---	---	2,525,000	+2,525,000	+2,525,000
Total, Federal Highway Administration	-857,000	---	2,525,000	+3,382,000	+2,525,000
Limitations on obligations	(43,266,100)	(44,234,212)	(44,234,212)	(+968,112)	---
Exempt contract authority	(739,000)	(739,000)	(739,000)	---	---
Total budgetary resources	(43,148,100)	(44,973,212)	(47,498,212)	(+4,350,112)	(+2,525,000)
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration					
Motor Carrier Safety Operations and Programs (Highway Trust Fund)(Liquidation of contract authorization)	(277,200)	(283,000)	(283,000)	(+5,800)	---
(Limitation on obligations)	(277,200)	(283,000)	(283,000)	(+5,800)	---
Motor Carrier Safety Grants (Highway Trust Fund) (Liquidation of contract authorization)	(367,000)	(374,800)	(561,800)	(+194,800)	(+187,000)
(Limitation on obligations)	(367,000)	(374,800)	(561,800)	(+194,800)	(+187,000)
Total, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration	---	---	---	---	---
Limitations on obligations	(644,200)	(657,800)	(844,800)	(+200,600)	(+187,000)
Total budgetary resources	(644,200)	(657,800)	(844,800)	(+200,600)	(+187,000)

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration					
Operations and Research (general fund)	180,075	152,510	189,075	+9,000	+36,565
Operations and Research (Highway Trust Fund)					
(Liquidation of contract authorization)	(145,900)	(149,000)	(149,000)	(+3,100)	---
(Limitation on obligations)	(145,900)	(149,000)	(149,000)	(+3,100)	---
Subtotal, Operations and Research	325,975	301,510	338,075	+12,100	+36,565
Highway Traffic Safety Grants (Highway Trust Fund)					
(Liquidation of contract authorization)	(585,372)	(597,629)	(597,629)	(+12,257)	---
(Limitation on obligations)	(585,372)	(597,629)	(597,629)	(+12,257)	---
Highway safety programs (23 USC 402)	(252,300)	(261,200)	(261,200)	(+8,900)	---
National priority safety programs (23 USC 405)	(277,500)	(280,200)	(280,200)	(+2,700)	---
High visibility enforcement	(29,500)	(29,900)	(29,900)	(+400)	---
Administrative expenses	(26,072)	(26,329)	(26,329)	(+257)	---
Administrative Provision					
Impaired Driving/Rail-Grade funding (Sec. 144) (General Fund)	---	---	11,500	+11,500	+11,500
Total, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	180,075	152,510	200,575	+20,500	+48,065
Limitations on obligations	(731,272)	(746,629)	(746,629)	(+15,357)	---
Total budgetary resources	(911,347)	(899,139)	(947,204)	(+35,857)	(+48,065)

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Federal Railroad Administration					
Safety and Operations	218,298	199,000	221,698	+3,400	+22,698
Railroad Research and Development	40,100	39,100	40,600	+500	+1,500
Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program	---	---	25,000	+25,000	+25,000
Subtotal	258,398	238,100	287,298	+28,900	+49,198
Federal State Partnership for State of Good Repair	25,000	25,945	250,000	+225,000	+224,055
Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements	68,000	25,000	592,547	+524,547	+567,547
Restoration and Enhancement Grants	5,000	---	20,000	+15,000	+20,000
Subtotal	98,000	50,945	862,547	+764,547	+811,602
National Railroad Passenger Corporation:					
Northeast Corridor Grants	328,000	235,000	650,000	+322,000	+415,000
National Network	1,167,000	525,000	1,291,600	+124,600	+766,600
Subtotal	1,495,000	760,000	1,941,600	+446,600	+1,181,600
Administrative Provisions					
Transportation Technology Center financing (Sec. 151)	---	100,000	---	---	-100,000
Total, Federal Railroad Administration	1,851,398	1,149,045	3,091,445	+1,240,047	+1,942,400

