

In the Senate of the United States,

November 10, 2025.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 5371) entitled “An Act making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Continuing Appropria-*
3 *tions, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construc-*
4 *tion and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026”.*

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2 *Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference*
3 *to “this Act” contained in any division of this Act shall*
4 *be treated as referring only to the provisions of that divi-*
5 *sion.*

1 **SEC. 4. EXPLANATORY STATEMENT.**

2 *The explanatory statement regarding this Act, printed*
3 *in the Senate section of the Congressional Record on or*
4 *about November 9, 2025, and submitted by the chair of the*
5 *Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, shall have the*
6 *same effect with respect to the allocation of funds and im-*
7 *plementation of divisions B through D of this Act as if it*
8 *were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of con-*
9 *ference.*

10 **SEC. 5. STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 *The following sums in this Act are appropriated, out*
12 *of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,*
13 *for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.*

14 **DIVISION A—CONTINUING**

15 **APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026**

16 *The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of*
17 *any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,*
18 *and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts,*
19 *and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corpora-*
20 *tions, and other organizational units of Government for fis-*
21 *cal year 2026, and for other purposes, namely:*

22 *SEC. 101. Such amounts as may be necessary, at a*
23 *rate for operations as provided in the applicable appropria-*
24 *tions Acts for fiscal year 2025 and under the authority and*
25 *conditions provided in such Acts, for continuing projects*
26 *or activities (including the costs of direct loans and loan*

1 *guarantees) that are not otherwise specifically provided for*
2 *in this Act, that were conducted in fiscal year 2025, and*
3 *for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were*
4 *made available in the Full-Year Continuing Appropria-*
5 *tions Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), except*
6 *sections 1110, 1113, and 1114; the proviso in paragraph*
7 *(4) of section 1602; and sections 1708 and 1808; and except*
8 *section 540 of division C, and sections 110 and 112 of divi-*
9 *sion D of Public Law 118–42, as continued in effect by*
10 *section 1101 of division A of Public Law 119–4; and except*
11 *section 7069(b) of division F of Public Law 118–47, as con-*
12 *tinued in effect by section 1101 of division A of Public Law*
13 *119–4.*

14 *SEC. 102. (a) No appropriation or funds made avail-*
15 *able or authority granted pursuant to section 101 for the*
16 *Department of Defense shall be used for:*

17 *(1) the new production of items not funded for*
18 *production in fiscal year 2025 or prior years;*

19 *(2) the increase in production rates above those*
20 *sustained with fiscal year 2025 funds; or*

21 *(3) the initiation, resumption, or continuation of*
22 *any project, activity, operation, or organization (de-*
23 *finied as any project, subproject, activity, budget ac-*
24 *tivity, program element, and subprogram within a*
25 *program element, and for any investment items de-*

1 *defined as a P–1 line item in a budget activity within*
2 *an appropriation account and an R–1 line item that*
3 *includes a program element and subprogram element*
4 *within an appropriation account) for which appro-*
5 *priations, funds, or other authority were not available*
6 *during fiscal year 2025.*

7 *(b) No appropriation or funds made available or au-*
8 *thority granted pursuant to section 101 for the Department*
9 *of Defense shall be used to initiate multi-year procurements*
10 *utilizing advance procurement funding for economic order*
11 *quantity procurement unless specifically appropriated*
12 *later.*

13 *SEC. 103. Appropriations made by section 101 shall*
14 *be available to the extent and in the manner that would*
15 *be provided by the pertinent appropriations Act.*

16 *SEC. 104. Except as otherwise provided in section 102,*
17 *no appropriation or funds made available or authority*
18 *granted pursuant to section 101 shall be used to initiate*
19 *or resume any project or activity for which appropriations,*
20 *funds, or other authority were not available during fiscal*
21 *year 2025.*

22 *SEC. 105. Appropriations made and authority granted*
23 *pursuant to this Act shall cover all obligations or expendi-*
24 *tures incurred for any project or activity during the period*

1 *for which funds or authority for such project or activity*
2 *are available under this Act.*

3 *SEC. 106. Unless otherwise provided for in this Act*
4 *or in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2026,*
5 *appropriations and funds made available and authority*
6 *granted pursuant to this Act shall be available until which-*
7 *ever of the following first occurs:*

8 *(1) The enactment into law of an appropriation*
9 *for any project or activity provided for in this Act.*

10 *(2) The enactment into law of the applicable ap-*
11 *propriations Act for fiscal year 2026 without any*
12 *provision for such project or activity.*

13 *(3) January 30, 2026.*

14 *SEC. 107. Expenditures made pursuant to this Act*
15 *shall be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or*
16 *authorization whenever a bill in which such applicable ap-*
17 *propriation, fund, or authorization is contained is enacted*
18 *into law.*

19 *SEC. 108. Appropriations made and funds made avail-*
20 *able by or authority granted pursuant to this Act may be*
21 *used without regard to the time limitations for submission*
22 *and approval of apportionments set forth in section 1513*
23 *of title 31, United States Code, but nothing in this Act may*
24 *be construed to waive any other provision of law governing*
25 *the apportionment of funds.*

1 *SEC. 109. Notwithstanding any other provision of this*
2 *Act, except section 106, for those programs that would other-*
3 *wise have high initial rates of operation or complete dis-*
4 *tribution of appropriations at the beginning of fiscal year*
5 *2026 because of distributions of funding to States, foreign*
6 *countries, grantees, or others, such high initial rates of oper-*
7 *ation or complete distribution shall not be made, and no*
8 *grants shall be awarded for such programs funded by this*
9 *Act that would impinge on final funding prerogatives.*

10 *SEC. 110. This Act shall be implemented so that only*
11 *the most limited funding action of that permitted in the*
12 *Act shall be taken in order to provide for continuation of*
13 *projects and activities.*

14 *SEC. 111. (a) For entitlements and other mandatory*
15 *payments whose budget authority was provided in an ap-*
16 *propriations Act specified in section 101, and for activities*
17 *under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, activities shall*
18 *be continued at the rate to maintain program levels under*
19 *current law, under the authority and conditions provided*
20 *in the applicable appropriations Act, to be continued*
21 *through the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act.*

22 *(b) Notwithstanding section 106, obligations for man-*
23 *datory payments due on or about the first day of any month*
24 *that begins after October 2025 but not later than 30 days*

1 *after the date specified in section 106(3) may continue to*
2 *be made, and funds shall be available for such payments.*

3 *SEC. 112. Amounts made available under section 101*
4 *for civilian personnel compensation and benefits in each de-*
5 *partment and agency may be apportioned up to the rate*
6 *for operations necessary to avoid furloughs within such de-*
7 *partment or agency, consistent with the applicable appro-*
8 *priations Act for fiscal year 2025, except that such author-*
9 *ity provided under this section shall not be used until after*
10 *the department or agency has taken all necessary actions*
11 *to reduce or defer non-personnel-related administrative ex-*
12 *penses.*

13 *SEC. 113. Funds appropriated by this Act may be obli-*
14 *gated and expended notwithstanding section 10 of Public*
15 *Law 91–672 (22 U.S.C. 2412), section 15 of the State De-*
16 *partment Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2680),*
17 *section 313 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fis-*
18 *cal Years 1994 and 1995 (22 U.S.C. 6212), and section*
19 *504(a)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.*
20 *3094(a)(1)).*

21 *SEC. 114. (a)(1) For each amount incorporated by ref-*
22 *erence in this Act that was previously designated by the*
23 *Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section*
24 *251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency*
25 *Deficit Control Act of 1985, each provision of law desig-*

1 nating each such amount as an emergency requirement pur-
2 suant to such section shall not apply.

3 (2) Each amount incorporated by reference in this Act
4 that was designated by the Congress as an emergency re-
5 quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Bal-
6 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985
7 in the following provisions of law are designated by the
8 Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section
9 4001(a)(1) of S. Con. Res. 14 (117th Congress), the concur-
10 rent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2022, and to
11 legislation establishing fiscal year 2026 budget enforcement
12 in the House of Representatives: section 11206(4) of divi-
13 sion A of Public Law 119–4 and 7068(b) of division F of
14 Public Law 118–47, as continued in effect by section 1101
15 of division A of Public Law 119–4.

16 (b) Each amount incorporated by reference in this Act
17 that was previously designated by the Congress as being for
18 disaster relief pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Bal-
19 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985
20 is designated by the Congress as being for disaster relief
21 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget.

22 (c) Each amount incorporated by reference in this Act
23 that was previously designated in division B of Public Law
24 117–159, division J of Public Law 117–58, or in section
25 443(b) of division G of Public Law 117–328 by the Congress

1 *as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent res-*
2 *olution on the budget shall continue to be treated as an*
3 *amount specified in section 103(b) of division A of Public*
4 *Law 118–5.*

5 *SEC. 115. (a) Rescissions or cancellations of discre-*
6 *tionary budget authority that continue pursuant to section*
7 *101 in Treasury Appropriations Fund Symbols (TAFS)—*

8 *(1) to which other appropriations are not pro-*
9 *vided by this Act, but for which there is a current ap-*
10 *plicable TAFS that does receive an appropriation in*
11 *this Act; or*

12 *(2) which are no-year TAFS and receive other*
13 *appropriations in this Act,*

14 *may be continued instead by reducing the rate for oper-*
15 *ations otherwise provided by section 101 for such current*
16 *applicable TAFS, as long as doing so does not impinge on*
17 *the final funding prerogatives of the Congress.*

18 *(b) Rescissions or cancellations described in subsection*
19 *(a) shall continue in an amount equal to the lesser of—*

20 *(1) the amount specified for rescission or can-*
21 *cellation in the applicable appropriations Act ref-*
22 *erenced in section 101 of this Act; or*

23 *(2) the amount of balances available, as of Octo-*
24 *ber 1, 2025, from the funds specified for rescission or*

1 *cancellation in the applicable appropriations Act ref-*
2 *erenced in section 101 of this Act.*

3 *(c) No later than December 5, 2025, the Director of*
4 *the Office of Management and Budget shall provide to the*
5 *Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representa-*
6 *tives and the Senate a comprehensive list of the rescissions*
7 *or cancellations that will continue pursuant to section 101:*
8 *Provided, That the information in such comprehensive list*
9 *shall be periodically updated to reflect any subsequent*
10 *changes in the amount of balances available, as of October*
11 *1, 2025, from the funds specified for rescission or cancella-*
12 *tion in the applicable appropriations Act referenced in sec-*
13 *tion 101, and such updates shall be transmitted to the Com-*
14 *mittees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives*
15 *and the Senate upon request.*

16 *SEC. 116. Notwithstanding section 106(1), amounts*
17 *made available in divisions A through D of the Continuing*
18 *Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military*
19 *Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act,*
20 *2026 for personnel pay, allowances, and benefits in each*
21 *department and agency shall be available for payments*
22 *pursuant to subsection (c) of section 1341 of title 31, United*
23 *States Code and such payments shall be made.*

24 *SEC. 117. Notwithstanding section 106(1), all obliga-*
25 *tions incurred and in anticipation of the appropriations*

1 *made and authority granted by divisions A through D of*
2 *the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative*
3 *Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and*
4 *Extensions Act, 2026 for the purposes of maintaining the*
5 *essential level of activity to protect life and property and*
6 *bringing about orderly termination of Government func-*
7 *tion, and for purposes as otherwise authorized by law, are*
8 *hereby ratified and approved if otherwise in accord with*
9 *the provisions of divisions A through D of the Continuing*
10 *Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military*
11 *Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act,*
12 *2026.*

13 *SEC. 118. (a) If a State (or another Federal grantee)*
14 *used State funds (or the grantee's non-Federal funds) to*
15 *continue carrying out a Federal program or furloughed*
16 *State employees (or the grantee's employees) whose com-*
17 *penensation is advanced or reimbursed in whole or in part*
18 *by the Federal Government—*

19 *(1) such furloughed employees shall be com-*
20 *pensated at their standard rate of compensation for*
21 *such period;*

22 *(2) the State (or such other grantee) shall be re-*
23 *imbursed for expenses that would have been paid by*
24 *the Federal Government during such period had ap-*
25 *propriations been available, including the cost of com-*

1 *pensating such furloughed employees, together with*
2 *interest thereon calculated under section 6503(d) of*
3 *title 31, United States Code; and*

4 *(3) the State (or such other grantee) may use*
5 *funds available to the State (or the grantee) under*
6 *such Federal program to reimburse such State (or the*
7 *grantee), together with interest thereon calculated*
8 *under section 6503(d) of title 31, United States Code.*

9 *(b) For purposes of this section, the term “State” and*
10 *the term “grantee” shall have the meaning as such term*
11 *is defined under the applicable Federal program under sub-*
12 *section (a). In addition, “to continue carrying out a Fed-*
13 *eral program” means the continued performance by a State*
14 *or other Federal grantee, during the period of a lapse in*
15 *appropriations, of a Federal program that the State or such*
16 *other grantee had been carrying out prior to the period of*
17 *the lapse in appropriations.*

18 *(c) Notwithstanding section 106, the authority under*
19 *this section applies with respect to any period in fiscal year*
20 *2026 (not limited to periods beginning or ending after the*
21 *date of the enactment of this Act) during which there occurs*
22 *a lapse in appropriations with respect to any department*
23 *or agency of the Federal Government which, but for such*
24 *lapse in appropriations, would have paid, or made reim-*
25 *bursement relating to, any of the expenses referred to in*

1 *this section with respect to the program involved. Payments*
2 *and reimbursements under this authority shall be made*
3 *only to the extent and in amounts provided in advance in*
4 *appropriations Acts, including divisions A through D of the*
5 *Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative*
6 *Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and*
7 *Extensions Act, 2026.*

8 *SEC. 119. Notwithstanding section 106(1), for the pur-*
9 *poses of divisions A through D of the Continuing Appro-*
10 *priations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Con-*
11 *struction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026,*
12 *the time covered by such divisions shall be considered to*
13 *have begun on October 1, 2025.*

14 *SEC. 120. (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding section*
15 *106(1), during the period between the date of enactment of*
16 *this Act and the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act,*
17 *no federal funds may be used to initiate, carry out, imple-*
18 *ment, or otherwise notice a reduction in force to reduce the*
19 *number of employees within any department, agency, or of-*
20 *fice of the Federal Government.*

21 *(b) APPLICABILITY.—The prohibition under subsection*
22 *(a) shall apply to all civilian positions, whether permanent,*
23 *temporary, full-time, part-time, or intermittent, and with-*
24 *out regard to the source of funding for such positions.*

1 (c) *EXCEPTION.*—*The prohibition under subsection (a)*
2 *shall not apply to—*

3 (1) *voluntary separations or retirements;*

4 (2) *actions necessary to comply with a court*
5 *order; or*

6 (3) *actions taken, beginning only on the first*
7 *day of a lapse in appropriations, necessary to imple-*
8 *ment or maintain an orderly shutdown of government*
9 *operations.*

10 (d) *DEFINITIONS.*—*For purposes of this section, the*
11 *term “reduction in force” means actions taken by an agency*
12 *pursuant to section 3501 through 3504 of title 5, United*
13 *States Code or section 3595 of such title, or any similar*
14 *reduction of positions at any department, agency, or office*
15 *of the Federal Government, unless such reduction has been*
16 *provided for in this Act.*

17 (e) *Notwithstanding section 106(1), any reduction in*
18 *force proposed, noticed, initiated, executed, implemented, or*
19 *otherwise taken by an Executive Agency between October*
20 *1, 2025, and the date of enactment, shall have no force or*
21 *effect.*

22 (1) *Any employee who received notice of being*
23 *subject to such a reduction in force shall have that no-*
24 *tice rescinded and be returned to employment status*
25 *as of September 30, 2025, without interruption. Such*

1 *employees shall receive all pay to which they other-*
2 *wise would have been entitled in the absence of receiv-*
3 *ing such notice, including backpay in accordance*
4 *with section 116 of this Act.*

5 *(2) Within 5 days of date of enactment of this*
6 *Act, each Federal agency shall send notice to all af-*
7 *ected employees and the chairs and ranking members*
8 *of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and*
9 *House of Representatives of the withdrawal of the re-*
10 *duction in force notice and the affected employee's re-*
11 *instatement, if applicable.*

12 *(3) Notices must include reinstatement date and*
13 *the amount of back pay determined in paragraph (1),*
14 *if applicable.*

15 *SEC. 121. Section 8302(b) of the Agricultural Act of*
16 *2014 (16 U.S.C. 3851a(b)) shall be applied by substituting*
17 *the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act for “October*
18 *1, 2023”.*

19 *SEC. 122. (a) Amounts made available by section 101*
20 *for “Department of Justice—United States Marshals Serv-*
21 *ice—Salaries and Expenses” may be apportioned up to the*
22 *rate for operations necessary to maintain program oper-*
23 *ations.*

24 *(b) In addition to amounts otherwise provided by sec-*
25 *tion 101, for “Department of Justice—United States Mar-*

1 *shals Service—Salaries and Expenses”, there is appro-*
2 *priated \$30,000,000, for an additional amount for fiscal*
3 *year 2026, to remain available until September 30, 2027,*
4 *to carry out protective operations.*

5 *SEC. 123. Any expiration date established by section*
6 *235(b) of the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984 (18 U.S.C.*
7 *3551 note; Public Law 98–473; 98 Stat. 2032), as such sec-*
8 *tion relates to chapter 311 of title 18, United States Code,*
9 *and the United States Parole Commission, shall not apply*
10 *from October 1, 2025, through the date specified in section*
11 *106(3) of this Act.*

12 *SEC. 124. (a) For the closeout of all Space Shuttle con-*
13 *tracts and associated programs, amounts that have expired*
14 *but have not been cancelled in the Exploration, Space Oper-*
15 *ations, Human Space Flight, Space Flight Capabilities,*
16 *and Exploration Capabilities appropriations accounts shall*
17 *remain available through fiscal year 2030 for the liquida-*
18 *tion of valid obligations incurred during the period of fiscal*
19 *year 2001 through fiscal year 2013.*

20 *(b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), this section shall be-*
21 *come effective immediately upon enactment of this Act.*

22 *(2) If this Act is enacted after September 30, 2025,*
23 *this section shall be applied as if it were in effect on Sep-*
24 *tember 30, 2025.*

1 *SEC. 125. Section 3014(a) of title 18, United States*
2 *Code, shall be applied by substituting the date specified in*
3 *section 106(3) of this Act for “September 30, 2025”: Pro-*
4 *vided, That notwithstanding section 119, this section shall*
5 *take effect on the date of enactment of this Act and shall*
6 *not apply retroactively.*

7 *SEC. 126. During the period covered this Act, section*
8 *1930(a)(6)(B)(i) of title 28, United States Code, shall be*
9 *applied as if “During the 5-year period” were struck.*

10 *SEC. 127. Notwithstanding section 101, the first pro-*
11 *viso in each of sections 8092 and 8096 of title VIII of divi-*
12 *sion A of Public Law 118–47 shall be applied by sub-*
13 *stituting “advances” for “reimbursements”.*

14 *SEC. 128. Notwithstanding sections 102 and 104,*
15 *amounts made available by section 101 to the Department*
16 *of Defense for “Research, Development, Test and Evalua-*
17 *tion, Air Force” shall be apportioned up to the rate for op-*
18 *erations necessary for the E–7 Wedgetail program, in an*
19 *amount not to exceed \$199,676,000, only for the purpose*
20 *of continued rapid prototyping activities to maintain pro-*
21 *gram schedule and transition to production for the E–7*
22 *Wedgetail program.*

23 *SEC. 129. Of the unobligated balance of funds available*
24 *to the Department of Defense for the E–7 program under*
25 *the heading “Aircraft Procurement, Air Force” in Public*

1 *Law 119–4, \$200,000,000 is hereby transferred to and*
2 *merged with amounts available for the E–7 program under*
3 *the heading “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation,*
4 *Air Force” only for the purpose of continued rapid proto-*
5 *typing activities to maintain program schedule and transi-*
6 *tion to production for the E–7 Wedgetail program.*

7 *SEC. 130. Section 717(a) of the Defense Production Act*
8 *of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4564(a)) shall be applied by substituting*
9 *the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act for “Sep-*
10 *tember 30, 2025”.*

11 *SEC. 131. Notwithstanding sections 102 and 104,*
12 *amounts made available by section 101 of this Act to the*
13 *Department of Defense for “Shipbuilding and Conversion,*
14 *Navy” may be apportioned up to the rate for operations*
15 *necessary to fund completion of prior year shipbuilding*
16 *programs for the following programs:*

17 (1) *Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-*
18 *version, Navy”, 2013/2026: Carrier Replacement Pro-*
19 *gram, \$150,000,000;*

20 (2) *Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-*
21 *version, Navy”, 2016/2026: Virginia Class Submarine*
22 *Program, \$121,538,000;*

23 (3) *Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-*
24 *version, Navy”, 2016/2026: DDG 51 Program,*
25 *\$14,892,000;*

1 (4) *Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-*
2 *version, Navy”, 2017/2026: Virginia Class Submarine*
3 *Program, \$99,116,000;*

4 (5) *Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-*
5 *version, Navy”, 2017/2026: DDG 51 Program,*
6 *\$62,365,000;*

7 (6) *Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-*
8 *version, Navy”, 2017/2026: LHA Replacement Pro-*
9 *gram, \$93,603,000;*

10 (7) *Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-*
11 *version, Navy”, 2018/2026: Virginia Class Submarine*
12 *Program, \$289,761,000;*

13 (8) *Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-*
14 *version, Navy”, 2018/2026: DDG 51 Program,*
15 *\$104,238,000;*

16 (9) *Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-*
17 *version, Navy”, 2019/2026: T-AO Fleet Oiler Pro-*
18 *gram, \$15,400,000;*

19 (10) *Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-*
20 *version, Navy”, 2020/2026: T-AO Fleet Oiler Pro-*
21 *gram, \$48,260,000;*

22 (11) *Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-*
23 *version, Navy”, 2022/2026: T-AO Fleet Oiler Pro-*
24 *gram, \$19,650,000;*

1 (12) *Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-*
2 *version, Navy”, 2022/2026: Expeditionary Sea Base*
3 *Program, \$30,000,000;*

4 (13) *Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-*
5 *version, Navy”, 2023/2026: T–AO Fleet Oiler Pro-*
6 *gram, \$6,530,000; and*

7 (14) *Under the heading “Shipbuilding and Con-*
8 *version, Navy”, 2024/2026: T–AO Fleet Oiler Pro-*
9 *gram, \$6,200,000.*

10 *SEC. 132. Notwithstanding sections 102 and 104, the*
11 *Secretary of Defense is authorized to use amounts otherwise*
12 *appropriated for such purposes to reimburse the Govern-*
13 *ment of Palau for land acquisition costs for defense sites*
14 *in Palau.*

15 *SEC. 133. During the period covered by this Act, sec-*
16 *tion 103(f)(4)(A) of Public Law 108–361 (the Calfed Bay-*
17 *Delta Authorization Act) shall be applied by substituting*
18 *“\$32,600,000” for “\$30,000,000”.*

19 *SEC. 134. (a) Amounts made available by section 101*
20 *in the first proviso under the heading “Department of En-*
21 *ergy—Atomic Energy Defense Activities—National Nuclear*
22 *Security Administration—Weapons Activities” may be ap-*
23 *portioned up to the rate for operations necessary to main-*
24 *tain current operations for the safe, secure transport of nu-*
25 *clear weapons.*

1 (b) *The Director of the Office of Management and*
2 *Budget and the Secretary of Energy shall notify the Com-*
3 *mittees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives*
4 *and the Senate not later than 3 days after each use of the*
5 *authority provided in subsection (a).*

6 *SEC. 135. Notwithstanding section 101, the matter pre-*
7 *ceding the first proviso under the heading “Office of Per-*
8 *sonnel Management—Salaries and Expenses” in title V of*
9 *division B of Public Law 118–47 shall be applied by sub-*
10 *stituting “\$197,446,000” for “\$219,076,000”, and the sec-*
11 *ond proviso under such heading in such title of such divi-*
12 *sion of such Act shall be applied by substituting*
13 *“\$214,605,000” for “\$192,975,000”.*

14 *SEC. 136. Notwithstanding any other provision of this*
15 *Act, except section 106, the District of Columbia may ex-*
16 *pend local funds made available under the heading “Dis-*
17 *trict of Columbia—District of Columbia Funds” for such*
18 *programs and activities under the District of Columbia Ap-*
19 *propriations Act, 2024 (title IV of division B of Public Law*
20 *118–47) at the rate set forth in the Fiscal Year 2026 Local*
21 *Budget Act of 2025 (D.C. Law 26–51), as modified as of*
22 *the date of enactment of this Act.*

23 *SEC. 137. Notwithstanding section 101, paragraph (1)*
24 *under the heading “Department of the Treasury—Depart-*
25 *mental Offices—Salaries and Expenses” in title I of divi-*

1 sion B of Public Law 118–47 shall be applied by sub-
2 stituting “\$1,350,000” for “\$350,000”: Provided, That such
3 amounts may be obligated in the account and budget struc-
4 ture set forth in the fiscal year 2026 President’s Budget,
5 submitted pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United
6 States Code, and accompanying justification materials.

7 SEC. 138. Amounts made available by section 101 for
8 “Small Business Administration—Business Loans Pro-
9 gram Account” may be apportioned up to the rate for oper-
10 ations necessary to accommodate increased demand for
11 commitments for general business loans authorized under
12 paragraphs (1) through (35) of section 7(a) of the Small
13 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)), for guarantees of trust cer-
14 tificates authorized by section 5(g) of the Small Business
15 Act (15 U.S.C. 634(g)), for commitments to guarantee loans
16 under section 503 of the Small Business Investment Act of
17 1958 (15 U.S.C. 697), and for commitments to guarantee
18 loans for debentures under section 303(b) of the Small Busi-
19 ness Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 683(b)).

20 SEC. 139. Notwithstanding section 101, amounts are
21 provided for “Department of the Treasury—Office of Ter-
22 rorism and Financial Intelligence—Salaries and Ex-
23 penses” at a rate for operations of \$237,662,000.

24 SEC. 140. (a) Notwithstanding section 101, section
25 1605 of title VI of division A of Public Law 119–4 shall

1 *be applied through the end of the last applicable pay period*
2 *that commences by the date specified in section 106(3) of*
3 *this Act by substituting “the end of the last applicable pay*
4 *period that commences in calendar year 2025” for “the date*
5 *specified in section 1106 of this Act”.*

6 (b) *Notwithstanding section 101, section 747 of title*
7 *VII of division B of Public Law 118–47 shall be applied*
8 *through the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act by—*

9 (1) *substituting “2025” for “2023” each place it*
10 *appears;*

11 (2) *substituting “2026” for “2024” each place it*
12 *appears;*

13 (3) *substituting “2027” for “2025”; and*

14 (4) *substituting “section 747 of division B of*
15 *Public Law 118–47, as continued in effect and modi-*
16 *fied by section 1605 of title VI of division A of Public*
17 *Law 119-4, as in effect on September 30, 2025” for*
18 *“section 747 of division E of Public Law 117–328”*
19 *each place it appears.*

20 (c) *Subsection (b) shall not take effect until the first*
21 *day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after*
22 *January 1, 2026.*

23 *SEC. 141. Section 1(b) of Public Law 117–25 (135*
24 *Stat. 297; 136 Stat. 2133; 136 Stat. 5984; 138 Stat. 1771;*
25 *139 Stat. 46) shall be applied in each of paragraphs (3)*

1 *and (4) by substituting the date specified in section 106(3)*
2 *of this Act for “September 30, 2025”.*

3 *SEC. 142. Notwithstanding section 101, title V of divi-*
4 *sion B of Public Law 118–47 shall be applied as though*
5 *the heading “Commodity Futures Trading Commission”*
6 *and the appropriation language thereunder, as it appeared*
7 *under the heading “Independent Agencies” in title VI of*
8 *division B of Public Law 118–42, appeared in title V of*
9 *division B of Public Law 118–47.*

10 *SEC. 143. In addition to amounts otherwise provided*
11 *by section 101 for “The Judiciary—Supreme Court of the*
12 *United States—Salaries and Expenses”, there is appro-*
13 *priated \$28,000,000, for an additional amount for fiscal*
14 *year 2026, to remain available until expended, for the pro-*
15 *tection of the Supreme Court Justices, including the pur-*
16 *chase and hire of passenger motor vehicles as authorized*
17 *by 31 U.S.C. 1343 and 1344, to be expended as the Chief*
18 *Justice may approve.*

19 *SEC. 144. Notwithstanding section 101, amounts are*
20 *provided for “The Judiciary—Courts of Appeals, District*
21 *Courts, and Other Judicial Services Defender Services” at*
22 *a rate for operations of \$1,564,373,000: Provided, That such*
23 *amounts may be apportioned up to the rate for operations*
24 *necessary to make payments, including to panel attorneys*

1 *and related service providers, due under sections 3006A and*
2 *3599(g) of title 18, United States Code.*

3 *SEC. 145. Section 210G(i) of the Homeland Security*
4 *Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124n(i)) shall be applied by sub-*
5 *stituting the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act for*
6 *“September 30, 2025”.*

7 *SEC. 146. Section 225(e) of division A of Public Law*
8 *116–6 (49 U.S.C. 44901 note) shall be applied by sub-*
9 *stituting “fiscal year 2019 through the date specified in sec-*
10 *tion 106(3) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2026”*
11 *for “fiscal years 2019 through 2025”.*

12 *SEC. 147. Amounts made available by section 101 to*
13 *the Department of Homeland Security under the heading*
14 *“Federal Emergency Management Agency—Disaster Relief*
15 *Fund” may be apportioned up to the rate for operations*
16 *necessary to carry out response and recovery activities*
17 *under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-*
18 *gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).*

19 *SEC. 148. Section 227(a) of the Federal Cybersecurity*
20 *Enhancement Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C. 1525(a)) shall be ap-*
21 *plied by substituting the date specified in section 106(3)*
22 *of this Act for “September 30, 2025”.*

23 *SEC. 149. Section 111(a) of the Cybersecurity Informa-*
24 *tion Sharing Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C. 1510(a)) shall be ap-*

1 *plied by substituting the date specified in section 106(3)*
2 *of this Act for “September 30, 2025”.*

3 *SEC. 150. Section 2220A(s)(1) of the Homeland Secu-*
4 *rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 665g(s)(1)) shall be applied by*
5 *substituting the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act*
6 *for “September 30, 2025”.*

7 *SEC. 151. During the period covered by this Act, sec-*
8 *tion 1701 of title VII of division B of Public Law 117–*
9 *43, as amended, shall be applied by substituting “calendar*
10 *years 2021 through 2026” for “2021 or 2022 or 2023 or*
11 *2024” each place it appears.*

12 *SEC. 152. Amounts made available by section 101 for*
13 *“Department of the Interior—Department-Wide Pro-*
14 *grams—Wildland Fire Management” and “Department of*
15 *Agriculture—Forest Service—Wildland Fire Management”*
16 *may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary*
17 *for wildfire suppression activities.*

18 *SEC. 153. (a) In addition to amounts otherwise pro-*
19 *vided by section 101, amounts are provided for “Depart-*
20 *ment of Health and Human Services—Indian Health Serv-*
21 *ice—Indian Health Services” at a rate for operations of*
22 *\$72,265,000, for an additional amount for costs of staffing*
23 *and operating facilities that were opened, renovated, or ex-*
24 *panded in fiscal years 2025 and 2026, and such amounts*

1 *may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary*
2 *to staff and operate such facilities.*

3 *(b) In addition to amounts otherwise provided by sec-*
4 *tion 101, amounts are provided for “Department of Health*
5 *and Human Services—Indian Health Service—Indian*
6 *Health Facilities” at a rate for operations of \$8,050,000,*
7 *for an additional amount for costs of staffing and operating*
8 *facilities that were opened, renovated, or expanded in fiscal*
9 *years 2025 and 2026, and such amounts may be appor-*
10 *tioned up to the rate for operations necessary to staff and*
11 *operate such facilities.*

12 *SEC. 154. Of the amounts made available in the third*
13 *paragraph under the heading “Environmental Protection*
14 *Agency—State and Tribal Assistance Grants” in the Dis-*
15 *aster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 (divi-*
16 *sion N of Public Law 117–328), up to \$54,000,000 shall*
17 *be available for technical assistance and grants under sec-*
18 *tion 1442(b) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.*
19 *300j–1(b)) in areas where the President declared an emer-*
20 *gency in August of fiscal year 2022 pursuant to the Robert*
21 *T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act*
22 *(42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): Provided, That amounts*
23 *repurposed pursuant to this section that were previously*
24 *designated by the Congress as being for an emergency re-*
25 *quirement pursuant to section 4001(a)(1) of S. Con. Res.*

1 14 (117th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget
2 for fiscal year 2022, and section 1(e) of H. Res. 1151 (117th
3 Congress), as engrossed in the House of Representatives on
4 June 8, 2022, are designated as being for an emergency re-
5 quirement pursuant to section 4001(a)(1) of S. Con. Res
6 14 (117th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget
7 for fiscal year 2022, and to legislation establishing fiscal
8 year 2026 budget enforcement in the House of Representa-
9 tives.

10 *SEC. 155. Notwithstanding section 101, the matter*
11 *under the heading “Department of Health and Human*
12 *Services—Administration for Children and Families—*
13 *Children and Families Services Programs” in title II of*
14 *division D of Public Law 118–47 shall be applied by add-*
15 *ing the following after the second proviso: “Provided fur-*
16 *ther, That for purposes of section 640(a)(2)(B)(v) of such*
17 *Act, the base grant for each of the Federated States of Micro-*
18 *nesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands shall be*
19 *\$8,000,000, and shall be considered equal to the amount*
20 *provided for base grants for such jurisdictions under such*
21 *Act for the prior fiscal year:”.*

22 *SEC. 156. Notwithstanding any other provision of this*
23 *Act, there is appropriated—*

1 (1) *For payment to Ashley Paige Turner, heir of*
2 *Sylvester Turner, late a Representative from the State*
3 *of Texas, \$174,000.*

4 (2) *For payment to Ramona Grijalva, widow of*
5 *Raúl M. Grijalva, late a Representative from the*
6 *State of Arizona, \$174,000.*

7 (3) *For payment to Catherine M. Smith, widow*
8 *of Gerald E. Connolly, late a Representative from the*
9 *Commonwealth of Virginia, \$174,000.*

10 *SEC. 157. In addition to amounts otherwise made*
11 *available for “Capitol Police—United States Capitol Police*
12 *Mutual Aid Reimbursements”, there is appropriated*
13 *\$30,000,000, for an additional amount for fiscal year 2026,*
14 *to remain available until expended, for reimbursements for*
15 *mutual aid and related training provided under the agree-*
16 *ments described in section 7302 of Public Law 108–458:*
17 *Provided, That amounts provided by this section shall be*
18 *subject to the same authorities and conditions as if such*
19 *amounts were provided by title I of division C of the Con-*
20 *tinuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch,*
21 *Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Exten-*
22 *sions Act, 2026: Provided further, That obligation of the*
23 *funds made available in this section in this Act shall be*
24 *subject to notification to the Chairmen and Ranking Mem-*
25 *bers of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses*

1 of Congress, the Senate Committee on Rules and Adminis-
2 tration, and the Committee on House Administration of the
3 amount and purpose of the expense within 15 days of obli-
4 gation.

5 *SEC. 158. Section 1424(a) of the Better Utilization of*
6 *Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C.*
7 *9624(a)) shall be applied by substituting the date specified*
8 *in section 106(3) of this Act for “the date that is 7 years*
9 *after the date of the enactment of this Act”.*

10 *SEC. 159. The fifth and sixth provisos under the head-*
11 *ing “Millennium Challenge Corporation” in title III of di-*
12 *vision F of Public Law 118–47 shall be amended by striking*
13 *“December 31, 2024” and inserting “December 31, 2026”*
14 *each place it appears.*

15 *SEC. 160. Section 562(c) of the European Bank for*
16 *Reconstruction and Development Act, as amended (22*
17 *U.S.C. 290l et seq.), is further amended by adding the fol-*
18 *lowing new paragraph at the end:*

19 “(13) *CAPITAL INCREASE.—*

20 “(A) *SUBSCRIPTION AUTHORIZED.—*

21 “(i) *The United States Governor of the*
22 *Bank may subscribe on behalf of the United*
23 *States up to 40,000 additional shares of the*
24 *paid-in capital stock of the Bank.*

1 “(ii) Any subscription by the United
2 States to additional paid-in capital stock of
3 the Bank shall be effective only to such ex-
4 tent and in such amounts as are provided
5 in advance in appropriations Acts.

6 “(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
7 TIONS.—In order to pay for the increase in the
8 United States subscription to the Bank under
9 paragraph (A), there are authorized to be appro-
10 priated, without fiscal year limitation,
11 \$437,457,804, for payment by the Secretary of
12 the Treasury.”.

13 SEC. 161. Notwithstanding section 106, during fiscal
14 year 2026, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
15 ment may use the unobligated balances of amounts made
16 available in prior fiscal years in paragraphs (2), (3), and
17 (8) under the heading “Public and Indian Housing—Ten-
18 ant-Based Rental Assistance” to support additional alloca-
19 tions under subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) and sub-
20 paragraph (B) of paragraph (4) of such heading to prevent
21 the termination of rental assistance for families as the re-
22 sult of insufficient funding in the calendar year 2025 fund-
23 ing cycle: Provided, That amounts repurposed pursuant to
24 this section that were previously designated by the Congress
25 as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent res-

1 *olution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emer-*
2 *gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by the*
3 *Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant*
4 *to section 4001(a)(1) of S. Con. Res. 14 (117th Congress),*
5 *the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2022,*
6 *and to legislation establishing fiscal year 2026 budget en-*
7 *forcement in the House of Representatives.*

8 *SEC. 162. Amounts made available by section 101 for*
9 *“Department of Transportation—Office of the Secretary—*
10 *Payments to Air Carriers” may be apportioned up to the*
11 *rate for operations necessary to maintain Essential Air*
12 *Service program operations.*

13 *SEC. 163. Section 4144(d) of the Motor Carrier Safety*
14 *Reauthorization Act of 2005 (49 U.S.C. 31100 note) shall*
15 *be applied by substituting the date specified in section*
16 *106(3) of this Act for “September 30, 2025”.*

17 *This division may be cited as the “Continuing Appro-*
18 *priations Act, 2026”.*

1 ***DIVISION B—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DE-***
2 ***VELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMIN-***
3 ***ISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCY AP-***
4 ***PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026***

5 *TITLE I*

6 *AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS*

7 *PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING*

8 *OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY*

9 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

10 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary,*
11 *\$46,361,000 of which not to exceed \$7,000,000 shall be*
12 *available for the immediate Office of the Secretary, of which*
13 *\$500,000 shall be for the establishment of a Seafood Indus-*
14 *try Liaison; not to exceed \$1,700,000 shall be available for*
15 *the Office of Homeland Security; not to exceed \$5,190,000*
16 *shall be available for the Office of Tribal Relations, of which*
17 *\$1,000,000 shall be to continue a Tribal Public Health Re-*
18 *source Center at a land grant university with existing in-*
19 *digenuous public health expertise to expand current partner-*
20 *ships and collaborative efforts with indigenous groups to*
21 *improve the delivery of public health services and functions*
22 *in American Indian communities focusing on indigenous*
23 *food sovereignty; not to exceed \$5,250,000 shall be available*
24 *for the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement, of*
25 *which \$1,500,000 shall be for 7 U.S.C. 2279(c)(5); not to*

1 exceed \$18,721,000 shall be available for the Office of the
2 Assistant Secretary for Administration, of which
3 \$17,015,000 shall be available for Departmental Adminis-
4 tration to provide for necessary expenses for management
5 support services to offices of the Department and for general
6 administration, security, repairs and alterations, and other
7 miscellaneous supplies and expenses not otherwise provided
8 for and necessary for the practical and efficient work of the
9 Department: Provided, That funds made available by this
10 Act to an agency in the Administration mission area for
11 salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one ad-
12 ministrative support staff for the Office; not to exceed
13 \$3,500,000 shall be available for the Office of Assistant Sec-
14 retary for Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental
15 Affairs to carry out the programs funded by this Act, in-
16 cluding programs involving intergovernmental affairs and
17 liaison within the executive branch; and not to exceed
18 \$5,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Communica-
19 tions: Provided further, That the Secretary of Agriculture
20 is authorized to transfer funds appropriated for any office
21 of the Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office
22 of the Secretary: Provided further, That no appropriation
23 for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than
24 5 percent: Provided further, That not to exceed \$22,000 of
25 the amount made available under this paragraph for the

1 *immediate Office of the Secretary shall be available for offi-*
2 *cial reception and representation expenses, not otherwise*
3 *provided for, as determined by the Secretary: Provided fur-*
4 *ther, That the amount made available under this heading*
5 *for Departmental Administration shall be reimbursed from*
6 *applicable appropriations in this Act for travel expenses in-*
7 *cident to the holding of hearings as required by 5 U.S.C.*
8 *551–558: Provided further, That funds made available*
9 *under this heading for the Office of the Assistant Secretary*
10 *for Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs*
11 *shall be transferred to agencies of the Department of Agri-*
12 *culture funded by this Act to maintain personnel at the*
13 *agency level: Provided further, That no funds made avail-*
14 *able under this heading for the Office of Assistant Secretary*
15 *for Congressional Relations may be obligated after 30 days*
16 *from the date of enactment of this Act, unless the Secretary*
17 *has notified the Committees on Appropriations of both*
18 *Houses of Congress on the allocation of these funds by*
19 *USDA agency: Provided further, That during any 30 day*
20 *notification period referenced in section 716 of this Act, the*
21 *Secretary of Agriculture shall take no action to begin imple-*
22 *mentation of the action that is subject to section 716 of this*
23 *Act or make any public announcement of such action in*
24 *any form.*

1 \$60,032,000 is for cybersecurity requirements of the depart-
2 ment.

3 *OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER*

4 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Finan-*
5 *cial Officer, \$5,867,000.*

6 *OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL*

7 *RIGHTS*

8 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant*
9 *Secretary for Civil Rights, \$1,466,000: Provided, That*
10 *funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Civil*
11 *Rights mission area for salaries and expenses are available*
12 *to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.*

13 *OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS*

14 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,*
15 *\$30,000,000.*

16 *AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

17 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

18 *For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-*
19 *ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant*
20 *to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Administrator*
21 *of General Services to the Department of Agriculture under*
22 *40 U.S.C. 121, for programs and activities of the Depart-*
23 *ment which are included in this Act, and for alterations*
24 *and other actions needed for the Department and its agen-*
25 *cies to consolidate unneeded space into configurations suit-*

1 *able for release to the Administrator of General Services,*
2 *and for the operation, maintenance, improvement, and re-*
3 *pair of Agriculture buildings and facilities, and for related*
4 *costs, \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

5 *HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT*

6 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

7 *For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-*
8 *culture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental*
9 *Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.*
10 *9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C.*
11 *6901 et seq.), \$1,619,000, to remain available until ex-*
12 *pended: Provided, That appropriations and funds available*
13 *herein to the Department for Hazardous Materials Manage-*
14 *ment may be transferred to any agency of the Department*
15 *for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to the*
16 *above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.*

17 *OFFICE OF SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PROTECTION*

18 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Safety, Security,*
19 *and Protection, \$24,000,000.*

20 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

21 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-*
22 *eral, including employment pursuant to the Inspector Gen-*
23 *eral Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.),*
24 *\$103,000,000, including such sums as may be necessary for*
25 *contracting and other arrangements with public agencies*

1 *and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the In-*
2 *pector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C.*
3 *App.), and including not to exceed \$125,000 for certain con-*
4 *fidential operational expenses, including the payment of in-*
5 *formants, to be expended under the direction of the Inspec-*
6 *tor General pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978*
7 *(Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 1337 of*
8 *the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (Public Law 97-98).*

9 *OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL*

10 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the General*
11 *Counsel, \$60,537,000.*

12 *OFFICE OF ETHICS*

13 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Ethics,*
14 *\$4,500,000.*

15 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,*

16 *EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS*

17 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
18 *retary for Research, Education, and Economics,*
19 *\$1,884,000: Provided, That funds made available by this*
20 *Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Econom-*
21 *ics mission area for salaries and expenses are available to*
22 *fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office:*
23 *Provided further, That of the amounts made available*
24 *under this heading, \$500,000 shall be made available for*
25 *the Office of the Chief Scientist.*

1 *ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE*

2 *For necessary expenses of the Economic Research Serv-*
3 *ice, \$90,612,000.*

4 *NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE*

5 *For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural*
6 *Statistics Service, \$185,000,000, of which up to \$46,000,000*
7 *shall be available until expended for the Census of Agri-*
8 *culture: Provided, That amounts made available for the*
9 *Census of Agriculture may be used to conduct Current In-*
10 *dustrial Report surveys subject to 7 U.S.C. 2204g(d) and*
11 *(f): Provided further, That the Secretary shall notify the*
12 *Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress*
13 *in writing at least 30 days prior to discontinuing data col-*
14 *lection programs and reports.*

15 *AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE*16 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

17 *For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research*
18 *Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,*
19 *or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,000 and*
20 *with prior notification and approval of the Committees on*
21 *Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and for land*
22 *exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of equal value*
23 *or shall be equalized by a payment of money to the grantor*
24 *which shall not exceed 25 percent of the total value of the*
25 *land or interests transferred out of Federal ownership,*

1 \$1,793,063,000, which shall be for the purposes, and in the
2 amounts, specified in the table titled “Agricultural Research
3 Service Salaries and Expenses” in the explanatory state-
4 ment described in section 4 (in the matter preceding divi-
5 sion A of this consolidated Act): Provided, That appropria-
6 tions hereunder shall be available for the operation and
7 maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed
8 one for replacement only: Provided further, That appro-
9 priations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C.
10 2250 for the construction, alteration, and repair of build-
11 ings and improvements, but unless otherwise provided, the
12 cost of constructing any one building shall not exceed
13 \$500,000, except for headhouses or greenhouses which shall
14 each be limited to \$1,800,000, except for 10 buildings to
15 be constructed or improved at a cost not to exceed
16 \$1,100,000 each, and except for four buildings to be con-
17 structed at a cost not to exceed \$5,000,000 each, and the
18 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year shall
19 not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement value of
20 the building or \$500,000, whichever is greater: Provided
21 further, That appropriations hereunder shall be available
22 for entering into lease agreements at any Agricultural Re-
23 search Service location for the construction of a research
24 facility by a non-Federal entity for use by the Agricultural
25 Research Service and a condition of the lease shall be that

1 *any facility shall be owned, operated, and maintained by*
2 *the non-Federal entity and shall be removed upon the expi-*
3 *ration or termination of the lease agreement: Provided fur-*
4 *ther, That the limitations on alterations contained in this*
5 *Act shall not apply to modernization or replacement of ex-*
6 *isting facilities at Beltsville, Maryland: Provided further,*
7 *That appropriations hereunder shall be available for grant-*
8 *ing easements at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Cen-*
9 *ter: Provided further, That the foregoing limitations shall*
10 *not apply to replacement of buildings needed to carry out*
11 *the Act of April 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): Provided fur-*
12 *ther, That appropriations hereunder shall be available for*
13 *granting easements at any Agricultural Research Service*
14 *location for the construction of a research facility by a non-*
15 *Federal entity for use by, and acceptable to, the Agricul-*
16 *tural Research Service and a condition of the easements*
17 *shall be that upon completion the facility shall be accepted*
18 *by the Secretary, subject to the availability of funds herein,*
19 *if the Secretary finds that acceptance of the facility is in*
20 *the interest of the United States: Provided further, That*
21 *funds may be received from any State, other political sub-*
22 *division, organization, or individual for the purpose of es-*
23 *tablishing or operating any research facility or research*
24 *project of the Agricultural Research Service, as authorized*
25 *by law: Provided further, That no later than 60 days from*

1 *the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide*
2 *a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both House*
3 *of Congress that outlines the current funding levels, staffing*
4 *levels, and hiring plans in fiscal year 2026 for each research*
5 *unit: Provided further, That the Secretary shall include in*
6 *the department's fiscal year 2027 budget request estimates*
7 *for funding levels, staffing levels, and hiring plans for each*
8 *research unit: Provided further, That appropriations here-*
9 *under shall be available for the Experienced Services Pro-*
10 *gram at the Agricultural Research Service (16 U.S.C.*
11 *3851).*

12 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

13 *For the acquisition of land, construction, repair, im-*
14 *provement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed*
15 *equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricul-*
16 *tural research programs of the Department of Agriculture,*
17 *where not otherwise provided, \$60,650,000, to remain avail-*
18 *able until expended, of which \$57,650,000 shall be for the*
19 *purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this account in*
20 *the table titled "Community Project Funding/Congression-*
21 *ally Directed Spending" in the explanatory statement de-*
22 *scribed in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of*
23 *this consolidated Act), and of which, in addition to amounts*
24 *otherwise available, \$3,000,000 shall be for construction*

1 *and facilities improvements at the Beltsville Agricultural*
2 *Research Center.*

3 *NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE*

4 *RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES*

5 *For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for*
6 *cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and*
7 *for other expenses, \$1,075,810,000, which shall be for the*
8 *purposes, in the amounts, and for the periods of availability*
9 *specified in the table titled “National Institute of Food and*
10 *Agriculture, Research and Education Activities” in the ex-*
11 *planatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter*
12 *preceding division A of this consolidated Act), of which*
13 *\$551,060,000 shall remain available until expended and of*
14 *which \$7,000,000 shall remain available until September*
15 *30, 2027: Provided, That of the amounts provided under*
16 *this heading, \$13,560,000 shall be for the purposes, and in*
17 *the amounts, specified for this account in the table titled*
18 *“Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed*
19 *Spending” in the explanatory statement described in sec-*
20 *tion 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consoli-*
21 *dated Act), to remain available until expended, which shall*
22 *not be subject to section 6(c) and section 6(d) of the Re-*
23 *search Facilities Act (7 U.S.C. 390d): Provided further,*
24 *That each institution eligible to receive funds under the*
25 *Evans-Allen program receives no less than \$1,000,000: Pro-*

1 *vided further, That funds for education grants for Alaska*
 2 *Native and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions be made*
 3 *available to individual eligible institutions or consortia of*
 4 *eligible institutions with funds awarded equally to each of*
 5 *the States of Alaska and Hawaii: Provided further, That*
 6 *funds for education grants for 1890 institutions shall be*
 7 *made available to institutions eligible to receive funds*
 8 *under 7 U.S.C. 3221 and 3222: Provided further, That not*
 9 *more than 5 percent of the amounts made available by this*
 10 *or any other Act to carry out the Agriculture and Food*
 11 *Research Initiative under 7 U.S.C. 3157 may be retained*
 12 *by the Secretary of Agriculture to pay administrative costs*
 13 *incurred by the Secretary in carrying out that authority.*

14 *NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND*

15 *For the Native American Institutions Endowment*
 16 *Fund authorized by Public Law 103–382 (7 U.S.C. 301*
 17 *note), \$11,880,000, to remain available until expended.*

18 *EXTENSION ACTIVITIES*

19 *For payments to States, the District of Columbia,*
 20 *Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, the*
 21 *Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$561,100,000*
 22 *which shall be for the purposes, in the amounts, and for*
 23 *the periods of availability specified in the table titled “Na-*
 24 *tional Institute of Food and Agriculture, Extension Activi-*
 25 *ties” in the explanatory statement described in section 4*

1 *(in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated*
2 *Act), of which \$33,500,000 shall remain available until ex-*
3 *pended: Provided, That institutions eligible to receive funds*
4 *under 7 U.S.C. 3221 for cooperative extension receive no*
5 *less than \$1,000,000: Provided further, That funds for coop-*
6 *erative extension under sections 3(b) and (c) of the Smith-*
7 *Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c)) and section 208(c) of*
8 *Public Law 93–471 shall be available for retirement and*
9 *employees’ compensation costs for extension agents.*

10 *INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES*

11 *For the integrated research, education, and extension*
12 *grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-*
13 *penses, \$40,100,000, which shall be for the purposes, in the*
14 *amounts, and for the periods of availability specified in the*
15 *table titled “National Institute of Food and Agriculture, In-*
16 *tegrated Activities” in the explanatory statement described*
17 *in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this con-*
18 *solidated Act), of which \$8,000,000 shall remain available*
19 *until September 30, 2027: Provided, That notwithstanding*
20 *any other provision of law, indirect costs shall not be*
21 *charged against any Extension Implementation Program*
22 *Area grant awarded under the Crop Protection/Pest Man-*
23 *agement Program (7 U.S.C. 7626).*

1 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING AND*
2 *REGULATORY PROGRAMS*

3 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
4 *retary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, \$1,617,000:*
5 *Provided, That funds made available by this Act to an*
6 *agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Programs mission*
7 *area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to*
8 *one administrative support staff for the Office.*

9 *ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE*

10 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

11 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

12 *For necessary expenses of the Animal and Plant*
13 *Health Inspection Service, including up to \$30,000 for rep-*
14 *resentation allowances and for expenses pursuant to the*
15 *Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085),*
16 *\$1,157,534,000 which shall be for the purposes, in the*
17 *amounts, and for the periods of availability specified in the*
18 *table titled “Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service”*
19 *in the explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the*
20 *matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act), of*
21 *which \$594,551,000 shall remain available until expended,*
22 *of which \$11,384,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the*
23 *amounts, specified for this account in the table titled “Com-*
24 *munity Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spend-*
25 *ing” in the explanatory statement described in section 4*

1 *(in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated*
2 *Act), to remain available until expended, and of which*
3 *\$8,500,000 shall remain available until September 30,*
4 *2027: Provided, That no funds shall be used to formulate*
5 *or administer a brucellosis eradication program for the cur-*
6 *rent fiscal year that does not require minimum matching*
7 *by the States of at least 40 percent: Provided further, That*
8 *this appropriation shall be available for the purchase, re-*
9 *placement, operation, and maintenance of aircraft: Pro-*
10 *vided further, That in addition, in emergencies which*
11 *threaten any segment of the agricultural production indus-*
12 *try of the United States, the Secretary may transfer from*
13 *other appropriations or funds available to the agencies or*
14 *corporations of the Department such sums as may be*
15 *deemed necessary, to be available only in such emergencies*
16 *for the arrest and eradication of contagious or infectious*
17 *disease or pests of animals, poultry, or plants, and for ex-*
18 *penses in accordance with sections 10411 and 10417 of the*
19 *Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8310 and 8316)*
20 *and sections 431 and 442 of the Plant Protection Act (7*
21 *U.S.C. 7751 and 7772), and any unexpended balances of*
22 *funds transferred for such emergency purposes in the pre-*
23 *ceding fiscal year shall be merged with such transferred*
24 *amounts: Provided further, That the Secretary must notify*
25 *the Committees on Appropriations about any transfer of*

1 *funds in the preceding proviso within 15 days after such*
2 *transfer being made: Provided further, That appropriations*
3 *hereunder shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C.*
4 *2250) for the repair and alteration of leased buildings and*
5 *improvements, but unless otherwise provided the cost of al-*
6 *tering any one building during the fiscal year shall not ex-*
7 *ceed 10 percent of the current replacement value of the*
8 *building.*

9 *In fiscal year 2026, the agency is authorized to collect*
10 *fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assistance,*
11 *goods, or services requested by States, other political sub-*
12 *divisions, domestic and international organizations, foreign*
13 *governments, or individuals, provided that such fees are*
14 *structured such that any entity's liability for such fees is*
15 *reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods, or serv-*
16 *ices provided to the entity by the agency, and such fees shall*
17 *be reimbursed to this account, to remain available until ex-*
18 *pended, without further appropriation, for providing such*
19 *assistance, goods, or services.*

20 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

21 *For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-*
22 *nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-*
23 *teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as*
24 *authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as*

1 *authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a, \$500,000, to remain avail-*
2 *able until expended.*

3 *AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE*

4 *MARKETING SERVICES*

5 *For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Marketing*
6 *Service, \$211,367,000, of which \$6,000,000 shall be avail-*
7 *able for the purposes of section 12306 of Public Law 113-*
8 *79, and of which \$1,000,000 shall be available for the pur-*
9 *poses of section 779 of division A of Public Law 117-103:*
10 *Provided, That of the amounts made available under this*
11 *heading, \$13,750,000, to remain available until expended,*
12 *shall be to carry out section 12513 of Public Law 115-334,*
13 *of which \$11,250,000 shall be for dairy business innovation*
14 *initiatives established in Public Law 116-6 and the Sec-*
15 *retary shall take measures to ensure an equal distribution*
16 *of funds between these three regional innovation initiatives:*
17 *Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available*
18 *pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alteration and re-*
19 *pair of buildings and improvements, but the cost of altering*
20 *any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10*
21 *percent of the current replacement value of the building.*

22 *Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization*
23 *activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31*
24 *U.S.C. 9701), except for the cost of activities relating to the*

1 *development or maintenance of grain standards under the*
2 *United States Grain Standards Act, 7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.*

3 *LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES*

4 *Not to exceed \$62,596,000 (from fees collected) shall be*
5 *obligated during the current fiscal year for administrative*
6 *expenses: Provided, That if crop size is understated and/*
7 *or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may exceed*
8 *this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the*
9 *Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.*

10 *FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND*

11 *SUPPLY (SECTION 32)*

12 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

13 *Funds available under section 32 of the Act of August*
14 *24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), shall be used only for commodity*
15 *program expenses as authorized therein, and other related*
16 *operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the Depart-*
17 *ment of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and Wildlife*
18 *Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.); (2) transfers otherwise*
19 *provided in this Act; and (3) not more than \$23,880,000*
20 *for formulation and administration of marketing agree-*
21 *ments and orders pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing*
22 *Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural Act of 1961*
23 *(Public Law 87-128).*

1 *and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the Act approved*
2 *August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766), \$1,215,200,000; and in*
3 *addition, \$1,000,000 may be credited to this account from*
4 *fees collected for the cost of laboratory accreditation as au-*
5 *thorized by section 1327 of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-*
6 *tion and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 138f): Provided, That*
7 *funds provided for the Public Health Data Communication*
8 *Infrastructure system shall remain available until ex-*
9 *pended: Provided further, That no fewer than 148 full-time*
10 *equivalent positions shall be employed during fiscal year*
11 *2026 for purposes dedicated solely to inspections and en-*
12 *forcement related to the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act*
13 *(7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.): Provided further, That the Food*
14 *Safety and Inspection Service shall continue implementa-*
15 *tion of section 11016 of Public Law 110–246 as further*
16 *clarified by the amendments made in section 12106 of Pub-*
17 *lic Law 113–79: Provided further, That this appropriation*
18 *shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the*
19 *alteration and repair of buildings and improvements, but*
20 *the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year*
21 *shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement value*
22 *of the building.*

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TITLE II

FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION

PROGRAMS

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FARM

PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, \$1,527,000: Provided, That funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Farm Production and Conservation mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.

FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION BUSINESS

CENTER

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Farm Production and Conservation Business Center, \$167,633,000, of which \$1,000,000 shall be for the implementation of section 773 of Public Law 117–328: Provided, That \$70,740,000 of amounts appropriated for the current fiscal year pursuant to section 1241(a) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)) shall be transferred to and merged with this account.

1 *FARM SERVICE AGENCY*2 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

4 *For necessary expenses of the Farm Service Agency,*
5 *\$1,125,000,000, of which not less than \$15,000,000 shall be*
6 *for the hiring of new employees to fill vacancies and antici-*
7 *pated vacancies at Farm Service Agency county offices and*
8 *farm loan officers and shall be available until September*
9 *30, 2027: Provided, That the agency shall submit a report*
10 *by the end of the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2026 to the*
11 *Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress*
12 *that identifies for each project/investment that is oper-*
13 *ational (a) current performance against key indicators of*
14 *customer satisfaction, (b) current performance of service*
15 *level agreements or other technical metrics, (c) current per-*
16 *formance against a pre-established cost baseline, (d) a de-*
17 *tailed breakdown of current and planned spending on oper-*
18 *ational enhancements or upgrades, and (e) an assessment*
19 *of whether the investment continues to meet business needs*
20 *as intended as well as alternatives to the investment: Pro-*
21 *vided further, That the Secretary is authorized to use the*
22 *services, facilities, and authorities (but not the funds) of*
23 *the Commodity Credit Corporation to make program pay-*
24 *ments for all programs administered by the Agency: Pro-*
25 *vided further, That other funds made available to the Agen-*

1 *cy for authorized activities may be advanced to and merged*
2 *with this account: Provided further, That of the amount ap-*
3 *propriated under this heading, \$696,594,000 shall be made*
4 *available to county offices, to remain available until ex-*
5 *pended: Provided further, That, notwithstanding the pre-*
6 *ceding proviso, any funds made available to county offices*
7 *in the current fiscal year that the Administrator of the*
8 *Farm Service Agency deems to exceed or not meet the*
9 *amount needed for the county offices may be transferred to*
10 *or from the Farm Service Agency for necessary expenses:*
11 *Provided further, That none of the funds available for any*
12 *department or agency in this or any other appropriations*
13 *Acts, including prior year Acts, shall be used to close Farm*
14 *Service Agency county offices: Provided further, That none*
15 *of the funds available in this or any other Act, including*
16 *prior year Acts, shall be used to permanently relocate coun-*
17 *ty based employees that would result in an office with two*
18 *or fewer employees without prior notification and approval*
19 *of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
20 *gress.*

21 *STATE MEDIATION GRANTS*

22 *For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-*
23 *tural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5101–5106),*
24 *\$6,500,000: Provided, That the Secretary of Agriculture*
25 *may determine that United States territories and Federally*

1 *recognized Indian tribes are “States” for the purposes of*
2 *Subtitle A of such Act.*

3 *GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM*

4 *For necessary expenses to carry out wellhead or*
5 *groundwater protection activities under section 12400 of*
6 *the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb–2),*
7 *\$7,500,000, to remain available until expended.*

8 *DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM*

9 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

10 *For necessary expenses involved in making indemnity*
11 *payments to dairy farmers and manufacturers of dairy*
12 *products under a dairy indemnity program, such sums as*
13 *may be necessary, to remain available until expended: Pro-*
14 *vided, That such program is carried out by the Secretary*
15 *in the same manner as the dairy indemnity program de-*
16 *scribed in the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and*
17 *Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-*
18 *tions Act, 2001 (Public Law 106–387, 114 Stat. 1549A–*
19 *12).*

20 *GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND*

21 *RANCHERS*

22 *For necessary expenses to carry out direct reimburse-*
23 *ment payments to geographically disadvantaged farmers*
24 *and ranchers under section 1621 of the Food Conservation,*

1 *and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8792), \$3,500,000, to*
2 *remain available until expended.*

3 *AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM*

4 *ACCOUNT*

5 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

6 *For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-*
7 *rect and guaranteed farm ownership (7 U.S.C. 1922 et seq.)*
8 *and operating (7 U.S.C. 1941 et seq.) loans, emergency*
9 *loans (7 U.S.C. 1961 et seq.), Indian tribe land acquisition*
10 *loans (25 U.S.C. 5136), boll weevil loans (7 U.S.C. 1989),*
11 *guaranteed conservation loans (7 U.S.C. 1924 et seq.), to*
12 *be available from funds in the Agricultural Credit Insur-*
13 *ance Fund, as follows: \$3,500,000,000 for guaranteed farm*
14 *ownership loans and \$2,580,000,000 for farm ownership di-*
15 *rect loans; \$2,000,000,000 for unsubsidized guaranteed op-*
16 *erating loans and \$1,633,000,000 for direct operating loans;*
17 *emergency loans, \$14,388,000; Indian tribe land acquisi-*
18 *tion loans, \$20,000,000; guaranteed conservation loans,*
19 *\$150,000,000; and for boll weevil eradication program*
20 *loans, \$60,000,000: Provided, That the Secretary shall deem*
21 *the pink bollworm to be a boll weevil for the purpose of*
22 *boll weevil eradication program loans.*

23 *For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans and grants,*
24 *including the cost of modifying loans as defined in section*
25 *502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows:*

1 \$1,000,000 for emergency loans, to remain available until
2 expended; \$32,766,000 for farm ownership direct loans, and
3 \$84,000 for boll weevil eradication program loans.

4 *In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to*
5 *carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,*
6 *\$326,053,000: Provided, That of this amount, \$305,803,000*
7 *shall be paid to the appropriation for “Farm Service Agen-*
8 *cy, Salaries and Expenses”.*

9 *Funds appropriated by this Act to the Agricultural*
10 *Credit Insurance Program Account for farm ownership, op-*
11 *erating, conservation, and emergency direct loans and loan*
12 *guarantees may be transferred among these programs: Pro-*
13 *vided, That the Committees on Appropriations of both*
14 *Houses of Congress are notified at least 15 days in advance*
15 *of any transfer.*

16 *RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY*

17 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

18 *For necessary expenses of the Risk Management Agen-*
19 *cy, \$60,000,000: Provided, That \$1,000,000 of the amount*
20 *appropriated under this heading in this Act shall be avail-*
21 *able for compliance and integrity activities required under*
22 *section 516(b)(2)(C) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act of*
23 *1938 (7 U.S.C. 1516(b)(2)(C)), and shall be in addition to*
24 *amounts otherwise provided for such purpose: Provided fur-*
25 *ther, That not to exceed \$1,000 shall be available for official*

1 *reception and representation expenses, as authorized by*
2 *U.S.C. 1506(i).*

3 *NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE*

4 *CONSERVATION OPERATIONS*

5 *For necessary expenses for carrying out the provisions*
6 *of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f), including*
7 *preparation of conservation plans and establishment of*
8 *measures to conserve soil and water (including farm irriga-*
9 *tion and land drainage and such special measures for soil*
10 *and water management as may be necessary to prevent*
11 *floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to control agricul-*
12 *tural related pollutants); operation of conservation plant*
13 *materials centers; classification and mapping of soil; dis-*
14 *semination of information; acquisition of lands, water, and*
15 *interests therein for use in the plant materials program by*
16 *donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal cost not to*
17 *exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C.*
18 *2268a); purchase and erection or alteration or improvement*
19 *of permanent and temporary buildings; and operation and*
20 *maintenance of aircraft, \$850,000,000, which shall be for*
21 *the purposes and in the amounts specified in the table titled*
22 *“Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Op-*
23 *erations” in the explanatory statement described in section*
24 *4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated*
25 *Act), to remain available until September 30, 2027, of*

1 *which \$34,625,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the*
2 *amounts specified for this account in the table titled “Com-*
3 *munity Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spend-*
4 *ing” in the explanatory statement described in section 4*
5 *(in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated*
6 *Act): Provided, That appropriations hereunder shall be*
7 *available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for construction and*
8 *improvement of buildings and public improvements at*
9 *plant materials centers, except that the cost of alterations*
10 *and improvements to other buildings and other public im-*
11 *provements shall not exceed \$250,000: Provided further,*
12 *That when buildings or other structures are erected on non-*
13 *Federal land, that the right to use such land is obtained*
14 *as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a.*

15 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

16 *For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-*
17 *ures, including but not limited to surveys and investiga-*
18 *tions, engineering operations, works of improvement, and*
19 *changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed*
20 *Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001–1005*
21 *and 1007–1009) and in accordance with the provisions of*
22 *laws relating to the activities of the Department,*
23 *\$50,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which*
24 *\$32,360,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts,*
25 *specified for this account in the table titled “Community*

1 *Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending” in the*
2 *explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter*
3 *preceding division A of this consolidated Act): Provided,*
4 *That for funds provided by this Act or any other prior Act,*
5 *the limitation regarding the size of the watershed or sub-*
6 *watershed exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand acres*
7 *in which such activities can be undertaken shall only apply*
8 *for activities undertaken for the primary purpose of flood*
9 *prevention (including structural and land treatment meas-*
10 *ures): Provided further, That of the amounts made available*
11 *under this heading, \$10,000,000 shall be allocated to multi-*
12 *benefit irrigation modernization projects and activities that*
13 *increase fish or wildlife habitat, reduce drought impact, im-*
14 *prove water quality or instream flow, or provide off-channel*
15 *renewable energy production.*

16 *WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM*

17 *Under the authorities of section 14 of the Watershed*
18 *Protection and Flood Prevention Act, \$3,000,000 is pro-*
19 *vided.*

20 *CORPORATIONS*

21 *The following corporations and agencies are hereby au-*
22 *thorized to make expenditures, within the limits of funds*
23 *and borrowing authority available to each such corporation*
24 *or agency and in accord with law, and to make contracts*
25 *and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations*

1 *as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation*
2 *Control Act as may be necessary in carrying out the pro-*
3 *grams set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for*
4 *such corporation or agency, except as hereinafter provided.*

5 *FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND*

6 *For payments as authorized by section 516 of the Fed-*
7 *eral Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1516), such sums as may*
8 *be necessary, to remain available until expended.*

9 *COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND*

10 *REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES*

11 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

12 *For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-*
13 *essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for*
14 *net realized losses sustained, but not previously reimbursed,*
15 *pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17, 1961 (15*
16 *U.S.C. 713a-11): Provided, That of the funds available to*
17 *the Commodity Credit Corporation under section 11 of the*
18 *Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C.*
19 *714i) for the conduct of its business with the Foreign Agri-*
20 *cultural Service, up to \$5,000,000 may be transferred to*
21 *and used by the Foreign Agricultural Service for informa-*
22 *tion resource management activities of the Foreign Agricul-*
23 *tural Service that are not related to Commodity Credit Cor-*
24 *poration business: Provided further, That the Secretary*
25 *shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House*

1 *and Senate in writing 15 days prior to the obligation, com-*
2 *mitment, or transfer of any emergency funds from the Com-*
3 *modity Credit Corporation or the transfer or cancellation*
4 *of any previously obligated Commodity Credit Corporation*
5 *funds: Provided further, That such written notification*
6 *shall include a detailed spend plan for the anticipated uses*
7 *of such funds and an expected timeline for program execu-*
8 *tion if such obligation, commitment, transfer, or cancella-*
9 *tion exceeds \$100,000,000.*

10 *HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT*

11 *(LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)*

12 *For the current fiscal year, the Commodity Credit Cor-*
13 *poration shall not expend more than \$15,000,000 for site*
14 *investigation and cleanup expenses, and operations and*
15 *maintenance expenses to comply with the requirement of*
16 *section 107(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-*
17 *sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.*
18 *9607(g)), and section 6001 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act*
19 *(42 U.S.C. 6961).*

20 *TITLE III*

21 *RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS*

22 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL*

23 *DEVELOPMENT*

24 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
25 *retary for Rural Development, \$1,620,000: Provided, That*

1 *funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Rural*
2 *Development mission area for salaries and expenses are*
3 *available to fund up to one administrative support staff for*
4 *the Office.*

5 *RURAL DEVELOPMENT*

6 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

7 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

8 *For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-*
9 *tration and implementation of Rural Development pro-*
10 *grams, including activities with institutions concerning the*
11 *development and operation of agricultural cooperatives; and*
12 *for cooperative agreements; \$312,000,000: Provided, That of*
13 *the amount made available under this heading, no less than*
14 *\$75,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be*
15 *used for information technology expenses: Provided further,*
16 *That notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds ap-*
17 *propriated under this heading may be used for advertising*
18 *and promotional activities that support Rural Development*
19 *programs: Provided further, That in addition to any other*
20 *funds appropriated for purposes authorized by section*
21 *502(i) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472(i)), any*
22 *amounts collected under such section, as amended by this*
23 *Act, will immediately be credited to this account and will*
24 *remain available until expended for such purposes: Pro-*
25 *vided further, That of the amount made available under this*

1 heading, \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended,
2 shall be for the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a pilot
3 program that assists rural hospitals to improve long-term
4 operations and financial health, including strategies to ex-
5 pand and sustain access to maternal health care services,
6 by providing technical assistance through analysis of cur-
7 rent hospital management practices.

8 *RURAL HOUSING SERVICE*

9 *RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

10 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

11 *For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-*
12 *rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the*
13 *Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the rural*
14 *housing insurance fund, as follows: \$1,000,000,000 shall be*
15 *for section 502 direct loans; \$5,000,000 shall be for a Single*
16 *Family Housing Relending demonstration program for Na-*
17 *tive American Tribes; and \$25,000,000,000 shall be for sec-*
18 *tion 502 unsubsidized guaranteed loans; \$25,000,000 for*
19 *section 504 housing repair loans; \$50,000,000 for section*
20 *515 rental housing; \$400,000,000 for section 538 guaran-*
21 *teed multi-family housing loans; \$10,000,000 for credit*
22 *sales of single family housing acquired property; \$5,000,000*
23 *for section 523 self-help housing land development loans;*
24 *\$5,000,000 for section 524 site development loans; and*
25 *\$15,000,000 for section 514 direct farm labor housing loans.*

1 *For the cost of direct loans, guaranteed loans, and*
2 *grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined*
3 *in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as*
4 *follows: section 502 direct loans, \$130,600,000, of which*
5 *\$32,650,000 shall remain available until September 30,*
6 *2027; Single Family Housing Relending demonstration*
7 *program for Native American Tribes, \$2,125,000; section*
8 *504 housing repair loans, \$4,333,000; repair, rehabilita-*
9 *tion, and new construction of section 515 rental housing,*
10 *\$15,130,000, to remain available until expended; section*
11 *523 self-help housing land development loans, \$657,000; sec-*
12 *tion 524 site development loans, \$502,000; section 514 farm*
13 *labor housing loans, \$4,761,000, to remain available until*
14 *expended; and farm labor housing grants, as authorized by*
15 *section 516 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484,*
16 *1486), \$6,000,000, to remain available until expended: Pro-*
17 *vided, That to support the loan program level for section*
18 *538 guaranteed loans made available under this heading*
19 *the Secretary may charge or adjust any fees to cover the*
20 *projected cost of such loan guarantees pursuant to the provi-*
21 *sions of the Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et*
22 *seq.), and the interest on such loans may not be subsidized:*
23 *Provided further, That applicants in communities that have*
24 *a current rural area waiver under section 541 of the Hous-*
25 *ing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490q) shall be treated as living*

1 *in a rural area for purposes of section 502 guaranteed loans*
2 *provided under this heading: Provided further, That of the*
3 *amounts available under this paragraph for section 502 di-*
4 *rect loans, no less than \$5,000,000 shall be available for*
5 *direct loans for individuals whose homes will be built pur-*
6 *suant to a program funded with a mutual and self-help*
7 *housing grant authorized by section 523 of the Housing Act*
8 *of 1949 until June 1, 2026: Provided further, That the Sec-*
9 *retary shall implement provisions to provide incentives to*
10 *nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities to*
11 *facilitate the acquisition of Rural Housing Service (RHS)*
12 *multifamily housing properties by such nonprofit organiza-*
13 *tions and public housing authorities that commit to keep*
14 *such properties in the RHS multifamily housing program*
15 *for a period of time as determined by the Secretary, with*
16 *such incentives to include, but not be limited to, the fol-*
17 *lowing: allow such nonprofit entities and public housing*
18 *authorities to earn a Return on Investment on the owner's*
19 *initial equity contributions, as defined by the Secretary, in-*
20 *vested in the transaction; and allow reimbursement of orga-*
21 *nizational costs associated with owner's oversight of asset*
22 *referred to as "Asset Management Fee" of up to \$7,500 per*
23 *property.*

24 *In addition, for the cost of direct loans and grants,*
25 *including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section*

1 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, \$30,000,000,
2 to remain available until expended, for a demonstration
3 program for the preservation and revitalization of the sec-
4 tions 514, 515, and 516 multi-family rental housing prop-
5 erties to restructure existing USDA multi-family housing
6 loans, as the Secretary deems appropriate, expressly for the
7 purposes of ensuring the project has sufficient resources to
8 preserve the project for the purpose of providing safe and
9 affordable housing for low-income residents and farm labor-
10 ers including reducing or eliminating interest; deferring
11 loan payments, subordinating, reducing or re-amortizing
12 loan debt; and other financial assistance including ad-
13 vances, payments and incentives (including the ability of
14 owners to obtain reasonable returns on investment) required
15 by the Secretary: Provided, That the Secretary shall, as
16 part of the preservation and revitalization agreement, ob-
17 tain a restrictive use agreement consistent with the terms
18 of the restructuring.

19 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
20 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
21 \$412,254,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for “Rural
22 Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

23 *RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

24 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-
25 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)

1 of the *Housing Act of 1949* or agreements entered into in
2 lieu of debt forgiveness or payments for eligible households
3 as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the *Housing Act*
4 of 1949, \$1,715,000,000, and in addition such sums as may
5 be necessary, as authorized by section 521(c) of the *Act*, to
6 liquidate debt incurred prior to fiscal year 1992 to carry
7 out the rental assistance program under section 521(a)(2)
8 of the *Act*: Provided, That amounts made available under
9 this heading shall be available for renewal of rental assist-
10 ance agreements for a maximum of 5,000 units where the
11 Secretary determines that a maturing loan for a project
12 cannot reasonably be restructured with another *USDA* loan
13 or modification and the project was operating with rental
14 assistance under section 521 of the *Housing Act of 1949*:
15 Provided further, That the Secretary may enter into rental
16 assistance contracts in maturing properties with existing
17 rental assistance agreements notwithstanding any provision
18 of section 521 of the *Housing Act of 1949*, for a term of
19 at least 10 years but not more than 20 years: Provided fur-
20 ther, That any agreement to enter into a rental assistance
21 contract under section 521 of the *Housing Act of 1949* for
22 a maturing property shall obligate the owner to continue
23 to maintain the project as decent, safe, and sanitary hous-
24 ing and to operate the development in accordance with the
25 *Housing Act of 1949*, except that rents shall be based on

1 *current Fair Market Rents as established by the Depart-*
2 *ment of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to 24*
3 *CFR 888 Subpart A, 42 U.S.C. 1437f and 3535d, to deter-*
4 *mine the maximum initial rent and adjusted annually by*
5 *the Operating Cost Adjustment Factor pursuant to 24 CFR*
6 *888 Subpart B, unless the Agency determines that the*
7 *project's budget-based needs require a higher rent, in which*
8 *case the Agency may approve a budget-based rent level: Pro-*
9 *vided further, That rental assistance agreements entered*
10 *into or renewed during the current fiscal year shall be fund-*
11 *ed for a one year period: Provided further, That upon re-*
12 *quest by an owner under section 514 or 515 of the Act, the*
13 *Secretary may renew the rental assistance agreement for*
14 *a period of 20 years or until the term of such loan has*
15 *expired, subject to annual appropriations: Provided further,*
16 *That any unexpended balances remaining at the end of such*
17 *one-year agreements may be transferred and used for pur-*
18 *poses of any debt reduction, maintenance, repair, or reha-*
19 *bilitation of any existing projects; preservation; and rental*
20 *assistance activities authorized under title V of the Act: Pro-*
21 *vided further, That rental assistance provided under agree-*
22 *ments entered into prior to fiscal year 2026 for a farm labor*
23 *multi-family housing project financed under section 514 or*
24 *516 of the Act may not be recaptured for use in another*
25 *project until such assistance has remained unused for a pe-*

1 *riod of twelve consecutive months, if such project has a*
2 *waiting list of tenants seeking such assistance or the project*
3 *has rental assistance eligible tenants who are not receiving*
4 *such assistance: Provided further, That such recaptured*
5 *rental assistance shall, to the extent practicable, be applied*
6 *to another farm labor multi-family housing project financed*
7 *under section 514 or 516 of the Act: Provided further, That*
8 *except as provided in the seventh proviso under this heading*
9 *and notwithstanding any other provision of the Act, the*
10 *Secretary may recapture rental assistance provided under*
11 *agreements entered into prior to fiscal year 2026 for a*
12 *project that the Secretary determines no longer needs rental*
13 *assistance and use such recaptured funds for current needs:*
14 *Provided further, That in addition to any other available*
15 *funds, the Secretary may expend not more than \$1,000,000*
16 *total, from the program funds made available under this*
17 *heading, for information technology improvements under*
18 *this heading.*

19 *RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT*

20 *For the rural housing voucher program as authorized*
21 *under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, but notwith-*
22 *standing subsection (b) of such section, \$48,000,000, to re-*
23 *main available until expended: Provided, That the funds*
24 *made available under this heading shall be available for*
25 *rural housing vouchers to any low-income household (in-*

1 cluding those not receiving rental assistance) residing in
2 a property financed with a section 515 loan which has been
3 prepaid or otherwise paid off after September 30, 2005, and
4 is not receiving stand-alone section 521 rental assistance:
5 Provided further, That the amount of such voucher shall be
6 the difference between comparable market rent for the sec-
7 tion 515 unit and the tenant paid rent for such unit: Pro-
8 vided further, That funds made available for such vouchers
9 shall be subject to the availability of annual appropriations:
10 Provided further, That the Secretary shall, to the maximum
11 extent practicable, administer such vouchers with current
12 regulations and administrative guidance applicable to sec-
13 tion 8 housing vouchers administered by the Secretary of
14 the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Pro-
15 vided further, That in addition to any other available
16 funds, the Secretary may expend not more than \$1,000,000
17 total, from the program funds made available under this
18 heading, for administrative expenses for activities funded
19 under this heading.

20 *MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS*

21 *For grants and contracts pursuant to section*
22 *523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490c),*
23 *\$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

1 *RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS*

2 *For grants for very low-income housing repair and*
3 *rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing*
4 *Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, and 1490m,*
5 *\$27,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

6 *RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

7 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

8 *For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-*
9 *rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306 and*
10 *described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated Farm*
11 *and Rural Development Act, \$1,250,000,000 for direct loans*
12 *and \$650,000,000 for guaranteed loans.*

13 *For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and*
14 *grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined*
15 *in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, for*
16 *rural community facilities programs as authorized by sec-*
17 *tion 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consoli-*
18 *dated Farm and Rural Development Act, \$677,160,846 to*
19 *remain available until expended, of which \$659,160,846*
20 *shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for*
21 *this account in the table titled “Community Project Fund-*
22 *ing/Congressionally Directed Spending” in the explanatory*
23 *statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding*
24 *division A of this consolidated Act): Provided, That*
25 *\$5,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading*

1 *shall be available for a Rural Community Development Ini-*
2 *tiative: Provided further, That such funds shall be used sole-*
3 *ly to develop the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit*
4 *community-based housing and community development or-*
5 *ganizations, low-income rural communities, and Federally*
6 *Recognized Native American Tribes to undertake projects*
7 *to improve housing, community facilities, community and*
8 *economic development projects in rural areas: Provided fur-*
9 *ther, That such funds shall be made available to qualified*
10 *private, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations*
11 *proposing to carry out a program of financial and technical*
12 *assistance: Provided further, That such intermediary orga-*
13 *nizations shall provide matching funds from other sources,*
14 *including Federal funds for related activities, in an amount*
15 *not less than funds provided: Provided further, That any*
16 *unobligated balances from prior year appropriations under*
17 *this heading for the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees*
18 *and grants, including amounts deobligated or cancelled,*
19 *may be made available to cover the subsidy costs for direct*
20 *loans, loan guarantees and or grants under this heading*
21 *in this fiscal year: Provided further, That no amounts may*
22 *be made available pursuant to the preceding proviso from*
23 *amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emer-*
24 *gency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on*
25 *the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit*

1 *Control Act of 1985 or that were specified in the tables titled*
2 *“Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed*
3 *Spending” in the explanatory statements accompanying*
4 *prior year Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug*
5 *Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts,*
6 *as described in section 4 in the matter preceding division*
7 *A of such Acts: Provided further, That no amounts may*
8 *be made available pursuant to the fifth proviso without*
9 *prior notification and approval of the Committees of Ap-*
10 *propriations of both Houses of Congress: Provided further,*
11 *That \$13,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this*
12 *heading shall be available for community facilities grants,*
13 *as authorized by section 306(a)(19) of the Consolidated*
14 *Farm and Rural Development Act, of which \$8,000,000*
15 *shall be for grants to tribal colleges as authorized by section*
16 *306(a)(25) of such Act: Provided further, That sections*
17 *381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural*
18 *Development Act are not applicable to the funds made*
19 *available under this heading: Provided further, That in ad-*
20 *dition to any other available funds, the Secretary may ex-*
21 *pend not more than \$1,000,000 total, from the program*
22 *funds made available under this heading, for administra-*
23 *tive expenses for activities funded under this heading.*

1 *RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE*2 *RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

3 *For gross obligations for the principal amount of guar-*
4 *anteed loans as authorized by section 310B of the Consoli-*
5 *dated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.*
6 *1932(g)), \$1,750,000,000.*

7 *For the cost of loan guarantees and grants, for the*
8 *rural business development programs authorized by section*
9 *310B and described in subsections (a), (c), (f) and (g) of*
10 *section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-*
11 *ment Act, \$50,575,000, to remain available until expended,*
12 *of which no less than \$100,000 shall be made available for*
13 *one or more qualified state technology council to promote*
14 *private-sector economic development in the bio-sciences:*
15 *Provided, That of the amount appropriated under this*
16 *heading, \$15,575,000 shall be for business and industry*
17 *guaranteed loans: Provided further, That of the amount ap-*
18 *propriated under this heading, \$21,000,000 shall be for*
19 *rural business development grants as authorized by section*
20 *310B(c) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development*
21 *Act, of which not to exceed \$500,000 shall be made available*
22 *for one grant to a qualified national organization to pro-*
23 *vide technical assistance for rural transportation in order*
24 *to promote economic development: Provided further, That*
25 *of the amount appropriated under this heading,*

1 \$10,000,000 shall be for grants to the Delta Regional Au-
2 thority (7 U.S.C. 2009aa et seq.), the Northern Border Re-
3 gional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15101 et seq.), the Southwest
4 Border Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 15301 et seq.), and
5 the Appalachian Regional Commission (40 U.S.C. 14101
6 et seq.) for any Rural Community Advancement Program
7 purpose as described in section 381E(d) of the Consolidated
8 Farm and Rural Development Act, of which not more than
9 5 percent may be used for administrative expenses: Pro-
10 vided further, That \$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated
11 under this heading shall be for business grants to benefit
12 Federally Recognized Native American Tribes, including
13 \$250,000 for a grant to a qualified national organization
14 to provide technical assistance for rural transportation in
15 order to promote economic development: Provided further,
16 That sections 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm
17 and Rural Development Act are not applicable to funds
18 made available under this heading.

19 INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM FUND ACCOUNT
20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 For the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized
22 by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Account (7
23 U.S.C. 1936b), \$9,000,000.

24 For the cost of direct loans, \$2,495,000 as authorized
25 by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Account (7

1 *U.S.C. 1936b), of which \$250,000 shall be available through*
2 *June 30, 2026, for Federally Recognized Native American*
3 *Tribes; and of which \$499,000 shall be available through*
4 *June 30, 2026, for Mississippi Delta Region counties (as*
5 *determined in accordance with Public Law 100–460): Pro-*
6 *vided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such*
7 *loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional*
8 *Budget Act of 1974.*

9 *In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out*
10 *the direct loan programs, \$4,468,000 shall be paid to the*
11 *appropriation for “Rural Development, Salaries and Ex-*
12 *penses”.*

13 *RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM*

14 *ACCOUNT*

15 *For the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized*
16 *under section 313B(a) of the Rural Electrification Act, for*
17 *the purpose of promoting rural economic development and*
18 *job creation projects, \$50,000,000.*

19 *The cost of grants authorized under section 313B(a)*
20 *of the Rural Electrification Act, for the purpose of pro-*
21 *moting rural economic development and job creation*
22 *projects shall not exceed \$10,000,000.*

23 *RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS*

24 *For rural cooperative development grants authorized*
25 *under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural*

1 *Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$20,000,000: Provided,*
2 *That of the amount appropriated under this heading,*
3 *\$3,000,000 shall be for cooperative agreements for the ap-*
4 *propriate technology transfer for rural areas program;*
5 *\$3,000,000 shall be for grants for cooperative development*
6 *centers, individual cooperatives, or groups of cooperatives*
7 *that serve socially disadvantaged groups and a majority of*
8 *the boards of directors or governing boards of which are*
9 *comprised of individuals who are members of socially dis-*
10 *advantaged groups; \$8,000,000, to remain available until*
11 *expended, shall be for value-added agricultural product*
12 *market development grants, as authorized by section 210A*
13 *of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946; and \$1,000,000,*
14 *to remain available until expended, shall be for Agriculture*
15 *Innovation Centers authorized pursuant to section 6402 of*
16 *Public Law 107–171.*

17 *RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

18 *For the principal amount of direct loans as authorized*
19 *by section 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-*
20 *opment Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s), \$17,000,000.*

21 *For the cost of loans and grants, \$4,000,000 under the*
22 *same terms and conditions as authorized by section 379E*
23 *of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7*
24 *U.S.C. 2008s).*

1 *RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM*

2 *For the principal amount of loan guarantees, under*
3 *the same terms and conditions as authorized by section*
4 *9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of*
5 *2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107), \$100,000,000.*

6 *HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE*

7 *For the cost of loans and grants that is consistent with*
8 *section 243 of subtitle D of title II of the Department of*
9 *Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6953),*
10 *as added by section 4206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014,*
11 *for necessary expenses of the Secretary to support projects*
12 *that provide access to healthy food in underserved areas,*
13 *to create and preserve quality jobs, and to revitalize low-*
14 *income communities, \$50,000, to remain available until ex-*
15 *pende: Provided, That such costs of loans, including the*
16 *cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section*
17 *502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.*

18 *RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE*

19 *RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

20 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

21 *For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-*
22 *rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306 and*
23 *described in section 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated Farm*
24 *and Rural Development Act, as follows: \$1,015,000,000 for*
25 *direct loans; and \$50,000,000 for guaranteed loans.*

1 *For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and*
2 *grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined*
3 *in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, for*
4 *rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and solid waste*
5 *management programs authorized by sections 306, 306A,*
6 *306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B and described in sections*
7 *306C(a)(2), 306D, 306E, and 381E(d)(2) of the Consoli-*
8 *dated Farm and Rural Development Act, \$445,864,564 to*
9 *remain available until expended: Provided, That*
10 *\$51,476,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading*
11 *shall be available for direct loans, of which no less than*
12 *\$3,876,000 shall be available for water and waste direct one*
13 *percent loans for distressed communities as the Secretary*
14 *deems appropriate: Provided further, That \$1,000,000 shall*
15 *be available for the rural utilities program described in sec-*
16 *tion 306(a)(2)(B) of such Act: Provided further, That*
17 *\$5,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading*
18 *shall be available for the rural utilities program described*
19 *in section 306E of such Act, of which \$1,000,000 shall be*
20 *to provide subgrants to eligible individuals for the construc-*
21 *tion, refurbishing, and servicing of individually owned*
22 *household decentralized waste water systems: Provided fur-*
23 *ther, That \$7,000,000 of the amount appropriated under*
24 *this heading shall be for grants authorized by section*
25 *306A(i)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-*

1 *ment Act in addition to funding authorized by section*
2 *306A(i)(1) of such Act: Provided further, That \$60,000,000*
3 *of the amount appropriated under this heading shall be for*
4 *loans and grants including water and waste disposal sys-*
5 *tems grants authorized by section 306C(a)(2)(B) and sec-*
6 *tion 306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-*
7 *ment Act, and Federally Recognized Native American*
8 *Tribes authorized by 306C(a)(1) of such Act, and the De-*
9 *partment of Hawaiian Home Lands (of the State of Ha-*
10 *waii): Provided further, That funding provided for section*
11 *306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act*
12 *may be provided to a consortium formed pursuant to sec-*
13 *tion 325 of Public Law 105–83: Provided further, That not*
14 *more than 2 percent of the funding provided for section*
15 *306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act*
16 *may be used by the State of Alaska for training and tech-*
17 *nical assistance programs and not more than 2 percent of*
18 *the funding provided for section 306D of the Consolidated*
19 *Farm and Rural Development Act may be used by a consor-*
20 *tium formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law 105–*
21 *83 for training and technical assistance programs: Pro-*
22 *vided further, That \$35,000,000 of the amount appropriated*
23 *under this heading shall be for technical assistance grants*
24 *for rural water and waste systems pursuant to section*
25 *306(a)(14) of such Act, unless the Secretary makes a deter-*

1 mination of extreme need, of which \$10,000,000 shall be
2 made available for a grant to a qualified nonprofit multi-
3 State regional technical assistance organization, with expe-
4 rience in working with small communities on water and
5 waste water problems, the principal purpose of such grant
6 shall be to assist rural communities with populations of
7 3,300 or less, in improving the planning, financing, devel-
8 opment, operation, and management of water and waste
9 water systems, and of which not less than \$800,000 shall
10 be for a qualified national Native American organization
11 to provide technical assistance for rural water systems for
12 tribal communities: Provided further, That \$23,900,000 of
13 the amount appropriated under this heading shall be for
14 contracting with qualified national organizations for a cir-
15 cuit rider program to provide technical assistance for rural
16 water systems: Provided further, That \$4,000,000 of the
17 amounts made available under this heading shall be for
18 solid waste management grants: Provided further, That
19 \$250,488,564 of the amounts made available under this
20 heading shall be for grants pursuant to section 306(a)(2)(a)
21 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, of
22 which \$110,488,564 shall be for the purposes, and in the
23 amounts, specified for this account in the table titled “Com-
24 munity Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spend-
25 ing” in the explanatory statement described in section 4

1 *(in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated*
2 *Act): Provided further, That \$8,000,000 of the amount ap-*
3 *propriated under this heading shall be transferred to, and*
4 *merged with, the Rural Utilities Service, High Energy Cost*
5 *Grants Account to provide grants authorized under section*
6 *19 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 918a):*
7 *Provided further, That if any funds made available for the*
8 *direct loan subsidy costs under this heading remain unobli-*
9 *gated after July 31, 2026, such unobligated balances may*
10 *be used for grant programs funded under this heading: Pro-*
11 *vided further, That any unobligated balances from prior*
12 *year appropriations under this heading for the cost of direct*
13 *loans, loan guarantees and grants, including amounts*
14 *deobligated or cancelled, may be made available to cover*
15 *the subsidy costs for direct loans, loan guarantees and or*
16 *grants under this heading in this fiscal year: Provided fur-*
17 *ther, That no amounts may be made available pursuant*
18 *to the two preceding provisos from amounts that were des-*
19 *ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pur-*
20 *suant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Bal-*
21 *anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985,*
22 *or that are specified for this account in the table titled*
23 *“Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed*
24 *Spending” in the explanatory statement described in sec-*
25 *tion 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consoli-*

1 *dated Act): Provided further, That sections 381E–H and*
2 *381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act*
3 *are not applicable to the funds made available under this*
4 *heading.*

5 *RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS*

6 *LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

7 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

8 *The principal amount of loans and loan guarantees*
9 *as authorized by sections 4, 305, 306, 313A, and 317 of*
10 *the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 904, 935,*
11 *936, 940c–1, and 940g) shall be made as follows: guaranteed*
12 *rural electric loans made pursuant to section 306 of that*
13 *Act, \$2,667,000,000; cost of money direct loans made pursu-*
14 *ant to sections 4, notwithstanding the one-eighth of one per-*
15 *cent in 4(c)(2), and 317, notwithstanding 317(c), of that*
16 *Act, \$4,333,000,000; guaranteed underwriting loans pursu-*
17 *ant to section 313A of that Act, \$910,000,000; for cost-of-*
18 *money rural telecommunications loans made pursuant to*
19 *section 305(d)(2) of that Act, \$350,000,000; and for guaran-*
20 *teed rural telecommunications loans made pursuant to sec-*
21 *tion 306 of that Act, \$200,000,000: Provided, That up to*
22 *\$2,000,000,000 shall be used for the construction, acquisi-*
23 *tion, design, engineering or improvement of fossil-fueled*
24 *electric generating plants (whether new or existing) that*
25 *utilize carbon subsurface utilization and storage systems.*

1 *Act): Provided, That \$3,000,000 shall be made available for*
2 *grants authorized by section 379G of the Consolidated Farm*
3 *and Rural Development Act: Provided further, That fund-*
4 *ing provided under this heading for grants under section*
5 *379G of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act*
6 *may only be provided to entities that meet all of the eligi-*
7 *bility criteria for a consortium as established by this sec-*
8 *tion.*

9 *For the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant*
10 *pilot program established by section 779 of division A of*
11 *the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law*
12 *115–141) under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as*
13 *amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$50,750,000, to remain*
14 *available until expended, of which \$750,000 shall be for the*
15 *purposes, and in the amounts, specified for this account in*
16 *the table titled “Community Project Funding/Congression-*
17 *ally Directed Spending” in the explanatory statement de-*
18 *scribed in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of*
19 *this consolidated Act): Provided, That the Secretary may*
20 *award grants described in section 601(a) of the Rural Elec-*
21 *trification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 950bb(a)) for*
22 *the purposes of carrying out such pilot program: Provided*
23 *further, That the cost of direct loans shall be defined in sec-*
24 *tion 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided*
25 *further, That at least 90 percent of the households to be*

1 served by a project receiving a loan or grant under the pilot
2 program shall be in a rural area without sufficient access
3 to broadband: Provided further, That for purposes of such
4 pilot program, a rural area without sufficient access to
5 broadband shall be defined as twenty-five megabits per sec-
6 ond downstream and three megabits per second upstream:
7 Provided further, That to the extent possible, projects receiv-
8 ing funds provided under the pilot program must build out
9 service to at least one hundred megabits per second down-
10 stream, and twenty megabits per second upstream: Pro-
11 vided further, That an entity to which a loan or grant is
12 made under the pilot program shall not use the loan or
13 grant to overbuild or duplicate broadband service in a serv-
14 ice area by any entity that has received a broadband loan
15 from the Rural Utilities Service unless such service is not
16 provided sufficient access to broadband at the minimum
17 service threshold: Provided further, That not more than four
18 percent of the funds made available in this paragraph can
19 be used for administrative costs to carry out the pilot pro-
20 gram and up to three percent of funds made available in
21 this paragraph may be available for technical assistance
22 and pre-development planning activities to support the
23 most rural communities: Provided further, That the Rural
24 Utilities Service is directed to expedite program delivery
25 methods that would implement this paragraph: Provided

1 *further, That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary*
2 *shall adhere to the notice, reporting and service area assess-*
3 *ment requirements set forth in section 701 of the Rural*
4 *Electrification Act (7 U.S.C. 950cc).*

5 *In addition, \$17,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
6 *pended, for the Community Connect Grant Program au-*
7 *thorized by 7 U.S.C. 950bb-3.*

8 *TITLE IV*

9 *DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS*

10 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,*

11 *NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES*

12 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
13 *retary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services,*
14 *\$1,127,000: Provided, That funds made available by this*
15 *Act to an agency in the Food, Nutrition and Consumer*
16 *Services mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-*
17 *able to fund up to one administrative support staff for the*
18 *Office.*

19 *FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE*

20 *CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS*

21 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

22 *For necessary expenses to carry out the Richard B.*
23 *Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.),*
24 *except section 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42*
25 *U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), except sections 17 and 21;*