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Federal Transit Administration					
Administrative Expenses	113,165	110,795	113,165	---	+2,370
Transit Formula Grants (Hwy Trust Fund, Mass Transit Account (Liquidation of contract authorization)	(10,800,000)	(10,300,000)	(10,300,000)	(-500,000)	---
(Limitation on obligations)	(9,733,706)	(9,733,353)	(9,733,353)	(-353)	---
Transit Infrastructure Grants	---	---	834,000	+834,000	+834,000
Technical Assistance and Training	5,000	---	5,000	---	+5,000
Capital Investment Grants	2,412,631	1,232,000	2,644,960	+232,329	+1,412,960
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Capital and Preventive Maintenance	150,000	149,715	150,000	---	+285
Total, Federal Transit Administration	2,680,796	1,492,510	3,747,125	+1,066,329	+2,254,615
Limitations on obligations	(9,733,706)	(9,733,353)	(9,733,353)	(-353)	---
Total budgetary resources	(12,414,502)	(11,225,863)	(13,480,478)	(+1,065,976)	(+2,254,615)
Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation					
Operations and Maintenance (Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund)	36,028	28,346	40,000	+3,972	+11,654
Maritime Administration					
Maritime Security Program	300,000	210,000	300,000	---	+90,000

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Operations and Training	175,560	171,820	513,642	+338,082	+341,822
Assistance to Small Shipyards	10,000	---	20,000	+10,000	+20,000
Ship Disposal	34,000	9,000	116,000	+82,000	+107,000
Maritime Guaranteed Loan (Title XI) Program Account:					
Administrative expenses and guarantees	3,000	---	30,000	+27,000	+30,000
Total, Maritime Administration	522,560	390,820	979,642	+457,082	+588,822
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration					
Operational Expenses:					
General Fund	22,500	20,960	23,000	+500	+2,040
Hazardous Materials Safety:					
General Fund	57,000	55,513	59,000	+2,000	+3,487
Pipeline Safety:					
Pipeline Safety Fund	128,000	124,263	131,000	+3,000	+6,737
Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund	20,288	22,081	23,000	+2,712	+919
Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility Safety Fund	8,000	8,000	8,000	---	---
Subtotal	156,288	154,344	162,000	+5,712	+7,656
Subtotal, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration	235,788	230,817	244,000	+8,212	+13,183
Pipeline safety user fees	-128,000	-124,263	-131,000	-3,000	-6,737

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs Enacted	Final Bill vs Request
Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility Safety Fund user fee	-8,000	-8,000	-8,000	---	---
Emergency Preparedness Grants:					
Limitation on emergency preparedness fund	(28,318)	(28,318)	(28,318)	---	---
Total, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration	99,788	98,554	105,000	+5,212	+6,446
Office of Inspector General					
Salaries and Expenses	90,152	87,306	92,152	+2,000	+4,846
General Provisions - Department of Transportation					
Extending the availability of certain payments (Sec. 186(1))	---	2,000	---	---	-2,000
Total, title I, Department of Transportation	18,487,487	16,347,840	27,275,543	+8,788,056	+10,927,703
Appropriations	(19,344,487)	(16,379,040)	(27,275,543)	(+7,931,056)	(+10,896,503)
Rescissions	---	(-31,200)	---	---	(+31,200)
Rescissions of contract authority	(-857,000)	---	---	(+857,000)	---
Limitations on obligations	(57,725,278)	(58,721,994)	(58,908,994)	(+1,183,716)	(+187,000)
Total budgetary resources	(76,212,765)	(75,069,834)	(86,184,537)	(+9,971,772)	(+11,114,703)