1 \$37,841,674,000 to remain available through September 30,
2 2027, of which such sums as are made available under sec-
3 tion 14222(b)(1) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act
4 of 2008 (Public Law 110–246), as amended by this Act,
5 shall be merged with and available for the same time period
6 and purposes as provided herein: Provided, That of the total
7 amount available, \$18,691,638 shall be available to carry
8 out section 19 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
9 1771 et seq.): Provided further, That of the total amount
10 available, \$21,918,000 shall be available to carry out stud-
11 ies and evaluations and shall remain available until ex-
12 pended: Provided further, That of the total amount avail-
13 able, \$5,000,000 shall remain available until expended to
14 carry out section 18(g) of the Richard B. Russell National
15 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(g)): Provided further,
16 That notwithstanding section 18(g)(3)(C) of the Richard B.
17 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
18 1769(g)(3)(c)), the total grant amount provided to a farm
19 to school grant recipient in fiscal year 2026 shall not exceed
20 \$500,000: Provided further, That of the total amount avail-
21 able, \$10,000,000 shall be available to provide competitive
22 grants to State agencies for subgrants to local educational
23 agencies and schools to purchase the equipment, with a
24 value of greater than \$1,000, needed to serve healthier
25 meals, improve food safety, and to help support the estab-

1 *ishment, maintenance, or expansion of the school breakfast*
2 *program: Provided further, That of the total amount avail-*
3 *able, \$4,378,000 shall be available for food safety education*
4 *including activities that support sections 17 and 21 of the*
5 *Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786, 1790) and*
6 *to support the safe distribution of USDA Foods, as defined*
7 *in 7 CFR 250.2: Provided further, That of the total amount*
8 *available, \$1,000,000 shall remain available until expended*
9 *to carry out activities authorized under subsections (a)(2)*
10 *and (e)(2) of section 21 of the Richard B. Russell National*
11 *School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769b–1(a)(2) and (e)(2)):*
12 *Provided further, That section 26(d) of the Richard B. Rus-*
13 *sell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d)) is*
14 *amended in the first sentence by striking “2010 through*
15 *2025” and inserting “2010 through 2027”: Provided fur-*
16 *ther, That section 9(h)(3) of the Richard B. Russell Na-*
17 *tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(3)) is amended*
18 *in the first sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2024” and*
19 *inserting “For fiscal year 2026”: Provided further, That*
20 *section 9(h)(4) of the Richard B. Russell National School*
21 *Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(4)) is amended in the first*
22 *sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2024” and inserting*
23 *“For fiscal year 2026”.*

1 *SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR*
2 *WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)*

3 *For necessary expenses to carry out the special supple-*
4 *mental nutrition program as authorized by section 17 of*
5 *the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),*
6 *\$8,200,000,000, to remain available through September 30,*
7 *2027, of which \$150,000,000 shall be placed in reserve, to*
8 *remain available until expended, to be allocated as the Sec-*
9 *retary deemed necessary, notwithstanding section 17(i) of*
10 *such Act, to support participation should cost or participa-*
11 *tion exceed budget estimates: Provided, That notwith-*
12 *standing section 17(h)(10) of the Child Nutrition Act of*
13 *1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(h)(10)), not less than \$90,000,000*
14 *shall be used for breastfeeding peer counselors and other re-*
15 *lated activities, and \$14,000,000 shall be used for infra-*
16 *structure, including investments to develop strategies to im-*
17 *prove timely program data collection and reporting: Pro-*
18 *vided further, That the Secretary shall use funds made*
19 *available under this heading to maintain the amount for*
20 *the cash-value voucher for women and children participants*
21 *at an amount recommended by the National Academies of*
22 *Science, Engineering and Medicine and adjusted for infla-*
23 *tion: Provided further, That none of the funds provided in*
24 *this account shall be available for the purchase of infant*
25 *formula except in accordance with the cost containment and*

1 *competitive bidding requirements specified in section 17 of*
2 *such Act: Provided further, That none of the funds provided*
3 *shall be available for activities that are not fully reimbursed*
4 *by other Federal Government departments or agencies un-*
5 *less authorized by section 17 of such Act: Provided further,*
6 *That upon termination of a federally mandated vendor*
7 *moratorium and subject to terms and conditions established*
8 *by the Secretary, the Secretary may waive the requirement*
9 *at 7 CFR 246.12(g)(6) at the request of a State agency.*

10 *SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

11 *For necessary expenses to carry out the Food and Nu-*
12 *trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),*
13 *\$107,481,218,000, of which \$3,000,000,000, to remain*
14 *available through September 30, 2027, and \$3,000,000,000,*
15 *to remain available through September 30, 2028, shall be*
16 *placed in reserve for use only in such amounts and at such*
17 *times as may become necessary to carry out program oper-*
18 *ations: Provided, That funds provided herein shall be ex-*
19 *pended in accordance with section 16 of the Food and Nu-*
20 *trition Act of 2008: Provided further, That of the funds*
21 *made available under this heading, \$998,000 may be used*
22 *to provide nutrition education services to State agencies*
23 *and Federally Recognized Tribes participating in the Food*
24 *Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: Provided*
25 *further, That of the funds made available under this head-*

1 ing, \$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
2 2027, shall be used to carry out section 4003(b) of Public
3 Law 115–334 relating to demonstration projects for tribal
4 organizations: Provided further, That of the funds made
5 available under this heading, \$4,000,000 shall be used to
6 carry out section 4208 of Public Law 115–334: Provided
7 further, That this appropriation shall be subject to any
8 work registration or workfare requirements as may be re-
9 quired by law: Provided further, That funds made available
10 for Employment and Training under this heading shall re-
11 main available through September 30, 2027: Provided fur-
12 ther, That funds made available under this heading for sec-
13 tion 28(d)(1), section 4(b), and section 27(a) of the Food
14 and Nutrition Act of 2008 shall remain available through
15 September 30, 2027: Provided further, That none of the
16 funds made available under this heading may be obligated
17 or expended in contravention of section 213A of the Immi-
18 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A): Provided
19 further, That funds made available under this heading may
20 be used to enter into contracts and employ staff to conduct
21 studies, evaluations, or to conduct activities related to pro-
22 gram integrity provided that such activities are authorized
23 by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

1 *the Secretary may use up to 20 percent for costs associated*
2 *with the distribution of commodities.*

3 *NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION*

4 *For necessary administrative expenses of the Food and*
5 *Nutrition Service for carrying out any domestic nutrition*
6 *assistance program, \$160,000,000: Provided, That of the*
7 *funds provided herein, \$2,000,000 shall be used for the pur-*
8 *poses of section 4404 of Public Law 107-171, as amended*
9 *by section 4401 of Public Law 110-246.*

10 *TITLE V*

11 *FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED PROGRAMS*

12 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND*

13 *FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS*

14 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
15 *retary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs,*
16 *\$932,000: Provided, That funds made available by this Act*
17 *to any agency in the Trade and Foreign Agricultural Af-*
18 *fairs mission area for salaries and expenses are available*
19 *to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.*

20 *OFFICE OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS*

21 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Codex*
22 *Alimentarius, \$4,922,000, including not to exceed \$100,000*
23 *for official reception and representation expenses.*

1 *FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE*2 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

4 *For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural*
5 *Service, including not to exceed \$250,000 for representation*
6 *allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the*
7 *Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),*
8 *\$222,000,000, of which no more than 6 percent shall remain*
9 *available until September 30, 2027, for overseas operations*
10 *to include the payment of locally employed staff: Provided,*
11 *That the Service may utilize advances of funds, or reim-*
12 *burse this appropriation for expenditures made on behalf*
13 *of Federal agencies, public and private organizations and*
14 *institutions under agreements executed pursuant to the ag-*
15 *ricultural food production assistance programs (7 U.S.C.*
16 *1737) and the foreign assistance programs of the United*
17 *States Agency for International Development: Provided fur-*
18 *ther, That of the funds made available under this heading,*
19 *\$5,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be for*
20 *the Cochran Fellowship Program, as authorized by 7 U.S.C.*
21 *3293, \$4,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall*
22 *be for the Borlaug International Agricultural Science and*
23 *Technology Fellowship program, as authorized by 7 U.S.C.*
24 *3319j, and up to \$2,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
25 *pended, shall be for the purpose of offsetting fluctuations*

1 *in international currency exchange rates, subject to docu-*
2 *mentation by the Foreign Agricultural Service: Provided*
3 *further, That of the amount made available under this head-*
4 *ing, \$1,000,000, shall be for the Secretary of Agriculture,*
5 *in consultation with the Secretary of State and heads of*
6 *other relevant Federal departments and agencies as appli-*
7 *cable, to conduct an interagency review and, within 60 days*
8 *of enactment of this Act, provide a detailed report outlining*
9 *the process and agency needs to support a transfer of the*
10 *Food for Peace program from the U.S. Agency for Inter-*
11 *national Development to the Foreign Agricultural Service*
12 *within the Department of Agriculture: Provided further,*
13 *That such report shall include the requirements outlined in*
14 *the section entitled “Food for Peace Interagency Review and*
15 *Report” under the heading “Food for Peace Title II*
16 *Grants” in Senate Report 119–37 and shall also address*
17 *any other needs that the Department of Agriculture believes*
18 *will be required to support successful implementation of*
19 *such program transfer.*

20 *FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II GRANTS*

21 *For expenses during the current fiscal year, not other-*
22 *wise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years’ costs, includ-*
23 *ing interest thereon, under the Food for Peace Act (Public*
24 *Law 83–480), for commodities supplied in connection with*

1 *dispositions abroad under title II of said Act,*
2 *\$1,200,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

3 *MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION*
4 *AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANTS*

5 *For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of*
6 *section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment*
7 *Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o-1), \$240,000,000, to remain*
8 *available until expended: Provided, That the Commodity*
9 *Credit Corporation is authorized to provide the services, fa-*
10 *cilities, and authorities for the purpose of implementing*
11 *such section, subject to reimbursement from amounts pro-*
12 *vided herein: Provided further, That of the amount made*
13 *available under this heading, not more than 10 percent, but*
14 *not less than \$24,000,000, shall remain available until ex-*
15 *pended to purchase agricultural commodities as described*
16 *in subsection 3107(a)(2) of the Farm Security and Rural*
17 *Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o-1(a)(2)).*

18 *COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT (LOANS)*
19 *CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT*
20 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

21 *For administrative expenses to carry out the Com-*
22 *modity Credit Corporation's Export Guarantee Program,*
23 *GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$6,063,000, to cover common over-*
24 *head expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Commodity*
25 *Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity with the*

1 *Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, which shall be paid to*
2 *the appropriation for “Foreign Agricultural Service, Sala-*
3 *ries and Expenses”.*

4 *TITLE VI*

5 *RELATED AGENCY AND FOOD AND DRUG*

6 *ADMINISTRATION*

7 *DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES*

8 *FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION*

9 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

10 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

11 *For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Adminis-*
12 *tration, including hire and purchase of passenger motor ve-*
13 *hicles; for payment of space rental and related costs pursu-*
14 *ant to Public Law 92–313 for programs and activities of*
15 *the Food and Drug Administration which are included in*
16 *this Act; for rental of special purpose space in the District*
17 *of Columbia or elsewhere; for miscellaneous and emergency*
18 *expenses of enforcement activities, authorized and approved*
19 *by the Secretary and to be accounted for solely on the Sec-*
20 *retary’s certificate, not to exceed \$25,000; and notwith-*
21 *standing section 521 of Public Law 107–188;*
22 *\$6,957,972,000: Provided, That of the amount provided*
23 *under this heading, \$1,556,039,000 shall be derived from*
24 *prescription drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379h,*
25 *and shall be credited to this account and remain available*

1 *until expended; \$478,166,000 shall be derived from medical*
2 *device user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j, and shall be*
3 *credited to this account and remain available until ex-*
4 *pended; \$670,900,000 shall be derived from human generic*
5 *drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–42, and shall*
6 *be credited to this account and remain available until ex-*
7 *pended; \$55,841,000 shall be derived from biosimilar bio-*
8 *logical product user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–52,*
9 *and shall be credited to this account and remain available*
10 *until expended; \$36,152,000 shall be derived from animal*
11 *drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–12, and shall*
12 *be credited to this account and remain available until ex-*
13 *pended; \$26,724,000 shall be derived from generic new ani-*
14 *mal drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–21, and*
15 *shall be credited to this account and remain available until*
16 *expended; \$712,000,000 shall be derived from tobacco prod-*
17 *uct user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, and shall be*
18 *credited to this account and remain available until ex-*
19 *pended: Provided further, That in addition to and notwith-*
20 *standing any other provision under this heading, amounts*
21 *collected for prescription drug user fees, medical device user*
22 *fees, human generic drug user fees, biosimilar biological*
23 *product user fees, animal drug user fees, and generic new*
24 *animal drug user fees that exceed the respective fiscal year*
25 *2026 limitations are appropriated and shall be credited to*

1 *this account and remain available until expended: Provided*
2 *further, That fees derived from prescription drug, medical*
3 *device, human generic drug, biosimilar biological product,*
4 *animal drug, and generic new animal drug assessments for*
5 *fiscal year 2026, including any such fees collected prior to*
6 *fiscal year 2026 but credited for fiscal year 2026, shall be*
7 *subject to the fiscal year 2026 limitations: Provided further,*
8 *That the Secretary may accept payment during fiscal year*
9 *2026 of user fees specified under this heading and author-*
10 *ized for fiscal year 2027, prior to the due date for such fees,*
11 *and that amounts of such fees assessed for fiscal year 2027*
12 *for which the Secretary accepts payment in fiscal year 2026*
13 *shall not be included in amounts under this heading: Pro-*
14 *vided further, That none of these funds shall be used to de-*
15 *velop, establish, or operate any program of user fees author-*
16 *ized by 31 U.S.C. 9701: Provided further, That of the total*
17 *amount appropriated: (1) \$1,171,319,000 shall be for the*
18 *Human Foods Program and for related field activities, in-*
19 *cluding inspections, investigations, and import operations,*
20 *conducted by the Human Foods Program, the Office of In-*
21 *spections and Investigations, or the Office of the Chief Sci-*
22 *entist, of which no less than \$15,000,000 shall be used for*
23 *inspections of foreign seafood manufacturers and field ex-*
24 *aminations of imported seafood; (2) \$2,496,766,000 shall be*
25 *for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research and for*

1 *related field activities, including inspections, investiga-*
2 *tions, and import operations, conducted by the Center, the*
3 *Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the Office of the*
4 *Chief Scientist, of which no less than \$10,000,000 shall be*
5 *for pilots to increase unannounced foreign inspections and*
6 *shall remain available until expended; (3) \$601,291,000*
7 *shall be for the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Re-*
8 *search and for related field activities, including inspections,*
9 *investigations, and import operations, conducted by the*
10 *Center, the Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the*
11 *Office of the Chief Scientist; (4) \$278,185,000 shall be for*
12 *the Center for Veterinary Medicine and for related field ac-*
13 *tivities, including inspections, investigations, and import*
14 *operations, conducted by the Center, the Office of Inspec-*
15 *tions and Investigations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist;*
16 *(5) \$894,063,000 shall be for the Center for Devices and*
17 *Radiological Health and for related field activities, includ-*
18 *ing inspections, investigations, and import operations, con-*
19 *ducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections and Inves-*
20 *tigations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist; (6)*
21 *\$71,758,000 shall be for the National Center for Toxi-*
22 *cological Research; (7) \$688,038,000 shall be for the Center*
23 *for Tobacco Products and for related field activities, includ-*
24 *ing inspections, investigations, and import operations, con-*
25 *ducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections and Inves-*

1 *tigations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist; (8)*
2 *\$205,180,000 shall be for Rent and Related activities, of*
3 *which \$44,400,000 is for White Oak Consolidation, other*
4 *than the amounts paid to the General Services Administra-*
5 *tion for rent; (9) \$208,018,000 shall be for payments to the*
6 *General Services Administration for rent; and (10)*
7 *\$343,354,000 shall be for other activities, including the Of-*
8 *fice of the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, the Office of*
9 *the Chief Scientist, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer,*
10 *and central services for these offices: Provided further, That*
11 *not to exceed \$25,000 of this amount shall be for official*
12 *reception and representation expenses, not otherwise pro-*
13 *vided for, as determined by the Commissioner: Provided*
14 *further, That any transfer of funds pursuant to, and for*
15 *the administration of, section 770(n) of the Federal Food,*
16 *Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379dd(n)) shall only*
17 *be from amounts made available under this heading for*
18 *other activities and shall not exceed \$2,000,000: Provided*
19 *further, That of the amounts that are made available under*
20 *this heading for “other activities”, and that are not derived*
21 *from user fees, \$1,500,000 shall be transferred to and*
22 *merged with the appropriation for “Department of Health*
23 *and Human Services—Office of Inspector General” for*
24 *oversight of the programs and operations of the Food and*
25 *Drug Administration and shall be in addition to funds oth-*

1 *erwise made available for oversight of the Food and Drug*
2 *Administration: Provided further, That funds may be*
3 *transferred from one specified activity to another with the*
4 *prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both*
5 *Houses of Congress.*

6 *In addition, mammography user fees authorized by 42*
7 *U.S.C. 263b, export certification user fees authorized by 21*
8 *U.S.C. 381, priority review user fees authorized by 21*
9 *U.S.C. 360n and 360ff, food and feed recall fees, food rein-*
10 *spection fees, and voluntary qualified importer program*
11 *fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–31, outsourcing facility*
12 *fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–62, prescription drug*
13 *wholesale distributor licensing and inspection fees author-*
14 *ized by 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), third-party logistics provider*
15 *licensing and inspection fees authorized by 21 U.S.C.*
16 *360eee–3(c)(1), third-party auditor fees authorized by 21*
17 *U.S.C. 384d(e)(8), medical countermeasure priority review*
18 *voucher user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 360bbb–4a, and*
19 *fees relating to over-the-counter monograph drugs author-*
20 *ized by 21 U.S.C. 379j–72 shall be credited to this account,*
21 *to remain available until expended.*

22 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

23 *For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-*
24 *sion, alteration, demolition, and purchase of fixed equip-*
25 *ment or facilities of or used by the Food and Drug Adminis-*

1 *tration, where not otherwise provided, \$5,000,000, to re-*
2 *main available until expended.*

3 *INDEPENDENT AGENCY*

4 *FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION*

5 *LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES*

6 *Not to exceed \$106,500,000 (from assessments collected*
7 *from farm credit institutions, including the Federal Agri-*
8 *cultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated during*
9 *the current fiscal year for administrative expenses as au-*
10 *thorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: Provided, That this limita-*
11 *tion shall not apply to expenses associated with receiver-*
12 *ships: Provided further, That the agency may exceed this*
13 *limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the Com-*
14 *mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: Pro-*
15 *vided further, That the purposes of section 3.7(b)(2)(A)(i)*
16 *of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C.*
17 *2128(b)(2)(A)(i)), the Farm Credit Administration may ex-*
18 *empt, an amount in its sole discretion, from the application*
19 *of the limitation provided in that clause of export loans*
20 *described in the clause guaranteed or insured in a manner*
21 *other than described in subclause (II) of the clause.*

1 *TITLE VII*2 *GENERAL PROVISIONS*3 *(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS AND TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

4 *SEC. 701. The Secretary may use any appropriations*
5 *made available to the Department of Agriculture in this*
6 *Act to purchase new passenger motor vehicles, in addition*
7 *to specific appropriations for this purpose, so long as the*
8 *total number of vehicles purchased in fiscal year 2026 does*
9 *not exceed the number of vehicles owned or leased in fiscal*
10 *year 2018: Provided, That, prior to purchasing additional*
11 *motor vehicles, the Secretary must determine that such vehi-*
12 *cles are necessary for transportation safety, to reduce oper-*
13 *ational costs, and for the protection of life, property, and*
14 *public safety: Provided further, That the Secretary may not*
15 *increase the Department of Agriculture's fleet above the*
16 *2018 level unless the Secretary notifies in writing, and re-*
17 *ceives approval from, the Committees on Appropriations of*
18 *both Houses of Congress within 30 days of the notification.*

19 *SEC. 702. Notwithstanding any other provision of this*
20 *Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer unobligated*
21 *balances of discretionary funds appropriated by this Act*
22 *or any other available unobligated discretionary balances*
23 *that are remaining available of the Department of Agri-*
24 *culture to the Working Capital Fund for the acquisition of*
25 *property, plant and equipment and for the improvement,*

1 *delivery, and implementation of Department financial, and*
2 *administrative information technology services, and other*
3 *support systems necessary for the delivery of financial, ad-*
4 *ministrative, and information technology services, includ-*
5 *ing cloud adoption and migration, of primary benefit to*
6 *the agencies of the Department of Agriculture, such trans-*
7 *ferred funds to remain available until expended: Provided,*
8 *That none of the funds made available by this Act or any*
9 *other Act shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund*
10 *without the prior approval of the agency administrator:*
11 *Provided further, That none of the funds transferred to the*
12 *Working Capital Fund pursuant to this section shall be*
13 *available for obligation without written notification to and*
14 *the prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of*
15 *both Houses of Congress: Provided further, That none of the*
16 *funds appropriated by this Act or made available to the*
17 *Department's Working Capital Fund shall be available for*
18 *obligation or expenditure to make any changes to the De-*
19 *partment's National Finance Center without written notifi-*
20 *cation to and prior approval of the Committees on Appro-*
21 *priations of both Houses of Congress as required by section*
22 *716 of this Act: Provided further, That none of the funds*
23 *appropriated by this Act or made available to the Depart-*
24 *ment's Working Capital Fund shall be available for obliga-*
25 *tion or expenditure to initiate, plan, develop, implement,*

1 *or make any changes to remove or relocate any systems,*
2 *missions, personnel, or functions of the offices of the Chief*
3 *Financial Officer and the Chief Information Officer, co-lo-*
4 *cated with or from the National Finance Center prior to*
5 *written notification to and prior approval of the Committee*
6 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress and in ac-*
7 *cordance with the requirements of section 716 of this Act:*
8 *Provided further, That the National Finance Center Infor-*
9 *mation Technology Services Division personnel and data*
10 *center management responsibilities, and control of any*
11 *functions, missions, and systems for current and future*
12 *human resources management and integrated personnel and*
13 *payroll systems (PPS) and functions provided by the Chief*
14 *Financial Officer and the Chief Information Officer shall*
15 *remain in the National Finance Center and under the man-*
16 *agement responsibility and administrative control of the*
17 *National Finance Center: Provided further, That the Sec-*
18 *retary of Agriculture and the offices of the Chief Financial*
19 *Officer shall actively market to existing and new Depart-*
20 *ments and other government agencies National Finance*
21 *Center shared services including, but not limited to, payroll,*
22 *financial management, and human capital shared services*
23 *and allow the National Finance Center to perform tech-*
24 *nology upgrades: Provided further, That of annual income*
25 *amounts in the Working Capital Fund of the Department*

1 of Agriculture allocated for the National Finance Center,
2 the Secretary shall reserve not more than 4 percent for the
3 replacement or acquisition of capital equipment, including
4 equipment for the improvement, delivery, and implementa-
5 tion of financial, administrative, and information tech-
6 nology services, and other systems of the National Finance
7 Center or to pay any unforeseen, extraordinary cost of the
8 National Finance Center: Provided further, That none of
9 the amounts reserved shall be available for obligation unless
10 the Secretary submits written notification of the obligation
11 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
12 gress: Provided further, That the limitations on the obliga-
13 tion of funds pending notification to Congressional Com-
14 mittees shall not apply to any obligation that, as deter-
15 mined by the Secretary, is necessary to respond to a de-
16 clared state of emergency that significantly impacts the op-
17 erations of the National Finance Center; or to evacuate em-
18 ployees of the National Finance Center to a safe haven to
19 continue operations of the National Finance Center.

20 *SEC. 703. No part of any appropriation contained in*
21 *this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the*
22 *current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.*

23 *SEC. 704. No funds appropriated by this Act may be*
24 *used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative*
25 *agreements or similar arrangements between the United*

1 *States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institu-*
2 *tions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of the*
3 *agreement when the purpose of such cooperative arrange-*
4 *ments is to carry out programs of mutual interest between*
5 *the two parties. This does not preclude appropriate pay-*
6 *ment of indirect costs on grants and contracts with such*
7 *institutions when such indirect costs are computed on a*
8 *similar basis for all agencies for which appropriations are*
9 *provided in this Act.*

10 *SEC. 705. Appropriations to the Department of Agri-*
11 *culture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made*
12 *available in the current fiscal year shall remain available*
13 *until expended to disburse obligations made in the current*
14 *fiscal year for the following accounts: The Rural Develop-*
15 *ment Loan Fund program account, the Rural Electrifica-*
16 *tion and Telecommunication Loans program account, and*
17 *the Rural Housing Insurance Fund program account.*

18 *SEC. 706. None of the funds made available to the De-*
19 *partment of Agriculture by this Act may be used to acquire*
20 *new information technology systems or significant up-*
21 *grades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Information*
22 *Officer, without the approval of the Chief Information Offi-*
23 *cer and the concurrence of the Executive Information Tech-*
24 *nology Investment Review Board: Provided, That notwith-*
25 *standing any other provision of law, none of the funds ap-*

1 *propriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be*
2 *transferred to the Office of the Chief Information Officer*
3 *without written notification to and the prior approval of*
4 *the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
5 *gress: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 11319*
6 *of title 40, United States Code, none of the funds available*
7 *to the Department of Agriculture for information technology*
8 *shall be obligated for projects, contracts, or other agreements*
9 *over \$25,000 prior to receipt of written approval by the*
10 *Chief Information Officer: Provided further, That the Chief*
11 *Information Officer may authorize an agency to obligate*
12 *funds without written approval from the Chief Information*
13 *Officer for projects, contracts, or other agreements up to*
14 *\$250,000 based upon the performance of an agency meas-*
15 *ured against the performance plan requirements described*
16 *in the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law*
17 *113–235.*

18 *SEC. 707. Funds made available under section 524(b)*
19 *of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(b)) in*
20 *the current fiscal year shall remain available until ex-*
21 *pendent to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal*
22 *year.*

23 *SEC. 708. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
24 *any former Rural Utilities Service borrower that has repaid*
25 *or prepaid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan under the*

1 *Rural Electrification Act of 1936, or any not-for-profit util-*
2 *ity that is eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under*
3 *such Act, shall be eligible for assistance under section*
4 *313B(a) of such Act in the same manner as a borrower*
5 *under such Act.*

6 *SEC. 709. Except as otherwise specifically provided by*
7 *law, not more than \$20,000,000 in unobligated balances*
8 *from appropriations made available for salaries and ex-*
9 *penses in this Act for the Farm Service Agency shall remain*
10 *available through September 30, 2027, for information tech-*
11 *nology expenses.*

12 *SEC. 710. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
13 *made available by this Act may be used for first-class travel*
14 *by the employees of agencies funded by this Act in con-*
15 *travention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–10.124 of*
16 *title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.*

17 *SEC. 711. In the case of each program established or*
18 *amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–*
19 *79) or by a successor to that Act, other than by title I or*
20 *subtitle A of title III of such Act, or programs for which*
21 *indefinite amounts were provided in that Act, that is au-*
22 *thorized or required to be carried out using funds of the*
23 *Commodity Credit Corporation—*

24 *(1) such funds shall be available for salaries and*
25 *related administrative expenses, including technical*

1 *assistance, associated with the implementation of the*
2 *program, without regard to the limitation on the total*
3 *amount of allotments and fund transfers contained in*
4 *section 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation*
5 *Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714i); and*

6 *(2) the use of such funds for such purpose shall*
7 *not be considered to be a fund transfer or allotment*
8 *for purposes of applying the limitation on the total*
9 *amount of allotments and fund transfers contained in*
10 *such section.*

11 *SEC. 712. Of the funds made available by this Act, not*
12 *more than \$2,900,000 shall be used to cover necessary ex-*
13 *penses of activities related to all advisory committees, pan-*
14 *els, commissions, and task forces of the Department of Agri-*
15 *culture, except for panels used to comply with negotiated*
16 *rule makings and panels used to evaluate competitively*
17 *awarded grants.*

18 *SEC. 713. (a) None of the funds made available in this*
19 *Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer net-*
20 *work unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading,*
21 *and exchanging of pornography.*

22 *(b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of*
23 *funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law*
24 *enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-*
25 *nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.*

1 *SEC. 714. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section*
2 *14222 of Public Law 110–246 (7 U.S.C. 612c–6; in this*
3 *section referred to as “section 14222”), none of the funds*
4 *appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any*
5 *other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses of*
6 *personnel to carry out a program under section 32 of the*
7 *Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section re-*
8 *ferred to as “section 32”) in excess of \$1,716,293,000 (exclu-*
9 *sive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal years),*
10 *as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement Commod-*
11 *ities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—\$5,000,000;*
12 *Removal of Defective Commodities—\$2,500,000; Adminis-*
13 *tration of section 32 Commodity Purchases—\$40,971,000:*
14 *Provided, That, of the total funds made available in the*
15 *matter preceding this proviso that remain unobligated on*
16 *October 1, 2026, such unobligated balances shall carryover*
17 *into fiscal year 2027 and shall remain available until ex-*
18 *pended for any of the purposes of section 32, except that*
19 *any such carryover funds used in accordance with clause*
20 *(3) of section 32 may not exceed \$350,000,000 and may*
21 *not be obligated until the Secretary of Agriculture provides*
22 *written notification of the expenditures to the Committees*
23 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least two*
24 *weeks in advance: Provided further, That, with the excep-*
25 *tion of any available carryover funds authorized in any*

1 *prior appropriations Act to be used for the purposes of*
2 *clause (3) of section 32, none of the funds appropriated or*
3 *otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall be*
4 *used to pay the salaries or expenses of any employee of the*
5 *Department of Agriculture to carry out clause (3) of section*
6 *32.*

7 *SEC. 715. None of the funds appropriated by this or*
8 *any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses*
9 *of personnel who prepare or submit appropriations lan-*
10 *guage as part of the President's budget submission to the*
11 *Congress for programs under the jurisdiction of the Appro-*
12 *priations Subcommittees on Agriculture, Rural Develop-*
13 *ment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agen-*
14 *cies that assumes revenues or reflects a reduction from the*
15 *previous year due to user fees proposals that have not been*
16 *enacted into law prior to the submission of the budget unless*
17 *such budget submission identifies which additional spend-*
18 *ing reductions should occur in the event the user fees pro-*
19 *posals are not enacted prior to the date of the convening*
20 *of a committee of conference for the fiscal year 2026 appro-*
21 *priations Act.*

22 *SEC. 716. (a) None of the funds provided by this Act,*
23 *or provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agencies*
24 *funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or*
25 *expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from any*

1 *accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees*
2 *available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be avail-*
3 *able for obligation or expenditure through a reprogram-*
4 *ming, transfer of funds, or reimbursements as authorized*
5 *by the Economy Act, or in the case of the Department of*
6 *Agriculture, through use of the authority provided by sec-*
7 *tion 702(b) of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act*
8 *of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2257) or section 8 of Public Law 89-*
9 *106 (7 U.S.C. 2263), that—*

- 10 (1) *creates new programs;*
11 (2) *eliminates a program, project, or activity;*
12 (3) *increases funds or personnel by any means*
13 *for any project or activity for which funds have been*
14 *denied or restricted;*
15 (4) *relocates an office or employees;*
16 (5) *reorganizes offices, programs, or activities; or*
17 (6) *contracts out or privatizes any functions or*
18 *activities presently performed by Federal employees;*
19 *unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of*
20 *Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies*
21 *in writing and receives approval from the Committees on*
22 *Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days*
23 *in advance of the reprogramming of such funds or the use*
24 *of such authority.*

1 **(b)** *None of the funds provided by this Act, or provided*
2 *by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies funded by*
3 *this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure*
4 *in the current fiscal year, or provided from any accounts*
5 *in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees available*
6 *to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be available for*
7 *obligation or expenditure for activities, programs, or*
8 *projects through a reprogramming or use of the authorities*
9 *referred to in subsection (a) involving funds in excess of*
10 *\$500,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less, that—*

11 **(1)** *augments existing programs, projects, or ac-*
12 *tivities;*

13 **(2)** *reduces by 10 percent funding for any exist-*
14 *ing program, project, or activity, or numbers of per-*
15 *sonnel by 10 percent as approved by Congress; or*

16 **(3)** *results from any general savings from a re-*
17 *duction in personnel which would result in a change*
18 *in existing programs, activities, or projects as ap-*
19 *proved by Congress;*

20 *unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of*
21 *Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies*
22 *in writing and receives approval from the Committees on*
23 *Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days*
24 *in advance of the reprogramming or transfer of such funds*
25 *or the use of such authority.*

1 (c) *The Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of*
2 *Health and Human Services shall notify in writing and*
3 *receive approval from the Committees on Appropriations of*
4 *both Houses of Congress before implementing any program*
5 *or activity not carried out during the previous fiscal year*
6 *unless the program or activity is funded by this Act or spe-*
7 *cifically funded by any other Act.*

8 (d) *None of the funds provided by this Act, or provided*
9 *by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies funded by*
10 *this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure*
11 *in the current fiscal year, or provided from any accounts*
12 *in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees available*
13 *to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be available for—*

14 (1) *modifying major capital investments funding*
15 *levels, including information technology systems, that*
16 *involves increasing or decreasing funds in the current*
17 *fiscal year for the individual investment in excess of*
18 *\$500,000 or 10 percent of the total cost, whichever is*
19 *less;*

20 (2) *realigning or reorganizing new, current, or*
21 *vacant positions or agency activities or functions to*
22 *establish a center, office, branch, or similar entity*
23 *with five or more personnel; or*

24 (3) *carrying out activities or functions that were*
25 *not described in the budget request;*

1 *unless the agencies funded by this Act notify, in writing,*
2 *the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
3 *gress at least 30 days in advance of using the funds for*
4 *these purposes.*

5 *(e) As described in this section, no funds may be used*
6 *for any activities unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the*
7 *Secretary of Health and Human Services receives from the*
8 *Committee on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress*
9 *written or electronic mail confirmation of receipt of the no-*
10 *tification as required in this section.*

11 *SEC. 717. Notwithstanding section 310B(g)(5) of the*
12 *Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.*
13 *1932(g)(5)), the Secretary may assess a one-time fee for any*
14 *guaranteed business and industry loan in an amount that*
15 *does not exceed 3 percent of the guaranteed principal por-*
16 *tion of the loan.*

17 *SEC. 718. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
18 *made available to the Department of Agriculture, the Food*
19 *and Drug Administration, or the Farm Credit Administra-*
20 *tion shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available*
21 *reports, questions, or responses to questions that are a result*
22 *of information requested for the appropriations hearing*
23 *process to any non-Department of Agriculture, non-Depart-*
24 *ment of Health and Human Services, or non-Farm Credit*
25 *Administration employee.*

1 *SEC. 719. Unless otherwise authorized by existing law,*
2 *none of the funds provided in this Act, may be used by an*
3 *executive branch agency to produce any prepackaged news*
4 *story intended for broadcast or distribution in the United*
5 *States unless the story includes a clear notification within*
6 *the text or audio of the prepackaged news story that the*
7 *prepackaged news story was prepared or funded by that ex-*
8 *ecutive branch agency.*

9 *SEC. 720. No employee of the Department of Agri-*
10 *culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or office*
11 *funded by this Act or any other Act to any other agency*
12 *or office of the Department for more than 60 days in a*
13 *fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency or of-*
14 *fice is fully reimbursed by the receiving agency or office*
15 *for the salary and expenses of the employee for the period*
16 *of assignment.*

17 *SEC. 721. Not later than 30 days after the date of en-*
18 *actment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Com-*
19 *missioner of the Food and Drug Administration, and the*
20 *Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration shall submit*
21 *to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-*
22 *resentatives and the Senate a detailed obligation plan delin-*
23 *eated by program, project, and activity, as defined in the*
24 *report accompanying this Act, for all amounts made avail-*
25 *able by this Act and prior appropriations Acts that remain*

1 available for obligation, including appropriated user fees
2 and loan authorizations: Provided, That such obligation
3 plan shall include breakdowns of estimated obligations for
4 each such program, project, or activity by fiscal quarter,
5 source appropriation, and the number of full-time equiva-
6 lent positions supported: Provided further, That such obli-
7 gation plan shall serve as the baseline for reprogramming
8 notifications for the purposes of section 716 of this Act.

9 SEC. 722. None of the funds made available by this
10 Act may be used to propose, promulgate, or implement any
11 rule, or take any other action with respect to, allowing or
12 requiring information intended for a prescribing health
13 care professional, in the case of a drug or biological product
14 subject to section 503(b)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and
15 Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353(b)(1)), to be distributed to
16 such professional electronically (in lieu of in paper form)
17 unless and until a Federal law is enacted to allow or re-
18 quire such distribution.

19 SEC. 723. For the purposes of determining eligibility
20 or level of program assistance for Rural Housing Service
21 programs the Secretary shall not include incarcerated pris-
22 on populations.

23 SEC. 724. For loans and loan guarantees that do not
24 require budget authority and for which the program level
25 has been established in this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture

1 *may increase the program level for such loans and loan*
2 *guarantees by not more than 25 percent: Provided, That*
3 *prior to the Secretary implementing such an increase, the*
4 *Secretary notifies, in writing, the Committees on Appro-*
5 *priations of both Houses of Congress at least 15 days in*
6 *advance.*

7 *SEC. 725. None of the credit card refunds or rebates*
8 *transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to sec-*
9 *tion 729 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and*
10 *Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropria-*
11 *tions Act, 2002 (7 U.S.C. 2235a; Public Law 107-76) shall*
12 *be available for obligation without written notification to,*
13 *and the prior approval of, the Committees on Appropria-*
14 *tions of both Houses of Congress: Provided, That the refunds*
15 *or rebates so transferred shall be available for obligation*
16 *only for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment,*
17 *including equipment for the improvement, delivery, and*
18 *implementation of Departmental financial management,*
19 *information technology, and other support systems nec-*
20 *essary for the delivery of financial, administrative, and in-*
21 *formation technology services, including cloud adoption and*
22 *migration, of primary benefit to the agencies of the Depart-*
23 *ment of Agriculture.*

24 *SEC. 726. None of the funds made available by this*
25 *Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the*

1 “variety” requirements of the final rule entitled “Enhanc-
2 ing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition As-
3 sistance Program (SNAP)” published by the Department
4 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on December 15, 2016
5 (81 Fed. Reg. 90675) until the Secretary of Agriculture
6 amends the definition of the term “variety” as defined in
7 section 278.1(b)(1)(ii)(C) of title 7, Code of Federal Regula-
8 tions, and “variety” as applied in the definition of the term
9 “staple food” as defined in section 271.2 of title 7, Code
10 of Federal Regulations, to increase the number of items that
11 qualify as acceptable varieties in each staple food category
12 so that the total number of such items in each staple food
13 category exceeds the number of such items in each staple
14 food category included in the final rule as published on De-
15 cember 15, 2016: Provided, That until the Secretary pro-
16 mulgates such regulatory amendments, the Secretary shall
17 apply the requirements regarding acceptable varieties and
18 breadth of stock to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-
19 gram retailers that were in effect on the day before the date
20 of the enactment of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public
21 Law 113–79).

22 SEC. 727. In carrying out subsection (h) of section 502
23 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the Secretary
24 of Agriculture shall have the same authority with respect
25 to loans guaranteed under such section and eligible lenders

1 *for such loans as the Secretary has under subsections (h)*
2 *and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1490p–2) with*
3 *respect to loans guaranteed under such section 538 and eli-*
4 *gible lenders for such loans.*

5 *SEC. 728. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
6 *made available by this Act shall be available for the United*
7 *States Department of Agriculture to propose, finalize or im-*
8 *plement any regulation that would promulgate new user*
9 *fees pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9701 after the date of the enact-*
10 *ment of this Act.*

11 *SEC. 729. Notwithstanding any provision of law that*
12 *regulates the calculation and payment of overtime and holi-*
13 *day pay for FSIS inspectors, the Secretary may charge es-*
14 *tablishments subject to the inspection requirements of the*
15 *Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 451 et seq., the*
16 *Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 601 et seq., and*
17 *the Egg Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq.,*
18 *for the cost of inspection services provided outside of an es-*
19 *tablishment’s approved inspection shifts, and for inspection*
20 *services provided on Federal holidays: Provided, That any*
21 *sums charged pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed*
22 *as overtime pay or holiday pay under section 1001(d) of*
23 *the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–*
24 *2, 135 Stat. 242): Provided further, That sums received by*
25 *the Secretary under this paragraph shall, in addition to*

1 *other available funds, remain available until expended to*
2 *the Secretary without further appropriation for the purpose*
3 *of funding all costs associated with FSIS inspections.*

4 *SEC. 730. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—*

5 *(1) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates*
6 *the following factors in the country or region being*
7 *audited, as applicable—*

8 *(A) veterinary control and oversight;*

9 *(B) disease history and vaccination prac-*
10 *tices;*

11 *(C) livestock demographics and traceability;*

12 *(D) epidemiological separation from poten-*
13 *tial sources of infection;*

14 *(E) surveillance practices;*

15 *(F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and*

16 *(G) emergency preparedness and response;*

17 *and*

18 *(2) promptly make publicly available the final*
19 *reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant*
20 *to paragraph (1).*

21 *(b) This section shall be applied in a manner con-*
22 *sistent with United States obligations under its inter-*
23 *national trade agreements.*

24 *SEC. 731. (a)(1) No Federal funds made available for*
25 *this fiscal year for the rural water, waste water, waste dis-*

1 *posal, and solid waste management programs authorized by*
2 *sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B of the*
3 *Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.*
4 *1926 et seq.) shall be used for a project for the construction,*
5 *alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water or*
6 *wastewater system unless all of the iron and steel products*
7 *used in the project are produced in the United States.*

8 (2) *In this section, the term “iron and steel products”*
9 *means the following products made primarily of iron or*
10 *steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers*
11 *and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe*
12 *clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced*
13 *precast concrete, and construction materials.*

14 (b) *Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or cat-*
15 *egory of cases in which the Secretary of Agriculture (in this*
16 *section referred to as the “Secretary”) or the designee of*
17 *the Secretary finds that—*

18 (1) *applying subsection (a) would be inconsistent*
19 *with the public interest;*

20 (2) *iron and steel products are not produced in*
21 *the United States in sufficient and reasonably avail-*
22 *able quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or*

23 (3) *inclusion of iron and steel products produced*
24 *in the United States will increase the cost of the over-*
25 *all project by more than 25 percent.*

1 (c) *If the Secretary or the designee receives a request*
2 *for a waiver under this section, the Secretary or the designee*
3 *shall make available to the public on an informal basis a*
4 *copy of the request and information available to the Sec-*
5 *retary or the designee concerning the request, and shall*
6 *allow for informal public input on the request for at least*
7 *15 days prior to making a finding based on the request.*
8 *The Secretary or the designee shall make the request and*
9 *accompanying information available by electronic means,*
10 *including on the official public Internet Web site of the De-*
11 *partment.*

12 (d) *This section shall be applied in a manner con-*
13 *sistent with United States obligations under international*
14 *agreements.*

15 (e) *The Secretary may retain up to 0.25 percent of*
16 *the funds appropriated in this Act for “Rural Utilities*
17 *Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Ac-*
18 *count” for carrying out the provisions described in sub-*
19 *section (a)(1) for management and oversight of the require-*
20 *ments of this section.*

21 (f) *Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a*
22 *project for which the engineering plans and specifications*
23 *include use of iron and steel products otherwise prohibited*
24 *by such subsection if the plans and specifications have re-*

1 *ceived required approvals from State agencies prior to the*
2 *date of enactment of this Act.*

3 *(g) For purposes of this section, the terms “United*
4 *States” and “State” shall include each of the several States,*
5 *the District of Columbia, and each Federally recognized In-*
6 *dian Tribe.*

7 *SEC. 732. None of the funds appropriated by this Act*
8 *may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence*
9 *congressional action on any legislation or appropriation*
10 *matters pending before Congress, other than to commu-*
11 *nicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C.*
12 *1913.*

13 *SEC. 733. Of the total amounts made available by this*
14 *Act for direct loans and grants under the following head-*
15 *ings: “Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insurance*
16 *Fund Program Account”; “Rural Housing Service—Mu-*
17 *tual and Self-Help Housing Grants”; “Rural Housing*
18 *Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants”; “Rural Hous-*
19 *ing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program Ac-*
20 *count”; “Rural Business—Cooperative Service—Rural*
21 *Business Program Account”; “Rural Business—Coopera-*
22 *tive Service—Rural Economic Development Loans Pro-*
23 *gram Account”; “Rural Business—Cooperative Service—*
24 *Rural Cooperative Development Grants”; “Rural Busi-*
25 *ness—Cooperative Service—Rural Microentrepreneur As-*

1 *sistance Program*”; “*Rural Utilities Service—Rural Water*
2 *and Waste Disposal Program Account*”; “*Rural Utilities*
3 *Service—Rural Electrification and Telecommunications*
4 *Loans Program Account*”; and “*Rural Utilities Service—*
5 *Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Pro-*
6 *gram*”, to the maximum extent feasible, at least 10 percent
7 of the funds shall be allocated for assistance in persistent
8 poverty counties under this section, including, notwith-
9 standing any other provision regarding population limits,
10 any county seat of such a persistent poverty county that
11 has a population that does not exceed the authorized popu-
12 lation limit by more than 10 percent: *Provided, That for*
13 *purposes of this section, the term “persistent poverty coun-*
14 *ties” means any county that has had 20 percent or more*
15 *of its population living in poverty over the past 30 years,*
16 *as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial censuses, and*
17 *2007–2011 American Community Survey 5-year average,*
18 *or any territory or possession of the United States: Provided*
19 *further, That with respect to specific activities for which*
20 *program levels have been made available by this Act that*
21 *are not supported by budget authority, the requirements of*
22 *this section shall be applied to such program level.*

23 *SEC. 734. None of the funds made available by this*
24 *Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowl-*
25 *edge receipt of a submission for an exemption for investiga-*

1 tional use of a drug or biological product under section
2 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
3 U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health
4 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which a
5 human embryo is intentionally created or modified to in-
6 clude a heritable genetic modification. Any such submission
7 shall be deemed to have not been received by the Secretary,
8 and the exemption may not go into effect.

9 SEC. 735. None of the funds made available by this
10 or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule pro-
11 mulgated by the Food and Drug Administration entitled
12 “Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and
13 Holding of Produce for Human Consumption”, and pub-
14 lished on November 27, 2015, and the proposed rule issued
15 by the Food and Drug Administration pending at the Office
16 of Management and Budget entitled “Standards for the
17 Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding Produce for
18 Human Consumption Related to Agricultural Water” (86
19 Fed. Reg. 69120 and 87 Fed. Reg. 42973), with respect to
20 the regulation of entities that grow, harvest, pack, or hold
21 wine grapes, hops, pulse crops, or almonds.

22 SEC. 736. For school years 2025–2026 and 2026–2027,
23 none of the funds made available by this Act may be used
24 to restrict or limit the substitution of any vegetable sub-
25 group for fruits under the school breakfast program estab-

1 *lished under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966*
2 *(42 U.S.C. 1773).*

3 *SEC. 737. None of the funds made available by this*
4 *Act or any other Act may be used—*

5 *(1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Agri-*
6 *cultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940), subtitle G of the*
7 *Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, or section 10114*
8 *of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018; or*

9 *(2) to prohibit the transportation, processing,*
10 *sale, or use of hemp, or seeds of such plant, that is*
11 *grown or cultivated in accordance with section 7606*
12 *of the Agricultural Act of 2014 or subtitle G of the*
13 *Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, within or outside*
14 *the State in which the hemp is grown or cultivated.*

15 *SEC. 738. The Secretary of Agriculture may waive the*
16 *matching funds requirement under section 412(g) of the Ag-*
17 *ricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act*
18 *of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7632(g)).*

19 *SEC. 739. The Secretary of Agriculture shall be in-*
20 *cluded as a member of the Committee on Foreign Invest-*
21 *ment in the United States (CFIUS) on a case by case basis*
22 *pursuant to the authorities in section 721(k)(2)(J) of the*
23 *Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(k)(2)(J))*
24 *with respect to each covered transaction (as defined in sec-*
25 *tion 721(a)(4) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50*

1 *U.S.C. 4565(a)(4)) involving agricultural land, agri-*
2 *culture biotechnology, or the agriculture industry (includ-*
3 *ing agricultural transportation, agricultural storage, and*
4 *agricultural processing), as determined by the CFIUS*
5 *Chairperson in coordination with the Secretary of Agri-*
6 *culture. The Secretary of Agriculture shall, to the maximum*
7 *extent practicable, notify CFIUS of any agricultural land*
8 *transaction that the Secretary of Agriculture has reason to*
9 *believe, based on information from or in cooperation with*
10 *the Intelligence Community, is a covered transaction (A)*
11 *that may pose a risk to the national security of the United*
12 *States, with particular emphasis on covered transactions of*
13 *an interest in agricultural land by foreign governments or*
14 *entities of concern, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 19221(a), in-*
15 *cluding the People's Republic of China, the Democratic Peo-*
16 *ple's Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the*
17 *Islamic Republic of Iran; and (B) with respect to which*
18 *a person is required to submit a report to the Secretary*
19 *of Agriculture under section 2(a) of the Agricultural For-*
20 *eign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3501(a)).*

21 *SEC. 740. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000, to*
22 *remain available until expended, for a pilot program for*
23 *the Secretary to provide grants to qualified non-profit orga-*
24 *nizations and public housing authorities to provide tech-*
25 *nical assistance, including financial and legal services, to*

1 *RHS multi-family housing borrowers to facilitate property*
2 *preservation through the acquisition of RHS multi-family*
3 *housing properties in areas where the Secretary determines*
4 *a risk of loss of affordable housing, by non-profit housing*
5 *organizations and public housing authorities as authorized*
6 *by law that commit to keep such properties in the RHS*
7 *multi-family housing program for a period of time as deter-*
8 *mined by the Secretary: Provided, That such funds may*
9 *also be used for technical assistance for non-profit organiza-*
10 *tions, public housing authorities, and private owners for*
11 *the decoupling of rental assistance.*

12 *SEC. 741. Funds made available under title II of the*
13 *Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) may only be*
14 *used to provide assistance to recipient nations if adequate*
15 *monitoring and controls, as determined by the Adminis-*
16 *trator, are in place to ensure that emergency food aid is*
17 *received by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by*
18 *food shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inap-*
19 *propriate purposes.*

20 *SEC. 742. None of the funds made available by this*
21 *Act may be used to procure raw or processed poultry prod-*
22 *ucts or seafood imported into the United States from the*
23 *People's Republic of China for use in the school lunch pro-*
24 *gram under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch*
25 *Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child and Adult Care Food*

1 *Program under section 17 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1766),*
2 *the Summer Food Service Program for Children under sec-*
3 *tion 13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761), or the school breakfast*
4 *program under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.*
5 *1771 et seq.).*

6 *SEC. 743. For school year 2026–2027, only a school*
7 *food authority that had a negative balance in the nonprofit*
8 *school food service account as of June 30, 2025, shall be*
9 *required to establish a price for paid lunches in accordance*
10 *with section 12(p) of the Richard B. Russell National*
11 *School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(p)).*

12 *SEC. 744. Any funds made available by this or any*
13 *other Act that the Secretary withholds pursuant to section*
14 *1668(g)(2) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and*
15 *Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5921(g)(2)), as amended, shall*
16 *be available for grants for biotechnology risk assessment re-*
17 *search: Provided, That the Secretary may transfer such*
18 *funds among appropriations of the Department of Agri-*
19 *culture for purposes of making such grants.*

20 *SEC. 745. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
21 *no funds available to the Department of Agriculture may*
22 *be used to move any staff office or any agency from the*
23 *mission area in which it was located on August 1, 2018,*
24 *to any other mission area or office within the Department*

1 *in the absence of the enactment of specific legislation affirm-*
2 *ing such move.*

3 *SEC. 746. The Secretary, acting through the Chief of*
4 *the Natural Resources Conservation Service, may use funds*
5 *appropriated under this Act or any other Act for the Water-*
6 *shed and Flood Prevention Operations Program and the*
7 *Watershed Rehabilitation Program carried out pursuant to*
8 *the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16*
9 *U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), and for the Emergency Watershed Pro-*
10 *tection Program carried out pursuant to section 403 of the*
11 *Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2203) to provide*
12 *technical services for such programs pursuant to section*
13 *1252(a)(1) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.*
14 *3851(a)(1)), notwithstanding subsection (c) of such section.*

15 *SEC. 747. In administering the pilot program estab-*
16 *lished by section 779 of division A of the Consolidated Ap-*
17 *propriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141), the Sec-*
18 *retary of Agriculture may, for purposes of determining enti-*
19 *ties eligible to receive assistance, consider those communities*
20 *which are “Areas Rural in Character”: Provided, That not*
21 *more than 10 percent of the funds made available under*
22 *the heading “Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and*
23 *Broadband Program” for the purposes of the pilot program*
24 *established by section 779 of Public Law 115–141 may be*
25 *used for this purpose.*

1 *SEC. 748. In addition to amounts otherwise made*
2 *available by this Act and notwithstanding the last sentence*
3 *of 16 U.S.C. 1310, there is appropriated \$2,000,000, to re-*
4 *main available until expended, to implement non-renewable*
5 *agreements on eligible lands, including flooded agricultural*
6 *lands, as determined by the Secretary, under the Water*
7 *Bank Act (16 U.S.C. 1301–1311).*

8 *SEC. 749. A bank referenced in 12 U.S.C. 2128 may*
9 *make and participate in loans and commitments and pro-*
10 *vide technical and other financial assistance to cooperatives*
11 *and any other public or private entity (except for the Fed-*
12 *eral Government) for the purpose of installing, maintain-*
13 *ing, expanding, improving, or operating facilities in a*
14 *rural area as defined in 12 U.S.C. 2128(f) for the proc-*
15 *essing or disposal of waste from any source, provision of*
16 *telecommunication services, and producing electricity from*
17 *any source for use or sale by the borrower.*

18 *SEC. 750. The Secretary shall set aside for Rural Eco-*
19 *nomics Area Partnership (REAP) Zones, until August 15,*
20 *2026, an amount of funds made available in title III under*
21 *the headings of Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program*
22 *Account, Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants, Rural*
23 *Housing Assistance Grants, Rural Community Facilities*
24 *Program Account, Rural Business Program Account, Rural*
25 *Development Loan Fund Program Account, and Rural*

1 *Water and Waste Disposal Program Account, equal to the*
2 *amount obligated in REAP Zones with respect to funds*
3 *provided under such headings in the most recent fiscal year*
4 *any such funds were obligated under such headings for*
5 *REAP Zones, excluding the funding provided through any*
6 *Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed*
7 *Spending.*

8 *SEC. 751. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000, to*
9 *remain available until expended, to carry out section 758*
10 *of division B of Public Law 118–42, in addition to amounts*
11 *otherwise available for such purpose.*

12 *SEC. 752. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
13 *made available by this Act may be used by the Food and*
14 *Drug Administration (FDA) to issue or promote any new*
15 *guidelines or regulations applicable to food manufacturers*
16 *of low risk ready-to-eat (RTE) foods for Listeria*
17 *monocytogenes (Lm) until the FDA considers the available*
18 *new science in developing the Compliance Policy Guide*
19 *(CPG), Guidance for FDA Staff, section 555.320 Listeria*
20 *monocytogenes regarding Lm in low-risk foods, meaning*
21 *foods that do not support the growth of Lm.*

22 *SEC. 753. For necessary expenses associated with cot-*
23 *ton classing activities pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 55, to include*
24 *equipment and facility upgrades, and in addition to any*
25 *other funds made available for this purpose, there is appro-*

1 priated, \$4,000,000, to remain available until September
2 30, 2027: Provided, That amounts made available in this
3 section shall be treated as funds collected by fees authorized
4 under March 4, 1923, ch. 288, section 5, 42 Stat. 1518, as
5 amended (7 U.S.C. 55).

6 SEC. 754. For an additional amount for the Office of
7 the Secretary, \$700,000, for the Office of Tribal Relations
8 to cover costs incurred for the slaughtering, processing, and
9 voluntary meat inspection fees, notwithstanding the Agri-
10 cultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622 et seq.) and
11 9 CFR part 352, for bison owned by Tribal governments
12 (as defined by the List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131)), Trib-
13 al entities (including Tribal organizations and corpora-
14 tions), and Tribal members that slaughter and process bison
15 at establishments that receive USDA voluntary inspection
16 or state inspection.

17 SEC. 755. If services performed by APHIS employees
18 are determined by the Administrator of the Animal and
19 Plant Health Inspection Service to be in response to an ani-
20 mal disease or plant health emergency outbreak, any pre-
21 mium pay that is funded, either directly or through reim-
22 bursement, shall be exempted from the aggregate of basic
23 pay and premium pay calculated under section 5547(b)(1)
24 and (2) of title 5, United States Code, and any other provi-

1 *sion of law limiting the aggregate amount of premium pay*
2 *payable on a biweekly or calendar year basis.*

3 *SEC. 756. None of the funds made available by this*
4 *Act may be used to pay the salaries or expenses of per-*
5 *sonnel—*

6 *(1) to inspect horses under section 3 of the Fed-*
7 *eral Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 603);*

8 *(2) to inspect horses under section 903 of the*
9 *Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of*
10 *1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 104–127); or*

11 *(3) to implement or enforce section 352.19 of*
12 *title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor*
13 *regulation).*

14 *SEC. 757. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000, to*
15 *remain available until expended, to carry out section 2103*
16 *of Public Law 115–334: Provided, That the Secretary shall*
17 *prioritize the wetland compliance needs of areas with sig-*
18 *nificant numbers of individual wetlands, wetland acres,*
19 *and conservation compliance requests.*

20 *SEC. 758. There is appropriated \$3,000,000 for the*
21 *emergency and transitional pet shelter and housing assist-*
22 *ance grant program established under section 12502(b) of*
23 *the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (34 U.S.C.*
24 *20127).*

1 *SEC. 759. The National Academies of Sciences, Engi-*
2 *neering and Medicine (NASEM) were tasked with pro-*
3 *viding findings and recommendations on alcohol consump-*
4 *tion for the purposes of inclusion in the 2025 Dietary*
5 *Guidelines for Americans as required by section 772 of divi-*
6 *sion A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub-*
7 *lic Law 117–328): Provided, That the Secretary of Health*
8 *and Human Services and the Secretary of Agriculture shall*
9 *only consider the findings and recommendations of the*
10 *NASEM report in the development of the 2025 Dietary*
11 *Guidelines for Americans and further, both Secretaries shall*
12 *ensure that the alcohol consumption recommendations in*
13 *the 2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans shall be based*
14 *on the preponderance of scientific and medical knowledge*
15 *consistent with section 5341 of title 7 of United States Code.*

16 *SEC. 760. (a) Section 313B(a) of the Rural Electrifica-*
17 *tion Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 940c–2(a)), shall be applied for*
18 *fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter until the*
19 *specified funding has been expended as if the following were*
20 *inserted after the final period: “In addition, the Secretary*
21 *shall use \$9,465,000 of the funds available to carry out this*
22 *section in fiscal year 2024 for an additional amount for*
23 *the same purpose and under the same terms and conditions*
24 *as the Rural Business Development Grants authorized by*
25 *section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-*

1 *ment Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(c)) and shall use \$9,953,000 of*
2 *the funds available to carry out this section in fiscal year*
3 *2026 for an additional amount for the same purpose and*
4 *under the same terms and conditions as the Rural Business*
5 *Development Grants authorized by section 310B of the Con-*
6 *solidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.*
7 *1932(c)).”.*

8 *(b) Section 780 of division B of Public Law 118–42*
9 *and such section as continued in effect as an authority and*
10 *condition under section 1101(a)(1) of Public Law 119–4*
11 *shall no longer apply.*

12 *SEC. 761. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
13 *the acceptable market name of any engineered animal ap-*
14 *proved prior to the effective date of the National Bioengi-*
15 *neered Food Disclosure Standard (February 19, 2019) shall*
16 *include the words “genetically engineered” prior to the ex-*
17 *isting acceptable market name.*

18 *SEC. 762. For an additional amount for the Office of*
19 *the Secretary, \$5,250,000, to remain available until ex-*
20 *pended, to continue the Institute for Rural Partnerships as*
21 *established in section 778 of Public Law 117–103: Provided,*
22 *That the Institute for Rural Partnerships shall continue to*
23 *dedicate resources to researching the causes and conditions*
24 *of challenges facing rural areas, and develop community*
25 *partnerships to address such challenges: Provided further,*

1 *That administrative or other fees shall not exceed one per-*
2 *cent: Provided further, That such partnership shall coordi-*
3 *nate and publish an annual report.*

4 *SEC. 763. There is hereby appropriated \$500,000 to*
5 *carry out the duties of the working group established under*
6 *section 770 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food*
7 *and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appro-*
8 *priations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116–6; 133 Stat. 89).*

9 *SEC. 764. The agencies and offices of the Department*
10 *of Agriculture may reimburse the Office of the General*
11 *Counsel (OGC), out of the funds provided in this Act, for*
12 *costs incurred by OGC in providing services to such agen-*
13 *cies or offices under time-limited agreements entered into*
14 *with such agencies and offices: Provided, That such transfer*
15 *authority is in addition to any other transfer authority*
16 *provided by law.*

17 *SEC. 765. Section 363 of the Multifamily Mortgage*
18 *Foreclosure Act of 1981 (12 U.S.C. 3702) is amended at*
19 *paragraph (2)—*

20 *(1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and”;*

21 *(2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period*
22 *at the end and inserting “; and”; and*

23 *(3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-*
24 *lowing:*

1 “(F) section 514 or 515 of the Housing Act
2 of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484, 1485).”.

3 SEC. 766. *The last proviso in the second paragraph*
4 *under the heading “Rural Community Facilities Program*
5 *Account” in division B of the Consolidated Appropriations*
6 *Act, 2024 (Public Law 118–42) shall be amended to read*
7 *as follows: “Provided further, That in addition to any other*
8 *available funds, the Secretary may expend not more than*
9 *\$1,000,000 total, from the program funds made available*
10 *under this heading, for administrative expenses for activi-*
11 *ties funded under this heading and in section 778(1).”.*

12 SEC. 767. *Of the unobligated balances from prior year*
13 *appropriations made available for conservation activities*
14 *under the heading “Natural Resources Conservation Serv-*
15 *ice—Conservation Operations”, \$30,000,000 are hereby re-*
16 *scinded: Provided, That no amounts may be rescinded from*
17 *amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emer-*
18 *gency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on*
19 *the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit*
20 *Control Act of 1985.*

21 SEC. 768. *Of the unobligated balances from prior year*
22 *appropriations made available for the “National Institute*
23 *of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activi-*
24 *ties”, \$22,000,000 are hereby rescinded: Provided, That no*
25 *amounts may be rescinded from amounts that were des-*

1 *ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pur-*
2 *suant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Bal-*
3 *anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.*

4 *SEC. 769. Of the unobligated balances from prior year*
5 *appropriations made available under the heading “Dis-*
6 *tance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program”*
7 *for the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant pilot*
8 *program established by section 779 of division A of the Con-*
9 *solidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141)*
10 *under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended*
11 *(7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$20,000,000 are hereby rescinded:*
12 *Provided, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts*
13 *that were designated by the Congress as an emergency re-*
14 *quirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budg-*
15 *et or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control*
16 *Act of 1985.*

17 *SEC. 770. Of the unobligated balances from prior year*
18 *appropriations made available in the “Working Capital*
19 *Fund”, \$78,000,000 are hereby permanently rescinded: Pro-*
20 *vided, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts*
21 *that were designated by the Congress as an emergency re-*
22 *quirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budg-*
23 *et or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control*
24 *Act of 1985.*

1 *SEC. 771. None of the funds made available to the De-*
2 *partment of Agriculture in this or any other Act may be*
3 *used to close or consolidate the resources or locations of any*
4 *existing Agricultural Research Service laboratories and fa-*
5 *cilities without prior notification and approval of the Com-*
6 *mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.*

7 *SEC. 772. (a) Of the amounts made available in this*
8 *Act under the heading “Department of Health and Human*
9 *Services—Food and Drug Administration—Salaries and*
10 *Expenses” that are derived from tobacco product user fees*
11 *authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, not less than \$200,000,000*
12 *shall be used by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs for*
13 *enforcement activities related to e-cigarettes, vapes, and*
14 *other electronic nicotine delivery systems (in this section re-*
15 *ferred to as “ENDS”), including activities under section*
16 *801(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21*
17 *U.S.C. 381(a)): Provided, That not less than \$2,000,000 of*
18 *such amount shall be used to continue the activities of the*
19 *Federal multi-agency task force led by the Department of*
20 *Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and the FDA*
21 *to further work to bring all available criminal and civil*
22 *tools to bear against the illegal manufacture, importation,*
23 *distribution, and sale of e-cigarettes, vapes, and other*
24 *ENDS products from the Republic of China and other for-*
25 *eign countries.*

1 (b) Not later than 365 days after the date of enactment
2 of this Act, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs shall up-
3 date the FDA document titled “Enforcement Priorities for
4 Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) and Other
5 Deemed Products on the Market Without Premarket Author-
6 ization”, published in January 2020 and updated in April
7 2020, to expand FDA’s prioritized enforcement to flavored
8 disposable ENDS products in addition to cartridge-based
9 products and to define the term “disposable ENDS prod-
10 uct.”

11 (c) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs shall submit
12 a semi-annual written report to the Committees on Appro-
13 priations of both Houses of Congress on the progress that
14 the Center for Tobacco Products is making in removing all
15 illegal ENDS products from the market: Provided, That the
16 initial report shall be submitted not later than 180 days
17 after the date of enactment of this Act.

18 (d) Section 801(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
19 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(a)) is amended by striking “drug
20 or device” each place it appears in the seventh, eighth,
21 ninth, and tenth sentences and inserting “drug, device, or
22 tobacco product”.

23 (e) Within 180 days the FDA shall submit a report
24 to the Committee of Appropriations of both Houses of Con-

1 *gress detailing the Agency’s activities to educate retailers*
2 *in determining which products are legal for sale.*

3 *SEC. 773. (a) Fees derived from amounts assessed and*
4 *collected for fiscal year 2026, credited under the heading*
5 *“Department of Health and Human Services—Food and*
6 *Drug Administration—Salaries and Expenses”, and made*
7 *available for expenditure under such heading must comply*
8 *with each provision contained in current user fee authoriza-*
9 *tions, appropriations Acts, and commitment letters, as*
10 *transmitted from the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-*
11 *ices to the chair and ranking member of the Committee on*
12 *Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and*
13 *the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Energy*
14 *and Commerce of the House of Representatives regarding*
15 *reauthorization of such current user fee authorizations: Pro-*
16 *vided, That the term current user fee authorizations means*
17 *those user fees authorized at 21 U.S.C. 379h, 21 U.S.C.*
18 *379j, 21 U.S.C. 379j–42, 21 U.S.C. 379j–52, 21 U.S.C.*
19 *379j–12, 21 U.S.C. 379j–21, 21 U.S.C. 387s, 42 U.S.C.*
20 *263b, 21 U.S.C. 381, 21 U.S.C. 360n and 360ff, 21 U.S.C.*
21 *379–j31, 21 U.S.C. 379j–62 , 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), 21*
22 *U.S.C. 360eee–3(c)(1), 21 U.S.C. 384d(c)(8), 21 U.S.C.*
23 *360bbb–4a, and 21 U.S.C. 379j–72.*

24 *(b)(1) Not later than 90 days after the date of enact-*
25 *ment of this Act, the Food and Drug Administration shall*

1 *submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House*
2 *of Representatives and the Senate a report that includes*
3 *obligation and outlay estimates and full-time equivalent*
4 *(FTE) personnel staffing estimates for fiscal year 2026 for*
5 *each Food and Drug Administration program that uses*
6 *both general fund appropriations and funds derived from*
7 *user fees: Provided, That such report shall include a table*
8 *with separate columns for general fund appropriations and*
9 *funds derived from user fees for such obligations, outlays*
10 *and FTE personnel staffing: Provided further, That such*
11 *report shall be certified by the Ombudsman of the Food and*
12 *Drug Administration.*

13 (2) *The report in paragraph (1) shall be updated, cer-*
14 *tified by the Ombudsman of the Food and Drug Adminis-*
15 *tration, and submitted to the Committees on Appropria-*
16 *tions of the House of Representatives and the Senate not*
17 *later than 45 days after each fiscal quarter until all such*
18 *funds are expended: Provided, That a plan for such ongoing*
19 *quarterly reporting shall be submitted with the report re-*
20 *quired by subsection (b)(1).*

21 SEC. 774. (a) *Section 260 of the Agricultural Mar-*
22 *keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1636i) is amended by striking*
23 *“2025” and inserting “2026”.*

1 *(b) Section 942 of the Livestock Mandatory Reporting*
2 *Act of 1999 (7 U.S.C. 1635 note; Public Law 106–78) is*
3 *amended by striking “2025” and inserting “2026”.*

4 *SEC. 775. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
5 *made available by this Act may be used by the Food and*
6 *Drug Administration to develop, issue, promote, or advance*
7 *any final guidelines or new regulations applicable to food*
8 *manufacturers for long-term population-wide sodium re-*
9 *duction actions until an assessment is completed on the im-*
10 *pact of the short-term sodium reduction targets.*

11 *SEC. 776. There is hereby appropriated \$3,000,000, to*
12 *remain available until expended, for the Secretary of Agri-*
13 *culture to conduct a new pilot program to support on-the-*
14 *ground local Energy Circuit Riders who provide profes-*
15 *sional support to rural communities for the purpose of un-*
16 *dertaking projects that save energy and reduce emissions:*
17 *Provided, That for the purpose of the new pilot program,*
18 *the Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary for Rural*
19 *Development, shall have the authority to provide amounts,*
20 *including in the form of grants, cooperative agreements,*
21 *and other financial assistance, to States, Indian Tribes, co-*
22 *operative extension services, institutions of higher edu-*
23 *cation, cooperatives and cooperative organizations, regional*
24 *planning commissions or other public entities serving two*
25 *or more rural areas: Provided further, That the period of*

1 *performance under this pilot program shall be more than*
2 *3 but not more than 6 years: Provided further, That the*
3 *Federal share shall not be more than 75 percent: Provided*
4 *further, That an eligible entity using funds provided under*
5 *the pilot program shall offer assistance with energy plan-*
6 *ning, energy audits, applicable Federal funding opportuni-*
7 *ties, tax incentives, project financing, grant writing, com-*
8 *munity-based capacity building, or applicable State, local,*
9 *and utility-based incentives, including, as appropriate, co-*
10 *ordinating with relevant State energy offices.*

11 *SEC. 777. For purposes of applying the Federal Food*
12 *Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), within 30*
13 *days of enactment of this Act, the Food and Drug Adminis-*
14 *tration is directed to engage with industry stakeholders to*
15 *update the acceptable market name for the following fishes:*
16 *Sebastes alutus, Sebastes borealis, Sebastes ciliatus,*
17 *Sebastes crameri, Sebastes entomelas, Sebastes flavidus,*
18 *Sebastes goodei, Sebastes levis, Sebastes melanops, Sebastes*
19 *miniatus, Sebastes ovalis, Sebastes paucispinis, Sebastes*
20 *pinniger, Sebastes proriger, Sebastes reedi, Sebastes*
21 *ruberrimus, Sebastes rufus, and Sebastes serranoides: Pro-*
22 *vided, That within 180 days of enactment of this Act, the*
23 *Food and Drug Administration is directed to provide in-*
24 *dustry stakeholders with new marketing name proposals*
25 *and is directed to update its Fish and Fishery Products*

1 *Hazards and Controls Guidance and any other relevant*
2 *guidance to reflect the new market name once a new mar-*
3 *keting name is agreed to expeditiously.*

4 *SEC. 778. For purposes of applying the Federal Food*
5 *Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), Hawaii*
6 *grown or produced coffee shall contain at least 51 percent*
7 *of coffee grown in Kona, Kau, Maui, Oahu, Kauai, or other*
8 *areas of the State of Hawaii: Provided, That based on the*
9 *region it is produced or grown, the common or usual names*
10 *shall be Kona Coffee, Kau Coffee, Maui Coffee, Oahu Coffee,*
11 *Kauai Coffee, or Hawaii Coffee.*

12 *SEC. 779. None of the funds made available for any*
13 *department or agency in this or any other appropriations*
14 *Acts, including prior year Acts, shall be used to close Nat-*
15 *ural Resources Conservation Service or Rural Development*
16 *mission area field offices or to permanently relocate any*
17 *field-based employees of those agencies that would result in*
18 *an office with two or fewer employees without prior notifi-*
19 *cation and approval of the Committees on Appropriations*
20 *of both Houses of Congress.*

21 *SEC. 780. No funds appropriated by this Act may be*
22 *used to administer or enforce the “Requirements for Addi-*
23 *tional Traceability Records for Certain Foods”, published*
24 *on November 21, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 70910), or any other*
25 *rule promulgated in accordance with section 204 of the*

1 *FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (21 U.S.C. 2223),*
2 *prior to July 20, 2028. Further, the U.S. Food and Drug*
3 *Administration shall:*

4 (1) *Engage quarterly with the regulated entities,*
5 *including farms, restaurants, retail food establish-*
6 *ments, and warehouses distributing to retail food es-*
7 *tablishments and restaurants, to identify and imple-*
8 *ment, as appropriate, additional flexibilities for satis-*
9 *fying the rule’s lot-level tracking requirement, as ap-*
10 *propriate, such that regulated entities can comply*
11 *with the November 21, 2022, rule consistent with sec-*
12 *tion 204(d)(1)(L)(iii), which prohibits the agency*
13 *from requiring product tracking to the case level.*

14 (2) *Within 180 days of enactment of this Act, the*
15 *Food and Drug Administration is directed to provide*
16 *industry stakeholders with recommendations for these*
17 *additional flexibilities satisfying the rule’s lot-level*
18 *tracking requirement, as appropriate.*

19 (3) *The FDA shall provide assistance to industry*
20 *regarding how to handle food waste recovery, reclama-*
21 *tion, intra-company transfers, customer returns under*
22 *the rule and initiate a series of hypothetical data in-*
23 *take exercises to test the capabilities of the FDA’s*
24 *Product Tracing System and, upon request and as re-*
25 *sources allow, the covered entity systems and identify*

1 *any technical difficulties prior to full implementa-*
2 *tion.*

3 *SEC. 781. Effective 365 days after the enactment of*
4 *this Act, Section 297A of the Agricultural Marketing Act*
5 *of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1639o) is amended—*

6 *(1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (6)*
7 *as paragraphs (4) through (8), respectively; and*

8 *(2) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the*
9 *following:*

10 “(1) *HEMP.—*

11 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—The term ‘hemp’ means*
12 *the plant Cannabis sativa L. and any part of*
13 *that plant, including the seeds thereof and all de-*
14 *rivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids,*
15 *salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or*
16 *not, with a total tetrahydrocannabinols con-*
17 *centration (including tetrahydrocannabinolic*
18 *acid) of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry*
19 *weight basis.*

20 “(B) *INCLUSION.—Such term includes in-*
21 *dustrial hemp.*

22 “(C) *EXCLUSIONS.—Such term does not in-*
23 *clude—*

24 “(i) *any viable seeds from a Cannabis*
25 *sativa L. plant that exceeds a total*

1 *tetrahydrocannabinols concentration (in-*
2 *cluding tetrahydrocannabinolic acid) of 0.3*
3 *percent in the plant on a dry weight basis;*
4 *or*

5 “(ii) *any intermediate hemp-derived*
6 *cannabinoid products containing—*

7 “(I) *cannabinoids that are not ca-*
8 *pable of being naturally produced by a*
9 *Cannabis sativa L. plant;*

10 “(II) *cannabinoids that—*

11 “(aa) *are capable of being*
12 *naturally produced by a Cannabis*
13 *sativa L. plant; and*

14 “(bb) *were synthesized or*
15 *manufactured outside the plant;*
16 *or*

17 “(III) *more than 0.3 percent com-*
18 *bined total of—*

19 “(aa) *total*
20 *tetrahydrocannabinols (including*
21 *tetrahydrocannabinolic acid); and*

22 “(bb) *any other cannabinoids*
23 *that have similar effects (or are*
24 *marketed to have similar effects)*
25 *on humans or animals as a*

1 *tetrahydrocannabinol (as deter-*
2 *mined by the Secretary of Health*
3 *and Human Services); or*

4 “(iii) *any intermediate hemp-derived*
5 *cannabinoid products which are marketed*
6 *or sold as a final product or directly to an*
7 *end consumer for personal or household use;*
8 *or*

9 “(iv) *any final hemp-derived*
10 *cannabinoid products containing—*

11 “(I) *cannabinoids that are not ca-*
12 *pable of being naturally produced by a*
13 *Cannabis sativa L. plant;*

14 “(II) *cannabinoids that—*

15 “(aa) *are capable of being*
16 *naturally produced by a Cannabis*
17 *sativa L. plant; and*

18 “(bb) *were synthesized or*
19 *manufactured outside the plant;*
20 *or*

21 “(III) *greater than 0.4 milligrams*
22 *combined total per container of—*

23 “(aa) *total*
24 *tetrahydrocannabinols (including*
25 *tetrahydrocannabinolic acid); and*

1 “(bb) any other cannabinoids
2 that have similar effects (or are
3 marketed to have similar effects)
4 on humans or animals as a
5 tetrahydrocannabinol (as deter-
6 mined by the Secretary of Health
7 and Human Services).

8 “(2) *INDUSTRIAL HEMP*.—The term ‘industrial
9 hemp’ means hemp—

10 “(A) grown for the use of the stalk of the
11 plant, fiber produced from such a stalk, or any
12 other non-cannabinoid derivative, mixture, prep-
13 aration, or manufacture of such a stalk;

14 “(B) grown for the use of the whole grain,
15 oil, cake, nut, hull, or any other non-
16 cannabinoid compound, derivative, mixture,
17 preparation, or manufacture of the seeds of such
18 plant;

19 “(C) grown for purposes of producing
20 microgreens or other edible hemp leaf products
21 intended for human consumption that are de-
22 rived from an immature hemp plant that is
23 grown from seeds that do not exceed the threshold
24 for total tetrahydrocannabinols concentration
25 specified in paragraph (1)(C)(i);

1 “(D) that is a plant that does not enter the
2 stream of commerce and is intended to support
3 hemp research at an institution of higher edu-
4 cation (as defined in section 101 of the Higher
5 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) or an
6 independent research institute; or

7 “(E) grown for the use of a viable seed of
8 the plant produced solely for the production or
9 manufacture of any material described in sub-
10 paragraphs (A) through (D).

11 “(3) HEMP-DERIVED CANNABINOID PRODUCT.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘hemp-derived
13 cannabinoid product’ means any intermediate or
14 final product derived from hemp (other than in-
15 dustrial hemp), that—

16 “(i) contains cannabinoids in any
17 form; and

18 “(ii) is intended for human or animal
19 use through any means of application or
20 administration, such as inhalation, inges-
21 tion, or topical application.

22 “(B) The term ‘intermediate hemp-derived
23 cannabinoid product’ means a hemp-derived
24 cannabinoid product which—

1 “(i) is not yet in the final form or
2 preparation marketed or intended to be used
3 or consumed by a human or animal; or

4 “(ii) is a powder, liquid, tablet, oil, or
5 other product form which is intended or
6 marketed to be mixed, dissolved, formulated,
7 or otherwise added to or prepared with or
8 into any other substance prior to adminis-
9 tration or consumption.

10 “(C) The term ‘container’ means the inner-
11 most wrapping, packaging, or vessel in direct
12 contact with a final hemp-derived cannabinoid
13 product in which the final hemp-derived
14 cannabinoid product is enclosed for retail sale to
15 consumers, such as a jar, bottle, bag, box, packet,
16 can, carton, or cartridge.

17 “(D) The term container excludes bulk ship-
18 ping containers or outer wrappings that are not
19 essential for the final retail delivery or sale to an
20 end consumer for personal or household use.

21 “(E) EXCLUSION.—Such term does not in-
22 clude a drug that is the subject of an application
23 approved under subsection (c) or (j) of section
24 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
25 (21 U.S.C. 355).”.

1 (3) *Within 90 days of the enactment of this act,*
2 *the Food and Drug Administration, in consultation*
3 *with other relevant Federal agencies, shall publish—*

4 (A) *a list of all cannabinoids known to*
5 *FDA to be capable of being naturally produced*
6 *by a Cannabis sativa L. plant, as reflected in*
7 *peer reviewed literature;*

8 (B) *a list of all tetrahydrocannabinol class*
9 *cannabinoids known to the agency to be natu-*
10 *rally occurring in the plant;*

11 (C) *a list of all other know cannabinoids*
12 *with similar effects to, or marketed to have simi-*
13 *lar effects to, tetrahyrocannabinol class*
14 *cannabinoids; and*

15 (D) *additional information and specificity*
16 *about the term “container”, as defined in para-*
17 *graph (3)(C).*

18 SEC. 782. *In addition to amounts otherwise made*
19 *available, there is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000, to re-*
20 *main available until expended, for the Meat and Poultry*
21 *Processing Expansion Program established pursuant to sec-*
22 *tion 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021*
23 *(Public Law 117–2) to award grants to processors of*
24 *invasive, wild-caught catfish.*

1 *SEC. 783. (a) During the period beginning on the effec-*
2 *tive date of the final rule entitled “Food Labeling: Nutrient*
3 *Content Claims; Definition of Term ‘Healthy’” published*
4 *in the Federal Register by the Food and Drug Administra-*
5 *tion on December 27, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 106064 et seq.)*
6 *and ending on the compliance date specified in such final*
7 *rule (referred to in this section as the “compliance period”),*
8 *a manufacturer may also continue to comply with the re-*
9 *quirements in effect on the day before such effective date*
10 *relating to an implied nutrient content claim of “healthy”*
11 *made with respect to a food.*

12 *(b) In the case of a food that bears labeling making*
13 *an implied nutrition content claim that the food is*
14 *“healthy” during the compliance period, the manufacturer*
15 *of the food shall not be directly or indirectly subject to any*
16 *State law requirement relating to labeling making an im-*
17 *plied nutrient content claim that a food is “healthy” during*
18 *such period that is not identical to either—*

19 *(1) the Federal requirements for labeling to make*
20 *an implied nutrition content claim that a food is*
21 *“healthy” that were in effect on the day before the ef-*
22 *fective date of such final rule; or*

23 *(2) the updated Federal requirements specified in*
24 *the final rule for such a claim.*

1 *SEC. 784. Of the unobligated balances available in the*
2 *Department of the Treasury, Treasury Forfeiture Fund, es-*
3 *tablished by section 9703 of title 31, United States Code,*
4 *\$350,000,000 shall be permanently rescinded not later than*
5 *September 30, 2026.*

6 *SEC. 785. The Commissioner of the Food and Drug*
7 *Administration shall develop a report to determine the cost*
8 *and any implications associated with efforts to issue a pro-*
9 *posed rule and implement FDA guidance and enforcement*
10 *for setting standards for pet and animal food labeling and*
11 *ingredient regulation: Provided, That the report shall—*

12 *(1) cover intent for harmonization across state*
13 *and Federal regulatory bodies for pet and animal*
14 *food labeling and ingredients;*

15 *(2) include timelines for developing guidelines,*
16 *proposed regulations, resource and personnel needs to*
17 *implement such standards, and where FDA would*
18 *need additional authority to implement any proposed*
19 *changes; and*

20 *be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Ap-*
21 *propriations within 120 days of enactment of this Act.*

22 *SEC. 786. Any remaining unobligated balances from*
23 *amounts made available by section 743 of division A of the*
24 *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115–*
25 *31) may be used, in addition to any funds otherwise made*

1 *available for such purposes, for plans, construction, repair,*
2 *preventive maintenance, environmental support, improve-*
3 *ment, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equip-*
4 *ment or facilities, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and ac-*
5 *quisition of land as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a.*

6 *SEC. 787. For fiscal year 2026, the maximum monthly*
7 *allowances of fluid milk for the following food packages de-*
8 *scribed in section 246.10(e) of title 7, Code of Federal Regu-*
9 *lations, are:*

10 *(1) For Food Package IV, 16 quarts.*

11 *(2) For Food Package V, 22 quarts.*

12 *(3) For Food Package VI, 16 quarts.*

13 *(4) For Food Package VII, 24 quarts.*

14 *(5) For Food Package III, the maximum month-*
15 *ly allowances of fluid milk should conform to the*
16 *changes made to food packages IV, V, VI, and VII in*
17 *this section.*

18 *SEC. 788. The Secretary of Agriculture shall—*

19 *(1) conduct a study to determine the feasibility*
20 *of applying the Buy American requirement (as de-*
21 *scribed in section 201.21(d) of title 7 of the Code of*
22 *Federal Regulations (2022)) to the supplemental nu-*
23 *trition assistance program under the Food and Nutri-*
24 *tion Act of 2008, and the special supplemental nutri-*
25 *tion program as authorized by section 17 of the Child*

1 *Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), including the*
2 *impact applying such requirement would have on the*
3 *agricultural economy of the United States; and*

4 (2) *not later than 1 year after the date of enact-*
5 *ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit the re-*
6 *sults of such study to the House and Senate Commit-*
7 *tees on Appropriations, the House Agriculture Com-*
8 *mittee, and the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and*
9 *Forestry Committee.*

10 *SEC. 789. (a) The Secretary shall prepare a report by*
11 *account that details the status of all projects specified in*
12 *the table titled “Community Project Funding/Congression-*
13 *ally Directed Spending” in the explanatory statements ac-*
14 *companying prior year Agriculture, Rural Development,*
15 *Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Ap-*
16 *propriations Acts, as described in section 4 in the matter*
17 *preceding division A of such Acts: Provided, That such re-*
18 *port shall include a breakout showing the subset of projects*
19 *for which funds have not yet been obligated, or for which*
20 *funds have been deobligated, an explanation for each such*
21 *project’s obligation status, the fiscal year in which funds*
22 *were originally made available for such project, and the pe-*
23 *riod of availability of such funds.*

24 (b) *The Secretary shall submit the report described in*
25 *subsection (a) to the Committees on Appropriations of the*

1 *House of Representatives and the Senate on whichever of*
2 *the following first occurs—*

3 (1) *concurrent with the department’s budget re-*
4 *quest for fiscal year 2027.*

5 (2) *February 15, 2026.*

6 *SEC. 790. The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide*
7 *written notification to the House and Senate Committees*
8 *on Appropriations no fewer than 3 business days in ad-*
9 *vance of termination of any grant, cooperative agreement,*
10 *or contract award totaling \$1,000,000 or more issued from*
11 *funds made available in this Act or any previous Act: Pro-*
12 *vided, That such notification shall include the recipient of*
13 *the award, the amount of the award, the fiscal year for*
14 *which the funds for the award were appropriated, the ac-*
15 *count and program, project, or activity from which the*
16 *funds are being drawn, the title of the award, and a detailed*
17 *justification for the termination.*

18 *This division may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural*
19 *Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related*
20 *Agency Appropriations Act, 2026”.*

1 ***DIVISION C—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH***
2 ***APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026***

3 ***TITLE I***

4 ***LEGISLATIVE BRANCH***

5 ***SENATE***

6 ***EXPENSE ALLOWANCES***

7 *For expense allowances of the Vice President, \$20,000;*
8 *the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, \$40,000; Majority*
9 *Leader of the Senate, \$40,000; Minority Leader of the Sen-*
10 *ate, \$40,000; Majority Whip of the Senate, \$10,000; Minor-*
11 *ity Whip of the Senate, \$10,000; President Pro Tempore*
12 *Emeritus, \$15,000; Chairmen of the Majority and Minority*
13 *Conference Committees, \$5,000 for each Chairman; and*
14 *Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Policy Committees,*
15 *\$5,000 for each Chairman; in all, \$195,000.*

16 *For representation allowances of the Majority and Mi-*
17 *nority Leaders of the Senate, \$15,000 for each such Leader;*
18 *in all, \$30,000.*

19 ***SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES***

20 *For compensation of officers, employees, and others as*
21 *authorized by law, including agency contributions,*
22 *\$311,543,000, which shall be paid from this appropriation*
23 *as follows:*

24 ***OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT***

25 *For the Office of the Vice President, \$3,210,000.*

1 *OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE*2 *For the Office of the President Pro Tempore, \$904,000.*3 *OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS*4 *For the Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus,*
5 *\$392,000.*6 *OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS*7 *For Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders,*
8 *\$6,710,000.*9 *OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS*10 *For Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips,*
11 *\$4,212,000.*12 *COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS*13 *For salaries of the Committee on Appropriations,*
14 *\$22,710,000.*15 *CONFERENCE COMMITTEES*16 *For the Conference of the Majority and the Conference*
17 *of the Minority, at rates of compensation to be fixed by the*
18 *Chairman of each such committee, \$2,049,000 for each such*
19 *committee; in all, \$4,098,000.*20 *OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE CONFERENCE OF*
21 *THE MAJORITY AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE MINORITY*22 *For Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the*
23 *Majority and the Conference of the Minority, \$1,022,000.*

1 *EXPENSE ALLOWANCES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SEN-*
2 *ATE, SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE*
3 *SENATE, AND SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND*
4 *MINORITY OF THE SENATE*

5 *For expense allowances of the Secretary of the Senate,*
6 *\$7,500; Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate,*
7 *\$7,500; Secretary for the Majority of the Senate, \$7,500;*
8 *Secretary for the Minority of the Senate, \$7,500; in all,*
9 *\$30,000.*

10 *CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE*

11 *INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS*

12 *For expenses of inquiries and investigations ordered*
13 *by the Senate, or conducted under paragraph 1 of rule*
14 *XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, section 112 of*
15 *the Supplemental Appropriations and Rescission Act, 1980*
16 *(Public Law 96-304), and Senate Resolution 281, 96th*
17 *Congress, agreed to March 11, 1980, \$222,416,000, of which*
18 *\$22,242,000 shall remain available until September 30,*
19 *2028.*

20 *U.S. SENATE CAUCUS ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS*

21 *CONTROL*

22 *For expenses of the United States Senate Caucus on*
23 *International Narcotics Control, \$613,000.*

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

1
2 *REQUIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN SENATORS' OFFICIAL*
3 *PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT TO BE*
4 *USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO REDUCE THE*
5 *FEDERAL DEBT*

6 *SEC. 101. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
7 *any amounts appropriated under this Act under the head-*
8 *ing "SENATE—CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SEN-*
9 *ATE—SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EX-*
10 *PENSE ACCOUNT" shall be available for obligation only dur-*
11 *ing the fiscal year or fiscal years for which such amounts*
12 *are made available. Any unexpended balances under such*
13 *allowances remaining after the end of the period of avail-*
14 *ability shall be returned to the Treasury in accordance with*
15 *the undesignated paragraph under the center heading*
16 *"GENERAL PROVISION" under chapter XI of the Third*
17 *Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1957 (2 U.S.C. 4107)*
18 *and used for deficit reduction (or, if there is no Federal*
19 *budget deficit after all such payments have been made, for*
20 *reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as the Secretary*
21 *of the Treasury considers appropriate).*

DELEGATION AUTHORITY

22
23 *SEC. 102. Section 104 of division I of the Consolidated*
24 *Appropriations Act, 2021 (2 U.S.C. 6154 note) shall be*
25 *amended—*

1 (1) *in subsection (a)(2), by adding the following*
2 *after “118th” and before “Congress”: “and any subse-*
3 *quent”;*

4 (2) *in subsection (a)(3), by striking “and ending*
5 *on January 7, 2025”;* and

6 (3) *in subsection (b), by striking “on or after*
7 *January 3, 2023”.*

8 *HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

10 *For salaries and expenses of the House of Representa-*
11 *tives, \$2,083,055,000, as follows:*

12 *HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES*

13 *For salaries and expenses, as authorized by law,*
14 *\$36,560,000, including: Office of the Speaker, \$10,499,000,*
15 *including \$35,000 for official expenses of the Speaker; Office*
16 *of the Majority Floor Leader, \$3,730,000, including \$15,000*
17 *for official expenses of the Majority Leader; Office of the*
18 *Minority Floor Leader, \$10,499,000, including \$17,500 for*
19 *official expenses of the Minority Leader; Office of the Major-*
20 *ity Whip, including the Chief Deputy Majority Whip,*
21 *\$3,099,000, including \$5,000 for official expenses of the Ma-*
22 *jority Whip; Office of the Minority Whip, including the*
23 *Chief Deputy Minority Whip, \$2,809,000, including \$5,000*
24 *for official expenses of the Minority Whip; Republican Con-*
25 *ference, \$2,962,000; Democratic Caucus, \$2,962,000: Pro-*

1 *vided, That such amount for salaries and expenses shall re-*
2 *main available from January 3, 2026 until January 2,*
3 *2027.*

4 *MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES*
5 *INCLUDING MEMBERS' CLERK HIRE, OFFICIAL EXPENSES*
6 *OF MEMBERS, AND OFFICIAL MAIL*

7 *For Members' representational allowances, including*
8 *Members' clerk hire, official expenses, and official mail,*
9 *\$850,000,000.*

10 *ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN MEMBER*
11 *OFFICES*

12 *For the allowance established under section 120 of the*
13 *Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2019 (2 U.S.C.*
14 *5322a) for the compensation of interns who serve in the of-*
15 *fices of Members of the House of Representatives,*
16 *\$20,638,800, to remain available from January 3, 2026*
17 *until January 2, 2027: Provided, That notwithstanding sec-*
18 *tion 120(b) of such Act, an office of a Member of the House*
19 *of Representatives may use not more than \$46,800 of the*
20 *allowance available under this heading during legislative*
21 *year 2026.*

22 *ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN HOUSE*
23 *LEADERSHIP OFFICES*

24 *For the allowance established under section 113 of the*
25 *Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2020 (2 U.S.C.*

1 5106) for the compensation of interns who serve in House
2 leadership offices, \$586,000, to remain available from Janu-
3 ary 3, 2026 until January 2, 2027: Provided, That of the
4 amount provided under this heading, \$322,300 shall be
5 available for the compensation of interns who serve in
6 House leadership offices of the majority, to be allocated
7 among such offices by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives, and \$263,700 shall be available for the com-
9 pensation of interns who serve in House leadership offices
10 of the minority, to be allocated among such offices by the
11 Minority Floor Leader.