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs Enacted	Final Bill vs Request
TITLE II - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT					
Management and Administration					
Executive Offices	14,000	14,708	14,708	+708	---
Administration Support Offices	517,647	517,803	518,303	+656	+500
Program Office Salaries and Expenses:					
Public and Indian Housing	216,000	216,633	216,633	+633	---
Community Planning and Development	110,000	107,554	107,554	-2,446	---
Housing	392,000	365,829	383,000	-9,000	+17,171
Policy Development and Research	24,000	24,065	24,065	+65	---
Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity	72,000	69,808	69,808	-2,192	---
Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes	9,353	7,600	7,600	-1,753	---
Subtotal	823,353	791,489	808,660	-14,693	+17,171
Total, Management and Administration	1,355,000	1,324,000	1,341,671	-13,329	+17,671
Public and Indian Housing					
Tenant-based Rental Assistance:					
Renewals	18,355,000	17,583,826	19,600,000	+1,245,000	+2,016,174
Tenant protection vouchers	110,000	60,000	85,000	-25,000	+25,000
Administrative fees	1,650,000	1,550,000	1,760,000	+110,000	+210,000
Sec. 811 vouchers, incremental and renewals	120,000	107,074	505,000	+385,000	+397,926
Incremental VASH vouchers	40,000	---	40,000	---	+40,000

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	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs Enacted	Final Bill vs Request
Tribal veterans affairs supportive housing renewals	7,000	7,000	5,000	-2,000	-2,000
Incremental family unification vouchers	10,000	---	20,000	+10,000	+20,000
PHA Modernization	---	10,000	---	---	-10,000
Subtotal (available this fiscal year)	20,292,000	19,317,900	22,015,000	+1,723,000	+2,697,100
Advance appropriations	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	---	---
Less appropriations from prior year advances	-4,000,000	-4,000,000	-4,000,000	---	---
Total, Tenant-based Rental Assistance appropriated in this bill	20,292,000	19,317,900	22,015,000	+1,723,000	+2,697,100
Public Housing Capital Fund	1,941,500	628,000	2,750,000	+808,500	+2,122,000
Public Housing Operating Fund	4,400,000	3,900,000	4,550,000	+150,000	+650,000
Choice Neighborhoods	137,500	---	150,000	+12,500	+150,000
Family Self-Sufficiency	75,000	75,000	75,000	---	---
Native American Housing Block Grants	654,000	600,000	755,000	+101,000	+155,000
Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund Program Account	7,227	---	1,000	-6,227	+1,000
(Limitation on guaranteed loans)	(1,762,683)	---	(270,270)	(-1,492,413)	(+270,270)
Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant	2,000	---	2,000	---	+2,000
Total, Public and Indian Housing	27,509,227	24,520,900	30,298,000	+2,788,773	+5,777,100

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs Enacted	Final Bill vs Request
Community Planning and Development					
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	356,000	330,000	375,000	+19,000	+45,000
Community Development Fund:					
CDBG formula	3,000,000	---	3,300,000	+300,000	+3,300,000
Indian CDBG	60,000	---	65,000	+5,000	+65,000
Subtotal	3,060,000	---	3,365,000	+305,000	+3,365,000
Community Development Loan Guarantees (Section 108):					
(Limitation on guaranteed loans)	(300,000)	---	(300,000)	---	(+300,000)
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	950,000	---	1,362,000	+412,000	+1,362,000
Self-help and Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program	54,000	---	54,000	---	+54,000
Homeless Assistance Grants	2,383,000	2,250,000	2,513,000	+130,000	+263,000
Total, Community Planning and Development	6,803,000	2,580,000	7,669,000	+866,000	+5,089,000
Housing Programs					
Project-based Rental Assistance:					
Renewals	10,581,000	10,466,100	11,230,000	+649,000	+763,900
Contract administrators	235,000	285,000	285,000	+50,000	---
Subtotal (available this fiscal year)	10,816,000	10,751,100	11,515,000	+699,000	+763,900

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs Enacted	Final Bill vs Request
Advance appropriations	400,000	400,000	400,000	---	---
Less appropriations from prior year advances	-400,000	-400,000	-400,000	---	---
Total, Project-based Rental Assistance appropriated in this bill	10,816,000	10,751,100	11,515,000	+699,000	+763,900
Housing for the Elderly	502,400	510,000	678,000	+175,600	+168,000
Housing for Persons with Disabilities	146,200	121,300	229,600	+83,400	+108,300
Housing Counseling Assistance	55,000	47,000	55,000	---	+8,000
Rental Housing Assistance	20,000	14,000	14,000	-6,000	---
Manufactured Housing Fees Trust Fund	10,500	11,000	11,000	+500	---
Offsetting collections	-10,500	-11,000	-11,000	-500	---
Total, Housing Programs	11,539,600	11,443,400	12,491,600	+952,000	+1,048,200
Federal Housing Administration					
Mutual Mortgage Insurance Program Account:					
(Limitation on guaranteed loans)	(400,000,000)	(400,000,000)	(400,000,000)	---	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	---	---
Offsetting receipts	-7,437,000	-7,392,000	-7,392,000	+45,000	---
Proposed offsetting receipts (HECM)	-97,000	300,000	-309,000	-212,000	-609,000
Additional offsetting receipts (Sec. 222)	---	-30,000	---	---	+30,000
Administrative contract expenses	130,000	160,000	130,000	---	-30,000

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs Enacted	Final Bill vs Request
General and Special Risk Program Account:					
(Limitation on guaranteed loans)	(30,000,000)	(30,000,000)	(30,000,000)	---	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	---	---
Offsetting receipts	-464,000	-619,000	-619,000	-155,000	---
Total, Federal Housing Administration	-7,868,000	-7,581,000	-8,190,000	-322,000	-609,000
Government National Mortgage Association					
Guarantees of Mortgage-backed Securities Loan Guarantee Program Account:					
(Limitation on guaranteed loans)	(500,000,000)	(500,000,000)	(500,000,000)	---	---
Administrative expenses	23,000	25,400	27,000	+4,000	+1,600
Offsetting receipts	-101,000	-116,000	-116,000	-15,000	---
Offsetting receipts	-1,102,000	-1,560,000	-1,560,000	-458,000	---
Proposed offsetting receipts (HECM)	-21,000	60,000	-59,000	-38,000	-119,000
Additional contract expenses	1,000	1,000	1,000	---	---
Total, Gov't National Mortgage Association	-1,200,000	-1,589,600	-1,707,000	-507,000	-117,400
Policy Development and Research					
Research and Technology	89,000	85,000	89,000	---	+4,000
Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity					
Fair Housing Activities	65,300	65,300	65,300	---	---

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs Enacted	Final Bill vs Request
Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes					
Lead Hazard Reduction	145,000	130,000	230,000	+85,000	+100,000
Information Technology Fund	257,000	250,000	267,000	+10,000	+17,000
Office of Inspector General	128,082	126,000	128,082	---	+2,082
Total, title II, Department of Housing and Urban Development	38,823,209	31,354,000	42,682,653	+3,859,444	+11,328,653
Appropriations	(43,655,709)	(36,322,000)	(48,348,653)	(+4,692,944)	(+12,026,653)
Advance appropriations	(4,400,000)	(4,400,000)	(4,400,000)	---	---
Offsetting receipts	(-9,222,000)	(-9,357,000)	(-10,055,000)	(-833,000)	(-698,000)
Offsetting collections	(-10,500)	(-11,000)	(-11,000)	(-500)	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	---	---
(Limitation on guaranteed loans)	(932,062,683)	(930,000,000)	(930,570,270)	(-1,492,413)	(+570,270)
TITLE III - OTHER INDEPENDENT AGENCIES					
Access Board	8,190	7,928	8,190	---	+262
Federal Maritime Commission	27,490	26,149	27,490	---	+1,341
National Railroad Passenger Corporation Office of Inspector General	23,274	23,274	23,274	---	---