12 *ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN HOUSE*
13 *STANDING, SPECIAL AND SELECT COMMITTEE OFFICES*

14 *For the allowance established under section 113(a)(1)*
15 *of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public*
16 *Law 117–103) for the compensation of interns who serve*
17 *in offices of standing, special, and select committees (other*
18 *than the Committee on Appropriations), \$2,600,000, to re-*
19 *main available from January 3, 2026 until January 2,*
20 *2027: Provided, That of the amount provided under this*
21 *heading, \$1,300,000 shall be available for the compensation*
22 *of interns who serve in offices of the majority, and*
23 *\$1,300,000 shall be available for the compensation of in-*
24 *terns who serve in offices of the minority, to be allocated*
25 *among such offices by the Chair, in consultation with the*

1 *ranking minority member, of the Committee on House Ad-*
2 *ministration.*

3 *ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN HOUSE*
4 *APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OFFICES*

5 *For the allowance established under section 113(a)(2)*
6 *of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public*
7 *Law 117–103) for the compensation of interns who serve*
8 *in offices of the Committee on Appropriations, \$463,000:*
9 *Provided, That of the amount provided under this heading,*
10 *\$231,500 shall be available for the compensation of interns*
11 *who serve in offices of the majority, and \$231,500 shall be*
12 *available for the compensation of interns who serve in of-*
13 *fices of the minority, to be allocated among such offices by*
14 *the Chair, in consultation with the ranking minority mem-*
15 *ber, of the Committee on Appropriations.*

16 *COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES*

17 *STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT*

18 *For salaries and expenses of standing committees, spe-*
19 *cial and select, authorized by House resolutions,*
20 *\$184,787,000: Provided, That such amount shall remain*
21 *available for such salaries and expenses until December 31,*
22 *2026, except that \$10,000,000 of such amount shall remain*
23 *available until expended for committee room upgrading.*

1 *COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS*

2 *For salaries and expenses of the Committee on Appro-*
3 *priations, \$31,294,000, including studies and examinations*
4 *of executive agencies and temporary personal services for*
5 *such committee, to be expended in accordance with section*
6 *202(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 and*
7 *to be available for reimbursement to agencies for services*
8 *performed: Provided, That such amount shall remain avail-*
9 *able for such salaries and expenses until December 31, 2026.*

10 *SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES*

11 *For compensation and expenses of officers and employ-*
12 *ees, as authorized by law, \$460,603,000, including: for sala-*
13 *ries and expenses of the Office of the Clerk, including the*
14 *positions of the Chaplain and the Historian, and including*
15 *not more than \$25,000 for official representation and recep-*
16 *tion expenses, of which not more than \$20,000 is for the*
17 *Family Room and not more than \$2,000 is for the Office*
18 *of the Chaplain, \$48,992,000, of which \$10,791,000 shall*
19 *remain available until expended; for salaries and expenses*
20 *of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, including the position*
21 *of Superintendent of Garages and the Office of Emergency*
22 *Management, and including not more than \$3,000 for offi-*
23 *cial representation and reception expenses, \$140,606,000, of*
24 *which \$118,013,000 shall remain available until expended;*
25 *for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Chief Adminis-*

1 *trative Officer including not more than \$3,000 for official*
2 *representation and reception expenses, \$233,248,000, of*
3 *which \$39,772,000 shall remain available until expended;*
4 *for salaries and expenses of the Office of the Whistleblower*
5 *Ombuds, \$1,250,000; for salaries and expenses of the Office*
6 *of the Inspector General, \$6,227,000; for salaries and ex-*
7 *penses of the Office of General Counsel, \$2,079,000; for sala-*
8 *ries and expenses of the Office of the Parliamentarian, in-*
9 *cluding the Parliamentarian, \$2,000 for preparing the Di-*
10 *gest of Rules, and not more than \$1,000 for official rep-*
11 *resentation and reception expenses, \$2,404,000; for salaries*
12 *and expenses of the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of*
13 *the House, \$4,998,000, of which \$1,000,000 shall remain*
14 *available until expended; for salaries and expenses of the*
15 *Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House, \$18,740,000;*
16 *for salaries and expenses of the Office of Interparliamentary*
17 *Affairs, \$994,000; for other authorized employees,*
18 *\$1,065,000: Provided, That of the amount made available*
19 *until expended to the Office of the Sergeant at Arms under*
20 *this heading, \$100,000,000 shall be for activities associated*
21 *with providing security for Members of the House of Rep-*
22 *resentatives, including Delegates and the Resident Commis-*
23 *sioner to the Congress, their immediate families, and other*
24 *security purposes.*

1 *ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES*

2 *For allowances and expenses as authorized by House*
3 *resolution or law, \$491,523,200, including: supplies, mate-*
4 *rials, administrative costs and Federal tort claims,*
5 *\$1,555,000; official mail for committees, leadership offices,*
6 *and administrative offices of the House, \$190,000; Govern-*
7 *ment contributions for health, retirement, Social Security,*
8 *contractor support for actuarial projections, and other ap-*
9 *plicable employee benefits, \$444,155,200, to remain avail-*
10 *able until March 31, 2027, except that \$37,000,000 of such*
11 *amount shall remain available until expended; salaries and*
12 *expenses for Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery,*
13 *\$28,951,000, of which \$6,000,000 shall remain available*
14 *until expended; transition activities for new members and*
15 *staff, \$9,740,000, to remain available until expended; Green*
16 *and Gold Congressional Aide Program, \$4,122,000, to re-*
17 *main available until expended; Office of Congressional Con-*
18 *duct, \$1,810,000; and miscellaneous items including pur-*
19 *chase, exchange, maintenance, repair and operation of*
20 *House motor vehicles, interparliamentary receptions, and*
21 *gratuities to heirs of deceased employees of the House,*
22 *\$1,000,000.*

1 *reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as the Secretary*
2 *of the Treasury considers appropriate).*

3 *(b) The Committee on House Administration of the*
4 *House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe*
5 *regulations to carry out this section.*

6 *(c) As used in this section, the term “Member of the*
7 *House of Representatives” means a Representative in, or*
8 *a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.*

9 *LIMITATION ON AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO LEASE VEHICLES*

10 *SEC. 111. None of the funds made available in this*
11 *Act may be used by the Chief Administrative Officer of the*
12 *House of Representatives to make any payments from any*
13 *Members’ Representational Allowance for the leasing of a*
14 *vehicle, excluding mobile district offices, in an aggregate*
15 *amount that exceeds \$1,000 for the vehicle in any month.*

16 *CYBERSECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSE OF*
17 *REPRESENTATIVES*

18 *SEC. 112. The head of any Federal entity that provides*
19 *assistance to the House of Representatives in the House’s*
20 *efforts to deter, prevent, mitigate, or remediate cybersecu-*
21 *rity risks to, and incidents involving, the information sys-*
22 *tems of the House shall take all necessary steps to ensure*
23 *the constitutional integrity of the separate branches of the*
24 *government at all stages of providing the assistance, includ-*

1 *ing applying minimization procedures to limit the spread*
 2 *or sharing of privileged House and Member information.*

3 *LONG TERM LEASE REQUIREMENTS*

4 *SEC. 113. (a) Section 303(f) of the Energy Policy Act*
 5 *of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13212(f)) is amended—*

6 *(1) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph*
 7 *(C);*

8 *(2) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “branch, ex-*
 9 *cept that it does include the House of Representatives*
 10 *with respect to an acquisition described in paragraph*
 11 *(2)(C).” and inserting “branch.”; and*

12 *(3) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraph*
 13 *(C).*

14 *(b) The amendments made by this section apply to fis-*
 15 *cal year 2026 and each succeeding fiscal year.*

16 *USE OF CHILD CARE CENTER REVOLVING FUND*

17 *SEC. 114. (a) Section 312(d)(3) of the Legislative*
 18 *Branch Appropriations Act, 1992 (2 U.S.C. 2062(d)(3)) is*
 19 *amended—*

20 *(1) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-*
 21 *paragraph (D); and*

22 *(2) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-*
 23 *lowing new subparagraph:*

24 *“(C) The payment of telecommunications*
 25 *expenses for the Center, to include voicemail*

1 *boxes, land lines, and cell phones for Center em-*
2 *ployees, in connection with the provision of child*
3 *care services and as needed for critical and emer-*
4 *gent communications.”.*

5 *(b) Section 312(d)(3)(A) of such Act (2 U.S.C.*
6 *2062(d)(3)(A)) is amended by inserting “and assistant di-*
7 *rectors” after “director”.*

8 *(c) The amendments made by this section shall apply*
9 *with respect to fiscal year 2026 and each succeeding fiscal*
10 *year.*

11 *PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TECHNOLOGY*

12 *SEC. 115. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this*
13 *Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for a*
14 *Member, committee, officer, or employee of the House of*
15 *Representatives may be obligated, awarded, or expended to*
16 *procure or purchase covered information technology equip-*
17 *ment in cases where the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror,*
18 *or any subsidiary or parent entity of the manufacturer,*
19 *bidder, or offeror, of the equipment is an entity or parent*
20 *company of an entity listed on any of the following:*

21 *(1) The Chinese Military Company List of the*
22 *Department of Defense.*

23 *(2) The Non-SDN Chinese Military Industrial*
24 *Complex Companies List of the Department of the*
25 *Treasury.*

1 (3) *The Denied Persons List, Entity List, or*
2 *Military End User List of the Department of Com-*
3 *merce, if the entity is—*

4 (A) *an agency or instrumentality of the*
5 *People’s Republic of China;*

6 (B) *an entity headquartered in the People’s*
7 *Republic of China; or*

8 (C) *directly or indirectly owned or con-*
9 *trolled by an agency, instrumentality, or entity*
10 *described in subparagraph (A) or (B).*

11 (4) *The Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act*
12 *Entity List of the Department of Homeland Security.*

13 (b) *The prohibition under subsection (a) shall apply*
14 *to a case in which a Member, committee, officer, or em-*
15 *ployee of the House of Representatives has entered into a*
16 *contract with another entity for the procurement or pur-*
17 *chase of, or the expenditure of funds on, covered information*
18 *technology equipment.*

19 (c) *In this section, the term “covered information tech-*
20 *nology equipment”—*

21 (1) *means a computer, printer, or interoperable*
22 *videoconferencing equipment for direct use by a Mem-*
23 *ber, committee, officer, or employee of the House of*
24 *Representatives in an office environment; and*

1 (4) *an allowance of \$900 per month to 2 assist-*
2 *ants and \$900 per month each not to exceed 11 assist-*
3 *ants on the basis heretofore provided for such assist-*
4 *ants; and*

5 (5) *\$3,388,000 for reimbursement to the Depart-*
6 *ment of the Navy for expenses incurred for staff and*
7 *equipment assigned to the Office of the Attending*
8 *Physician, which shall be advanced and credited to*
9 *the applicable appropriation or appropriations from*
10 *which such salaries, allowances, and other expenses*
11 *are payable and shall be available for all the purposes*
12 *thereof, \$4,856,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Ad-*
13 *ministrative Officer of the House of Representatives.*

14 *OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES*

15 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

16 *For salaries and expenses of the Office of Congressional*
17 *Accessibility Services, \$1,819,000, to be disbursed by the*
18 *Secretary of the Senate.*

19 *CAPITOL POLICE*

20 *SALARIES*

21 *For salaries of employees of the Capitol Police, includ-*
22 *ing overtime, hazardous duty pay, and Government con-*
23 *tributions for health, retirement, social security, profes-*
24 *sional liability insurance, tuition reimbursement, recruit-*
25 *ment and retention bonuses, and other applicable employee*

1 *benefits, \$653,422,000, of which overtime shall not exceed*
2 *\$80,067,000 unless the Committees on Appropriations of the*
3 *House and Senate are notified, to be disbursed by the Chief*
4 *of the Capitol Police or a duly authorized designee.*

5 *GENERAL EXPENSES*

6 *For necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, including*
7 *motor vehicles, communications and other equipment, secu-*
8 *rity equipment and installation, uniforms, weapons, sup-*
9 *plies, materials, training, medical services, forensic services,*
10 *Member protection-related activities and equipment, steno-*
11 *graphic services, personal and professional services, the em-*
12 *ployee assistance program, the awards program, postage,*
13 *communication services, travel advances, relocation of in-*
14 *structor and liaison personnel for the Federal Law Enforce-*
15 *ment Training Centers, and not more than \$7,500 to be*
16 *expended on the certification of the Chief of the Capitol Po-*
17 *lice in connection with official representation and reception*
18 *expenses, \$198,928,000, to be disbursed by the Chief of the*
19 *Capitol Police or a duly authorized designee: Provided,*
20 *That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the cost*
21 *of basic training for the Capitol Police at the Federal Law*
22 *Enforcement Training Centers for fiscal year 2026 shall be*
23 *paid by the Secretary of Homeland Security from funds*
24 *available to the Department of Homeland Security: Pro-*
25 *vided further, That none of the amounts made available*

1 *under this heading may be used to purchase a drone manu-*
2 *factured in the People’s Republic of China or by a business*
3 *affiliated with the People’s Republic of China except for na-*
4 *tional security purposes.*

5 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*

6 *AUTHORIZATIONS REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRAINING*

7 *SEC. 118. (a) Section 4120 of title 5, United States*
8 *Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new*
9 *subsection:*

10 *“(c) An employee of the Capitol Police may receive*
11 *training under this section outside of the United States only*
12 *with the prior approval of the Capitol Police Board. In this*
13 *subsection, the term ‘United States’ means each of the sev-*
14 *eral States of the United States, the District of Columbia,*
15 *and the territories and possessions of the United States.”.*

16 *(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply*
17 *with respect to fiscal year 2026 and each succeeding fiscal*
18 *year.*

19 *MUTUAL AID TRANSFER AUTHORITY*

20 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

21 *SEC. 119. Of the amounts made available under the*
22 *heading “Capitol Police” in this Act, up to \$10,000,000*
23 *may be transferred to “Capitol Police—United States Cap-*
24 *itol Police Mutual Aid Reimbursements” on September 30,*
25 *2026, and, once transferred, shall remain available until*

1 *September 30, 2030, to be used for reimbursements for mu-*
2 *tual aid and related training, including mutual aid and*
3 *training provided under the agreements described in section*
4 *7302 of Public Law 108–458: Provided, That obligation of*
5 *the funds transferred pursuant to this section shall be sub-*
6 *ject to notification to the Chairmen and Ranking Members*
7 *of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
8 *gress, the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration*
9 *and the Committee on House Administration of the amount*
10 *and purpose of the expense within 15 days of obligation.*

11 **OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE**

12 **RIGHTS**

13 **SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

14 *For salaries and expenses necessary for the operation*
15 *of the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, \$8,350,000,*
16 *of which not more than \$1,000 may be expended on the cer-*
17 *tification of the Executive Director in connection with offi-*
18 *cial representation and reception expenses.*

19 **CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE**

20 **SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

21 *For salaries and expenses necessary for operation of*
22 *the Congressional Budget Office, including not more than*
23 *\$6,000 to be expended on the certification of the Director*
24 *of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with offi-*
25 *cial representation and reception expenses, \$74,750,000, of*

1 *which not less than \$7,100,000 shall be for cyber-security*
2 *related expenses: Provided, That the Director shall use not*
3 *less than \$500,000 of the amount made available under this*
4 *heading for (1) improving technical systems, processes, and*
5 *models for the purpose of improving the transparency of*
6 *estimates of budgetary effects to Members of Congress, em-*
7 *ployees of Members of Congress, and the public, and (2) to*
8 *increase the availability of models, economic assumptions,*
9 *and data for Members of Congress, employees of Members*
10 *of Congress, and the public: Provided further, That of the*
11 *amounts made available under this heading for cyber-secu-*
12 *rity related expenses, \$2,750,000 shall remain available*
13 *until September 30, 2027.*

14 *ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL*

15 *CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS*

16 *For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, and other*
17 *personal services, at rates of pay provided by law; for all*
18 *necessary expenses for surveys and studies, construction, op-*
19 *eration, and general and administrative support in connec-*
20 *tion with facilities and activities under the care of the Ar-*
21 *chitect of the Capitol, including the Botanic Garden, Senate*
22 *and House office buildings, and other facilities under the*
23 *jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol; for furnishings*
24 *and office equipment; for official reception and representa-*
25 *tion expenses of not more than \$5,000, to be expended as*

1 *the Architect of the Capitol may approve; for purchase or*
2 *exchange, maintenance, and operation of a passenger motor*
3 *vehicle, \$159,450,000.*

4 *CAPITOL BUILDING*

5 *For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care*
6 *and operation of the Capitol, \$74,460,000, of which*
7 *\$40,099,000 shall remain available until September 30,*
8 *2030.*

9 *CAPITOL GROUNDS*

10 *For all necessary expenses for care and improvement*
11 *of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House*
12 *office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, \$19,385,000,*
13 *of which \$3,000,000 shall remain available until September*
14 *30, 2030.*

15 *SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS*

16 *For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care*
17 *and operation of Senate office buildings; and furniture and*
18 *furnishings to be expended under the control and super-*
19 *vision of the Architect of the Capitol, \$122,635,000, of which*
20 *\$16,900,000 shall remain available until September 30,*
21 *2030, and of which \$20,000,000 shall remain available*
22 *until expended.*

23 *HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS*

24 *For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care,*
25 *and operation of the House office buildings, \$111,887,000,*

1 of which \$24,390,000 shall remain available until Sep-
2 tember 30, 2030, and of which \$10,000,000 shall remain
3 available until expended for a payment to the House His-
4 toric Buildings Revitalization Fund.

5 *CAPITOL POWER PLANT*

6 *For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care*
7 *and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; and all electrical*
8 *substations of the Capitol; lighting, heating, power (includ-*
9 *ing the purchase of electrical energy) and water and sewer*
10 *services for the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings,*
11 *Library of Congress buildings, and the grounds about the*
12 *same, Botanic Garden, Senate garage, and air conditioning*
13 *refrigeration not supplied from plants in any of such build-*
14 *ings; heating the Government Publishing Office and Wash-*
15 *ington City Post Office, and heating and chilled water for*
16 *air conditioning for the Supreme Court Building, the*
17 *Union Station complex, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Ju-*
18 *diciary Building and the Folger Shakespeare Library, ex-*
19 *penses for which shall be advanced or reimbursed upon re-*
20 *quest of the Architect of the Capitol and amounts so received*
21 *shall be deposited into the Treasury to the credit of this*
22 *appropriation, \$141,007,000, of which \$22,600,000 shall re-*
23 *main available until September 30, 2030: Provided, That*
24 *not more than \$10,000,000 of the funds credited or to be*

1 *reimbursed to this appropriation as herein provided shall*
2 *be available for obligation during fiscal year 2026.*

3 *LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS*

4 *For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and*
5 *structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library*
6 *buildings and grounds, \$56,563,000, of which \$18,000,000*
7 *shall remain available until September 30, 2030.*

8 *CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND SECURITY*

9 *For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care*
10 *and operation of buildings, grounds and security enhance-*
11 *ments of the United States Capitol Police, wherever located,*
12 *the Alternate Computing Facility, and Architect of the Cap-*
13 *itol security operations, \$75,069,000, of which \$12,000,000*
14 *shall remain available until September 30, 2030: Provided,*
15 *That none of the amounts made available under this head-*
16 *ing may be used to purchase a drone manufactured in the*
17 *People's Republic of China or by a business affiliated with*
18 *the People's Republic of China except for national security*
19 *purposes.*

20 *BOTANIC GARDEN*

21 *For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care*
22 *and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries,*
23 *buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and ex-*
24 *change, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger*
25 *motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Com-*

1 *mittee on the Library, \$21,559,000, of which \$5,000,000*
2 *shall remain available until September 30, 2030: Provided,*
3 *That, of the amount made available under this heading, the*
4 *Architect of the Capitol may obligate and expend such sums*
5 *as may be necessary for the maintenance, care and oper-*
6 *ation of the National Garden established under section*
7 *307E of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1989*
8 *(2 U.S.C. 2146), upon vouchers approved by the Architect*
9 *of the Capitol or a duly authorized designee.*

10 *CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER*

11 *For all necessary expenses for the operation of the Cap-*
12 *itol Visitor Center, \$29,901,000.*

13 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*

14 *NO BONUSES FOR CONTRACTORS BEHIND SCHEDULE OR*
15 *OVER BUDGET*

16 *SEC. 120. None of the funds made available in this*
17 *Act for the Architect of the Capitol may be used to make*
18 *incentive or award payments to contractors for work on*
19 *contracts or programs for which the contractor is behind*
20 *schedule or over budget, unless the Architect of the Capitol,*
21 *or agency-employed designee, determines that any such de-*
22 *viations are due to unforeseeable events, government-driven*
23 *scope changes, or are not significant within the overall*
24 *scope of the project and/or program.*

1 *ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC OUTREACH AND SERVICES*
2 *FOR CAPITOL GROUNDS AND ARBORETUM*

3 *SEC. 121. For this fiscal year and each fiscal year*
4 *thereafter, the Architect of the Capitol, subject to the ap-*
5 *proval of the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate*
6 *and House of Representatives, may enter into cooperative*
7 *agreements with entities under such terms as the Architect*
8 *determines advisable, in order to support the Capitol*
9 *Grounds and Arboretum in carrying out its duties, authori-*
10 *ties and mission, and may engage in plant material ex-*
11 *changes between the Capitol Grounds and Arboretum and*
12 *other entities including Federal, State, or local government*
13 *agencies, botanic gardens, arboretums, educational institu-*
14 *tions, non-profit organizations, municipal parks, and gar-*
15 *dens.*

16 *EXTENSION OF AVAILABILITY FOR LIQUIDATION OF VALID*
17 *OBLIGATIONS*

18 *SEC. 122. Funds previously made available in title III*
19 *of the Emergency Security Supplemental Appropriations*
20 *Act, 2021 (Public Law 117–31) under the heading “Legisla-*
21 *tive Branch—Architect of the Capitol—Capitol Police*
22 *Buildings, Grounds and Security” that were available for*
23 *obligation through fiscal year 2023 for the purposes and*
24 *in the amounts specified in the first proviso under such*
25 *heading are to remain available through fiscal year 2032*

1 *for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal*
2 *years 2021, 2022, and 2023: Provided, That amounts*
3 *repurposed pursuant to this section that were previously*
4 *designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement*
5 *pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget*
6 *and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated*
7 *as an emergency requirement pursuant to section*
8 *4001(a)(1) of S. Con. Res. 14 (117th Congress), the concur-*
9 *rent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2022, and to*
10 *legislation establishing fiscal year 2026 budget enforcement*
11 *in the House of Representatives.*

12 *LIBRARY OF CONGRESS*

13 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

14 *For all necessary expenses of the Library of Congress*
15 *not otherwise provided for, including development and*
16 *maintenance of the Library's catalogs; custody and custo-*
17 *dial care of the Library buildings; information technology*
18 *services provided centrally; special clothing; cleaning, laun-*
19 *dering and repair of uniforms; preservation of motion pic-*
20 *tures in the custody of the Library; operation and mainte-*
21 *nance of the American Folklife Center in the Library; prep-*
22 *aration and distribution of catalog records and other publi-*
23 *cations of the Library; hire or purchase of one passenger*
24 *motor vehicle; and expenses of the Library of Congress Trust*
25 *Fund Board not properly chargeable to the income of any*

1 *trust fund held by the Board, \$592,411,000, and, in addi-*
2 *tion, amounts credited to this appropriation during fiscal*
3 *year 2026 under the Act of June 28, 1902 (chapter 1301;*
4 *32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C. 150), shall remain available until*
5 *expended: Provided, That the Library of Congress may not*
6 *obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under*
7 *the Act of June 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized*
8 *for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Pro-*
9 *vided further, That of the total amount appropriated, not*
10 *more than \$18,000 may be expended, on the certification*
11 *of the Librarian of Congress, in connection with official*
12 *representation and reception expenses, including for the*
13 *Overseas Field Offices: Provided further, That of the total*
14 *amount appropriated, no less than \$17,500,000 shall re-*
15 *main available until expended for the Teaching with Pri-*
16 *mary Sources program, the Lewis-Houghton Civics and De-*
17 *mocracy Initiative, the Veterans History Project, the Sur-*
18 *plus Books Program, upgrades of the Legislative Branch Fi-*
19 *nancial Management System, and data storage and migra-*
20 *tion efforts.*

21 *COPYRIGHT OFFICE*

22 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

23 *For all necessary expenses of the Copyright Office,*
24 *\$102,386,000, of which not more than \$37,025,000, to re-*
25 *main available until expended, shall be derived from collec-*

1 tions credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2026
2 under sections 708(d) and 1316 of title 17, United States
3 Code: Provided, That the Copyright Office may not obligate
4 or expend any funds derived from collections under such
5 section in excess of the amount authorized for obligation
6 or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further,
7 That not more than \$7,824,000 shall be derived from collec-
8 tions during fiscal year 2026 under sections 111(d)(2),
9 119(b)(3), 803(e), and 1005 of such title: Provided further,
10 That the total amount available for obligation shall be re-
11 duced by the amount by which collections are less than
12 \$44,849,000: Provided further, That of the funds provided
13 under this heading, not less than \$10,300,000 is for mod-
14 ernization initiatives, of which \$9,300,000 shall remain
15 available until September 30, 2027: Provided further, That
16 not more than \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is
17 available for the maintenance of an “International Copy-
18 right Institute” in the Copyright Office of the Library of
19 Congress for the purpose of training nationals of developing
20 countries in intellectual property laws and policies: Pro-
21 vided further, That not more than \$6,500 may be expended,
22 on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connec-
23 tion with official representation and reception expenses for
24 activities of the International Copyright Institute and for
25 copyright delegations, visitors, and seminars: Provided fur-

1 *ther, That, notwithstanding any provision of chapter 8 of*
2 *title 17, United States Code, any amounts made available*
3 *under this heading which are attributable to royalty fees*
4 *and payments received by the Copyright Office pursuant*
5 *to sections 111, 119, and chapter 10 of such title may be*
6 *used for the costs incurred in the administration of the*
7 *Copyright Royalty Judges program, with the exception of*
8 *the costs of salaries and benefits for the Copyright Royalty*
9 *Judges and staff under section 802(e).*

10 *CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE*

11 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

12 *For all necessary expenses to carry out the provisions*
13 *of section 203 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946*
14 *(2 U.S.C. 166) and to revise and extend the Annotated Con-*
15 *stitution of the United States of America, \$136,080,000:*
16 *Provided, That no part of such amount may be used to pay*
17 *any salary or expense in connection with any publication,*
18 *or preparation of material therefor (except the Digest of*
19 *Public General Bills), to be issued by the Library of Con-*
20 *gress unless such publication has obtained prior approval*
21 *of either the Committee on House Administration of the*
22 *House of Representatives or the Committee on Rules and*
23 *Administration of the Senate: Provided further, That this*
24 *prohibition does not apply to publication of non-confiden-*
25 *tial Congressional Research Service (CRS) products: Pro-*

1 *vided further, That a non-confidential CRS product in-*
2 *cludes any written product containing research or analysis*
3 *that is currently available for general congressional access*
4 *on the CRS Congressional Intranet, or that would be made*
5 *available on the CRS Congressional Intranet in the normal*
6 *course of business and does not include material prepared*
7 *in response to Congressional requests for confidential anal-*
8 *ysis or research.*

9 *NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT*
10 *DISABLED*

11 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

12 *For all necessary expenses to carry out the Act of*
13 *March 3, 1931 (chapter 400; 46 Stat. 1487; 2 U.S.C. 135a),*
14 *\$66,130,000: Provided, That of the total amount appro-*
15 *priated, \$650,000 shall be available to contract to provide*
16 *newspapers to blind and print disabled residents at no cost*
17 *to the individual.*

18 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION*

19 *REIMBURSABLE AND REVOLVING FUND ACTIVITIES*

20 *SEC. 123. (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2026, the*
21 *obligational authority of the Library of Congress for the ac-*
22 *tivities described in subsection (b) may not exceed*
23 *\$342,285,000.*

24 *(b) ACTIVITIES.—The activities referred to in sub-*
25 *section (a) are reimbursable and revolving fund activities*

1 *that are funded from sources other than appropriations to*
2 *the Library in appropriations Acts for the legislative*
3 *branch.*

4 **GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE**

5 **CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING**

6 **(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)**

7 *For authorized publishing of congressional informa-*
8 *tion and the distribution of congressional information in*
9 *any format; publishing of Government publications author-*
10 *ized by law to be distributed to Members of Congress; and*
11 *publishing, and distribution of Government publications*
12 *authorized by law to be distributed without charge to the*
13 *recipient, \$80,000,000: Provided, That this appropriation*
14 *shall not be available for paper copies of the permanent edi-*
15 *tion of the Congressional Record for individual Representa-*
16 *tives, Resident Commissioners or Delegates authorized*
17 *under section 906 of title 44, United States Code: Provided*
18 *further, That this appropriation shall be available for the*
19 *payment of obligations incurred under the appropriations*
20 *for similar purposes for preceding fiscal years: Provided*
21 *further, That notwithstanding the 2-year limitation under*
22 *section 718 of title 44, United States Code, none of the funds*
23 *appropriated or made available under this Act or any other*
24 *Act for printing and binding and related services provided*
25 *to Congress under chapter 7 of title 44, United States Code,*

1 *may be expended to print a document, report, or publica-*
2 *tion after the 27-month period beginning on the date that*
3 *such document, report, or publication is authorized by Con-*
4 *gress to be printed, unless Congress reauthorizes such print-*
5 *ing in accordance with section 718 of title 44, United States*
6 *Code: Provided further, That unobligated or unexpended*
7 *balances of expired discretionary funds made available*
8 *under this heading in this Act for this fiscal year may be*
9 *transferred to, and merged with, funds under the heading*
10 *“GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS OPER-*
11 *ATIONS REVOLVING FUND” no later than the end of the fifth*
12 *fiscal year after the last fiscal year for which such funds*
13 *are available for the purposes for which appropriated, to*
14 *be available for carrying out the purposes of this heading,*
15 *subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations*
16 *of the House of Representatives and the Senate: Provided*
17 *further, That this appropriation shall be available for pub-*
18 *lishing congressionally mandated reports under the Access*
19 *to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act (subtitle D of title*
20 *LXXII of division G of Public Law 117–263): Provided fur-*
21 *ther, That notwithstanding sections 901, 902, and 906 of*
22 *title 44, United States Code, this appropriation may be*
23 *used to prepare indexes to the Congressional Record on only*
24 *a monthly and session basis.*

1 *PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE*
2 *SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS*
3 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*
4 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

5 *For expenses of the public information programs of the*
6 *Office of Superintendent of Documents necessary to provide*
7 *for the cataloging and indexing of Government publications*
8 *in any format, and their distribution to the public, Mem-*
9 *bers of Congress, other Government agencies, and designated*
10 *depository and international exchange libraries as author-*
11 *ized by law, \$42,852,000: Provided, That amounts of not*
12 *more than \$2,000,000 from current year appropriations are*
13 *authorized for producing and disseminating Congressional*
14 *serial sets and other related publications for the preceding*
15 *two fiscal years to depository and other designated libraries:*
16 *Provided further, That unobligated or unexpended balances*
17 *of expired discretionary funds made available under this*
18 *heading in this Act for this fiscal year may be transferred*
19 *to, and merged with, funds under the heading “GOVERN-*
20 *MENT PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS OPERATIONS RE-*
21 *VOLVING FUND” no later than the end of the fifth fiscal year*
22 *after the last fiscal year for which such funds are available*
23 *for the purposes for which appropriated, to be available for*
24 *carrying out the purposes of this heading, subject to the ap-*

1 *proval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House*
2 *of Representatives and the Senate.*

3 *GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS*

4 *OPERATIONS REVOLVING FUND*

5 *For payment to the Government Publishing Office*
6 *Business Operations Revolving Fund, \$9,148,000, to re-*
7 *main available until expended, for information technology*
8 *development and facilities repair: Provided, That the Gov-*
9 *ernment Publishing Office is hereby authorized to make*
10 *such expenditures, within the limits of funds available and*
11 *in accordance with law, and to make such contracts and*
12 *commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as*
13 *provided by section 9104 of title 31, United States Code,*
14 *as may be necessary in carrying out the programs and pur-*
15 *poses set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for*
16 *the Government Publishing Office Business Operations Re-*
17 *volving Fund: Provided further, That not more than \$7,500*
18 *may be expended on the certification of the Director of the*
19 *Government Publishing Office in connection with official*
20 *representation and reception expenses: Provided further,*
21 *That the Business Operations Revolving Fund shall be*
22 *available for the hire or purchase of not more than 12 pas-*
23 *senger motor vehicles: Provided further, That expenditures*
24 *in connection with travel expenses of the advisory councils*
25 *to the Director of the Government Publishing Office shall*

1 *be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of title 44,*
2 *United States Code: Provided further, That the Business*
3 *Operations Revolving Fund shall be available for tem-*
4 *porary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of*
5 *title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not*
6 *more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic*
7 *pay for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316*
8 *of such title: Provided further, That activities financed*
9 *through the Business Operations Revolving Fund may pro-*
10 *vide information in any format: Provided further, That the*
11 *Business Operations Revolving Fund and the funds pro-*
12 *vided under the heading “PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS*
13 *OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS” may not be*
14 *used for contracted security services at Government Pub-*
15 *lishing Office’s passport facility in the District of Colum-*
16 *bia.*

17 **GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE**

18 **SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

19 *For necessary expenses of the Government Account-*
20 *ability Office, including not more than \$12,500 to be ex-*
21 *pende d on the certification of the Comptroller General of*
22 *the United States in connection with official representation*
23 *and reception expenses; temporary or intermittent services*
24 *under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but*
25 *at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent*

1 *of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive*
2 *Schedule under section 5315 of such title; hire of one pas-*
3 *senger motor vehicle; advance payments in foreign countries*
4 *in accordance with section 3324 of title 31, United States*
5 *Code; benefits comparable to those payable under sections*
6 *901(5), (6), and (8) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22*
7 *U.S.C. 4081(5), (6), and (8)); and under regulations pre-*
8 *scribed by the Comptroller General of the United States,*
9 *rental of living quarters in foreign countries, \$811,894,000,*
10 *of which \$5,000,000 shall remain available until expended:*
11 *Provided, That, in addition, \$35,424,000 of payments re-*
12 *ceived under sections 782, 791, 3521, and 9105 of title 31,*
13 *United States Code, shall be available without fiscal year*
14 *limitation: Provided further, That this appropriation and*
15 *appropriations for administrative expenses of any other de-*
16 *partment or agency which is a member of the National*
17 *Intergovernmental Audit Forum or a Regional Intergovern-*
18 *mental Audit Forum shall be available to finance an appro-*
19 *priate share of either Forum's costs as determined by the*
20 *respective Forum, including necessary travel expenses of*
21 *non-Federal participants: Provided further, That payments*
22 *hereunder to the Forum may be credited as reimbursements*
23 *to any appropriation from which costs involved are ini-*
24 *tially financed: Provided further, That amounts made*
25 *available under this heading shall be available to cover costs*

1 *incurred by the Tiny Findings Child Development Center,*
2 *in such amount and for such purposes as determined by*
3 *the Comptroller General, subject to prior notification pro-*
4 *vided to the Committees on Appropriations of the House*
5 *of Representatives and the Senate.*

6 **CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL**
7 **LEADERSHIP FUND**

8 *For a payment to the Congressional Office for Inter-*
9 *national Leadership Fund for financing activities of the*
10 *Congressional Office for International Leadership under*
11 *section 313 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,*
12 *2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151), \$6,000,000: Provided, That funds*
13 *made available to support Russian participants shall only*
14 *be used for those engaging in free market development, hu-*
15 *manitarian activities, and civic engagement, and shall not*
16 *be used for officials of the central government of Russia.*

17 **JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**
18 **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

19 *For payment to the John C. Stennis Center for Public*
20 *Service Development Trust Fund established under section*
21 *116 of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Train-*
22 *ing and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1105), \$430,000.*

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TITLE II

GENERAL PROVISIONS

MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES

SEC. 201. No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used for the maintenance or care of private vehicles, except for emergency assistance and cleaning as may be provided under regulations relating to parking facilities for the House of Representatives issued by the Committee on House Administration and for the Senate issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION

SEC. 202. No part of the funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year 2026 unless expressly so provided in this Act.

RATES OF COMPENSATION AND DESIGNATION

SEC. 203. Whenever in this Act any office or position not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of 1929 (46 Stat. 32 et seq.) is appropriated for or the rate of compensation or designation of any office or position appropriated for is different from that specifically established by such Act, the rate of compensation and the designation in this Act shall be the permanent law with respect thereto: Provided, That the provisions in this Act for the various items of official expenses of Members, officers, and committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, and clerk

1 *hire for Senators and Members of the House of Representa-*
2 *tives shall be the permanent law with respect thereto.*

3 *CONSULTING SERVICES*

4 *SEC. 204. The expenditure of any appropriation under*
5 *this Act for any consulting service through procurement*
6 *contract, under section 3109 of title 5, United States Code,*
7 *shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures*
8 *are a matter of public record and available for public in-*
9 *spection, except where otherwise provided under existing*
10 *law, or under existing Executive order issued under existing*
11 *law.*

12 *COSTS OF LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FINANCIAL MANAGERS*

13 *COUNCIL*

14 *SEC. 205. Amounts available for administrative ex-*
15 *penses of any legislative branch entity which participates*
16 *in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council*
17 *(LBFMC) established by charter on March 26, 1996, shall*
18 *be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMC*
19 *costs as determined by the LBFMC, except that the total*
20 *LBFMC costs to be shared among all participating legisla-*
21 *tive branch entities (in such allocations among the entities*
22 *as the entities may determine) may not exceed \$2,000.*

23 *LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS*

24 *SEC. 206. None of the funds made available in this*
25 *Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-*

1 *strumentality of the United States Government, except pur-*
2 *suant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided*
3 *in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.*

4 *GUIDED TOURS OF THE CAPITOL*

5 *SEC. 207. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),*
6 *none of the funds made available to the Architect of the Cap-*
7 *itol in this Act may be used to eliminate or restrict guided*
8 *tours of the United States Capitol which are led by employ-*
9 *ees and interns of offices of Members of Congress and other*
10 *offices of the House of Representatives and Senate, unless*
11 *through regulations as authorized by section 402(b)(8) of*
12 *the Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008 (2 U.S.C.*
13 *2242(b)(8)).*

14 *(b) At the direction of the Capitol Police Board, or*
15 *at the direction of the Architect of the Capitol with the ap-*
16 *proval of the Capitol Police Board, guided tours of the*
17 *United States Capitol which are led by employees and in-*
18 *terns described in subsection (a) may be suspended tempo-*
19 *rarily or otherwise subject to restriction for security or re-*
20 *lated reasons to the same extent as guided tours of the*
21 *United States Capitol which are led by the Architect of the*
22 *Capitol.*

1 *LIMITATION ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR VIDEO*2 *SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT*

3 *SEC. 208. (a) None of the funds appropriated or other-*
4 *wise made available under this Act may be used to acquire*
5 *telecommunications or video surveillance equipment pro-*
6 *duced by—*

7 (1) *Huawei Technologies Company, ZTE Cor-*
8 *poration, Hytera Communications Corporation,*
9 *Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or*
10 *Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or*
11 *affiliate of such entities); or*

12 (2) *any entity that the Secretary of Defense, in*
13 *consultation with the Director of the National Intel-*
14 *ligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Inves-*
15 *tigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or*
16 *controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the govern-*
17 *ment of a foreign adversary.*

18 (b) *The term “foreign adversary” has the meaning*
19 *given the term “covered nation” in section 4872(f) of title*
20 *10, United States Code.*

21 *PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN OPERATIONAL EXPENSES*

22 *SEC. 209. (a) None of the funds made available in this*
23 *Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer net-*
24 *work unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading,*
25 *and exchanging of pornography.*

1 (b) *Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of*
2 *funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law*
3 *enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-*
4 *nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities or*
5 *other official government activities.*

6 *LIMITATION ON COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR*

7 *MEMBERS*

8 *SEC. 210. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
9 *no adjustment shall be made under section 601(a) of the*
10 *Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501) (re-*
11 *lating to cost of living adjustments for Members of Con-*
12 *gress) during fiscal year 2026.*

13 *EXTENSION OF PUMP ACT PROTECTIONS TO*

14 *CONGRESSIONAL STAFF*

15 *SEC. 211. Section 203(a)(1) of the Congressional Ac-*
16 *countability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1313(a)(1)) is amend-*
17 *ed—*

18 (1) *by striking “and section 12(c)” and inserting*
19 *“section 12(c), and section 18D”; and*
20 (2) *by inserting “, 218d” after “212(c)”.*

21 *MEMBER PROTECTION*

22 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

23 *SEC. 212. (a) For an additional amount for “SEN-*
24 *ATE—CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE—SEN-*
25 *ATORS’ OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE AC-*

1 COUNT”, \$75,000,000, which shall be allocated to each per-
2 sonal office in an equal amount, for payments for security
3 enhancements and services under section 4 of Senate Reso-
4 lution 294 (96th Congress), agreed to April 29, 1980, as
5 amended by S. Res. 413 (119th Congress), agreed to Sep-
6 tember 18, 2025: Provided, That unobligated balances of
7 funds appropriated pursuant to this subsection at the end
8 of fiscal year 2026 not needed for fiscal year 2026 shall
9 be transferred to “SENATE—CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF
10 THE SENATE—MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS”, and shall remain
11 available until expended, for the purposes of such account,
12 in addition to amounts otherwise available for such pur-
13 poses: Provided further, That such transfer authority is in
14 addition to any other transfer authority provided by law:
15 Provided further, That amounts transferred pursuant to
16 this subsection may not be obligated without the prior ap-
17 proval of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

18 (b) For an additional amount for “SENATE—CON-
19 TINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE—SERGEANT AT ARMS
20 AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE”, \$18,500,000, to re-
21 main available until expended, of which \$5,000,000 shall
22 be for coordination and support of Member security pro-
23 grams, \$10,000,000 shall be for security-related activities
24 for State offices, and \$3,500,000 shall be for the residential
25 security system program: Provided, That amounts made

1 available pursuant to this subsection may be transferred to
2 “SENATE—SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES—OF-
3 FICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER” and
4 “SENATE—CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE—
5 SERGEANT AT ARMS BUSINESS CONTINUITY AND DISASTER
6 RECOVERY FUND”: Provided further, That the transfer au-
7 thority provided pursuant to the preceding proviso is in
8 addition to any other transfer authority provided by law:
9 Provided further, That of the amounts made available pur-
10 suant to this subsection, such sums as necessary may be
11 used to restore amounts, either directly, through reimburse-
12 ment, or through the transfer authority in the first proviso,
13 for obligations incurred for the same purposes by the Ser-
14 geant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate prior to the
15 date of enactment of this Act: Provided further, That
16 amounts made available pursuant to this subsection shall
17 be allocated in accordance with a spending plan submitted
18 to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

19 (c) For an additional amount for “SENATE—CON-
20 TINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE—MISCELLANEOUS
21 ITEMS”, \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended,
22 which shall be for security, continuity and other purposes:
23 Provided, That amounts made available pursuant to this
24 subsection may not be obligated without the prior approval
25 of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

1 *cedure of the Select Committee on Ethics of the Sen-*
2 *ate;*”;

3 *(E) by striking paragraph (8), as so redes-*
4 *ignated, and inserting the following:*

5 *“(8) the term ‘Senate data’, with respect to a*
6 *Senate office—*

7 *“(A) means covered data of the Senate of-*
8 *fice; and*

9 *“(B) with respect to an individual described*
10 *in paragraph (9) acting in a personal capacity,*
11 *only means covered data that is transmitted,*
12 *processed, or stored through the use of an elec-*
13 *tronic system established, maintained, or oper-*
14 *ated, or the use of electronic services provided,*
15 *by—*

16 *“(i) a provider for the Senate office, if*
17 *the Senate office or the Office of the SAA*
18 *has notified the provider for a Senate office*
19 *that the applicable device or account is a*
20 *device or account of the Senate office; or*

21 *“(ii) the Office of the SAA or an offi-*
22 *cer, employee, or agent of the Office of the*
23 *SAA, if the Senate office has notified the*
24 *Office of the SAA that the applicable device*

1 *or account is a device or account of the Sen-*
2 *ate office;”;*

3 *(F) in paragraph (9), as so redesignated—*

4 *(i) by inserting “(without regard to*
5 *whether the Senator is acting in his or her*
6 *official capacity, including acting in a per-*
7 *sonal capacity and acting through his or*
8 *her campaign for elected office)” after “a*
9 *Senator”;*

10 *(ii) by inserting “(whether acting in*
11 *his or her personal or official capacity)”*
12 *after “an officer of the Senate”; and*

13 *(iii) by striking the period at the end*
14 *and inserting “(whether acting in his or her*
15 *personal or official capacity); and”;* and

16 *(G) by adding at the end the following:*

17 *“(10) the term ‘target of a criminal investiga-*
18 *tion’ means a person—*

19 *“(A) as to whom the prosecutor or the grand*
20 *jury has substantial evidence linking that person*
21 *to the commission of a crime;*

22 *“(B) who, in the judgment of the prosecutor,*
23 *is a putative defendant; and*

24 *“(C) whom the prosecutor, before the date of*
25 *the acquisition, subpoena, search, accessing, or*

1 disclosure of the Senate data at issue, has for-
2 mally designated as a target in official records,
3 which shall not include any such designation
4 that was made after such date that purports to
5 be retroactive.”;

6 (2) by redesignating subsections (d) through (h)
7 as subsections (e) through (i), respectively; and

8 (3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
9 following:

10 “(c) NOTIFICATION.—

11 “(1) BY PROVIDERS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If any provider for a
13 Senate office receives any legal process seeking
14 disclosure of Senate data of the Senate office that
15 is transmitted, processed, or stored (whether tem-
16 porarily or otherwise) through the use of an elec-
17 tronic system established, maintained, or oper-
18 ated, or the use of electronic services provided, in
19 whole or in part, by the provider for a Senate
20 office, the provider for a Senate office shall no-
21 tify the Senate office and, unless specified other-
22 wise by the Senate office, the Office of the SAA
23 in writing.

24 “(B) NO LIMITATIONS ON NOTICE.—A pro-
25 vider for a Senate office shall not be barred from

1 *providing notice to a Senate office and the Office*
2 *of the SAA under subparagraph (A) by operation*
3 *of any court order, any statutory provision, any*
4 *other provision of law, any rule of civil or crimi-*
5 *nal procedure, or any other rule, regulation, or*
6 *policy.*

7 “(C) *LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.*—A *pro-*
8 *vider for a Senate office shall not be liable under*
9 *any criminal or civil law for providing notice to*
10 *a Senate office or the Office of the SAA under*
11 *this paragraph.*

12 “(2) *BY SAA.*—

13 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*If the Office of the SAA*
14 *or any officer, employee, or agent of the Office of*
15 *the SAA receives any legal process seeking disclo-*
16 *sure of Senate data of a Senate office that is*
17 *transmitted, processed, or stored (whether tempo-*
18 *rarily or otherwise) through the use of an elec-*
19 *tronic system established, maintained, or oper-*
20 *ated, or the use of electronic services provided, in*
21 *whole or in part, by the Office of the SAA or the*
22 *officer, employee, or agent of the Office of the*
23 *SAA, the Office of the SAA or the officer, em-*
24 *ployee, or agent of the Office of the SAA shall no-*
25 *tify a Senate office in writing.*

1 “(B) *NO LIMITATIONS ON NOTICE.*—*The Of-*
2 *fice of the SAA and any officer, employee, or*
3 *agent of the Office of the SAA shall not be barred*
4 *from providing notice to a Senate office under*
5 *subparagraph (A) by operation of any court*
6 *order, any statutory provision, any other provi-*
7 *sion of law, any rule of civil or criminal proce-*
8 *dure, or any other rule, regulation, or policy.*

9 “(C) *LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.*—*The Office*
10 *of the SAA and any officer, employee, or agent*
11 *of the Office of the SAA shall not be liable under*
12 *any criminal or civil law for providing notice to*
13 *a Senate office under this paragraph.*

14 “(3) *SPECIAL RULE FOR TARGET AND NON-TAR-*
15 *GET INVESTIGATIONS.*—

16 “(A) *TARGET INVESTIGATIONS.*—

17 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*If a Senator is a*
18 *target of a criminal investigation, a court*
19 *may, upon application by the United*
20 *States, issue an order delaying the notice*
21 *required under this subsection with respect*
22 *to an acquisition, subpoena, search, access-*
23 *ing, or disclosure of Senate data in connec-*
24 *tion with such investigation for a period of*
25 *not more than 60 days if the court deter-*

1 *mines that there is reason to believe that*
2 *providing notice would—*

3 “(I) *endanger the life or physical*
4 *safety of any person;*

5 “(II) *result in flight from prosecu-*
6 *tion;*

7 “(III) *result in destruction of or*
8 *tampering with evidence;*

9 “(IV) *result in intimidation of*
10 *potential witnesses; or*

11 “(V) *otherwise seriously jeopardize*
12 *an investigation or unduly delay a*
13 *trial.*

14 “(ii) *RENEWAL.—The court may renew*
15 *such an order for additional periods of not*
16 *more than 60 days each, if the court makes*
17 *a renewed determination under clause (i).*

18 “(B) *ALL OTHER INVESTIGATIONS.—For*
19 *any investigation in which a Senator is not a*
20 *target of a criminal investigation, the notice re-*
21 *quirements under this subsection shall apply*
22 *without delay.*

23 “(d) *PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION.—*

24 “(1) *DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:*

1 “(A) *INSTANCE*.—The term ‘instance’, with
2 respect to a violation of this section, means each
3 discrete act constituting a violation of this sec-
4 tion, including each individual—

5 “(i) device, account, record, or commu-
6 nication channel subject to collection in a
7 manner in violation of this section;

8 “(ii) nondisclosure order or judicial
9 sealing order sought, maintained, or ob-
10 tained; or

11 “(iii) search conducted.

12 “(B) *VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION*.—The
13 term ‘violation of this section’ means—

14 “(i) the seeking, maintaining, or ob-
15 taining of a nondisclosure order or judicial
16 sealing order to prevent notification of a
17 Senator, a Senate office, or the Office of the
18 SAA as required under subsection (c); or

19 “(ii) Senate data was acquired, sub-
20 poenaed, searched, accessed, or disclosed
21 pursuant to a search, seizure, or demand for
22 information without notice being provided
23 as required under subsection (c).

24 “(2) *CAUSE OF ACTION*.—Any Senator whose
25 Senate data, or the Senate data of whose Senate of-

1 *file, has been acquired, subpoenaed, searched,*
2 *accessed, or disclosed in violation of this section may*
3 *bring a civil action against the United States if the*
4 *violation was committed by an officer, employee, or*
5 *agent of the United States or of any Federal depart-*
6 *ment or agency.*

7 “(3) *RELIEF.—*

8 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—If a Senator prevails*
9 *on a claim under this subsection, the court shall*
10 *award—*

11 “(i) *for each instance of a violation of*
12 *this section, the greater of statutory dam-*
13 *ages of \$500,000 or the amount of actual*
14 *damages;*

15 “(ii) *reasonable attorney’s fees and*
16 *costs of litigation; and*

17 “(iii) *such injunctive or declaratory re-*
18 *lief as may be appropriate.*

19 “(B) *PRELIMINARY RELIEF.—Upon motion*
20 *by a Senator, a court may award such prelimi-*
21 *nary injunctive relief as the court determines ap-*
22 *propriate with respect to a claim under this sub-*
23 *section.*

24 “(4) *LIMITATIONS AND IMMUNITY.—*

1 “(A) *PERIOD OF LIMITATIONS.*—*A civil ac-*
2 *tion under this subsection may not be com-*
3 *menced later than 5 years after the applicable*
4 *Senator first obtains actual notice of the viola-*
5 *tion of this section.*

6 “(B) *NO IMMUNITY DEFENSE.*—*No officer,*
7 *employee, or agent of the United States or of any*
8 *Federal department or agency shall be entitled to*
9 *assert any form of absolute or qualified immu-*
10 *nity as a defense to liability under this sub-*
11 *section.*

12 “(5) *WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.*—*The*
13 *United States expressly waives sovereign immunity*
14 *with respect to actions brought under this subsection.*

15 “(6) *AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE FOR TARGET INVES-*
16 *TIGATIONS.*—*It shall be an affirmative defense to an*
17 *action under this subsection if the United States es-*
18 *tablishes that each of the following requirements are*
19 *met:*

20 “(A) *At the time the Senate data was ac-*
21 *quired, subpoenaed, searched, accessed, or dis-*
22 *closed, the Senator bringing the action was a*
23 *target of a criminal investigation.*

24 “(B) *A Federal judge issued an order au-*
25 *thorizing a delay of notice to the Senator under*

1 subsection (c)(3)(A), based on written findings
2 meeting the requirements of such subsection.

3 “(C) The United States complied with the
4 order described in subparagraph (B), including
5 that the delay of notice did not exceed the period
6 authorized by the court.

7 “(D) Any related subpoena of, warrant re-
8 lating to, or access to Senate data was carried
9 out strictly within the temporal and subject-mat-
10 ter scope authorized by the order, if any, author-
11 izing the subpoena, warrant, or access.

12 “(7) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection
13 shall be construed to—

14 “(A) limit or impair the constitutional pro-
15 tections afforded to Members of Congress, includ-
16 ing to protections under article I, section 6,
17 clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States
18 (commonly known as the ‘Speech or Debate
19 Clause’); or

20 “(B) restrict the authority of the Senate or
21 any Senate office to intervene in or defend
22 against any legal process seeking disclosure of
23 Senate data.”.

24 (b) LIMITED RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.—

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The amendments made by*
2 *this section shall apply to any acquisition, subpoena,*
3 *search, accessing, or disclosure of Senate data (as de-*
4 *fined in section 10(a) of the Legislative Branch Ap-*
5 *propriations Act, 2005 (2 U.S.C. 6628(a)), as amend-*
6 *ed by this section), and to any failure to disclose such*
7 *an acquisition, subpoena, search, accessing, or disclo-*
8 *sure, occurring on or after January 1, 2022.*

9 (2) *PERIOD OF LIMITATIONS.*—

10 (A) *DEFINITION.*—*In this paragraph, the*
11 *term “violation of section 10” has the meaning*
12 *given the term “violation of this section” in sub-*
13 *section (d) of section 10 of the Legislative*
14 *Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 (2 U.S.C.*
15 *6628), as added by this section.*

16 (B) *PERIOD.*—*With respect to any violation*
17 *of section 10 with respect to which the applicable*
18 *Senator first obtained actual notice of the viola-*
19 *tion of section 10 before the date of enactment of*
20 *this Act, a civil action under subsection (d) of*
21 *section 10 of the Legislative Branch Appropria-*
22 *tions Act, 2005 (2 U.S.C. 6628), as added by*
23 *this section, may not be commenced later than 5*
24 *years after the date of enactment of this Act.*

1 \$377,950,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and
2 in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading
3 “Military Construction, Army” in the explanatory state-
4 ment described in section 4 (in the matter preceding divi-
5 sion A of this consolidated Act), in addition to amounts
6 otherwise available for such purposes.

7 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS*

8 *For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-*
9 *ment of temporary or permanent public works, naval in-*
10 *stallations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and*
11 *Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including*
12 *personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command*
13 *and other personal services necessary for the purposes of this*
14 *appropriation, \$5,725,724,000, to remain available until*
15 *September 30, 2030: Provided, That, of this amount, not*
16 *to exceed \$629,088,000 shall be available for study, plan-*
17 *ning, design, and architect and engineer services, as author-*
18 *ized by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy determines*
19 *that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes*
20 *and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both*
21 *Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons*
22 *therefor: Provided further, That of the amount made avail-*
23 *able under this heading, \$290,690,000 shall be for the*
24 *projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the*
25 *table under the heading “Military Construction, Navy and*

1 *Marine Corps*” in the explanatory statement described in
2 section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consoli-
3 dated Act), in addition to amounts otherwise available for
4 such purposes.

5 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE*

6 *For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-*
7 *ment of temporary or permanent public works, military in-*
8 *stallations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force*
9 *as currently authorized by law, including personnel in the*
10 *Department of the Air Force when designated by the Sec-*
11 *retary of Defense to direct and supervise Military Construc-*
12 *tion projects in accordance with section 2851 of title 10,*
13 *United States Code, and other personal services necessary*
14 *for the purposes of this appropriation, \$3,926,273,000, to*
15 *remain available until September 30, 2030: Provided, That,*
16 *of this amount, not to exceed \$646,573,000 shall be available*
17 *for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer*
18 *services, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of the*
19 *Air Force determines that additional obligations are nec-*
20 *essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Ap-*
21 *propriations of both Houses of Congress of the determina-*
22 *tion and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the*
23 *amount made available under this heading, \$361,800,000*
24 *shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,*
25 *specified in the table under the heading “Military Construc-*

1 tion, Air Force” in the explanatory statement described in
2 section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consoli-
3 dated Act), in addition to amounts otherwise available for
4 such purposes.

5 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE*

6 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

7 *For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-*
8 *ment of temporary or permanent public works, installa-*
9 *tions, facilities, and real property for activities and agen-*
10 *cies of the Department of Defense (other than the military*
11 *departments), as currently authorized by law,*
12 *\$3,784,301,000, to remain available until September 30,*
13 *2030: Provided, That such amounts of this appropriation*
14 *as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be*
15 *transferred to such appropriations of the Department of De-*
16 *fense available for military construction or family housing*
17 *as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with and to*
18 *be available for the same purposes, and for the same time*
19 *period, as the appropriation or fund to which transferred:*
20 *Provided further, That, of the amount, not to exceed*
21 *\$226,301,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,*
22 *and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,*
23 *unless the Secretary of Defense determines that additional*
24 *obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the*
25 *Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress*

1 *of the determination and the reasons therefor: Provided fur-*
2 *ther, That of the amount made available under this head-*
3 *ing, \$82,000,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and*
4 *in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading*
5 *“Military Construction, Defense-Wide” in the explanatory*
6 *statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding*
7 *division A of this consolidated Act), in addition to amounts*
8 *otherwise available for such purposes.*

9 **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**

10 *For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-*
11 *tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-*
12 *ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-*
13 *tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,*
14 *United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-*
15 *tion Acts, \$272,930,000, to remain available until Sep-*
16 *tember 30, 2030: Provided, That, of the amount, not to ex-*
17 *ceed \$80,080,000 shall be available for study, planning, de-*
18 *sign, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by*
19 *law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard deter-*
20 *mines that additional obligations are necessary for such*
21 *purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of*
22 *both Houses of Congress of the determination and the rea-*
23 *sons therefor: Provided further, That of the amount made*
24 *available under this heading, \$112,050,000 shall be for the*
25 *projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the*

1 table under the heading “Military Construction, Army Na-
2 tional Guard” in the explanatory statement described in
3 section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consoli-
4 dated Act), in addition to amounts otherwise available for
5 such purposes.

6 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD*

7 *For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-*
8 *tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-*
9 *ministration of the Air National Guard, and contributions*
10 *therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United*
11 *States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts,*
12 *\$292,546,000, to remain available until September 30,*
13 *2030: Provided, That, of the amount, not to exceed*
14 *\$73,646,000 shall be available for study, planning, design,*
15 *and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law,*
16 *unless the Director of the Air National Guard determines*
17 *that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes*
18 *and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both*
19 *Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons*
20 *therefor: Provided further, That of the amount made avail-*
21 *able under this heading, \$95,900,000 shall be for the projects*
22 *and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the table*
23 *under the heading “Military Construction, Air National*
24 *Guard” in the explanatory statement described in section*
25 *4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated*

1 Act), in addition to amounts otherwise available for such
2 purposes.

3 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE*

4 *For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-*
5 *tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-*
6 *ministration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter*
7 *1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Con-*
8 *struction Authorization Acts, \$92,239,000, to remain avail-*
9 *able until September 30, 2030: Provided, That, of the*
10 *amount, not to exceed \$6,013,000 shall be available for*
11 *study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-*
12 *ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army*
13 *Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-*
14 *essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Ap-*
15 *propriations of both Houses of Congress of the determina-*
16 *tion and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the*
17 *amount made available under this heading, \$50,000,000*
18 *shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,*
19 *specified in the table under the heading “Military Construc-*
20 *tion, Army Reserve” in the explanatory statement described*
21 *in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this con-*
22 *solidated Act), in addition to amounts otherwise available*
23 *for such purposes.*

1 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE*

2 *For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-*
3 *tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-*
4 *ministration of the reserve components of the Navy and Ma-*
5 *rine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United*
6 *States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts,*
7 *\$52,255,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030:*
8 *Provided, That, of the amount, not to exceed \$2,255,000*
9 *shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect*
10 *and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Sec-*
11 *retary of the Navy determines that additional obligations*
12 *are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees*
13 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter-*
14 *mination and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That*
15 *of the amount made available under this heading,*
16 *\$50,000,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and in*
17 *the amounts, specified in the table under the heading “Mili-*
18 *tary Construction, Navy Reserve” in the explanatory state-*
19 *ment described in section 4 (in the matter preceding divi-*
20 *sion A of this consolidated Act), in addition to amounts*
21 *otherwise available for such purposes.*

22 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE*

23 *For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-*
24 *tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-*
25 *ministration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by*

1 *chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military*
2 *Construction Authorization Acts, \$116,468,000, to remain*
3 *available until September 30, 2030: Provided, That, of the*
4 *amount, not to exceed \$7,170,000 shall be available for*
5 *study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-*
6 *ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Air Force*
7 *Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-*
8 *essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Ap-*
9 *propriations of both Houses of Congress of the determina-*
10 *tion and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the*
11 *amount made available under this heading, \$56,010,000*
12 *shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,*
13 *specified in the table under the heading “Military Construc-*
14 *tion, Air Force Reserve” in the explanatory statement de-*
15 *scribed in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of*
16 *this consolidated Act), in addition to amounts otherwise*
17 *available for such purposes.*

18 *NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION*

19 *SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM*

20 *For the United States share of the cost of the North*
21 *Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Pro-*
22 *gram for the acquisition and construction of military facili-*
23 *ties and installations (including international military*
24 *headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective de-*
25 *fense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized by*

1 *section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Military*
2 *Construction Authorization Acts, \$481,832,000, to remain*
3 *available until expended.*

4 *DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT*

5 *For deposit into the Department of Defense Base Clo-*
6 *sure Account, established by section 2906(a) of the Defense*
7 *Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687*
8 *note), \$465,161,000, to remain available until expended.*

9 *FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY*

10 *For expenses of family housing for the Army for con-*
11 *struction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, ex-*
12 *pansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,*
13 *\$228,558,000, to remain available until September 30,*
14 *2030.*

15 *FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY*

16 *For expenses of family housing for the Army for oper-*
17 *ation and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing,*
18 *minor construction, principal and interest charges, and in-*
19 *surance premiums, as authorized by law, \$388,418,000.*

20 *FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE*

21 *CORPS*

22 *For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-*
23 *rine Corps for construction, including acquisition, replace-*
24 *ment, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as au-*

1 *thorized by law, \$177,597,000, to remain available until*
2 *September 30, 2030.*

3 *FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY*
4 *AND MARINE CORPS*

5 *For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-*
6 *rine Corps for operation and maintenance, including debt*
7 *payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and inter-*
8 *est charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by law,*
9 *\$384,108,000.*

10 *FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE*

11 *For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for*
12 *construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition,*
13 *expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,*
14 *\$274,230,000, to remain available until September 30,*
15 *2030.*

16 *FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR*
17 *FORCE*

18 *For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for*
19 *operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leas-*
20 *ing, minor construction, principal and interest charges,*
21 *and insurance premiums, as authorized by law,*
22 *\$369,765,000.*

1 *ing Command, except: (1) where there is a determination*
2 *of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated by*
3 *the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney Gen-*
4 *eral; (3) where the estimated value is less than \$25,000; or*
5 *(4) as otherwise determined by the Secretary of Defense to*
6 *be in the public interest.*

7 *SEC. 106. None of the funds made available in this*
8 *title shall be used to: (1) acquire land; (2) provide for site*
9 *preparation; or (3) install utilities for any family housing,*
10 *except housing for which funds have been made available*
11 *in annual Acts making appropriations for military con-*
12 *struction.*

13 *SEC. 107. None of the funds made available in this*
14 *title for minor construction may be used to transfer or relo-*
15 *cate any activity from one base or installation to another,*
16 *without prior notification to the Committees on Appropria-*
17 *tions of both Houses of Congress.*

18 *SEC. 108. None of the funds made available in this*
19 *title may be used for the procurement of steel for any con-*
20 *struction project or activity for which American steel pro-*
21 *ducers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been denied the*
22 *opportunity to compete for such steel procurement.*

23 *SEC. 109. None of the funds available to the Depart-*
24 *ment of Defense for military construction or family housing*

1 *during the current fiscal year may be used to pay real prop-*
2 *erty taxes in any foreign nation.*

3 *SEC. 110. None of the funds made available in this*
4 *title may be used to initiate a new installation overseas*
5 *without prior notification to the Committees on Appropria-*
6 *tions of both Houses of Congress.*

7 *SEC. 111. None of the funds made available in this*
8 *title may be obligated for architect and engineer contracts*
9 *estimated by the Government to exceed \$500,000 for projects*
10 *to be accomplished in Japan, in any North Atlantic Treaty*
11 *Organization member country, or in countries bordering the*
12 *Arabian Gulf, unless such contracts are awarded to United*
13 *States firms or United States firms in joint venture with*
14 *host nation firms.*

15 *SEC. 112. None of the funds made available in this*
16 *title for military construction in the United States terri-*
17 *ories and possessions in the Pacific and on Kwajalein*
18 *Atoll, or in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf, may be*
19 *used to award any contract estimated by the Government*
20 *to exceed \$1,000,000 to a foreign contractor: Provided, That*
21 *this section shall not be applicable to contract awards for*
22 *which the lowest responsive and responsible bid of a United*
23 *States contractor exceeds the lowest responsive and respon-*
24 *sible bid of a foreign contractor by greater than 20 percent:*
25 *Provided further, That this section shall not apply to con-*

1 *tract awards for military construction on Kwajalein Atoll*
2 *for which the lowest responsive and responsible bid is sub-*
3 *mitted by a Marshallese contractor.*

4 *SEC. 113. The Secretary of Defense shall inform the*
5 *appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress, includ-*
6 *ing the Committees on Appropriations, of plans and scope*
7 *of any proposed military exercise involving United States*
8 *personnel 30 days prior to its occurring, if amounts ex-*
9 *pendent for construction, either temporary or permanent,*
10 *are anticipated to exceed \$100,000.*

11 *SEC. 114. Funds appropriated to the Department of*
12 *Defense for construction in prior years shall be available*
13 *for construction authorized for each such military depart-*
14 *ment by the authorizations enacted into law during the cur-*
15 *rent session of Congress.*

16 *SEC. 115. For military construction or family housing*
17 *projects that are being completed with funds otherwise ex-*
18 *pired or lapsed for obligation, expired or lapsed funds may*
19 *be used to pay the cost of associated supervision, inspection,*
20 *overhead, engineering and design on those projects and on*
21 *subsequent claims, if any.*

22 *SEC. 116. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
23 *any funds made available to a military department or de-*
24 *fense agency for the construction of military projects may*
25 *be obligated for a military construction project or contract,*

1 *or for any portion of such a project or contract, at any*
2 *time before the end of the fourth fiscal year after the fiscal*
3 *year for which funds for such project were made available,*
4 *if the funds obligated for such project: (1) are obligated from*
5 *funds available for military construction projects; and (2)*
6 *do not exceed the amount appropriated for such project,*
7 *plus any amount by which the cost of such project is in-*
8 *creased pursuant to law.*

9 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

10 *SEC. 117. Subject to 30 days prior notification, or 14*
11 *days for a notification provided in an electronic medium*
12 *pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10, United States*
13 *Code, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses*
14 *of Congress, such additional amounts as may be determined*
15 *by the Secretary of Defense may be transferred to: (1) the*
16 *Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund*
17 *from amounts appropriated for construction in “Family*
18 *Housing” accounts, to be merged with and to be available*
19 *for the same purposes and for the same period of time as*
20 *amounts appropriated directly to the Fund; or (2) the De-*
21 *partment of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Im-*
22 *provement Fund from amounts appropriated for construc-*
23 *tion of military unaccompanied housing in “Military Con-*
24 *struction” accounts, to be merged with and to be available*
25 *for the same purposes and for the same period of time as*

1 *amounts appropriated directly to the Fund: Provided, That*
2 *appropriations made available to the Funds shall be avail-*
3 *able to cover the costs, as defined in section 502(5) of the*
4 *Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans or loan*
5 *guarantees issued by the Department of Defense pursuant*
6 *to the provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title*
7 *10, United States Code, pertaining to alternative means of*
8 *acquiring and improving military family housing, military*
9 *unaccompanied housing, and supporting facilities.*

10 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

11 *SEC. 118. In addition to any other transfer authority*
12 *available to the Department of Defense, amounts may be*
13 *transferred from the Department of Defense Base Closure*
14 *Account to the fund established by section 1013(d) of the*
15 *Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of*
16 *1966 (42 U.S.C. 3374) to pay for expenses associated with*
17 *the Homeowners Assistance Program incurred under 42*
18 *U.S.C. 3374(a)(1)(A). Any amounts transferred shall be*
19 *merged with and be available for the same purposes and*
20 *for the same time period as the fund to which transferred.*

21 *SEC. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
22 *funds made available in this title for operation and mainte-*
23 *nance of family housing shall be the exclusive source of*
24 *funds for repair and maintenance of all family housing*
25 *units, including general or flag officer quarters: Provided,*

1 *That not more than \$35,000 per unit may be spent annu-*
2 *ally for the maintenance and repair of any general or flag*
3 *officer quarters without 30 days prior notification, or 14*
4 *days for a notification provided in an electronic medium*
5 *pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10, United States*
6 *Code, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses*
7 *of Congress, except that an after-the-fact notification shall*
8 *be submitted if the limitation is exceeded solely due to costs*
9 *associated with environmental remediation that could not*
10 *be reasonably anticipated at the time of the budget submis-*
11 *sion: Provided further, That the Under Secretary of Defense*
12 *(Comptroller) is to report annually to the Committees on*
13 *Appropriations of both Houses of Congress all operation*
14 *and maintenance expenditures for each individual general*
15 *or flag officer quarters for the prior fiscal year.*

16 *SEC. 120. Amounts contained in the Ford Island Im-*
17 *provement Account established by subsection (h) of section*
18 *2814 of title 10, United States Code, are appropriated and*
19 *shall be available until expended for the purposes specified*
20 *in subsection (i)(1) of such section or until transferred pur-*
21 *suant to subsection (i)(3) of such section.*

22 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

23 *SEC. 121. During the 5-year period after appropria-*
24 *tions available in this Act to the Department of Defense*
25 *for military construction and family housing operation and*

1 *maintenance and construction have expired for obligation,*
2 *upon a determination that such appropriations will not be*
3 *necessary for the liquidation of obligations or for making*
4 *authorized adjustments to such appropriations for obliga-*
5 *tions incurred during the period of availability of such ap-*
6 *propriations, unobligated balances of such appropriations*
7 *may be transferred into the appropriation “Foreign Cur-*
8 *rency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense”, to be merged*
9 *with and to be available for the same time period and for*
10 *the same purposes as the appropriation to which trans-*
11 *ferred.*

12 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

13 *SEC. 122. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made*
14 *available in an account funded under the headings in this*
15 *title may be transferred among projects and activities with-*
16 *in the account in accordance with the reprogramming*
17 *guidelines for military construction and family housing*
18 *construction contained in Department of Defense Financial*
19 *Management Regulation 7000.14–R, Volume 3, Chapter 7,*
20 *of April 2021, as in effect on the date of enactment of this*
21 *Act.*

22 *SEC. 123. None of the funds made available in this*
23 *title may be obligated or expended for planning and design*
24 *and construction of projects at Arlington National Ceme-*
25 *tery.*

1 *SEC. 124. For an additional amount for the accounts*
2 *and in the amounts specified, to remain available until*
3 *September 30, 2030:*

4 *“Military Construction, Army”, \$144,000,000;*

5 *“Military Construction, Army National Guard”,*
6 *\$15,500,000;*

7 *“Military Construction, Air National Guard”,*
8 *\$11,000,000; and*

9 *“Military Construction, Army Reserve”,*
10 *\$15,000,000:*

11 *Provided, That such funds may only be obligated to carry*
12 *out construction and cost to complete projects identified in*
13 *the respective military department’s unfunded priority list*
14 *for fiscal year 2025 or 2026 submitted to Congress: Pro-*
15 *vided further, That such projects are subject to authoriza-*
16 *tion prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry*
17 *out construction: Provided further, That not later than 60*
18 *days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the mili-*
19 *tary department concerned, or their designee, shall submit*
20 *to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
21 *gress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this sec-*
22 *tion.*

23 *SEC. 125. All amounts appropriated to the “Depart-*
24 *ment of Defense—Military Construction, Army”, “Depart-*
25 *ment of Defense—Military Construction, Navy and Marine*

1 Corps”, “Department of Defense—Military Construction,
2 Air Force”, and “Department of Defense—Military Con-
3 struction, Defense-Wide” accounts pursuant to the author-
4 ization of appropriations in a National Defense Authoriza-
5 tion Act specified for fiscal year 2026 in the funding table
6 in section 4601 of that Act shall be immediately available
7 and allotted to contract for the full scope of authorized
8 projects.

9 SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 116 of this Act,
10 funds made available in this Act or any available unobli-
11 gated balances from prior appropriations Acts may be obli-
12 gated before October 1, 2027 for fiscal year 2017, 2018,
13 2019, and 2020 military construction projects for which
14 project authorization has not lapsed or for which authoriza-
15 tion is extended for fiscal year 2026 by a National Defense
16 Authorization Act: Provided, That no amounts may be obli-
17 gated pursuant to this section from amounts that were des-
18 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pur-
19 suant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Bal-
20 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

21 SEC. 127. For the purposes of this Act, the term “con-
22 gressional defense committees” means the Committees on
23 Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the
24 Senate, the Subcommittee on Military Construction and
25 Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropriations of the

1 *Senate, and the Subcommittee on Military Construction*
2 *and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropriations*
3 *of the House of Representatives.*

4 *SEC. 128. For an additional amount for the accounts*
5 *and in the amounts specified for design for child develop-*
6 *ment centers, to remain available until September 30, 2030:*

7 *“Military Construction, Army”, \$5,000,000;*

8 *“Military Construction, Navy and Marine*
9 *Corps”, \$5,000,000; and*

10 *“Military Construction, Air Force”, \$5,000,000:*

11 *Provided, That not later than 60 days after the date of en-*
12 *actment of this Act, the Secretary of the military depart-*
13 *ment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the Com-*
14 *mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an*
15 *expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.*

16 *SEC. 129. For an additional amount for the accounts*
17 *and in the amounts specified for design for barracks, to re-*
18 *main available until September 30, 2030:*

19 *“Military Construction, Army”, \$5,000,000;*

20 *“Military Construction, Navy and Marine*
21 *Corps”, \$5,000,000; and*

22 *“Military Construction, Air Force”, \$5,000,000:*

23 *Provided, That not later than 60 days after the date of en-*
24 *actment of this Act, the Secretary of the military depart-*
25 *ment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the Com-*

1 *mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an*
2 *expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.*

3 *SEC. 130. For an additional amount for the accounts*
4 *and in the amounts specified for unspecified minor con-*
5 *struction for demolition, to remain available until Sep-*
6 *tember 30, 2030:*

7 *“Military Construction, Army”, \$10,000,000;*

8 *“Military Construction, Navy and Marine*
9 *Corps”, \$25,000,000; and*

10 *“Military Construction, Air Force”, \$10,000,000:*

11 *Provided, That not later than 60 days after the date of en-*
12 *actment of this Act, the Secretary of the military depart-*
13 *ment concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the Com-*
14 *mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an*
15 *expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.*

16 *SEC. 131. None of the funds made available by this*
17 *Act may be used to carry out the closure or realignment*
18 *of the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,*
19 *Cuba.*

20 *SEC. 132. Notwithstanding limitations in this and*
21 *prior Acts on the obligation or expenditure of military con-*
22 *struction appropriations for planning and design and con-*
23 *struction of projects at Arlington National Cemetery, unob-*
24 *ligated funds available to the Department of the Army for*
25 *military construction projects may be obligated for access*

1 *road projects at Arlington National Cemetery that have*
2 *been authorized in accordance with section 210 of title 23,*
3 *United State Code.*

4 *TITLE II*

5 *DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS*

6 *VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION*

7 *COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS*

8 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

9 *For the payment of compensation benefits to or on be-*
10 *half of veterans and a pilot program for disability examina-*
11 *tions as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11, 13, 18,*
12 *51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; pension*
13 *benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters*
14 *15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; and*
15 *burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitlement Program for*
16 *Survivors, emergency and other officers' retirement pay, ad-*
17 *justed-service credits and certificates, payment of premiums*
18 *due on commercial life insurance policies guaranteed under*
19 *the provisions of title IV of the Servicemembers Civil Relief*
20 *Act (50 U.S.C. App. 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as*
21 *authorized by sections 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and*
22 *chapters 23, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States*
23 *Code, \$5,850,000,000, which shall be in addition to funds*
24 *previously appropriated under this heading that became*
25 *available on October 1, 2025, to remain available until ex-*

1 *pending; and, in addition, \$246,630,525,000, which shall be-*
2 *come available on October 1, 2026, to remain available*
3 *until expended: Provided, That not to exceed \$29,454,647*
4 *of the amount made available for fiscal year 2027 under*
5 *this heading shall be reimbursed to “General Operating Ex-*
6 *penses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, and “Informa-*
7 *tion Technology Systems” for necessary expenses in imple-*
8 *menting the provisions of chapters 51, 53, and 55 of title*
9 *38, United States Code, the funding source for which is spe-*
10 *cifically provided as the “Compensation and Pensions” ap-*
11 *propriation: Provided further, That such sums as may be*
12 *earned on an actual qualifying patient basis, shall be reim-*
13 *bursed to “Medical Care Collections Fund” to augment the*
14 *funding of individual medical facilities for nursing home*
15 *care provided to pensioners as authorized.*

16 *READJUSTMENT BENEFITS*

17 *For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation*
18 *benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters*
19 *21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of*
20 *title 38, United States Code, \$4,877,886,000, which shall*
21 *be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this*
22 *heading that became available on October 1, 2025, to re-*
23 *main available until expended; and, in addition,*
24 *\$24,703,528,000, which shall become available on October*
25 *1, 2026, to remain available until expended: Provided, That*

1 *expenses for rehabilitation program services and assistance*
2 *which the Secretary is authorized to provide under sub-*
3 *section (a) of section 3104 of title 38, United States Code,*
4 *other than under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of that*
5 *subsection, shall be charged to this account.*

6 *VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES*

7 *For military and naval insurance, national service life*
8 *insurance, servicemen's indemnities, service-disabled vet-*
9 *erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as*
10 *authorized by chapters 19 and 21 of title 38, United States*
11 *Code, \$97,893,000, which shall become available on October*
12 *1, 2026, to remain available until expended.*

13 *VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND*

14 *For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such sums*
15 *as may be necessary to carry out the program, as authorized*
16 *by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of title 38,*
17 *United States Code: Provided, That such costs, including*
18 *the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in sec-*
19 *tion 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided*
20 *further, That, during fiscal year 2026, within the resources*
21 *available, not to exceed \$500,000 in gross obligations for*
22 *direct loans are authorized for specially adapted housing*
23 *loans.*

24 *In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out*
25 *the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$266,736,842.*

1 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

2 *For the cost of direct loans, \$45,428, as authorized by*
3 *chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: Provided, That*
4 *such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall*
5 *be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget*
6 *Act of 1974: Provided further, That funds made available*
7 *under this heading are available to subsidize gross obliga-*
8 *tions for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed*
9 *\$1,394,442.*

10 *In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to*
11 *carry out the direct loan program, \$507,254, which may*
12 *be paid to the appropriation for “General Operating Ex-*
13 *penses, Veterans Benefits Administration”.*

14 NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM

15 ACCOUNT

16 *For the cost of direct loans, \$6,865,235, as authorized*
17 *by subchapter V of chapter 37 of title 38, United States*
18 *Code: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modi-*
19 *fying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the*
20 *Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That*
21 *funds made available under this heading are available to*
22 *subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of di-*
23 *rect loans not to exceed \$75,000,000.*

1 beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and vet-
2 erans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United States
3 Code, including care and treatment in facilities not under
4 the jurisdiction of the Department, and including medical
5 supplies and equipment, bioengineering services, food serv-
6 ices, and salaries and expenses of healthcare employees
7 hired under title 38, United States Code, assistance and
8 support services for caregivers as authorized by section
9 1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repayments au-
10 thorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and Veterans Om-
11 nibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–163;
12 124 Stat. 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note), monthly assistance
13 allowances authorized by section 322(d) of title 38, United
14 States Code, grants authorized by section 521A of title 38,
15 United States Code, and administrative expenses necessary
16 to carry out sections 322(d) and 521A of title 38, United
17 States Code, and hospital care and medical services author-
18 ized by section 1787 of title 38, United States Code;
19 \$59,858,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall become
20 available on October 1, 2026, and shall remain available
21 until September 30, 2027: Provided, That, of the amount
22 made available on October 1, 2026, under this heading,
23 \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
24 2028: Provided further, That of the \$75,039,000,000 that
25 became available on October 1, 2025, previously appro-

1 *priated under this heading in the Full-Year Continuing Ap-*
2 *propriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4),*
3 *\$15,889,000,000 is hereby rescinded: Provided further,*
4 *That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-*
5 *retary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a priority for the*
6 *provision of medical treatment for veterans who have serv-*
7 *ice-connected disabilities, lower income, or have special*
8 *needs: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other*
9 *provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall give*
10 *priority funding for the provision of basic medical benefits*
11 *to veterans in enrollment priority groups 1 through 6: Pro-*
12 *vided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision*
13 *of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may authorize the*
14 *dispensing of prescription drugs from Veterans Health Ad-*
15 *ministration facilities to enrolled veterans with privately*
16 *written prescriptions based on requirements established by*
17 *the Secretary: Provided further, That the implementation*
18 *of the program described in the previous proviso shall incur*
19 *no additional cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs:*
20 *Provided further, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
21 *shall ensure that sufficient amounts appropriated under*
22 *this heading for medical supplies and equipment are avail-*
23 *able for the acquisition of prosthetics designed specifically*
24 *for female veterans: Provided further, That nothing in sec-*
25 *tion 2044(e) of title 38, United States Code, may be con-*

1 *strued as limiting amounts that may be made available*
2 *under this heading for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 in this*
3 *or prior Acts.*

4 *MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE*

5 *For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to*
6 *individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United*
7 *States Code, at non-Department facilities, \$38,700,000,000,*
8 *plus reimbursements, which shall become available on Octo-*
9 *ber 1, 2026, and shall remain available until September*
10 *30, 2027: Provided, That, of the amount made available on*
11 *October 1, 2026, under this heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall*
12 *remain available until September 30, 2028.*

13 *MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE*

14 *For necessary expenses in the administration of the*
15 *medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,*
16 *supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-*
17 *ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activities;*
18 *and administrative and legal expenses of the Department*
19 *for collecting and recovering amounts owed the Department*
20 *as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38, United States*
21 *Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act (42*
22 *U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), \$12,000,000,000, plus reimbursements,*
23 *which shall become available on October 1, 2026, and shall*
24 *remain available until September 30, 2027: Provided, That,*
25 *of the amount made available on October 1, 2026, under*

1 *this heading, \$350,000,000 shall remain available until*
2 *September 30, 2028: Provided further, That, of the*
3 *\$12,700,000,000 that became available on October 1, 2025,*
4 *previously appropriated under this heading in the Full-*
5 *Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of*
6 *Public Law 119–4), \$610,000,000 is hereby rescinded.*

7 *MEDICAL FACILITIES*

8 *For necessary expenses for the maintenance and oper-*
9 *ation of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities,*
10 *and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Admin-*
11 *istration; for administrative expenses in support of plan-*
12 *ning, design, project management, real property acquisition*
13 *and disposition, construction, and renovation of any facil-*
14 *ity under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department;*
15 *for oversight, engineering, and architectural activities not*
16 *charged to project costs; for repairing, altering, improving,*
17 *or providing facilities in the several hospitals and homes*
18 *under the jurisdiction of the Department, not otherwise pro-*
19 *vided for, either by contract or by the hire of temporary*
20 *employees and purchase of materials; for leases of facilities;*
21 *and for laundry services; \$145,917,000, which shall be in*
22 *addition to funds previously appropriated under this head-*
23 *ing that became available on October 1, 2025; and, in addi-*
24 *tion, \$11,700,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall be-*
25 *come available on October 1, 2026, and shall remain avail-*

1 *able until September 30, 2027: Provided, That, of the*
2 *amount made available on October 1, 2026, under this*
3 *heading, \$500,000,000 shall remain available until Sep-*
4 *tember 30, 2028.*

5 *MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH*

6 *For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of*
7 *medical and prosthetic research and development as author-*
8 *ized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code,*
9 *\$945,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall remain available*
10 *until September 30, 2027: Provided, That the Secretary of*
11 *Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient amounts appro-*
12 *priated under this heading are available for prosthetic re-*
13 *search specifically for female veterans, and for toxic expo-*
14 *sure research.*

15 *NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION*

16 *For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Ad-*
17 *ministration for operations and maintenance, not otherwise*
18 *provided for, including uniforms or allowances therefor;*
19 *cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase of one*
20 *passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial operations;*
21 *hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alteration or*
22 *improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Na-*
23 *tional Cemetery Administration, \$498,500,000, of which*
24 *not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until Sep-*
25 *tember 30, 2027.*

1 *DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION*2 *GENERAL ADMINISTRATION*3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

4 *For necessary operating expenses of the Department of*
5 *Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including ad-*
6 *ministrative expenses in support of Department-wide cap-*
7 *ital planning, management and policy activities, uniforms,*
8 *or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for official re-*
9 *ception and representation expenses; hire of passenger*
10 *motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General Services*
11 *Administration for security guard services, \$429,000,000,*
12 *which shall be for the offices and in the amounts specified*
13 *under this heading in the explanatory statement described*
14 *in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this con-*
15 *solidated Act), of which not to exceed 10 percent for each*
16 *such office shall remain available until September 30, 2027:*
17 *Provided, That funds provided under this heading may be*
18 *transferred to “General Operating Expenses, Veterans Bene-*
19 *fits Administration”.*

20 *BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS*

21 *For necessary operating expenses of the Board of Vet-*
22 *erans Appeals, \$280,000,000, of which not to exceed 10 per-*
23 *cent shall remain available until September 30, 2027.*

1 *INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS*2 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

3 *For necessary expenses for information technology sys-*
4 *tems and telecommunications support, including develop-*
5 *mental information systems and operational information*
6 *systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital*
7 *asset acquisition of information technology systems, includ-*
8 *ing management and related contractual costs of said ac-*
9 *quisitions, including contractual costs associated with oper-*
10 *ations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States*
11 *Code, \$5,919,000,000, plus reimbursements: Provided, That*
12 *\$1,422,916,000 shall be for pay and associated costs, of*
13 *which not to exceed 3 percent shall remain available until*
14 *September 30, 2027: Provided further, That \$3,917,921,000*
15 *shall be for operations and maintenance, of which not to*
16 *exceed 5 percent shall remain available until September 30,*
17 *2027, and of which \$118,900,000 shall remain available*
18 *until September 30, 2030, for the purpose of facility activa-*
19 *tions related to projects funded by the “Construction, Major*
20 *Projects”, “Construction, Minor Projects”, “Medical Facili-*
21 *ties”, “National Cemetery Administration”, “General Oper-*
22 *ating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, and*
23 *“General Administration” accounts: Provided further, That*
24 *\$578,163,000 shall be for information technology systems*
25 *development, and shall remain available until September*

1 30, 2027: *Provided further, That amounts made available*
2 *for salaries and expenses, operations and maintenance, and*
3 *information technology systems development may be trans-*
4 *ferred among the three subaccounts after the Secretary of*
5 *Veterans Affairs requests from the Committees on Appro-*
6 *priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make*
7 *the transfer and an approval is issued: Provided further,*
8 *That amounts made available for the “Information Tech-*
9 *nology Systems” account for development may be trans-*
10 *ferred among projects or to newly defined projects: Provided*
11 *further, That no project may be increased or decreased by*
12 *more than \$3,000,000 of cost prior to submitting a request*
13 *to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
14 *gress to make the transfer and an approval is issued, or*
15 *absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed.*

16 *VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD*

17 *For activities related to implementation, preparation,*
18 *development, interface, management, rollout, and mainte-*
19 *nance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, in-*
20 *cluding contractual costs associated with operations author-*
21 *ized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, and sala-*
22 *ries and expenses of employees hired under titles 5 and 38,*
23 *United States Code, \$3,400,000,000, to remain available*
24 *until September 30, 2028: Provided, That the Secretary of*
25 *Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appro-*

1 *priations of both Houses of Congress quarterly reports de-*
2 *tailing obligations, expenditures, and deployment imple-*
3 *mentation by facility, including any changes from the de-*
4 *ployment plan or schedule: Provided further, That the funds*
5 *provided in this account shall only be available to the Office*
6 *of the Deputy Secretary, to be administered by that Office:*
7 *Provided further, That 30 percent of the funds made avail-*
8 *able under this heading shall not be available until July*
9 *1, 2026, and are contingent upon the Secretary of Veterans*
10 *Affairs providing to the Committees on Appropriations of*
11 *both Houses of Congress a plan by June 1, 2026, containing*
12 *the following:*

13 (1) *an updated life-cycle cost estimate for the*
14 *EHRM program based on the Department's accelera-*
15 *tion of deployments announced in March 2025;*

16 (2) *an updated facility-by-facility deployment*
17 *schedule for all facilities to receive the EHRM pro-*
18 *gram;*

19 (3) *a certification that all VA facilities using the*
20 *new EHR on or before April 1, 2024, have exceeded*
21 *or met certain health care performance baseline*
22 *metrics indicating they have returned to their service*
23 *delivery levels in place prior to the deployment of the*
24 *new EHR;*

1 (4) a description of the projected Federal VA
2 staffing levels, contract support, and other relevant
3 activities required, and the resources required to fund
4 those activities, to meet the deployment goal as out-
5 lined in (2), including target Federal and contracted
6 staffing levels at VA Central Office and, each local VA
7 medical center with a slated deployment in 2026 and
8 2027, as well as contract support to provide technical
9 and other change management support to carry out
10 the deployments; and

11 (5) a certification that the Department has
12 achieved at least four consecutive successful site de-
13 ployments without any incidents of a delay in care
14 or patient harm which must be disclosed under Vet-
15 erans Health Administration Directive 1004.08 which
16 are attributable to EHR systems.

17 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

18 For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-
19 eral, to include information technology, in carrying out the
20 provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C.
21 401 et seq.), \$296,000,000, of which not to exceed 10 percent
22 shall remain available until September 30, 2027.

23 CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

24 For constructing, altering, extending, and improving
25 any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the

1 *jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans*
2 *Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316,*
3 *2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code,*
4 *not otherwise provided for, including planning, architec-*
5 *tural and engineering services, construction management*
6 *services, maintenance or guarantee period services costs as-*
7 *sociated with equipment guarantees provided under the*
8 *project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and storm*
9 *drainage system construction costs, and site acquisition,*
10 *where the estimated cost of a project is more than the*
11 *amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38, United*
12 *States Code, or where funds for a project were made avail-*
13 *able in a previous major project appropriation,*
14 *\$1,394,000,000, of which \$621,615,000 shall remain avail-*
15 *able until September 30, 2030, and of which \$772,385,000*
16 *shall remain available until expended: Provided, That ex-*
17 *cept for advance planning activities, including needs assess-*
18 *ments which may or may not lead to capital investments,*
19 *and other capital asset management related activities, in-*
20 *cluding portfolio development and management activities,*
21 *and planning, cost estimating, and design for major med-*
22 *ical facility projects and major medical facility leases and*
23 *investment strategy studies funded through the advance*
24 *planning fund and the planning and design activities fund-*
25 *ed through the design fund, staffing expenses, and funds*

1 *provided for the purchase, security, and maintenance of*
2 *land for the National Cemetery Administration and the*
3 *Veterans Health Administration through the land acquisi-*
4 *tion line item, none of the funds made available under this*
5 *heading shall be used for any project that has not been noti-*
6 *fied to Congress through the budgetary process or that has*
7 *not been approved by the Congress through statute, joint*
8 *resolution, or in the explanatory statement accompanying*
9 *such Act and presented to the President at the time of en-*
10 *rollment: Provided further, That funds provided for the Vet-*
11 *erans Health Administration through the land acquisition*
12 *line item shall be only for projects included on the five year*
13 *development plan notified to Congress through the budg-*
14 *etary process: Provided further, That such sums as may be*
15 *necessary shall be available to reimburse the “General Ad-*
16 *ministration” account for payment of salaries and expenses*
17 *of all Office of Construction and Facilities Management em-*
18 *ployees to support the full range of capital infrastructure*
19 *services provided, including minor construction and leasing*
20 *services: Provided further, That funds made available under*
21 *this heading for fiscal year 2026, for each approved project*
22 *shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a construction*
23 *documents contract by September 30, 2026; and (2) by the*
24 *awarding of a construction contract by September 30, 2027:*
25 *Provided further, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*

1 *shall promptly submit to the Committees on Appropriations*
2 *of both Houses of Congress a written report on any ap-*
3 *proved major construction project for which obligations are*
4 *not incurred within the time limitations established above:*
5 *Provided further, That notwithstanding the requirements of*
6 *section 8104(a) of title 38, United States Code, amounts*
7 *made available under this heading for seismic program*
8 *management activities shall be available for the completion*
9 *of both new and existing seismic projects of the Department.*

10 *CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS*

11 *For constructing, altering, extending, and improving*
12 *any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the*
13 *jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans*
14 *Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs which*
15 *may lead to capital investments, architectural and engi-*
16 *neering services, maintenance or guarantee period services*
17 *costs associated with equipment guarantees provided under*
18 *the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and*
19 *storm drainage system construction costs, and site acquisi-*
20 *tion, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316,*
21 *2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code,*
22 *not otherwise provided for, where the estimated cost of a*
23 *project is equal to or less than the amount set forth in sec-*
24 *tion 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38, United States Code,*
25 *\$350,000,000, of which \$231,000,000 shall remain available*

1 *until September 30, 2030, and of which \$119,000,000 shall*
2 *remain available until expended, along with unobligated*
3 *balances of previous “Construction, Minor Projects” appro-*
4 *priations which are hereby made available for any project*
5 *where the estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount*
6 *set forth in such section: Provided, That funds made avail-*
7 *able under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of*
8 *the nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the*
9 *use of the Department which are necessary because of loss*
10 *or damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe;*
11 *and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to min-*
12 *imize further loss by such causes.*

13 *GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE*
14 *FACILITIES*

15 *For grants to assist States to acquire or construct*
16 *State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-*
17 *model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home, and*
18 *domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing care*
19 *to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through 8137 of*
20 *title 38, United States Code, \$275,000,000, to remain avail-*
21 *able until expended.*

22 *GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES*

23 *For grants to assist States and tribal organizations*
24 *in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-*
25 *teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United*

1 *States Code, \$150,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
2 *pended.*

3 *COST OF WAR TOXIC EXPOSURES FUND*

4 *For investment in the delivery of veterans' health care*
5 *associated with exposure to environmental hazards, the ex-*
6 *penses incident to the delivery of veterans' health care and*
7 *benefits associated with exposure to environmental hazards,*
8 *and medical and other research relating to exposure to envi-*
9 *ronmental hazards, as authorized by section 324 of title 38,*
10 *United States Code, and in addition to the amounts other-*
11 *wise available for such purposes in the appropriations pro-*
12 *vided in this or prior Acts, including the Fiscal Responsi-*
13 *bility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–5), \$52,676,000,000,*
14 *to remain available until expended.*

15 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*

16 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

17 *SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2026 for*
18 *“Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,*
19 *and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” may be trans-*
20 *ferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appro-*
21 *priations: Provided, That, before a transfer may take place,*
22 *the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the*
23 *Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress*
24 *the authority to make the transfer and such Committees*

1 *issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30 days*
2 *has elapsed.*

3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

4 *SEC. 202. Not to exceed 1 percent of amounts made*
5 *available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal*
6 *year 2026, in this or any other Act, including prior Acts,*
7 *under the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”,*
8 *“Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical Facili-*
9 *ties” accounts may be transferred among the accounts: Pro-*
10 *vided, That no such account shall be increased by more than*
11 *1 percent, in this or any other Act, by any such transfer:*
12 *Provided further, That amounts may be transferred pursu-*
13 *ant to this section only upon written notification from the*
14 *Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appro-*
15 *priations of both Houses of Congress of the amount and*
16 *purpose of the transfer: Provided further, That the transfer*
17 *authority provided in this section is in addition to any*
18 *other transfer authority provided by law.*

19 *SEC. 203. Appropriations available in this title for sal-*
20 *aries and expenses shall be available for services authorized*
21 *by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code; hire of pas-*
22 *senger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land or both;*
23 *and uniforms or allowances therefore, as authorized by sec-*
24 *tions 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United States Code.*

1 *SEC. 204. No appropriations in this title (except the*
2 *appropriations for “Construction, Major Projects” and*
3 *“Construction, Minor Projects”)* shall be available for the
4 *purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any*
5 *new hospital or home.*

6 *SEC. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be*
7 *available for hospitalization or examination of any persons*
8 *(except beneficiaries entitled to such hospitalization or ex-*
9 *amination under the laws providing such benefits to vet-*
10 *erans, and persons receiving such treatment under sections*
11 *7901 through 7904 of title 5, United States Code, or the*
12 *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-*
13 *ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)), unless reimbursement*
14 *of the cost of such hospitalization or examination is made*
15 *to the “Medical Services” account at such rates as may be*
16 *fixed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

17 *SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for*
18 *“Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,*
19 *and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” shall be avail-*
20 *able for payment of prior year accrued obligations required*
21 *to be recorded by law against the corresponding prior year*
22 *accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year 2025.*

23 *SEC. 207. Appropriations available in this title shall*
24 *be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding*
25 *prior year appropriations accounts resulting from sections*

1 3328(a), 3334, and 3712(a) of title 31, United States Code,
2 except that if such obligations are from trust fund accounts
3 they shall be payable only from “Compensation and Pen-
4 sions”.