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs Enacted	Final Bill vs Request
National Transportation Safety Board	106,000	105,170	110,400	+4,400	+5,230
Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation	140,000	27,400	140,000	---	+112,600
Surface Transportation Board	37,000	37,100	37,100	+100	---
Offsetting collections	-1,250	-1,250	-1,250	---	---
Subtotal	35,750	35,850	35,850	+100	---
United States Interagency Council on Homelessness	3,600	570	3,600	---	+3,030
Total, title III, Other Independent Agencies	344,304	226,341	348,804	+4,500	+122,463
TITLE IV - GENERAL PROVISIONS - THIS ACT					
Unobligated balances (Sec. 417) (rescission)	-4,000	---	-7,000	-3,000	-7,000
Emergency Relief Program (Sec 419) (emergency)	528,000	---	---	-528,000	---
CDBG Disaster Relief (Sec 420) (emergency)	400,000	---	---	-400,000	---
Total, title IV, General Provisions This Act	924,000	---	-7,000	-931,000	-7,000

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs Enacted	Final Bill vs Request
OTHER APPROPRIATIONS					
FURTHER ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF ACT, 2018 (P.L. 115-123)					
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION					
Federal Aviation Administration					
Operations (Airport and Airway Trust Fund) (emergency)	---	---	35,000	+35,000	+35,000
Facilities and Equipment (Airport and Airway Trust Fund) (emergency)	---	---	79,589	+79,589	+79,589
Total, Federal Aviation Administration	---	---	114,589	+114,589	+114,589
Federal Highway Administration					
Federal-Aid Highways:					
Emergency Relief Program (emergency)	---	---	1,374,000	+1,374,000	+1,374,000
Federal Transit Administration					
Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program (emergency)	---	---	330,000	+330,000	+330,000

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs Enacted	Final Bill vs Request
Maritime Administration					
Operations and Training (emergency)	---	---	10,000	+10,000	+10,000
Total, Department of Transportation	---	---	1,828,589	+1,828,589	+1,828,589
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT					
Community Planning and Development					
Community Development Fund (emergency)	---	---	28,000,000	+28,000,000	+28,000,000
Total, Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2018	---	---	29,828,589	+29,828,589	+29,828,589

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(Amounts in thousands)

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Request	Final Bill	Final Bill vs Enacted	Final Bill vs Request
Grand total	58,579,000	47,928,181	100,128,589	+41,549,589	+52,200,408
Appropriations	(63,345,750)	(52,928,631)	(75,974,250)	(+12,628,500)	(+23,045,619)
Emergency appropriations	(928,000)	---	(29,828,589)	(+28,900,589)	(+29,828,589)
Rescissions	(-4,000)	(-31,200)	(-7,000)	(-3,000)	(+24,200)
Rescissions of contract authority	(-857,000)	---	---	(+857,000)	---
Advance appropriations	(4,400,000)	(4,400,000)	(4,400,000)	---	---
Offsetting receipts	(-9,222,000)	(-9,357,000)	(-10,055,000)	(-833,000)	(-698,000)
Offsetting collections	(-11,750)	(-12,250)	(-12,250)	(-500)	---
(Limitation on obligations)	(57,725,278)	(58,721,994)	(58,908,994)	(+1,183,716)	(+187,000)
Total budgetary resources	(116,304,278)	(106,650,175)	(159,037,583)	(+42,733,305)	(+52,387,408)

DIVISION S

TITLE I

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

It is the intent of Congress that any rule promulgated by the Attorney General for purposes of establishing the criteria for use by designated entities in making a determination of fitness described in subsection (b)(4) comply with title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq), including special consideration of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's (EEOC) Enforcement Guidance (April 25, 2012) on the Use of Criminal Background Checks.

This language shall have no effect on or direction implied to any other Division of this Act or on any part of the Joint Explanatory Statement. Any effect of this language shall be limited strictly to the Division and title noted in the header.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the H.R. 1625, Consolidated Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1885–S1984

Measures Introduced: Forty-two bills and thirteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2589–2630, S.J. Res. 56–57, and S. Res. 441–451. **Pages S1947–48**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 70, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees. (S. Rept. No. 115–217)

S. 374, to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products. (S. Rept. No. 115–218)

H.R. 1660, to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on the development and use of global health innovations in the programs, projects, and activities of the Agency.