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
7 during fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
8 shall, from the National Service Life Insurance Fund under
9 section 1920 of title 38, United States Code, the Veterans’
10 Special Life Insurance Fund under section 1923 of title 38,
11 United States Code, and the United States Government Life
12 Insurance Fund under section 1955 of title 38, United
13 States Code, reimburse the “General Operating Expenses,
14 Veterans Benefits Administration” and “Information Tech-
15 nology Systems” accounts for the cost of administration of
16 the insurance programs financed through those accounts:
17 Provided, That reimbursement shall be made only from the
18 surplus earnings accumulated in such an insurance pro-
19 gram during fiscal year 2026 that are available for divi-
20 dends in that program after claims have been paid and ac-
21 tuarily determined reserves have been set aside: Provided
22 further, That if the cost of administration of such an insur-
23 ance program exceeds the amount of surplus earnings accu-
24 mulated in that program, reimbursement shall be made
25 only to the extent of such surplus earnings: Provided fur-

1 *ther, That the Secretary shall determine the cost of adminis-*
2 *tration for fiscal year 2026 which is properly allocable to*
3 *the provision of each such insurance program and to the*
4 *provision of any total disability income insurance included*
5 *in that insurance program.*

6 *SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use lease*
7 *proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses incurred by*
8 *that account during a prior fiscal year for providing en-*
9 *hanced-use lease services shall be available until expended.*

10 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

11 *SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for*
12 *salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be*
13 *available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Management,*
14 *the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adju-*
15 *dication, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution function*
16 *within the Office of Human Resources and Administration*
17 *for all services provided at rates which will recover actual*
18 *costs but not to exceed \$134,342,000 for the Office of Resolu-*
19 *tion Management, \$7,607,000 for the Office of Employment*
20 *Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, and \$7,586,000*
21 *for the Alternative Dispute Resolution function within the*
22 *Office of Human Resources and Administration: Provided,*
23 *That payments may be made in advance for services to be*
24 *furnished based on estimated costs: Provided further, That*
25 *amounts received shall be credited to the “General Adminis-*

1 *tration” and “Information Technology Systems” accounts*
2 *for use by the office that provided the service.*

3 *SEC. 211. No funds of the Department of Veterans Af-*
4 *fairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home care,*
5 *or medical services provided to any person under chapter*
6 *17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-service-con-*
7 *nected disability described in section 1729(a)(2) of such*
8 *title, unless that person has disclosed to the Secretary of*
9 *Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary may require,*
10 *current, accurate third-party reimbursement information*
11 *for purposes of section 1729 of such title: Provided, That*
12 *the Secretary may recover, in the same manner as any other*
13 *debt due the United States, the reasonable charges for such*
14 *care or services from any person who does not make such*
15 *disclosure as required: Provided further, That any amounts*
16 *so recovered for care or services provided in a prior fiscal*
17 *year may be obligated by the Secretary during the fiscal*
18 *year in which amounts are received.*

19 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

20 *SEC. 212. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
21 *proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leasing ac-*
22 *tivities (including disposal) may be deposited into the*
23 *“Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction, Minor*
24 *Projects” accounts and be used for construction (including*
25 *site acquisition and disposition), alterations, and improve-*

1 *ments of any medical facility under the jurisdiction or for*
2 *the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Such sums*
3 *as realized are in addition to the amount provided for in*
4 *“Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction, Minor*
5 *Projects”.*

6 *SEC. 213. Amounts made available under “Medical*
7 *Services” are available—*

8 *(1) for furnishing recreational facilities, sup-*
9 *plies, and equipment; and*

10 *(2) for funeral expenses, burial expenses, and*
11 *other expenses incidental to funerals and burials for*
12 *beneficiaries receiving care in the Department.*

13 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

14 *SEC. 214. Such sums as may be deposited into the*
15 *Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A*
16 *of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the*
17 *“Medical Services” and “Medical Community Care” ac-*
18 *counts to remain available until expended for the purposes*
19 *of these accounts.*

20 *SEC. 215. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may enter*
21 *into agreements with Federally Qualified Health Centers in*
22 *the State of Alaska and Indian Tribes and Tribal organiza-*
23 *tions which are party to the Alaska Native Health Compact*
24 *with the Indian Health Service, to provide healthcare, in-*
25 *cluding behavioral health and dental care, to veterans in*

1 *rural Alaska. The Secretary shall require participating vet-*
2 *erans and facilities to comply with all appropriate rules*
3 *and regulations, as established by the Secretary. The term*
4 *“rural Alaska” shall mean those lands which are not within*
5 *the boundaries of the municipality of Anchorage or the*
6 *Fairbanks North Star Borough.*

7 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

8 *SEC. 216. Such sums as may be deposited into the De-*
9 *partment of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pursuant*
10 *to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may be*
11 *transferred to the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Con-*
12 *struction, Minor Projects” accounts, to remain available*
13 *until expended for the purposes of these accounts.*

14 *SEC. 217. Not later than 30 days after the end of each*
15 *fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit*
16 *to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
17 *gress a report on the financial status of the Department*
18 *of Veterans Affairs for the preceding quarter: Provided,*
19 *That, at a minimum, the report shall include the direction*
20 *contained in the paragraph entitled “Quarterly reporting”,*
21 *under the heading “General Administration” in the joint*
22 *explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 114–223.*

23 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

24 *SEC. 218. Amounts made available under the “Medical*
25 *Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support*

1 *and Compliance*”, “*Medical Facilities*”, “*General Oper-*
2 *ating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration*”, “*Board*
3 *of Veterans Appeals*”, “*General Administration*”, and “*Na-*
4 *tional Cemetery Administration*” accounts for fiscal year
5 2026 may be transferred to or from the “*Information Tech-*
6 *nology Systems*” account: *Provided, That such transfers*
7 *may not result in a more than 10 percent aggregate increase*
8 *in the total amount made available by this Act for the “In-*
9 *formation Technology Systems*” account: *Provided further,*
10 *That, before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Vet-*
11 *erans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appro-*
12 *priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make*
13 *the transfer and an approval is issued.*

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

15 SEC. 219. *Of the amounts appropriated to the Depart-*
16 *ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026 for “Medical*
17 *Services*”, “*Medical Community Care*”, “*Medical Support*
18 *and Compliance*”, “*Medical Facilities*”, “*Construction,*
19 *Minor Projects*”, and “*Information Technology Systems*”,
20 *up to \$654,954,000, plus reimbursements, may be trans-*
21 *ferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of*
22 *Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, es-*
23 *tablished by section 1704 of the National Defense Authoriza-*
24 *tion Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123*
25 *Stat. 2571) and may be used for operation of the facilities*

1 *designated as combined Federal medical facilities as de-*
2 *scribed by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National De-*
3 *fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law*
4 *110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): Provided, That additional funds*
5 *may be transferred from accounts designated in this section*
6 *to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Vet-*
7 *erans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund upon*
8 *written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to*
9 *the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
10 *gress: Provided further, That section 220 of title II of divi-*
11 *sion A of Public Law 118–42, as continued by section*
12 *1101(a)(10) of division A of Public Law 119–4, is repealed.*

13 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

14 *SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the Depart-*
15 *ment of Veterans Affairs which become available on October*
16 *1, 2026, for “Medical Services”, “Medical Community*
17 *Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical*
18 *Facilities”, up to \$739,918,000, plus reimbursements, may*
19 *be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Depart-*
20 *ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration*
21 *Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense*
22 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–*
23 *84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used for operation of the*
24 *facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities*
25 *as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National*

1 *Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public*
2 *Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): Provided, That additional*
3 *funds may be transferred from accounts designated in this*
4 *section to the Joint Department of Defense—Department*
5 *of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund*
6 *upon written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Af-*
7 *fairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses*
8 *of Congress.*

9 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

10 *SEC. 221. Such sums as may be deposited into the*
11 *Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A*
12 *of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided at*
13 *facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities*
14 *as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National*
15 *Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public*
16 *Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be available: (1)*
17 *for transfer to the Joint Department of Defense—Depart-*
18 *ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration*
19 *Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense*
20 *Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–*
21 *84; 123 Stat. 2571); and (2) for operations of the facilities*
22 *designated as combined Federal medical facilities as de-*
23 *scribed by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National De-*
24 *fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law*
25 *110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): Provided, That, notwithstanding*

1 *section 1704(b)(3) of the National Defense Authorization*
2 *Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat.*
3 *2573), amounts transferred to the Joint Department of De-*
4 *fense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility*
5 *Demonstration Fund shall remain available until expended.*

6 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

7 *SEC. 222. Of the amounts available in this title for*
8 *“Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical*
9 *Support and Compliance”, and “Medical Facilities”, a*
10 *minimum of \$15,000,000 shall be transferred to the DOD–*
11 *VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as authorized by*
12 *section 8111(d) of title 38, United States Code, to remain*
13 *available until expended, for any purpose authorized by sec-*
14 *tion 8111 of title 38, United States Code.*

15 *SEC. 223. None of the funds available to the Depart-*
16 *ment of Veterans Affairs, in this or any other Act, may*
17 *be used to replace the current system by which the Veterans*
18 *Integrated Service Networks select and contract for diabetes*
19 *monitoring supplies and equipment.*

20 *SEC. 224. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall no-*
21 *tify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of*
22 *Congress of all bid savings in a major construction project*
23 *that total at least \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the pro-*
24 *grammed amount of the project, whichever is less: Provided,*
25 *That such notification shall occur within 14 days of a con-*

1 *tract identifying the programmed amount: Provided fur-*
2 *ther, That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Ap-*
3 *propriations of both Houses of Congress 14 days prior to*
4 *the obligation of such bid savings and shall describe the an-*
5 *ticipated use of such savings.*

6 *SEC. 225. None of the funds made available for “Con-*
7 *struction, Major Projects” may be used for a project in ex-*
8 *cess of the scope specified for that project in the original*
9 *justification data provided to the Congress as part of the*
10 *request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Veterans*
11 *Affairs receives approval from the Committees on Appro-*
12 *priations of both Houses of Congress.*

13 *SEC. 226. Not later than 30 days after the end of each*
14 *fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit*
15 *to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
16 *gress a quarterly report containing performance measures*
17 *and data from each Veterans Benefits Administration Re-*
18 *gional Office: Provided, That, at a minimum, the report*
19 *shall include the direction contained in the section entitled*
20 *“Disability claims backlog”, under the heading “General*
21 *Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” in*
22 *the joint explanatory statement accompanying Public Law*
23 *114–223: Provided further, That the report shall also in-*
24 *clude information on the number of appeals pending at the*

1 *Veterans Benefits Administration as well as the Board of*
2 *Veterans Appeals on a quarterly basis.*

3 *SEC. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall pro-*
4 *vide written notification to the Committees on Appropria-*
5 *tions of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to organiza-*
6 *tional changes which result in the transfer of 25 or more*
7 *full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of the*
8 *Department of Veterans Affairs to another.*

9 *SEC. 228. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall pro-*
10 *vide on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Appropria-*
11 *tions of both Houses of Congress notification of any single*
12 *national outreach and awareness marketing campaign in*
13 *which obligations exceed \$1,000,000.*

14 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

15 *SEC. 229. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon de-*
16 *termination that such action is necessary to address needs*
17 *of the Veterans Health Administration, may transfer to the*
18 *“Medical Services” account not to exceed 1 percent of any*
19 *discretionary appropriations made available for fiscal year*
20 *2026 in this title (except the appropriation made to the*
21 *“General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Adminis-*
22 *tration” account) or not to exceed 1 percent of any discre-*
23 *tionary unobligated balances within the Department of Vet-*
24 *erans Affairs, including not to exceed 1 percent of those ap-*
25 *propriated for fiscal year 2026, that were provided in ad-*

1 *vance by appropriations Acts: Provided, That the transfer*
2 *authority provided in this section is in addition to any*
3 *other transfer authority provided by law: Provided further,*
4 *That no amounts may be transferred from amounts that*
5 *were designated by Congress as an emergency requirement*
6 *pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the*
7 *Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of*
8 *1985: Provided further, That such authority to transfer*
9 *may not be used unless for higher priority items, based on*
10 *emergent healthcare requirements, than those for which*
11 *originally appropriated and in no case where the item for*
12 *which funds are requested has been denied by Congress: Pro-*
13 *vided further, That, upon determination that all or part*
14 *of the funds transferred from an appropriation are not nec-*
15 *essary, such amounts may be transferred back to that ap-*
16 *propriation and shall be available for the same purposes*
17 *as originally appropriated: Provided further, That before*
18 *a transfer may take place pursuant to this section, the Sec-*
19 *retary of Veterans Affairs must provide written notification*
20 *of the amount and purpose of the transfer to the Committees*
21 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.*

22 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

23 *SEC. 230. Amounts made available for the Department*
24 *of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026, under the “Board*
25 *of Veterans Appeals” and the “General Operating Expenses,*

1 *Veterans Benefits Administration*” accounts may be trans-
2 *ferred between such accounts: Provided, That before a trans-*
3 *fer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall*
4 *request from the Committees on Appropriations of both*
5 *Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and*
6 *receive approval of that request.*

7 *SEC. 231. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not*
8 *reprogram funds among major construction projects or pro-*
9 *grams if such instance of reprogramming will exceed a cu-*
10 *mulative \$7,000,000, unless such reprogramming is ap-*
11 *proved by the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses*
12 *of Congress.*

13 *SEC. 232. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall*
14 *ensure that the toll-free suicide hotline under section*
15 *1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code—*

16 *(1) provides to individuals who contact the hot-*
17 *line immediate assistance from a trained professional;*
18 *and*

19 *(2) adheres to all requirements of the American*
20 *Association of Suicidology.*

21 *(b)(1) None of the funds made available by this Act*
22 *may be used to enforce or otherwise carry out any Executive*
23 *action that prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from*
24 *appointing an individual to occupy a vacant civil service*
25 *position, or establishing a new civil service position, at the*

1 *Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to such a posi-*
2 *tion relating to the hotline specified in subsection (a).*

3 *(2) In this subsection—*

4 *(A) the term “civil service” has the meaning*
5 *given such term in section 2101(1) of title 5, United*
6 *States Code; and*

7 *(B) the term “Executive action” includes—*

8 *(i) any Executive order, Presidential memo-*
9 *randum, or other action by the President; and*

10 *(ii) any agency policy, order, or other direc-*
11 *tive.*

12 *(c)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct*
13 *a study on the effectiveness of the hotline specified in sub-*
14 *section (a) during the 5-year period beginning on January*
15 *1, 2016, based on an analysis of national suicide data and*
16 *data collected from such hotline.*

17 *(2) At a minimum, the study required by paragraph*
18 *(1) shall—*

19 *(A) determine the number of veterans who con-*
20 *tact the hotline specified in subsection (a) and who*
21 *receive follow up services from the hotline or mental*
22 *health services from the Department of Veterans Af-*
23 *airs thereafter;*

24 *(B) determine the number of veterans who con-*
25 *tact the hotline who are not referred to, or do not con-*

1 *tinue receiving, mental health care who commit sui-*
2 *cide; and*

3 *(C) determine the number of veterans described*
4 *in subparagraph (A) who commit or attempt suicide.*

5 *SEC. 233. Effective during the period beginning on Oc-*
6 *tober 1, 2018, and ending on January 1, 2027, none of the*
7 *funds made available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
8 *by this or any other Act may be obligated or expended in*
9 *contravention of the “Veterans Health Administration Clin-*
10 *ical Preventive Services Guidance Statement on the Vet-*
11 *erans Health Administration’s Screening for Breast Cancer*
12 *Guidance” published on May 10, 2017, as issued by the Vet-*
13 *erans Health Administration National Center for Health*
14 *Promotion and Disease Prevention.*

15 *SEC. 234. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of*
16 *law, the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available*
17 *to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the “Medical*
18 *Services” account may be used to provide—*

19 *(1) fertility counseling and treatment using as-*
20 *sisted reproductive technology to a covered veteran or*
21 *the spouse of a covered veteran; or*

22 *(2) adoption reimbursement to a covered veteran.*

23 *(b) In this section:*

1 (1) *The term “service-connected” has the mean-*
2 *ing given such term in section 101 of title 38, United*
3 *States Code.*

4 (2) *The term “covered veteran” means a veteran,*
5 *as such term is defined in section 101 of title 38,*
6 *United States Code, who has a service-connected dis-*
7 *ability that results in the inability of the veteran to*
8 *procreate without the use of fertility treatment.*

9 (3) *The term “assisted reproductive technology”*
10 *means benefits relating to reproductive assistance pro-*
11 *vided to a member of the Armed Forces who incurs*
12 *a serious injury or illness on active duty pursuant to*
13 *section 1074(c)(4)(A) of title 10, United States Code,*
14 *as described in the memorandum on the subject of*
15 *“Policy for Assisted Reproductive Services for the*
16 *Benefit of Seriously or Severely Ill/Injured (Category*
17 *II or III) Active Duty Service Members” issued by the*
18 *Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs on*
19 *April 3, 2012, and the guidance issued to implement*
20 *such policy, including any limitations on the amount*
21 *of such benefits available to such a member except*
22 *that—*

23 (A) *the time periods regarding embryo*
24 *cryopreservation and storage set forth in part*

1 *III(G) and in part IV(H) of such memorandum*
2 *shall not apply; and*

3 *(B) such term includes embryo*
4 *cryopreservation and storage without limitation*
5 *on the duration of such cryopreservation and*
6 *storage.*

7 *(4) The term “adoption reimbursement” means*
8 *reimbursement for the adoption-related expenses for*
9 *an adoption that is finalized after the date of the en-*
10 *actment of this Act under the same terms as apply*
11 *under the adoption reimbursement program of the De-*
12 *partment of Defense, as authorized in Department of*
13 *Defense Instruction 1341.09, including the reimburse-*
14 *ment limits and requirements set forth in such in-*
15 *struction.*

16 *(c) Amounts made available for the purposes specified*
17 *in subsection (a) of this section are subject to the require-*
18 *ments for funds contained in section 508 of division H of*
19 *the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law*
20 *115–141).*

21 *SEC. 235. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
22 *made available by this Act or any other Act for the Depart-*
23 *ment of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner that*
24 *is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transportation,*
25 *Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary,*

1 *the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appro-*
2 *priations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115; 119 Stat. 2506);*
3 *or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code.*

4 *SEC. 236. Section 842 of Public Law 109–115 shall*
5 *not apply to conversion of an activity or function of the*
6 *Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Admin-*
7 *istration, or National Cemetery Administration to con-*
8 *tractor performance by a business concern that is at least*
9 *51 percent owned by one or more Indian Tribes as defined*
10 *in section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, or one*
11 *or more Native Hawaiian Organizations as defined in sec-*
12 *tion 637(a)(15) of title 15, United States Code.*

13 *SEC. 237. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in*
14 *consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-*
15 *retary of Labor, shall discontinue collecting and using So-*
16 *cial Security account numbers to authenticate individuals*
17 *in all information systems of the Department of Veterans*
18 *Affairs for all individuals not later than September 30,*
19 *2026.*

20 *(b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may collect and*
21 *use a Social Security account number to identify an indi-*
22 *vidual, in accordance with section 552a of title 5, United*
23 *States Code, in an information system of the Department*
24 *of Veterans Affairs if and only if the use of such number*
25 *is necessary to:*

1 (1) obtain or provide information the Secretary
2 requires from an information system that is not
3 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary;

4 (2) comply with a law, regulation, or court
5 order;

6 (3) perform anti-fraud activities; or

7 (4) identify a specific individual where no ade-
8 quate substitute is available.

9 (c) The matter in subsections (a) and (b) shall super-
10 sede section 237 of division A of Public Law 118–42.

11 SEC. 238. For funds provided to the Department of
12 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027 for
13 “Medical Services”, section 239 of division A of Public Law
14 114–223 shall apply.

15 SEC. 239. None of the funds appropriated in this or
16 prior appropriations Acts or otherwise made available to
17 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used to transfer
18 any amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensa-
19 tion Fund to any other account within the Department of
20 Veterans Affairs.

21 SEC. 240. Of the funds provided to the Department of
22 Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year
23 2027 for “Medical Services”, funds may be used in each
24 year to carry out and expand the child care program au-

1 *thorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163, notwith-*
2 *standing subsection (e) of such section.*

3 *SEC. 241. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
4 *made available in this title may be used by the Secretary*
5 *of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement related to*
6 *resolving a dispute or claim with an individual that would*
7 *restrict in any way the individual from speaking to Mem-*
8 *bers of Congress or their staff on any topic not otherwise*
9 *prohibited from disclosure by Federal law or required by*
10 *Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national*
11 *defense or the conduct of foreign affairs.*

12 *SEC. 242. For funds provided to the Department of*
13 *Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027, sec-*
14 *tion 258 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall apply.*

15 *SEC. 243. (a) None of the funds appropriated or other-*
16 *wise made available by this Act may be used to deny an*
17 *Inspector General funded under this Act timely access to*
18 *any records, documents, or other materials available to the*
19 *department or agency over which that Inspector General*
20 *has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978*
21 *(5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), or to prevent or impede the access*
22 *of the Inspector General to such records, documents, or other*
23 *materials, under any provision of law, except a provision*
24 *of law that expressly refers to such Inspector General and*
25 *expressly limits the right of access.*

1 (b) *A department or agency covered by this section*
2 *shall provide its Inspector General access to all records, doc-*
3 *uments, and other materials in a timely manner.*

4 (c) *Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance*
5 *with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the in-*
6 *formation provided by the establishment over which that In-*
7 *pector General has responsibilities under the Inspector*
8 *General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.).*

9 (d) *Each Inspector General covered by this section*
10 *shall report to the Committee on Appropriations of the Sen-*
11 *ate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of*
12 *Representatives within 5 calendar days of any failure by*
13 *any department or agency covered by this section to comply*
14 *with this requirement.*

15 SEC. 244. *None of the funds made available in this*
16 *Act may be used in a manner that would increase wait*
17 *times for veterans who seek care at medical facilities of the*
18 *Department of Veterans Affairs.*

19 SEC. 245. *None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
20 *made available by this Act to the Veterans Health Adminis-*
21 *tration may be used in fiscal year 2026 to convert any pro-*
22 *gram which received specific purpose funds in fiscal year*
23 *2025 to a general purpose funded program unless the Sec-*
24 *retary of Veterans Affairs submits written notification of*
25 *any such proposal to the Committees on Appropriations of*

1 *both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior to any such*
2 *action and an approval is issued by the Committees.*

3 *SEC. 246. For funds provided to the Department of*
4 *Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027, sec-*
5 *tion 248 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall apply.*

6 *SEC. 247. (a) None of the funds appropriated or other-*
7 *wise made available by this Act may be used to conduct*
8 *research commencing on or after July 1, 2025, that uses*
9 *any canine, feline, or non-human primate unless the Sec-*
10 *retary of Veterans Affairs approves such research specifi-*
11 *cally and in writing pursuant to subsection (b).*

12 *(b)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may approve*
13 *the conduct of research commencing on or after July 1,*
14 *2025, using canines, felines, or non-human primates if the*
15 *Secretary certifies that—*

16 *(A) the scientific objectives of the research can*
17 *only be met by using such canines, felines, or non-*
18 *human primates and cannot be met using other ani-*
19 *mal models, in vitro models, computational models,*
20 *human clinical studies, or other research alternatives;*

21 *(B) such scientific objectives are necessary to ad-*
22 *vance research benefiting veterans and are directly re-*
23 *lated to an illness or injury that is combat-related as*
24 *defined by 10 U.S.C. 1413(e);*

1 (C) *the research is consistent with the revised*
2 *Department of Veterans Affairs canine research policy*
3 *document dated December 15, 2017, including any*
4 *subsequent revisions to such document; and*

5 (D) *ethical considerations regarding minimizing*
6 *the harm experienced by canines, felines, or non-*
7 *human primates are included in evaluating the sci-*
8 *entific necessity of the research.*

9 (2) *The Secretary may not delegate the authority*
10 *under this subsection.*

11 (c) *If the Secretary approves any new research pursu-*
12 *ant to subsection (b), not later than 30 days before the com-*
13 *mencement of such research, the Secretary shall submit to*
14 *the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House*
15 *of Representatives a report describing—*

16 (1) *the nature of the research to be conducted*
17 *using canines, felines, or non-human primates;*

18 (2) *the date on which the Secretary approved the*
19 *research;*

20 (3) *the USDA pain category on the approved*
21 *use;*

22 (4) *the justification for the determination of the*
23 *Secretary that the scientific objectives of such research*
24 *could only be met using canines, felines, or non-*

1 *human primates, and methods used to make such de-*
2 *termination;*

3 *(5) the frequency and duration of such research;*
4 *and*

5 *(6) the protocols in place to ensure the necessity,*
6 *safety, and efficacy of the research, and animal wel-*
7 *fare.*

8 *(d) Not later than December 31, 2025, and biannually*
9 *thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to such Committees*
10 *a report describing—*

11 *(1) any research being conducted by the Depart-*
12 *ment of Veterans Affairs using canines, felines, or*
13 *non-human primates as of the date of the submittal*
14 *of the report;*

15 *(2) the circumstances under which such research*
16 *was conducted using canines, felines, or non-human*
17 *primates;*

18 *(3) the justification for using canines, felines, or*
19 *non-human primates to conduct such research;*

20 *(4) the protocols in place to ensure the necessity,*
21 *safety, and efficacy of such research; and*

22 *(5) the development and adoption of alternatives*
23 *to canines, felines, or non-human primate research.*

24 *(e) Not later than December 31, 2025, and annually*
25 *thereafter, the Department of Veterans Affairs must submit*

1 *to voluntary U.S. Department of Agriculture inspections of*
2 *canine, feline, and non-human primate research facilities.*

3 *(f) Not later than December 31, 2025, and annually*
4 *thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to such Committees*
5 *a report describing—*

6 *(1) any violations of the Animal Welfare Act, the*
7 *Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and*
8 *Use of Laboratory Animals, or other Department of*
9 *Veterans Affairs policies related to oversight of ani-*
10 *mal research found during that quarter in VA re-*
11 *search facilities;*

12 *(2) immediate corrective actions taken; and*

13 *(3) specific actions taken to prevent their recur-*
14 *rence.*

15 *(g) The Department shall implement a plan under*
16 *which the Secretary will eliminate the research conducted*
17 *using canines, felines, or non-human primates by not later*
18 *than September 20, 2026.*

19 *SEC. 248. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may*
20 *use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in*
21 *this title to ensure that the ratio of veterans to full-time*
22 *employment equivalents within any program of rehabilita-*
23 *tion conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States*
24 *Code, does not exceed 125 veterans to one full-time employ-*
25 *ment equivalent.*

1 (b) Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a
3 report on the programs of rehabilitation conducted under
4 chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, including—

5 (1) an assessment of the veteran-to-staff ratio for
6 each such program; and

7 (2) recommendations for such action as the Sec-
8 retary considers necessary to reduce the veteran-to-
9 staff ratio for each such program.

10 SEC. 249. Amounts made available for the “Veterans
11 Health Administration, Medical Community Care” account
12 in this or any other Act for fiscal years 2026 and 2027
13 may be used for expenses that would otherwise be payable
14 from the Veterans Choice Fund established by section 802
15 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act, as
16 amended (38 U.S.C. 1701 note).

17 SEC. 250. Obligations and expenditures applicable to
18 the “Medical Services” account in fiscal years 2017 through
19 2019 for aid to state homes (as authorized by section 1741
20 of title 38, United States Code) shall remain in the “Med-
21 ical Community Care” account for such fiscal years.

22 SEC. 251. Of the amounts made available for the De-
23 partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026, in this
24 or any other Act, under the “Veterans Health Administra-
25 tion—Medical Services”, “Veterans Health Administra-

1 *tion—Medical Community Care*”, “*Veterans Health Ad-*
2 *ministration—Medical Support and Compliance*”, “*Vet-*
3 *erans Health Administration—Medical Facilities*”, and
4 “*Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund*” accounts,
5 \$1,429,181,000 shall be made available for gender-specific
6 care and programmatic efforts to deliver care for women
7 veterans; \$698,000,000 shall be made available for suicide
8 prevention outreach programs; \$3,500,000,000 shall be
9 made available for the Caregivers program; \$42,000,000
10 shall be made available for the National Center for Post-
11 Traumatic Stress Disorder; \$80,000,000 shall be made
12 available for the Neurology Centers of Excellence;
13 \$342,455,000 shall be made available for rural health care;
14 \$3,459,121,000 shall be made available for veterans’ home-
15 lessness programs; \$6,356,000,000 shall be made available
16 for telehealth for veterans; \$709,573,000 shall be made
17 available for opioid prevention and treatment programs;
18 and, \$31,997,000 shall be made available for the Intimate
19 Partner Violence Assistance Program.

20 *SEC. 252. Of the unobligated balances available in fis-*
21 *cal year 2026 in the “Recurring Expenses Trans-*
22 *formational Fund” established in section 243 of division*
23 *J of Public Law 114–113, and in addition to any funds*
24 *otherwise made available for such purposes in this, prior,*
25 *or subsequent fiscal years, \$900,000,000 shall be available*

1 *for constructing, altering, extending, and improving med-*
2 *ical facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, in-*
3 *cluding all supporting activities and required contin-*
4 *gencies, during the period of availability of the Fund: Pro-*
5 *vided, That prior to obligation of any of the funds provided*
6 *in this section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs must pro-*
7 *vide a plan for the execution of the funds appropriated in*
8 *this section to the Committees on Appropriations of both*
9 *Houses of Congress and such Committees issue an approval,*
10 *or absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed.*

11 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

12 *SEC. 253. Of the \$75,039,000,000 that became avail-*
13 *able on October 1, 2025, previously appropriated under the*
14 *heading “Veterans Health Administration—Medical Serv-*
15 *ices” in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025*
16 *(division A of Public Law 119–4), \$2,030,000,000 shall be*
17 *transferred to “Veterans Health Administration—Medical*
18 *Facilities”.*

19 *SEC. 254. Not later than 30 days after enactment of*
20 *this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on*
21 *Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure*
22 *plan for funds made available in this Act and any available*
23 *unobligated balances from prior Acts, including the Fiscal*
24 *Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–5), for the Cost*
25 *of War Toxic Exposures Fund: Provided, That the budget*

1 *resource categories supporting the Veterans Health Admin-*
2 *istration shall be reported by the subcategories “Medical*
3 *Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support*
4 *and Compliance”, and “Medical and Prosthetic Research”:*
5 *Provided further, That not later than 30 days after the end*
6 *of each fiscal quarter, the Secretary shall submit a quarterly*
7 *report on the status of the funds, including, at a minimum,*
8 *an update on obligations by program, project or activity.*

9 *SEC. 255. Any amounts transferred to the Secretary*
10 *and administered by a corporation referred to in section*
11 *7364(b) of title 38, United States Code, between October 1,*
12 *2017 and September 30, 2018 for purposes of carrying out*
13 *an order placed with the Department of Veterans Affairs*
14 *pursuant to section 1535 of title 31, United States Code,*
15 *that are available for obligation pursuant to section*
16 *7364(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, are to remain*
17 *available for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred*
18 *by such corporation during the period of performance of*
19 *such order, provided that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
20 *determines that such amounts need to remain available for*
21 *such liquidation.*

22 *SEC. 256. None of the funds in this or any other Act*
23 *may be used to close Department of Veterans Affairs hos-*
24 *pitals, domiciliaries, or clinics, conduct an environmental*
25 *assessment, or to diminish healthcare services at existing*

1 *Veterans Health Administration medical facilities as part*
2 *of a planned realignment of services until the Secretary*
3 *provides to the Committees on Appropriations of both*
4 *Houses of Congress a report including an analysis of how*
5 *any such planned realignment of services will impact access*
6 *to care for veterans living in rural or highly rural areas,*
7 *including travel distances and transportation costs to access*
8 *a Department medical facility and availability of local spe-*
9 *cialty and primary care.*

10 *SEC. 257. Unobligated balances available under the*
11 *headings “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construc-*
12 *tion, Minor Projects” may be obligated by the Secretary of*
13 *Veterans Affairs for a facility pursuant to section 2(e)(1)*
14 *of the Communities Helping Invest through Property and*
15 *Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016 (Public Law*
16 *114–294; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note), as amended, to provide ad-*
17 *ditional funds or to fund an escalation clause under such*
18 *section of such Act: Provided, That before such unobligated*
19 *balances are obligated pursuant to this section, the Sec-*
20 *retary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees*
21 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority*
22 *to obligate such unobligated balances and such Committees*
23 *issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30 days*
24 *has elapsed: Provided further, That the request to obligate*
25 *such unobligated balances must provide Congress notice*

1 *that the entity described in section 2(a)(2) of Public Law*
2 *114–294, as amended, has exhausted available cost contain-*
3 *ment approaches as set forth in the agreement under section*
4 *2(c) of such Public Law.*

5 *SEC. 258. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this*
6 *Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for the*
7 *Department of Veterans Affairs may be obligated, awarded,*
8 *or expended to procure or purchase covered information*
9 *technology equipment in cases where the manufacturer, bid-*
10 *der, or offeror, or any subsidiary or parent entity of the*
11 *manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, of the equipment is an en-*
12 *tity, or parent company of an entity listed on any of the*
13 *following:*

14 *(1) the Department of Defense’s Chinese Military*
15 *Company List;*

16 *(2) the Department of the Treasury’s Non-SDN*
17 *Chinese Military Industrial Complex Companies List;*

18 *(3) the Department of Commerce’s Denied Per-*
19 *sons List, Entity List, or Military End User List, if*
20 *the entity is—*

21 *(A) an agency or instrumentality of the*
22 *People’s Republic of China;*

23 *(B) an entity headquartered in the People’s*
24 *Republic of China; or*

1 (C) *directly or indirectly owned or con-*
2 *trolled by an agency, instrumentality, or entity*
3 *described in subparagraph (A) or (B); or*

4 (4) *the Department of Homeland Security’s*
5 *Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Entity List.*

6 (b) *APPLICABILITY TO THIRD PARTIES.—The prohibi-*
7 *tion in subsection (a) also applies in cases in which the*
8 *Secretary has contracted with a third party for the procure-*
9 *ment, purchase, or expenditure of funds on any of the equip-*
10 *ment and software described in such subsection.*

11 (c) *DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the*
12 *term “covered information technology equipment” shall*
13 *mean the following equipment used in an office environ-*
14 *ment: computers, printers, or interoperable*
15 *videoconferencing equipment used in or by the Department*
16 *of Veterans Affairs directly. “Covered information tech-*
17 *nology equipment” shall not refer to services that use such*
18 *equipment, including cloud services.*

19 *SEC. 259. During the period beginning on October 1,*
20 *2025 and ending on September 30, 2026, none of the funds*
21 *made available by this Act may be used to administer, im-*
22 *plement, or enforce the final rule issued by the Secretary*
23 *of Veterans Affairs relating to “Change in Rates VA Pays*
24 *for Special Modes of Transportation” (88 Fed. Reg. 10032)*
25 *and published on February 16, 2023.*

1 *SEC. 260. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
2 *made available by this Act may be used to pay award or*
3 *incentive fees for contractors whose performance has been*
4 *judged to be below satisfactory, behind schedule, over budget,*
5 *or has failed to meet the basic requirements of a contract,*
6 *unless the Agency determines that any such deviations are*
7 *due to unforeseeable events, government-driven scope*
8 *changes, or are not significant within the overall scope of*
9 *the project and/or program and unless such awards or in-*
10 *centive fees are consistent with section 16.401(e)(2) of the*
11 *Federal Acquisition Regulation.*

12 *SEC. 261. The Department is directed to maintain*
13 *staffing levels to facilitate the Department's own goals, in-*
14 *cluding that benefits claims are adjudicated according to*
15 *the 125 day goal, and that healthcare appointments and*
16 *service are provided in the timeframes required by statute*
17 *and regulation.*

18 *SEC. 262. The Department is directed to provide quar-*
19 *terly briefings to the Committees on Appropriations of both*
20 *Houses of Congress on the status of implementation of the*
21 *provisions in Public Law 118-42 related to veterans in the*
22 *Freely Associated States (FAS) in a way that is consistent*
23 *with Congressional intent, including engagement with FAS*
24 *governments, a projected timeline for veterans in the FAS*

1 *ment basis only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; not*
2 *to exceed \$15,000 for official reception and representation*
3 *expenses; and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign*
4 *countries, when required by law of such countries,*
5 *\$110,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

6 *FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT*

7 *For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of*
8 *the American Battle Monuments Commission, such sums as*
9 *may be necessary, to remain available until expended, for*
10 *purposes authorized by section 2109 of title 36, United*
11 *States Code.*

12 *UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS*

13 *CLAIMS*

14 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

15 *For necessary expenses for the operation of the United*
16 *States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as authorized*
17 *by sections 7251 through 7298 of title 38, United States*
18 *Code, \$49,000,000, of which \$3,000,000 shall be available*
19 *until September 30, 2027: Provided, That \$4,256,000 shall*
20 *be available for the purpose of providing financial assist-*
21 *ance as described and in accordance with the process and*
22 *reporting procedures set forth under this heading in Public*
23 *Law 102–229.*

1 *DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL*2 *CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY*3 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

4 *For necessary expenses for maintenance, operation,*
5 *and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Sol-*
6 *diers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, including*
7 *the purchase or lease of passenger motor vehicles for replace-*
8 *ment on a one-for-one basis only, and not to exceed \$2,000*
9 *for official reception and representation expenses,*
10 *\$118,780,450, of which not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall re-*
11 *main available until September 30, 2028. In addition, such*
12 *sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance, repairs*
13 *and replacement, to be derived from the "Lease of Depart-*
14 *ment of Defense Real Property for Defense Agencies" ac-*
15 *count.*

16 *ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME*17 *TRUST FUND*

18 *For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retire-*
19 *ment Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces Re-*
20 *tirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia, and the*
21 *Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mississippi, to*
22 *be paid from funds available in the Armed Forces Retire-*
23 *ment Home Trust Fund, \$80,000,000, to remain available*
24 *until September 30, 2027, of which \$2,072,000 shall remain*
25 *available until expended for construction and renovation of*

1 *the physical plants at the Armed Forces Retirement*
2 *Home—Washington, District of Columbia, and the Armed*
3 *Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mississippi: Provided,*
4 *That of the amounts made available under this heading*
5 *from funds available in the Armed Forces Retirement Home*
6 *Trust Fund, \$27,000,000 shall be paid from the general*
7 *fund of the Treasury to the Trust Fund.*

8 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION*

9 *SEC. 301. Amounts deposited into the special account*
10 *established under 10 U.S.C. 7727 are appropriated and*
11 *shall be available until expended to support activities at*
12 *the Army National Military Cemeteries.*

13 *TITLE IV*

14 *GENERAL PROVISIONS*

15 *SEC. 401. No part of any appropriation contained in*
16 *this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the*
17 *current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.*

18 *SEC. 402. None of the funds made available in this*
19 *Act may be used for any program, project, or activity, when*
20 *it is made known to the Federal entity or official to which*
21 *the funds are made available that the program, project, or*
22 *activity is not in compliance with any Federal law relating*
23 *to risk assessment, the protection of private property rights,*
24 *or unfunded mandates.*

1 *SEC. 403. All departments and agencies funded under*
2 *this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing*
3 *statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of*
4 *“E-Commerce” technologies and procedures in the conduct*
5 *of their business practices and public service activities.*

6 *SEC. 404. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and noti-*
7 *fications required by this Act shall be submitted to the Sub-*
8 *committee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs,*
9 *and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations*
10 *of the House of Representatives and the Subcommittee on*
11 *Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related*
12 *Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.*

13 *SEC. 405. None of the funds made available in this*
14 *Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-*
15 *strumentality of the United States Government except pur-*
16 *suant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided*
17 *in, this or any other appropriations Act.*

18 *SEC. 406. None of the funds made available in this*
19 *Act may be used for a project or program named for an*
20 *individual serving as a Member, Delegate, or Resident Com-*
21 *missioner of the United States House of Representatives.*

22 *SEC. 407. (a) Any agency receiving funds made avail-*
23 *able in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c),*
24 *post on the public Web site of that agency any report re-*
25 *quired to be submitted by the Congress in this or any other*

1 *Act, upon the determination by the head of the agency that*
2 *it shall serve the national interest.*

3 *(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a report if—*

4 *(1) the public posting of the report compromises*
5 *national security; or*

6 *(2) the report contains confidential or propri-*
7 *etary information.*

8 *(c) The head of the agency posting such report shall*
9 *do so only after such report has been made available to the*
10 *requesting Committee or Committees of Congress for no less*
11 *than 45 days.*

12 *SEC. 408. (a) None of the funds made available in this*
13 *Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer net-*
14 *work unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading,*
15 *and exchanging of pornography.*

16 *(b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of*
17 *funds necessary for any Federal, State, tribal, or local law*
18 *enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out crimi-*
19 *nal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.*

20 *SEC. 409. None of the funds made available in this*
21 *Act may be used by an agency of the executive branch to*
22 *pay for first-class travel by an employee of the agency in*
23 *contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–10.124 of*
24 *title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.*

1 *SEC. 410. None of the funds made available in this*
2 *Act may be used to execute a contract for goods or services,*
3 *including construction services, where the contractor has*
4 *not complied with Executive Order No. 12989.*

5 *SEC. 411. None of the funds made available by this*
6 *Act may be used in contravention of section 101(e)(8) of*
7 *title 10, United States Code.*

8 *SEC. 412. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds appro-*
9 *priated or otherwise made available to the Department of*
10 *Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate, or*
11 *expand any facility in the United States, its territories, or*
12 *possessions to house any individual detained at United*
13 *States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for the pur-*
14 *poses of detention or imprisonment in the custody or under*
15 *the control of the Department of Defense.*

16 *(b) The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply*
17 *to any modification of facilities at United States Naval*
18 *Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.*

19 *(c) An individual described in this subsection is any*
20 *individual who, as of June 24, 2009, is located at United*
21 *States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and who—*

22 *(1) is not a citizen of the United States or a*
23 *member of the Armed Forces of the United States; and*

24 *(2) is—*

1 (A) *in the custody or under the effective*
2 *control of the Department of Defense; or*

3 (B) *otherwise under detention at United*
4 *States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.*

5 *SEC. 413. None of the funds made available by this*
6 *Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under*
7 *section 5502 of title 38, United States Code, in any case*
8 *arising out of the administration by the Secretary of laws*
9 *and benefits under such title, to report a person who is*
10 *deemed mentally incapacitated, mentally incompetent, or*
11 *to be experiencing an extended loss of consciousness as a*
12 *person who has been adjudicated as a mental defective*
13 *under subsection (d)(4) or (g)(4) of section 922 of title 18,*
14 *United States Code, without the order or finding of a judge,*
15 *magistrate, or other judicial authority of competent juris-*
16 *diction that such person is a danger to himself or herself*
17 *or others.*

18 *SEC. 414. None of the funds appropriated by this Act*
19 *may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence*
20 *congressional action on any legislation or appropriation*
21 *matter pending before Congress, other than to communicate*
22 *to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C. 1913.*

23 *SEC. 415. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall en-*
24 *sure that the policies and requirements described in the*
25 *transmittal sheet of the Veterans Health Administration*

1 *published on August 8, 2019, titled “Smoke-Free Policy for*
2 *Employees at VA Health Care Facilities (VHA Directive*
3 *1085.01)” remain in effect.*

4 *SEC. 416. (a) Each department or agency funded in*
5 *this or any other appropriations Act for fiscal year 2026*
6 *shall, no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act,*
7 *report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House*
8 *of Representatives and the Senate on funds that are allotted*
9 *and available for obligation as of the end of the reporting*
10 *period and on obligations as of the end of the reporting*
11 *period: Provided, That such report shall be delineated by:*
12 *(1) program, project, and activity level; (2) public law mak-*
13 *ing such funds available; and (3) period of availability:*
14 *Provided further, That such reports shall be transmitted to*
15 *the Committees monthly thereafter, on the fifteenth of each*
16 *such month, during the period of availability of the relevant*
17 *funds.*

18 *(b) The term “reporting period” as used in this section*
19 *means the month that precedes the date on which the de-*
20 *partment or agency transmits the report to the Committees.*

21 *This division may be cited as the “Military Construc-*
22 *tion, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropria-*
23 *tions Act, 2026”.*

1 ***DIVISION E—EXTENSION OF***
2 ***AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS***

3 ***SEC. 5001. UNITED STATES GRAIN STANDARDS ACT EXTEN-***
4 ***SION.***

5 *(a) Sections 7(j)(5), 7A(l)(4), and 21(e) of the United*
6 *States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79(j)(5), 79a(l)(4),*
7 *87j(e)) shall be applied by substituting “January 30, 2026”*
8 *for “September 30, 2025” each place it appears.*

9 *(b) Sections 7D and 19(a) of the United States Grain*
10 *Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79d, 87h(a)) shall be applied by*
11 *substituting “2026” for “2025” each place it appears.*

12 ***SEC. 5002. EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS.***

13 *(a) EXTENSION.—*

14 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided*
15 *in this section and the amendments made by this sec-*
16 *tion, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the*
17 *authorities (including any limitations on such au-*
18 *thorities) provided by each provision of the Agri-*
19 *culture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–*
20 *334; 132 Stat. 4490) and each provision of law*
21 *amended by that Act (and for mandatory programs*
22 *at such funding levels) as in effect (including pursu-*
23 *ant to section 4101 of division D of the American Re-*
24 *lief Act, 2025 (Public Law 118–158; 138 Stat. 1767))*

1 on September 30, 2025, shall continue and be carried
2 out until the date specified in paragraph (2).

3 (2) *DATE SPECIFIED.*—With respect to an au-
4 thority described in paragraph (1), the date specified
5 in this paragraph is the later of—

6 (A) September 30, 2026;

7 (B) the date specified with respect to such
8 authority in the *Agriculture Improvement Act of*
9 *2018 (Public Law 115–334; 132 Stat. 4490)* or
10 a provision of law amended by that Act (*Public*
11 *Law 115–334; 132 Stat. 4490*), including any
12 amendments made to such provisions by—

13 (i) titles I and V of *Public Law 119–*
14 21 (*139 Stat. 80, 137*);

15 (ii) the *Expanding Public Lands Out-*
16 *door Recreation Experiences Act (Public*
17 *Law 118–234; 138 Stat. 2836)*; and

18 (iii) any other provisions of law en-
19 acted after the *Agriculture Improvement Act*
20 of 2018 (*Public Law 115–334; 132 Stat.*
21 *4490*); and

22 (C) the date in effect with respect to such
23 authority pursuant to section 4101 of division D
24 of the *American Relief Act, 2025 (Public Law*
25 *118–158; 138 Stat. 1767)*).

1 **(b) DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS.**—*Programs carried*
2 *out using the authorities described in subsection (a)(1) that*
3 *are funded by discretionary appropriations (as defined in*
4 *section 250(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Def-*
5 *icit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900(c))) shall be subject*
6 *to the availability of appropriations.*

7 **(c) COMMODITY PROGRAMS.**—

8 **(1) DAIRY FORWARD PRICING PROGRAM.**—*Sec-*
9 *tion 1502(e)(2) of the Food, Conservation, and En-*
10 *ergy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8772(e)(2)) is amended by*
11 *striking “2028” and inserting “2029”.*

12 **(2) SUSPENSION OF PERMANENT PRICE SUPPORT**
13 **AUTHORITIES.**—*The provisions of law specified in—*

14 **(A)** *subsections (a) and (b) of section 1602*
15 *of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C.*
16 *9092)—*

17 **(i)** *shall not be applicable to the 2026*
18 *crops of covered commodities (as defined in*
19 *section 1111 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 9011)),*
20 *cotton, and sugar; and*

21 **(ii)** *shall not be applicable to milk*
22 *through December 31, 2026; and*

23 **(B)** *section 1602(c) of that Act (7 U.S.C.*
24 *9092(c)) shall not be applicable to the crops of*
25 *wheat planted for harvest in calendar year 2026.*

1 (d) *OTHER PROGRAMS.*—

2 (1) *TRADE.*—Section 302(h)(2) of the *Bill Emer-*
3 *son Humanitarian Trust Act* (7 U.S.C. 1736f–
4 1(h)(2)) is amended by striking “September 30, 2025”
5 and inserting “September 30, 2026”.

6 (2) *GRAZINGLANDS RESEARCH LABORATORY.*—
7 Section 7502 of the *Food, Conservation, and Energy*
8 *Act of 2008* (Public Law 110–246; 122 Stat. 2019;
9 132 Stat. 4817; 138 Stat. 1769) is amended by strik-
10 ing “2025” and inserting “2026”.

11 (3) *ENERGY.*—Section 9010(b) of the *Farm Se-*
12 *curity and Rural Investment Act of 2002* (7 U.S.C.
13 8110(b)) is amended in paragraphs (1)(A) and (2)(A)
14 by striking “2025” each place it appears and insert-
15 ing “2026”.

16 (e) *EXCEPTIONS.*—

17 (1) *COMMODITIES.*—Subsection (a) does not
18 apply with respect to mandatory funding under sec-
19 tion 1614(c)(4) of the *Agricultural Act of 2014* (7
20 U.S.C. 9097(c)(4)).

21 (2) *CONSERVATION.*—

22 (A) *MANDATORY FUNDING.*—Subsection (a)
23 does not apply with respect to mandatory fund-
24 ing under the following provisions of law:

1 (i) *Section 1240O(b)(3) of the Food Se-*
2 *curity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb-*
3 *2(b)(3)).*

4 (ii) *Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of sec-*
5 *tion 1241(a)(1) of the Food Security Act of*
6 *1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)(1)) for fiscal years*
7 *2025 and 2026.*

8 (B) *LIMITATIONS.—Subsection (a) does not*
9 *apply with respect to limitations under the fol-*
10 *lowing provisions of law:*

11 (i) *Section 1240G of the Food Security*
12 *Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-7).*

13 (ii) *Section 1240L(f) of the Food Secu-*
14 *rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-24(f)).*

15 (3) *RURAL DEVELOPMENT.—Subsection (a) does*
16 *not apply with respect to mandatory funding under*
17 *section 313B(e)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of*
18 *1936 (7 U.S.C. 940c-2(e)(2)).*

19 (4) *RESEARCH.—Subsection (a) does not apply*
20 *with respect to mandatory funding under the fol-*
21 *lowing provisions of law:*

22 (A) *Section 1446(b)(1) of the National Agri-*
23 *cultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Pol-*
24 *icy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3222a(b)(1)).*

1 (B) *Section 7601(g)(1)(A) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5939(g)(1)(A)).*

2
3 (5) *ENERGY.—Subsection (a) does not apply*
4 *with respect to mandatory funding under the fol-*
5 *lowing provisions of law:*

6 (A) *Section 9002(k)(1) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8102(k)(1)).*

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8
9 (B) *Section 9003(g)(1)(A) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7*
10 *U.S.C. 8103(g)(1)(A)).*

11
12 (6) *HORTICULTURE.—Subsection (a) does not*
13 *apply with respect to mandatory funding under the*
14 *following provisions of law:*

15 (A) *Section 2123(c)(4) of the Organic Foods*
16 *Production Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6522(c)(4)).*

17 (B) *Section 10109(c)(1) of the Agriculture*
18 *Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–334).*

19 (7) *MISCELLANEOUS.—Subsection (a) does not*
20 *apply with respect to mandatory funding under sec-*
21 *tion 209(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946*
22 *(7 U.S.C. 1627a(c)).*

23 (f) *REPORTS.—*

24 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), any*
25 *requirement under a provision of law described in*

1 *paragraph (1) of subsection (a) to submit a report on*
2 *a recurring basis, and the final report under which*
3 *was required to be submitted during fiscal year 2025,*
4 *shall continue, and the requirement shall be carried*
5 *out, on the same recurring basis, until the later of the*
6 *dates specified in paragraph (2) of that subsection.*

7 (2) *APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED.—If discre-*
8 *tionary appropriations (as defined in section 250(c)*
9 *of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Con-*
10 *trol Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900(c))) are required to*
11 *carry out a reporting requirement described in para-*
12 *graph (1), the application of that paragraph to that*
13 *reporting requirement shall be subject to the avail-*
14 *ability of appropriations.*

15 (g) *EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-*
16 *ments made by this section shall be applied and adminis-*
17 *tered as if this section and those amendments had been en-*
18 *acted on September 30, 2025.*

1 ***DIVISION F—HEALTH***
2 ***EXTENDERS***
3 ***TITLE I—PUBLIC HEALTH***
4 ***EXTENDERS***

5 ***SEC. 6101. EXTENSION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS,***
6 ***NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS, AND***
7 ***TEACHING HEALTH CENTERS THAT OPERATE***
8 ***GME PROGRAMS.***

9 (a) *EXTENSION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CEN-*
10 *TERS.—Section 10503(b)(1) of the Patient Protection and*
11 *Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 254b–2(b)(1)) is amended—*

12 (1) *in subparagraph (I), by striking “and” at*
13 *the end; and*

14 (2) *by adding at the end the following:*

15 *“(K) \$1,423,890,411 for the period begin-*
16 *ning on October 1, 2025, and ending on January*
17 *30, 2026; and”.*

18 (b) *EXTENSION FOR THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE*
19 *CORPS.—Section 10503(b)(2) of the Patient Protection and*
20 *Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 254b–2(b)(2)) is amended—*

21 (1) *in subparagraph (J), by striking “and” at*
22 *the end;*

23 (2) *in subparagraph (K), by striking the period*
24 *at the end and inserting “; and”; and*

25 (3) *by adding at the end the following:*

1 “(L) \$115,315,068 for the period beginning
2 on October 1, 2025, and ending on January 30,
3 2026.”.

4 (c) *TEACHING HEALTH CENTERS THAT OPERATE*
5 *GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.*—Section
6 *340H(g)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.*
7 *256h(g)(1)) is amended—*

8 (1) *in subparagraph (E), by striking “and” at*
9 *the end;*

10 (2) *in subparagraph (F), by striking the period*
11 *at the end and inserting “; and”; and*

12 (3) *by adding at the end the following:*

13 “(G) \$58,493,151 for the period beginning
14 on October 1, 2025, and ending on January 30,
15 2026.”.

16 (d) *APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS.*—Amounts appro-
17 *priated pursuant to the amendments made by this section*
18 *shall be subject to the requirements contained in Public Law*
19 *117–328 for funds for programs authorized under sections*
20 *330 through 340 of the Public Health Service Act (42*
21 *U.S.C. 254b et seq.).*

22 (e) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—Section 3014(h)(4) of
23 *title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “and*
24 *section 2101(d) of division B of the Full-Year Continuing*
25 *Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025” and inserting*

1 “section 2101(d) of division B of the Full-Year Continuing
2 Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, and section
3 6101(d) of the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture,
4 Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Af-
5 fairs, and Extensions Act, 2026”.