S. Res. 426, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 429, commemorating the 59th anniversary of Tibet's 1959 uprising as "Tibetan Rights Day", and expressing support for the human rights and religious freedom of the Tibetan people and the Tibetan Buddhist faith community. **Page S1946**

Measures Passed:

Kennedy-King Establishment Act: Senate passed H.R. 4851, to establish the Kennedy-King Commemorative Site in the State of Indiana, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1892**

Cornyn (for Young/Donnelly) Amendment No. 2215, to strike a provision relating to a special resource study. **Page S1892**

Alaska Property Conveyance: Senate passed S. 269, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska. **Pages S1968–69**

Native American Business Incubators Program Act: Senate passed S. 607, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1969**

McConnell (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 2223, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1969**

Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 1116, to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities, after withdrawing the committee amendments, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1969–72**

McConnell (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 2224, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1972**

Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Repeal Act: Senate passed S. 1223, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Page S1972**

Johnson-O'Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act: Senate passed S. 943, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an accurate comprehensive student count for the purposes of calculating formula allocations for programs under the Johnson-O'Malley Act, after

agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1972–75**

McConnell (for Lankford) Amendment No. 2225, to include Alaska Native organizations in consultations. **Page S1973**

Childhood Cancer STAR Act: Senate passed S. 292, to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1975–77**

Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act: Senate passed S. 1091, to establish a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1977–78**

National CACFP Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 405, designating the third week of March 2018 as ''National CACFP Week'', and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1978**

Hurricane Maria 6-Month Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 445, marking the 6-month anniversary of the devastation of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands by Hurricane Maria. **Page S1978**

National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 446, designating March 25, 2018, as ''National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day''. **Page S1978**

National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 447, designating March 22, 2018, as ''National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day''. **Page S1978**

National Women's History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 448, designating March 2018 as ''National Women's History Month''. **Page S1978**

National Asbestos Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 449, designating the first week of April 2018 as ''National Asbestos Awareness Week''. **Page S1978**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 116, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1625, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1978**

McConnell (for Risch) Amendment No. 2226, of a perfecting nature. **Page S1978**

Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4547, to amend titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act to improve and strengthen the representative payment program, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1982**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1519, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages S1886–92, S1892–S1931**

House Messages:

Ashlynne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act: Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 772, to amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for AMBER Alert grants. **Page S1968**

Consolidated Appropriations Act: By 65 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 63) Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the H.R. 1625, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1979–80**

Withdrawn:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2217 (to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to the bill), to change the enactment date. **Page S1979**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 91 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 61), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Page S1978**

By 67 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 62), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S1979**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2219, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S1979**

McConnell Amendment No. 2220 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2219), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2219 (listed above) fell. **Page S1979**

McConnell Amendment No. 2221 (to Amendment No. 2220), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 2220 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2219) fell. **Page S1979**

McConnell Amendment No. 2218 (to Amendment No. 2217), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 2217 (to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to the bill) (listed above) was withdrawn. **Page S1979**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Lankford be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from Friday, March 23, 2018 through Monday, March 26, 2018. **Page S1982**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Pages S1982–83**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, March 26, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.; Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 3:45 p.m.; Monday, April 2, 2018 at 12 noon; Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, April 5, 2018, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, April 9, 2018. **Page S1983**

Boom Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Claria Horn Boom, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky. **Page S1980**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1980**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Friday, March 23, 2018, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 9, 2018. **Page S1983**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 9, 2018. **Page S1983**

Ring Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John F. Ring, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S1980**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Claria Horn Boom, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky. **Page S1983**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1980**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1980**

Pizzella Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor. **Page S1980**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of John F. Ring, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S1980**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1980**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1980**

Wheeler Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S1980**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor. **Page S1980**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1980**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1980**

Broomes Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John W. Broomes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas. **Page S1981**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S1981**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1980**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1981**

Jennings Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rebecca Grady Jennings, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. **Page S1981**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of John W. Broomes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas. **Page S1981**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1981**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1981**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on Friday, March 23, 2018 ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 9, 2018. **Page S1983**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Governor of the African Development Fund, and United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank.

Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund, United States Governor of the African Development Bank, United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, and United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years.

Carlos Trujillo, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Robert K. Hur, of Maryland, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland for the term of four years.

Robert Frank Pence, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

Erik Bethel, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Judy Lynn Shelton, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Mark Schneider, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Institute of Education Science, Department of Education for a term of six years.

Anne Marie White, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

Tim Thomas, of Kentucky, to be Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Kevin Edward Moley, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs).

Josephine Olsen, of Maryland, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

Marie Royce, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

James Edwin Williams, of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor.

Edward Charles Prado, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic.

Trevor D. Traina, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

Brent K. Park, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Thomas T. Cullen, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.

David C. Joseph, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

26 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—63) Pages S1978–80

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:31 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2018 and adjourned at 1:01 a.m. on Friday, March 23, 2018, until 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1983.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the challenges in the Department of Energy's atomic energy defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Rick Perry, Secretary of Energy.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John C. Rood, Under Secretary for Policy, General Lori J. Robinson, USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, Lieutenant General Samuel A. Greaves, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency, and Lieutenant General James H. Dickinson, USA, Commanding General, Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, all of the Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including S. 2155, to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, after receiving testimony from Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

WESTERN WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND DROUGHT RESILIENCE BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2018 Western Water Supply Outlook and the following Water Infrastructure and Drought Resilience Bills, including S. 2539, to amend the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015, to reauthorize certain projects to increase Colorado River System water, S. 2560, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, and S. 2563, to improve the water supply and drought resilience of the United States, after receiving testimony from Timothy Petty, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Derek I. Sandison, Washington State Department of Agriculture Director, Olympia; Kathryn Sorensen, City of Phoenix Water Services Department, Phoenix, Arizona; Patrick O'Toole, Family Farm Alliance, Savery, Wyoming; Laura Ziemer, Trout Unlimited, Bozeman, Montana; and Cindy Ortega, MGM Resorts International, Las Vegas, Nevada.

TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's 2018 trade policy agenda, after receiving testimony from Robert E. Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Thomas T. Cullen, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, Robert K. Hur, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, and David C. Joseph, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, all of the Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 5379–5407; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 116 and H. Res. 797–805, were introduced. **Pages H2040–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2043**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 466, to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–615);

H.R. 3008, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the George W. Bush Childhood Home, located at 1412 West Ohio Avenue, Midland, Texas, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–616);

Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Luis V. Gutiérrez (H. Rept. 115–617); and

Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Bobby L. Rush (H. Rept. 115–618). **Page H2040**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Paul Meyers, Roscoe United Methodist Church, Roscoe, Illinois. **Page H1757**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H2029**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, March 19th.

Vehicular Terrorism Prevention Act: H.R. 4227, amended, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to examine what actions the Department of Homeland Security is undertaking to combat the threat of vehicular terrorism, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 125; **Pages H1767–68**

Surface Transportation Security Improvement Act of 2018: H.R. 5131, amended, to improve the effectiveness of Federal efforts to identify and address homeland security risks to surface transportation, secure against vehicle-based attacks, and conduct a feasibility assessment of introducing new security technologies and measures, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 126; **Pages H1768–69**

Strengthening Aviation Security Act: H.R. 4467, amended, to require the Federal Air Marshal Service to utilize risk-based strategies, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 128; and **Pages H2027–28**

Strengthening Local Transportation Security Capabilities Act of 2018: H.R. 5089, amended, to improve threat information sharing, integrated operations, and law enforcement training for transportation security, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with one voting "nay", Roll No. 129. **Pages H2028–29**

Targeted Rewards for the Global Eradication of Human Trafficking: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1625, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime for purposes of the rewards program of the Department of State, with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–66, by a yea-and-nay vote of 256 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 127. **Page H2027**

H. Res. 796, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1625) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 124, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 123. **Pages H1766–67**

Providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1625: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 116, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1625. **Pages H2029–30**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, March 23rd. **Page H2030**

Kennedy-King National Commemorative Site Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R.

4851, to establish the Kennedy-King Commemorative Site in the State of Indiana. **Page H2037**

Discharge Petition: Representative Jackson Lee presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from the consideration of H.R. 3654, to limit the removal of a special counsel (Discharge Petition No. 9). **Page H2033**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H2029.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1766–67, H1767, H1767–68, H1768–69, H2027, H2027–28, and H2028–29. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET REQUEST FOR NUCLEAR FORCES AND ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled ''Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request for Nuclear Forces and Atomic Energy Defense Activities''. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Terry Benedict, Director, Navy Strategic Systems Program; Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; James Owendoff, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment Management, Department of Energy; General Robin Rand, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command; and John C. Rood, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense.

REVIEWING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STRATEGY, POLICY, AND PROGRAMS FOR COUNTERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CWMD) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled ''Reviewing Department of Defense Strategy, Policy, and Programs for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) for Fiscal Year 2019''. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Joseph Osterman, Deputy Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; Vayl Oxford, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; Ken Rapuano, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; and Guy Roberts, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS: PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health concluded a hearing entitled ''Combating the Opioid Crisis: Prevention and Public Health Solutions''. Testimony was heard from Scott Gottlieb, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Anne Schuchat, Acting Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Christopher M. Jones, Director of the National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled ''Legislative Hearing on Four Communications Bills''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUREAUCRATIC CHALLENGES TO HURRICANE RECOVERY IN PUERTO RICO

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled ''Bureaucratic Challenges to Hurricane Recovery in Puerto Rico''. Testimony was heard from Michael Byrne, Assistant Administrator for Field Operations, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; William Parks, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy; Peter Lopez, Regional Administrator, Region 2, Environmental Protection Agency; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5345, the ''American Leadership in Space Technology and Advanced Rocketry Act''; H.R. 5346, the ''Commercial Space Support Vehicle Act''; and H.R. 5086, the ''Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act of 2018''. H.R. 5345, H.R. 5346, and H.R. 5086 were ordered reported, without amendment.

HEARING WITH COMMERCE SECRETARY ROSS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Hearing with Commerce Secretary Ross''. Testimony was heard from Wilbur Ross, Secretary, Department of Commerce.

BUSINESS MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting on Adoption of the Committee's Investigative Report into Russian Active Measures During the 2016 Presidential Election. The Committee's Investigative Report into Russian Active Measures During the 2016 Presidential Election was adopted, without amendment. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Good Friday Agreement at 20, focusing on achievements and unfinished business, after receiving testimony from Brian Gormally, Committee on the Administration of Justice, and Mark Thompson, Relatives for Justice, both of Belfast, Northern Ireland; and James F. McKay III, Ancient Order of Hibernians, New Orleans, Louisiana.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D304)

H.R. 1208, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9155 Schaefer Road, Converse, Texas, as the ''Converse Veterans Post Office Building''. Signed on March 20, 2018. (Public Law 115–38)

H.R. 1858, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4514 Williamson Trail in Liberty, Pennsylvania, as the ''Staff Sergeant Ryan Scott Ostrom Post Office''. Signed on March 20, 2018. (Public Law 115–39)

H.R. 1988, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1730 18th Street in Bakersfield, California, as the ''Merle Haggard Post Office Building''. Signed on March 20, 2018. (Public Law 115–40)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kirsten Dawn Madison, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs), and Thomas J. Hushek, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, both of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD–419.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11:30 a.m., Monday, March 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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House Chamber

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