6 **SEC. 6102. EXTENSION OF SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAMS.**

7 (a) *EXTENSION OF SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAMS*
8 *FOR TYPE I DIABETES.*—Section 330B(b)(2) of the Public
9 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c-2(b)(2)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at
11 the end;

12 (2) in subparagraph (G), by striking the period
13 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(H) \$53,145,205 for the period beginning
16 on October 1, 2025, and ending on January 30,
17 2026, to remain available until expended.”.

18 (b) *EXTENDING FUNDING FOR SPECIAL DIABETES*
19 *PROGRAMS FOR INDIANS.*—Section 330C(c)(2) of the Public
20 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c-3(c)(2)) is amended—

21 (1) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at
22 the end;

23 (2) in subparagraph (G), by striking the period
24 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

25 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(H) \$53,145,205 for the period beginning
2 on October 1, 2025, and ending on January 30,
3 2026, to remain available until expended.”.

4 **SEC. 6103. NATIONAL HEALTH SECURITY EXTENSIONS.**

5 (a) Section 319(e)(8) of the Public Health Service Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 247d(e)(8)) is amended by striking “September
7 30, 2025” and inserting “January 30, 2026”.

8 (b) Section 319L(e)(1)(D) of the Public Health Service
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–7e(e)(1)(D)) is amended by striking
10 “September 30, 2025” and inserting “January 30, 2026”.

11 (c) Section 319L–1(b) of the Public Health Service Act
12 (42 U.S.C. 247d–7f(b)) is amended by striking “September
13 30, 2025” and inserting “January 30, 2026”.

14 (d)(1) Section 2811A(g) of the Public Health Service
15 Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–10b(g)) is amended by striking “Sep-
16 tember 30, 2025” and inserting “January 30, 2026”.

17 (2) Section 2811B(g)(1) of the Public Health Service
18 Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–10c(g)(1)) is amended by striking
19 “September 30, 2025” and inserting “January 30, 2026”.

20 (3) Section 2811C(g)(1) of the Public Health Service
21 Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–10d(g)(1)) is amended by striking
22 “September 30, 2025” and inserting “January 30, 2026”.

23 (e) Section 2812(c)(4)(B) of the Public Health Service
24 Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–11(c)(4)(B)) is amended by striking
25 “September 30, 2025” and inserting “January 30, 2026”.

TITLE II—MEDICARE**SEC. 6201. EXTENSION OF INCREASED INPATIENT HOSPITAL PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT FOR CERTAIN LOW-VOLUME HOSPITALS.**

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 1886(d)(12) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(12)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “in fiscal year 2026” and inserting “during the portion of fiscal year 2026 beginning on January 31, 2026, and ending on September 30, 2026, and in fiscal year 2027”;

(2) in subparagraph (C)(i)—

(A) in the matter preceding subclause (I)—

(i) by inserting “or portion of a fiscal year” after “for a fiscal year”; and

(ii) by inserting “and the portion of fiscal year 2026 beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending on January 30, 2026” after “through 2025”;

(B) in subclause (III), by inserting “and the portion of fiscal year 2026 beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending on January 30, 2026” after “through 2025”; and

(C) in subclause (IV), by striking “fiscal year 2026” and inserting “the portion of fiscal

1 year 2026 beginning on January 31, 2026, and
2 ending on September 30, 2026, and fiscal year
3 2027”; and

4 (3) in subparagraph (D)—

5 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
6 inserting “or during the portion of fiscal year
7 2026 beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending
8 on January 30, 2026” after “through 2025”; and

9 (B) in clause (ii), by inserting “and the
10 portion of fiscal year 2026 beginning on October
11 1, 2025, and ending on January 30, 2026” after
12 “through 2025”.

13 (b) *IMPLEMENTATION.*—Notwithstanding any other
14 provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
15 ices may implement the amendments made by this section
16 by program instruction or otherwise.

17 **SEC. 6202. EXTENSION OF THE MEDICARE-DEPENDENT**
18 **HOSPITAL (MDH) PROGRAM.**

19 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 1886(d)(5)(G) of the Social
20 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(G)) is amended—

21 (1) in clause (i), by striking “October 1, 2025”
22 and inserting “January 31, 2026”; and

23 (2) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “October 1,
24 2025” and inserting “January 31, 2026”.

25 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 1886(b)(3)(D) of the
2 *Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)(D))* is
3 amended—

4 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
5 striking “October 1, 2025” and inserting “Janu-
6 ary 31, 2026”; and

7 (B) in clause (iv), by inserting “and the
8 portion of fiscal year 2026 beginning on October
9 1, 2025, and ending on January 30, 2026” after
10 “through fiscal year 2025”.

11 (2) *PERMITTING HOSPITALS TO DECLINE RE-*
12 *CLASSIFICATION.*—Section 13501(e)(2) of the *Omnibus*
13 *Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C.*
14 *1395ww note)* is amended by inserting “, or the por-
15 tion of fiscal year 2026 beginning on October 1, 2025,
16 and ending on January 30, 2026” after “through fis-
17 cal year 2025”.

18 **SEC. 6203. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR QUALITY MEAS-**

19 **URE ENDORSEMENT, INPUT, AND SELECTION.**

20 Section 1890(d)(2) of the *Social Security Act (42*
21 *U.S.C. 1395aaa(d)(2))* is amended—

22 (1) in the first sentence—

23 (A) by striking “and \$14,030,000” and in-
24 serting “\$14,030,000”; and

1 (B) by inserting the following before the pe-
2 riod at the end: “, and \$13,300,000 for fiscal
3 year 2026”; and

4 (2) in the third sentence, by striking “and 2024
5 and the period beginning on October 1, 2024, and
6 ending on September 30, 2025,” and inserting “2024,
7 2025, and 2026”.

8 **SEC. 6204. EXTENDING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME**
9 **WAIVER AUTHORITIES.**

10 Section 1866G(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42
11 U.S.C. 1395cc–7(a)(1)) is amended by striking “September
12 30, 2025” and inserting “January 30, 2026”.

13 **SEC. 6205. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR MEDICARE HOS-**
14 **PICE SURVEYS.**

15 Section 3(a)(2) of the IMPACT Act of 2014 (Public
16 Law 113–185) is amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at
18 the end;

19 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period
20 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

21 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 paragraph:

23 “(C) \$2,000,000 for the period beginning on
24 October 1, 2025, and ending on January 30,
25 2026.”.

1 **SEC. 6206. EXTENSION OF ADD-ON PAYMENTS FOR AMBU-**
2 **LANCE SERVICES.**

3 *Section 1834(l) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.*
4 *1395m(l)) is amended—*

5 *(1) in paragraph (12)(A), by striking “October*
6 *1, 2025” and inserting “January 31, 2026”; and*

7 *(2) in paragraph (13), by striking “October 1,*
8 *2025” each place it appears and inserting “January*
9 *31, 2026” in each such place.*

10 **SEC. 6207. EXTENSION OF THE WORK GEOGRAPHIC INDEX**
11 **FLOOR.**

12 *Section 1848(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act (42*
13 *U.S.C. 1395w-4(e)(1)(E)) is amended by striking “October*
14 *1, 2025” and inserting “January 31, 2026”.*

15 **SEC. 6208. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN TELEHEALTH FLEXI-**
16 **BILITIES.**

17 *(a) REMOVING GEOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS AND EX-*
18 *PANDING ORIGINATING SITES FOR TELEHEALTH SERV-*
19 *ICES.—Section 1834(m) of the Social Security Act (42*
20 *U.S.C. 1395m(m)) is amended—*

21 *(1) in paragraph (2)(B)(iii), by striking “ending*
22 *September 30, 2025” and inserting “ending January*
23 *30, 2026”; and*

24 *(2) in paragraph (4)(C)(iii), by striking “ending*
25 *on September 30, 2025” and inserting “ending on*
26 *January 30, 2026”.*

1 (b) *EXPANDING PRACTITIONERS ELIGIBLE TO FUR-*
2 *NISH TELEHEALTH SERVICES.*—Section 1834(m)(4)(E) of
3 *the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(4)(E)) is*
4 *amended by striking “ending on September 30, 2025” and*
5 *inserting “ending on January 30, 2026”.*

6 (c) *EXTENDING TELEHEALTH SERVICES FOR FEDER-*
7 *ALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS AND RURAL HEALTH*
8 *CLINICS.*—Section 1834(m)(8)(A) of the Social Security
9 *Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(8)(A)) is amended by striking*
10 *“ending on September 30, 2025” and inserting “ending on*
11 *January 30, 2026”.*

12 (d) *DELAYING THE IN-PERSON REQUIREMENTS*
13 *UNDER MEDICARE FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FUR-*
14 *NISHED THROUGH TELEHEALTH AND TELECOMMUNI-*
15 *CATIONS TECHNOLOGY.*—

16 (1) *DELAY IN REQUIREMENTS FOR MENTAL*
17 *HEALTH SERVICES FURNISHED THROUGH TELE-*
18 *HEALTH.*—Section 1834(m)(7)(B)(i) of the Social Se-
19 *curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(7)(B)(i)) is amend-*
20 *ed, in the matter preceding subclause (I), by striking*
21 *“on or after October 1, 2025” and inserting “on or*
22 *after January 31, 2026”.*

23 (2) *MENTAL HEALTH VISITS FURNISHED BY*
24 *RURAL HEALTH CLINICS.*—Section 1834(y)(2) of the
25 *Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(y)(2)) is*

1 amended by striking “October 1, 2025” and inserting
2 “January 31, 2026”.

3 (3) *MENTAL HEALTH VISITS FURNISHED BY FED-*
4 *ERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.*—Section
5 1834(o)(4)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395m(o)(4)(B)) is amended by striking “October 1,
7 2025” and inserting “January 31, 2026”.

8 (e) *ALLOWING FOR THE FURNISHING OF AUDIO-ONLY*
9 *TELEHEALTH SERVICES.*—Section 1834(m)(9) of the Social
10 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(9)) is amended by strik-
11 ing “ending on September 30, 2025” and inserting “ending
12 on January 30, 2026”.

13 (f) *EXTENDING USE OF TELEHEALTH TO CONDUCT*
14 *FACE-TO-FACE ENCOUNTER PRIOR TO RECERTIFICATION*
15 *OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HOSPICE CARE.*—Section
16 1814(a)(7)(D)(i)(II) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
17 1395f(a)(7)(D)(i)(II)) is amended by striking “ending on
18 September 30, 2025” and inserting “ending on January 30,
19 2026”.

20 (g) *PROGRAM INSTRUCTION AUTHORITY.*—The Sec-
21 retary of Health and Human Services may implement the
22 amendments made by this section through program instruc-
23 tion or otherwise.

1 **SEC. 6209. REVISING PHASE-IN OF MEDICARE CLINICAL**
2 **LABORATORY TEST PAYMENT CHANGES.**

3 (a) *REVISED PHASE-IN OF REDUCTIONS FROM PRI-*
4 *VATE PAYOR RATE IMPLEMENTATION.*—Section
5 *1834A(b)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.*
6 *1395m–1(b)(3)(B)) is amended—*

7 (1) *in clause (ii), by inserting “and for the pe-*
8 *riod beginning on January 1, 2026, and ending on*
9 *January 30, 2026” after “2025”; and*

10 (2) *in clause (iii), by striking “for each of 2026*
11 *through 2028” and inserting “for the period begin-*
12 *ning on January 31, 2026, and ending on December*
13 *31, 2026, and for each of 2027 and 2028”.*

14 (b) *REVISED REPORTING PERIOD FOR REPORTING OF*
15 *PRIVATE SECTOR PAYMENT RATES FOR ESTABLISHMENT*
16 *OF MEDICARE PAYMENT RATES.*—Section *1834A(a)(1)(B)*
17 *of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m–1(a)(1)(B))*
18 *is amended—*

19 (1) *in clause (i), by striking “December 31,*
20 *2025” and inserting “January 31, 2026”; and*

21 (2) *in clause (ii), by striking “January 1, 2026,*
22 *and ending March 31, 2026” and inserting “Feb-*
23 *ruary 1, 2026, and ending April 30, 2026”.*

1 **SEC. 6210. EXTENSION OF FUNDING OUTREACH AND AS-**
2 **SISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) *STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PRO-*
4 *GRAMS.*—Subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 119 of the *Medi-*
5 *care Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008*
6 *(42 U.S.C. 1395b–3 note)* is amended—

7 (1) in clause (xiii), by striking “and” at the end;

8 (2) in clause (xiv), by striking the period at the
9 end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by inserting after clause (xiv) the following
11 new clause:

12 “(xv) for the period beginning on Octo-
13 ber 1, 2025, and ending on January 30,
14 2026, \$5,013,699.”.

15 (b) *AREA AGENCIES ON AGING.*—Subsection (b)(1)(B)
16 of such section 119 is amended—

17 (1) in clause (xiii), by striking “and” at the end;

18 (2) in clause (xiv), by striking the period at the
19 end and inserting “; and”; and

20 (3) by inserting after clause (xiv) the following
21 new clause:

22 “(xv) for the period beginning on Octo-
23 ber 1, 2025, and ending on January 30,
24 2026, \$5,013,699.”.

25 (c) *AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS.*—
26 Subsection (c)(1)(B) of such section 119 is amended—

1 (1) *in clause (xiii), by striking “and” at the end;*

2 (2) *in clause (xiv), by striking the period at the*
3 *end and inserting “; and”; and*

4 (3) *by inserting after clause (xiv) the following*
5 *new clause:*

6 *“(xv) for the period beginning on Octo-*
7 *ber 1, 2025, and ending on January 30,*
8 *2026, \$1,671,233.”.*

9 (d) *COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TO INFORM OLDER*
10 *AMERICANS ABOUT BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER FED-*
11 *ERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS.—Subsection (d)(2) of such*
12 *section 119 is amended—*

13 (1) *in clause (xiii), by striking “and” at the end;*

14 (2) *in clause (xiv), by striking the period at the*
15 *end and inserting “; and”; and*

16 (3) *by inserting after clause (xiv) the following*
17 *new clause:*

18 *“(xv) for the period beginning on October 1,*
19 *2025, and ending on January 30, 2026,*
20 *\$5,013,699.”.*

1 **SEC. 6211. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY INCLUSION OF AU-**
2 **THORIZED ORAL ANTIVIRAL DRUGS AS COV-**
3 **ERED PART D DRUGS.**

4 *Section 1860D–2(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act*
5 *(42 U.S.C. 1395w–102(e)(1)(C)) is amended by striking*
6 *“September 30, 2025” and inserting “January 30, 2026”.*

7 **SEC. 6212. MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT FUND.**

8 *Section 1898(b)(1) of the Social Security Act (42*
9 *U.S.C. 1395iii(b)(1)) is amended—*

10 *(1) by striking “fiscal year 2026” and inserting*
11 *“fiscal year 2027”; and*

12 *(2) by striking “\$1,804,000,000” and inserting*
13 *“\$1,403,000,000”.*

14 **SEC. 6213. MEDICARE SEQUESTRATION.**

15 *Section 251A(6)(D) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-*
16 *gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901a(6)(D))*
17 *is amended—*

18 *(1) in clause (i), by striking “10 months” and*
19 *inserting “11 months”; and*

20 *(2) in clause (ii), by striking “2 months” and*
21 *inserting “1 month”.*

22 **TITLE III—HUMAN SERVICES**

23 **SEC. 6301. SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE EDUCATION EXTEN-**
24 **SION.**

25 *Section 510 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 710)*
26 *is amended—*

1 (1) *in subsection (a)*—

2 (A) *in paragraph (1)*—

3 (i) *by striking “2023, for the period be-*
4 *ginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on*
5 *November 17, 2023, for the period beginning*
6 *on November 18, 2023, and ending on Jan-*
7 *uary 19, 2024, for the period beginning on*
8 *January 20, 2024, and ending on March 8,*
9 *2024, for the period beginning on March 9,*
10 *2024, and ending on September 30, 2024,*
11 *and for fiscal year 2025” and inserting*
12 *“2025, and for the period beginning on Oc-*
13 *tober 1, 2025, and ending on January 30,*
14 *2026”;* and

15 (ii) *by striking “fiscal year 2024” and*
16 *inserting “fiscal year 2026”;* and

17 (B) *in paragraph (2)*—

18 (i) *in subparagraph (A)*—

19 (I) *by striking “through 2023”*
20 *and inserting “through 2025”;*

21 (II) *by striking “fiscal year 2024*
22 *or 2025” and inserting “fiscal year*
23 *2026”;* and

24 (III) *by inserting “(or, with re-*
25 *spect to the applicable period, for fiscal*

1 year 2026)” after “an application for
2 the fiscal year”; and

3 (ii) in subparagraph (B)(i), by strik-
4 ing “2024 or 2025” and inserting “2026”;
5 and

6 (2) in subsection (f)(1) by striking “2023, for the
7 period beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on
8 November 17, 2023, an amount equal to the pro rata
9 portion of the amount appropriated for the cor-
10 responding period for fiscal year 2023, for the period
11 beginning on November 18, 2023, and ending on Jan-
12 uary 19, 2024, an amount equal to the pro rata por-
13 tion of the amount appropriated for the corresponding
14 period for fiscal year 2023, for the period beginning
15 on January 20, 2024, and ending on March 8, 2024,
16 an amount equal to the pro rata portion of the
17 amount appropriated for the period at the end of the
18 corresponding sentence for fiscal year 2023, for the
19 period beginning on March 9, 2024, and ending on
20 September 30, 2024, an amount equal to the pro rata
21 portion of the amount appropriated for the cor-
22 responding period for fiscal year 2023, and for for fis-
23 cal year 2025, an amount equal to the amount appro-
24 priated for fiscal year 2024” and inserting “2025,
25 and for the period beginning on October 1, 2025, and

1 ending on January 30, 2026, an amount equal to the
2 pro rata portion of the amount appropriated for the
3 corresponding period for fiscal year 2025”.

4 **SEC. 6302. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION EXTEN-**
5 **SION.**

6 Section 513 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 713)
7 is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A), in the matter pre-
10 ceding clause (i), by striking “2023, for the pe-
11 riod beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending
12 on November 17, 2023, for the period beginning
13 on November 18, 2023, and ending on January
14 19, 2024, for the period beginning on January
15 20, 2024, and ending on March 8, 2024, for the
16 period beginning on March 9, 2024, and ending
17 on September 30, 2024, and for fiscal year 2025”
18 and inserting “2025, and for the period begin-
19 ning on October 1, 2025, and ending on January
20 30, 2026”; and

21 (B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking
22 “the period beginning on October 1, 2023, and
23 ending on November 17, 2023, for the period be-
24 ginning on November 18, 2023, and ending on
25 January 19, 2024, for the period beginning on

1 *January 20, 2024, and ending on March 8,*
2 *2024, for the period beginning on March 9, 2024,*
3 *and ending on September 30, 2024, and for fis-*
4 *cal year 2025” and inserting “fiscal years 2024*
5 *and 2025, and for the period beginning on Octo-*
6 *ber 1, 2025, and ending on January 30, 2026”;*
7 *(2) in subsection (c)(3), by striking “2024 or*
8 *2025” and inserting “2026”; and*
9 *(3) in subsection (f), by striking “2023, for the*
10 *period beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on*
11 *November 17, 2023, an amount equal to the pro rata*
12 *portion of the amount appropriated for the cor-*
13 *responding period for fiscal year 2023, for the period*
14 *beginning on November 18, 2023, and ending on Jan-*
15 *uary 19, 2024, an amount equal to the pro rata por-*
16 *tion of the amount appropriated for the corresponding*
17 *period for fiscal year 2023, for the period beginning*
18 *on January 20, 2024, and ending on March 8, 2024,*
19 *an amount equal to the pro rata portion of the*
20 *amount appropriated for the corresponding period for*
21 *fiscal year 2023, for the period beginning on March*
22 *9, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2024, an*
23 *amount equal to the pro rata portion of the amount*
24 *appropriated for the corresponding period for fiscal*
25 *year 2023, and for fiscal year 2025, an amount equal*

1 (1) *in the heading, by inserting “AND A PORTION*
2 *OF FISCAL YEAR 2026” after “2025”; and*

3 (2) *by inserting “, and the DSH allotment for*
4 *Tennessee for the portion of fiscal year 2026 begin-*
5 *ning October 1, 2025, and ending January 30, 2026,*
6 *shall be \$17,748,493, which may be claimed as fiscal*
7 *year 2026 uncompensated care costs” before the pe-*
8 *riod.*

9 (b) *DELAYING DSH ALLOTMENT REDUCTIONS.—Sec-*
10 *tion 1923(f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-*
11 *4(f)) is amended—*

12 (1) *in paragraph (7)(A)—*

13 (A) *in clause (i)—*

14 (i) *in the matter preceding subclause*
15 *(I), by striking “For each of fiscal years*
16 *2026 through 2028” and inserting “For the*
17 *period beginning January 31, 2026, and*
18 *ending September 30, 2026, and for each of*
19 *fiscal years 2027 and 2028”;*

20 (ii) *in subclause (I), by inserting “or*
21 *period” after “the fiscal year”; and*

22 (iii) *in subclause (II), by inserting “or*
23 *period” after “in the fiscal year”; and*

24 (B) *in clause (ii), by striking “for each of*
25 *fiscal years 2026 through 2028” and inserting*

1 *“for the period beginning January 31, 2026, and*
2 *ending September 30, 2026, and for each of fiscal*
3 *years 2027 and 2028”;* and

4 (2) *in paragraph (8), by striking “2027” and in-*
5 *serting “2028”.*

6 ***TITLE V—FOOD AND DRUG***
7 ***ADMINISTRATION***

8 ***SEC. 6501. SHORT TITLE.***

9 *This title may be cited as the “Over-the-Counter Mono-*
10 *graph Drug User Fee Amendments”.*

11 ***SEC. 6502. FINDING.***

12 *Congress finds that the fees authorized by the amend-*
13 *ments made in this title will be dedicated to over-the-*
14 *counter (OTC) monograph drug activities, as set forth in*
15 *the goals identified for purposes of part 10 of subchapter*
16 *C of chapter VII of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic*
17 *Act (21 U.S.C. 379j–71 et seq.), in the letters from the Sec-*
18 *retary of Health and Human Services to the Chairman of*
19 *the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of*
20 *Representatives and the Chairman of the Committee on*
21 *Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, as*
22 *set forth in the Congressional Record.*

23 ***SEC. 6503. DEFINITIONS.***

24 *Section 744L(9)(A) of the Federal Food, Drug, and*
25 *Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379j–71(9)(A)) is amended—*

1 (1) *in clause (v), by striking “; or” and inserting*
2 *a semicolon;*

3 (2) *in clause (vi)—*

4 (A) *by striking “addition” and inserting*
5 *“the addition”; and*

6 (B) *by striking the period and inserting “;*
7 *or”; and*

8 (3) *by adding at the end the following:*

9 “(vi) *the addition or modification of a test-*
10 *ing procedure applicable to one or more OTC*
11 *monograph drugs, provided that such additional*
12 *or modified testing procedure reflects a voluntary*
13 *consensus standard with respect to pharma-*
14 *ceutical quality that is—*

15 “(I) *established by a national or inter-*
16 *national standards development organiza-*
17 *tion; and*

18 “(II) *recognized by the Secretary*
19 *through a process described in guidance for*
20 *industry, initially published in July 2023,*
21 *or any successor guidance, publicly avail-*
22 *able on the website of the Food and Drug*
23 *Administration, which addresses voluntary*
24 *consensus standards for pharmaceutical*
25 *quality.”.*

1 **SEC. 6504. AUTHORITY TO ASSESS AND USE OTC MONO-**
2 **GRAPH FEES.**

3 (a) *TYPES OF FEES.*—Section 744M(a)(1) of the Fed-
4 eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379j-
5 72(a)(1)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (A) by striking “on December 31 of the fis-
8 cal year or at any time during the preceding 12-
9 month period” and inserting “at any time dur-
10 ing the applicable period specified in clause (ii)
11 for a fiscal year”;

12 (B) by striking “Each person” and insert-
13 ing the following:

14 “(i) *ASSESSMENT OF FEES.*—Each
15 person”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(ii) *APPLICABLE PERIOD.*—For pur-
18 poses of clause (i), the applicable period
19 is—

20 “(I) for fiscal year 2026, the 12-
21 month period ending on December 31,
22 2025;

23 “(II) for fiscal year 2027, the 9-
24 month period ending on September 30,
25 2026; and

1 “(III) for fiscal year 2028 and
2 each subsequent fiscal year, the 12-
3 month period ending on September 30
4 of the preceding fiscal year.”;

5 (2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by amending sub-
6 clause (I) to read as follows:

7 “(I) has ceased all activities re-
8 lated to OTC monograph drugs prior
9 to—

10 “(aa) for purposes of fiscal
11 year 2026, January 1, 2025;

12 “(bb) for purposes of fiscal
13 year 2027, January 1, 2026; and

14 “(cc) for purposes of fiscal
15 year 2028 and each subsequent
16 fiscal year, October 1 of the pre-
17 ceding fiscal year; and”;

18 (3) by amending subparagraph (D) to read as
19 follows:

20 “(D) DUE DATE.—

21 “(i) FISCAL YEAR 2026.—For fiscal
22 year 2026, the facility fees required under
23 subparagraph (A) shall be due on the later
24 of—

1 “(I) *the first business day of June*
2 *of such year; or*

3 “(II) *the first business day after*
4 *the enactment of an appropriations*
5 *Act providing for the collection and ob-*
6 *ligation of fees under this section for*
7 *such year.*

8 “(ii) *FISCAL YEAR 2027.—For fiscal*
9 *year 2027, the facility fees required under*
10 *subparagraph (A) shall be due—*

11 “(I) *in a first installment rep-*
12 *resenting 50 percent of such fee, on the*
13 *later of—*

14 “(aa) *October 1, 2026; or*

15 “(bb) *the first business day*
16 *after the enactment of an appro-*
17 *priations Act providing for the*
18 *collection and obligation of fees*
19 *under this section for such year;*
20 *and*

21 “(II) *in a second installment rep-*
22 *resenting the remaining 50 percent of*
23 *such fee, on—*

24 “(aa) *February 1, 2027; or*

1 “(bb) if an appropriations
2 Act described in subclause (I)(bb)
3 is not in effect on February 1,
4 2027, the first business day after
5 enactment of such an appropria-
6 tions Act.

7 “(iii) *SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS.*—
8 For fiscal year 2028 and each subsequent
9 fiscal year, the facility fees required under
10 subparagraph (A) shall be due on the later
11 of—

12 “(I) the first business day on or
13 after October 1 of the fiscal year; or

14 “(II) the first business day after
15 the date of enactment of an appropria-
16 tions Act providing for the collection
17 and obligation of fees under this sec-
18 tion for the fiscal year.”.

19 (b) *FEE REVENUE AMOUNTS.*—Section 744M(b) of the
20 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379j–
21 72(b)) is amended to read as follows:

22 “(b) *FEE REVENUE AMOUNTS.*—

23 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—For each of the fiscal years
24 2026 through 2030, fees under subsection (a)(1) shall

1 *be established to generate a total facility fee revenue*
2 *amount equal to the sum of—*

3 *“(A) the annual base revenue for the fiscal*
4 *year (as determined under paragraph (2));*

5 *“(B) the dollar amount equal to the infla-*
6 *tion adjustment for the fiscal year (as deter-*
7 *mined under subsection (c)(1));*

8 *“(C) the dollar amount equal to the oper-*
9 *ating reserve adjustment for the fiscal year, if*
10 *applicable (as determined under subsection*
11 *(c)(2));*

12 *“(D) additional direct cost adjustments (as*
13 *determined under subsection (c)(3));*

14 *“(E) an additional dollar amount equal*
15 *to—*

16 *“(i) \$2,373,000 for fiscal year 2026;*

17 *“(ii) \$1,233,000 for fiscal year 2027;*

18 *and*

19 *“(iii) \$854,000 for fiscal year 2028;*

20 *and*

21 *“(F) in the case of a fiscal year for which*
22 *the Secretary applies the one-time facility fee*
23 *workload adjustment under subsection (c)(4), the*
24 *dollar amount equal to such adjustment.*

1 “(2) *ANNUAL BASE REVENUE.*—For purposes of
2 *paragraph (1), the dollar amount of the annual base*
3 *revenue for a fiscal year shall be—*

4 “(A) *for fiscal year 2026, the dollar amount*
5 *of the total revenue amount established for fiscal*
6 *year 2025 under this subsection as in effect on*
7 *the day before the date of enactment of the Over-*
8 *the-Counter Monograph Drug User Fee Amend-*
9 *ments, not including any adjustments made for*
10 *such fiscal year 2025 under subsection (c)(2), as*
11 *so in effect; and*

12 “(B) *for fiscal years 2027 through 2030, the*
13 *dollar amount of the total revenue amount estab-*
14 *lished under this subsection for the previous fis-*
15 *cal year, not including any adjustments made*
16 *for such previous fiscal year under subsection*
17 *(c)(2) or (c)(3).”.*

18 (c) *ADJUSTMENTS; ANNUAL FEE SETTING.*—Section
19 744M(c) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
20 U.S.C. 379j–72(c)) is amended—

21 (1) *in paragraph (1)—*

22 (A) *in subparagraph (A), in the matter pre-*
23 *ceding clause (i)—*

24 (i) *by striking “subsection (b)(2)(B)”*

25 *and inserting “subsection (b)(1)(B)”;* and

1 (ii) by striking “fiscal year 2022 and
2 each subsequent fiscal year” and inserting
3 “each fiscal year”;

4 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “fis-
5 cal year 2022” and all that follows through the
6 period at the end and inserting the following: “a
7 fiscal year shall be equal to the product of—

8 “(i) for fiscal year 2026—

9 “(I) the fee for fiscal year 2025
10 under subsection (a)(2); and

11 “(II) the inflation adjustment per-
12 centage under subparagraph (C); and

13 “(ii) for each of fiscal years 2027
14 through 2030—

15 “(I) the applicable fee under sub-
16 section (a)(2) for the preceding fiscal
17 year; and

18 “(II) the inflation adjustment per-
19 centage under subparagraph (C).”;

20 (C) in subparagraph (C)—

21 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
22 by inserting “the sum of” after “is equal
23 to”;

24 (ii) by striking clause (i);

1 (iii) by redesignating subclauses (I)
2 and (II) of clause (ii) as clauses (i) and
3 (ii), respectively, and adjusting the margins
4 accordingly;

5 (iv) by striking “(ii) for each of fiscal
6 years 2024 and 2025, the sum of—”; and

7 (v) in clause (ii), as so redesignated,
8 by striking “Washington-Baltimore, DC-
9 MD-VA-WV” and inserting “Washington-
10 Arlington-Alexandria-DC-VA-MD-WV”;

11 (2) in paragraph (2)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

13 (i) by striking “fiscal year 2021 and
14 subsequent fiscal years” and inserting “each
15 fiscal year”;

16 (ii) by striking “subsections (b)(1)(B)
17 and (b)(2)(C)” and inserting “subsection
18 (b)(1)(C)”; and

19 (iii) by striking “the number of weeks
20 specified in subparagraph (B)” and insert-
21 ing “10 weeks”;

22 (B) by striking subparagraph (B);

23 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)
24 and (D) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-
25 tively; and

1 (D) in subparagraph (C), as so redesignig-
2 nated, by striking “paragraph (4) establishing”
3 and inserting “paragraph (5) publishing”;
4 (3) in paragraph (3)—

5 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
6 (A), by striking “subsection (b)(2)(D)” and in-
7 serting “subsection (b)(1)(D)”; and

8 (B) by striking subparagraphs (A) through
9 (E) and inserting the following:

10 “(A) \$135,000 for fiscal year 2026;

11 “(B) \$300,000 for fiscal year 2027;

12 “(C) \$55,000 for fiscal year 2028;

13 “(D) \$30,000 for fiscal year 2029; and

14 “(E) \$0 for fiscal year 2030.”; and

15 (4) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
16 following:

17 “(4) ONE-TIME FACILITY FEE WORKLOAD AD-
18 JUSTMENT.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the ad-
20 justments under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), the
21 Secretary may further increase the fee revenues
22 and fees through a one-time adjustment made for
23 fiscal year 2028, 2029, or 2030, in accordance
24 with this paragraph.

25 “(B) ADJUSTMENT DESCRIBED.—

1 “(i) *CONDITIONS FOR ADJUSTMENT.*—

2 *An adjustment under this paragraph may*

3 *be made for a fiscal year only if—*

4 “(I) *an adjustment under this*

5 *paragraph had not been made for any*

6 *prior fiscal year;*

7 “(II) *the average number of OTC*

8 *monograph drug facilities subject to a*

9 *facility fee under subsection (a)(1) over*

10 *the period of the preceding 3 fiscal*

11 *years exceeds 1,625; and*

12 “(III) *with respect to facilities de-*

13 *scribed in subclause (II), the average*

14 *number of such facilities (expressed as*

15 *a percentage) that appeared on the ar-*

16 *rears lists pursuant to subsection*

17 *(e)(1)(A)(i) over the period of the pre-*

18 *ceding 3 fiscal years is less than 30*

19 *percent.*

20 “(ii) *AMOUNT OF ADJUSTMENT.*—*An*

21 *adjustment under this paragraph for a fis-*

22 *cal year shall equal the product of—*

23 “(I) *the total facility revenue*

24 *amount determined under subsection*

25 *(b) for the fiscal year, exclusive of the*

1 *adjustment under this paragraph for*
2 *such fiscal year; and*

3 *“(II) the excess facility percentage*
4 *described in clause (iii).*

5 *“(iii) EXCESS FACILITY PERCENT-*
6 *AGE.—The excess facility percentage de-*
7 *scribed in this clause is—*

8 *“(I) the amount by which the av-*
9 *erage number of OTC monograph drug*
10 *facilities subject to a facility fee under*
11 *subsection (a)(1) over the preceding 3*
12 *fiscal years exceeds 1,625; divided by*

13 *“(II) 1,625.*

14 *“(5) ANNUAL FEE SETTING.—The Secretary*
15 *shall, not later than 60 days before the first day of*
16 *each fiscal year—*

17 *“(A) establish for such fiscal year, based on*
18 *the revenue amounts under subsection (b) and*
19 *the adjustments provided under this subsection—*

20 *“(i) OTC monograph drug facility fees*
21 *under subsection (a)(1); and*

22 *“(ii) OTC monograph order request*
23 *fees under subsection (a)(2); and*

1 “(B) publish such fee revenue amounts, fa-
2 cility fees, and OTC monograph order request
3 fees in the Federal Register.”.

4 (d) *CREDITING AND AVAILABILITY OF FEES.*—Section
5 744M(f) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
6 U.S.C. 379j–72(f)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (2)(D)—

8 (A) in the subparagraph heading, by strik-
9 ing “IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS”; and

10 (B) by striking “(after fiscal year 2021”;
11 and

12 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “2021 through
13 2025” and inserting “2026 through 2030”.

14 **SEC. 6505. REAUTHORIZATION; REPORTING REQUIRE-**
15 **MENTS.**

16 (a) *PERFORMANCE REPORT.*—Section 744N of the
17 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379j–
18 73) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)—

20 (A) by striking “Beginning with fiscal year
21 2021, and not later than 120 calendar days after
22 the end of each fiscal year thereafter” and insert-
23 ing the following:

24 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 120 calendar
25 days after the end of each fiscal year”;

1 (B) by striking “section 3861(b) of the
2 CARES Act” and inserting “section 6502 of the
3 Over-the-Counter Monograph Drug User Fee
4 Amendments”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(2) *ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—Beginning*
7 *with fiscal year 2026, the annual report under this*
8 *subsection shall include—*

9 “(A) *the progress of the Food and Drug Ad-*
10 *ministration in achieving the goals, and future*
11 *plans for meeting the goals, including—*

12 “(i) *the number of Tier 1 OTC mono-*
13 *graph order requests for which a proposed*
14 *order was issued, and the number of such*
15 *requests for which a final order was issued,*
16 *in the previous fiscal year;*

17 “(ii) *the number of Tier 2 OTC mono-*
18 *graph order requests for which a proposed*
19 *order was issued, and the number of such*
20 *requests for which a final order was issued,*
21 *in the previous fiscal year;*

22 “(iii) *the number of specified safety*
23 *OTC monograph order requests for which a*
24 *proposed order was issued, and the number*

1 *of such requests for which a final order was*
2 *issued, in the previous fiscal year;*

3 *“(iv) the number of generally recog-*
4 *nized as safe and effective finalization OTC*
5 *monograph order requests for which a pro-*
6 *posed order was issued, and the number of*
7 *such requests for which a final order was*
8 *issued, in the previous fiscal year;*

9 *“(v) the average timeline for processing*
10 *OTC monograph order requests, in the ag-*
11 *gregate and by submission type, in the pre-*
12 *vious fiscal year; and*

13 *“(vi) postmarket safety activities with*
14 *respect to OTC monograph drugs, includ-*
15 *ing—*

16 *“(I) collecting, developing, and re-*
17 *viewing safety information on OTC*
18 *monograph drugs, including adverse*
19 *event reports;*

20 *“(II) developing and using im-*
21 *proved analytical tools, adverse event*
22 *data-collection systems, including in-*
23 *formation technology systems, to assess*
24 *potential safety problems, including*
25 *access to external databases; and*

1 “(III) activities under section
2 760;

3 “(B) information regarding registration of
4 OTC monograph drug facilities and contract
5 manufacturing organization facilities and pay-
6 ment of registration fees by such facilities, in-
7 cluding—

8 “(i) the OTC monograph drug facilities
9 and contract manufacturing organization
10 facilities that were first registered under
11 section 510(c) or 510(i) in the fiscal year;
12 and

13 “(ii) for each OTC monograph drug fa-
14 cility and contract manufacturing organi-
15 zation facility that was assessed a facility
16 fee under section 744M(a) in the fiscal year,
17 whether the facility paid such fee;

18 “(C) the status of implementation of evi-
19 dence and testing standards under section
20 505G(r) for nonprescription drugs intended for
21 topical administration, including—

22 “(i) the application of evidence or test-
23 ing standards; and

24 “(ii) the number of active ingredient
25 requests for nonprescription drugs intended

1 for topical administration reviewed using
2 the standards under section 505G(b); and
3 “(D) the progress of the Food and Drug Ad-
4 ministration in allowing nonclinical testing al-
5 ternatives to animal testing for the consideration
6 of sunscreen active ingredients.

7 “(3) *CONFIDENTIALITY*.—Nothing in paragraph
8 (2) shall be construed to authorize the disclosure of in-
9 formation that is prohibited from disclosure under
10 section 301(j) of this Act or section 1905 of title 18,
11 United States Code, or that is subject to withholding
12 under section 552(b)(4) of title 5, United States
13 Code.”;

14 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “fiscal year
15 2021 and each subsequent fiscal year” and inserting
16 “each fiscal year”; and

17 (3) in subsection (d)—

18 (A) by striking “2025” each place it ap-
19 pears and inserting “2030”; and

20 (B) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(4) *MINUTES OF NEGOTIATION MEETINGS*.—

22 “(A) *PUBLIC AVAILABILITY*.—The Secretary
23 shall make publicly available, on the public
24 website of the Food and Drug Administration,
25 robust written minutes of all negotiation meet-

1 *ings conducted under this subsection between the*
2 *Food and Drug Administration and the regu-*
3 *lated industry, not later than 30 days after each*
4 *such negotiation meeting.*

5 *“(B) CONTENT.—The robust written min-*
6 *utes described under subparagraph (A) shall con-*
7 *tain, in detail, any substantive proposal made*
8 *by any party to the negotiations as well as sig-*
9 *nificant controversies or differences of opinion*
10 *during the negotiations and their resolution.”.*

11 *(b) GAO REPORT.—*

12 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,*
13 *2027, the Comptroller General of the United States*
14 *shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education,*
15 *Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee*
16 *on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representa-*
17 *tives a report assessing the supply chain of over-the-*
18 *counter monograph drugs.*

19 *(2) CONTENTS.—The report required under*
20 *paragraph (1) shall include an assessment of—*

21 *(A) the overall stability of the supply chain*
22 *of over-the-counter monograph drugs;*

23 *(B) what information is collected by the*
24 *Food and Drug Administration with respect to*

1 *the supply chain of over-the-counter monograph*
2 *drugs;*

3 (C) *how the Food and Drug Administration*
4 *uses information collected on the supply chain of*
5 *over-the-counter monograph drugs to inform reg-*
6 *ulatory decisions;*

7 (D) *how the Food and Drug Administration*
8 *coordinates with other Federal agencies to mon-*
9 *itor and mitigate disruptions to the supply*
10 *chain of over-the-counter monograph drugs; and*

11 (E) *the unique characteristics of the over-*
12 *the-counter monograph drug marketplace and*
13 *what additional authorities or information the*
14 *Food and Drug Administration may need to en-*
15 *sure the stability of the supply chain of over-the-*
16 *counter monograph drugs.*

17 **SEC. 6506. TREATMENT OF ACTIVE INGREDIENTS FOR TOP-**
18 **ICAL ADMINISTRATION.**

19 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 505G of the Federal Food,*
20 *Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355h) is amended by*
21 *adding at the end the following:*

22 “(r) *EVIDENCE AND TESTING STANDARDS FOR ACTIVE*
23 *INGREDIENTS FOR TOPICAL ADMINISTRATION.*—

1 “(1) *EVIDENCE AND TESTING STANDARDS FOR*
2 *ACTIVE INGREDIENTS FOR TOPICAL ADMINISTRA-*
3 *TION.—The Secretary shall—*

4 “(A) *in evaluating the generally recognized*
5 *as safe and effective status of active ingredients*
6 *used in nonprescription drugs intended for top-*
7 *ical administration for purposes of subsection*
8 *(a), utilize standards that allow for the use of*
9 *real world evidence (as defined in section*
10 *505F(b)), as appropriate, as part of a com-*
11 *prehensive evaluation of scientific evidence to*
12 *demonstrate the safety and effectiveness of such*
13 *active ingredients, to supplement evidence from*
14 *traditional clinical trials, provided that such*
15 *standards allow the Secretary to evaluate wheth-*
16 *er the benefits of such active ingredients outweigh*
17 *the risks; and*

18 “(B) *apply subsection (b)(6)(C) to the regu-*
19 *lation of active ingredients used in drugs in-*
20 *tended for topical administration.*

21 “(2) *NON-ANIMAL TESTING METHODS FOR TOP-*
22 *ICAL ACTIVE INGREDIENTS.—*

23 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall*
24 *consider the types of nonclinical tests described*
25 *in paragraphs (1) through (4) of the first sub-*

1 *section (z) of section 505 (as inserted by section*
2 *3209(a)(2) of the Health Extenders, Improving*
3 *Access to Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP, and*
4 *Strengthening Public Health Act of 2022 (divi-*
5 *sion FF of Public Law 117–328)), or any other*
6 *alternative to animal testing that the Secretary*
7 *determines appropriate, in the consideration of*
8 *drugs intended for topical administration under*
9 *this section.*

10 *“(B) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year*
11 *after the date of enactment of this subsection, the*
12 *Secretary shall issue new draft guidance on how*
13 *sponsors can use nonclinical testing alternatives*
14 *to animal testing, as appropriate, to meet safety*
15 *and efficacy standards under this section for*
16 *drugs intended for topical administration.*

17 *“(3) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing in this subsection*
18 *shall be construed to alter, supersede, or limit the*
19 *standards for making determinations of whether a*
20 *drug is generally recognized as safe and effective*
21 *under section 201(p) or the standards set forth under*
22 *section 505 for determining the safety and effective-*
23 *ness of drugs.”.*

24 *(b) SUNSCREEN FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER.—A*
25 *final administrative order on nonprescription sunscreen ac-*

1 *tive ingredients issued under section 3854 of the*
 2 *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Pub-*
 3 *lic Law 116–136; 21 U.S.C. 360fff–3 note) shall—*

4 (1) *account for historical data regarding the*
 5 *safety of sunscreen active ingredients that have pre-*
 6 *viously been accepted for marketing in the United*
 7 *States;*

8 (2) *account for the role of broad spectrum sun-*
 9 *screens with a Sun Protection Factor of 15 or higher*
 10 *in effective skin cancer prevention; and*

11 (3) *incorporate the evidence and testing stand-*
 12 *ards for sunscreen active ingredients detailed in sec-*
 13 *tion 505G(r) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic*
 14 *Act (21 U.S.C. 355h) (as added by subsection (a)).*

15 **SEC. 6507. INCREASING THE CLARITY AND PREDICTABILITY**
 16 **OF THE PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING APPLICA-**
 17 **TIONS FOR RX-TO-NONPRESCRIPTION**
 18 **SWITCHES.**

19 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 505(b) of the Federal Food,*
 20 *Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(b)) is amended by*
 21 *adding at the end the following:*

22 “(7) *RX-TO-NONPRESCRIPTION SWITCHES.*—

23 “(A) *MEETINGS.*—*Any person planning to*
 24 *submit an application for an Rx-to-nonprescrip-*
 25 *tion switch may submit to the Secretary a writ-*

1 *ten request for a meeting, for purposes of devel-*
2 *oping a plan for such application that addresses*
3 *the potential risks to public health of such switch*
4 *and the evidence necessary to support such ap-*
5 *plication, including the design of any necessary*
6 *studies, and the format and content of the*
7 *planned application. The Secretary may grant*
8 *such a meeting, as appropriate, consistent with*
9 *established procedures for granting meetings*
10 *with, and providing written responses to, appli-*
11 *cations under this section. Each such meeting*
12 *shall be documented in meeting minutes.*

13 *“(B) GUIDANCE.—*

14 *“(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18*
15 *months after the date of enactment of this*
16 *paragraph, the Secretary shall issue guid-*
17 *ance to increase the clarity and predict-*
18 *ability of the process and standards for ap-*
19 *proval of applications for nonprescription*
20 *drugs under this section, including in the*
21 *case of applications for an Rx-to-non-*
22 *prescription switch, especially with respect*
23 *to prescription drugs with well-established*
24 *safety profiles for which an applicant may*
25 *seek approval for nonprescription use.*

1 “(ii) *CONTENTS.*—*The guidance under*
2 *clause (i) shall—*

3 “(I) *describe how published re-*
4 *ports in medical literature, any pre-*
5 *vious finding of safety or effectiveness*
6 *for the drug under this section, the re-*
7 *sults of significant human experience*
8 *with the drug, unpublished studies and*
9 *other data, and other sources of infor-*
10 *mation may be used to support an ap-*
11 *plication for a nonprescription drug,*
12 *including in the context of an applica-*
13 *tion for an Rx-to-nonprescription*
14 *switch;*

15 “(II) *set forth procedures for*
16 *sponsors to request meetings described*
17 *in subparagraph (A) and document the*
18 *recommendations made in such meet-*
19 *ings;*

20 “(III) *describe evidentiary expec-*
21 *tations to support approval of an ap-*
22 *plication for a nonprescription drug,*
23 *including in the context of an applica-*
24 *tion for an Rx-to-nonprescription*
25 *switch, including how sponsors can*

1 *demonstrate that consumers can appro-*
2 *priately self-select and use the drug*
3 *and comprehend the nonprescription*
4 *drug label; and*

5 “(IV) *provide recommendations*
6 *for how mechanisms, in addition to the*
7 *required Drug Facts Label, such as*
8 *mobile applications and decisions aids,*
9 *can be incorporated into the informa-*
10 *tion submitted in support of an appli-*
11 *cation for an Rx-to-nonprescription*
12 *switch.*

13 “(C) *PLAN TO ENGAGE WITH STAKE-*
14 *HOLDERS.—Not later than 1 year after the date*
15 *of enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary*
16 *shall develop and make publicly available on the*
17 *website of the Food and Drug Administration a*
18 *plan to engage stakeholders on steps and factors*
19 *for application holders and other stakeholders to*
20 *consider in identifying approved prescription*
21 *drugs that may be promising candidates for ap-*
22 *plications for an Rx-to-nonprescription switch.*

23 “(D) *DEFINITION.—For purposes of this*
24 *paragraph, the term ‘Rx-to-nonprescription*
25 *switch’ means the approval of an application, or*

1 *supplemental application, as applicable, sub-*
2 *mitted under this section by the holder of an ap-*
3 *proved application for a prescription drug seek-*
4 *ing approval to market such drug as a non-*
5 *prescription drug, including for—*

6 “(i) a full Rx-to-nonprescription
7 switch, under which a drug previously ap-
8 proved for prescription use only is—

9 “(I) approved for nonprescription
10 use under the same conditions as ap-
11 plied to the drug when approved for
12 prescription use; or

13 “(II) approved for nonprescrip-
14 tion use subject to one or more addi-
15 tional conditions for nonprescription
16 use; and

17 “(ii) a partial Rx-to-nonprescription
18 switch, under which the drug is approved
19 for nonprescription use only under certain
20 conditions described in the approved label-
21 ing, while the drug otherwise remains ap-
22 proved for prescription use only.

23 “(E) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in*
24 *this paragraph shall be construed to—*

1 “(i) supersede or modify the authority
2 of the Secretary under section 505G with re-
3 spect to the regulation of OTC monograph
4 drugs; or

5 “(ii) authorize the disclosure by the
6 Secretary of confidential commercial infor-
7 mation or trade secrets.”.

8 (b) GAO REPORT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
11 General of the United States shall submit to the Com-
12 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
13 the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Com-
14 merce of the House of Representatives a report that
15 evaluates—

16 (A) the number of applications for an Rx-
17 to-nonprescription switch approved during the
18 period beginning on October 1, 2022, and ending
19 on the date of the report;

20 (B) the number of drugs for which an ap-
21 plication for an Rx-to-nonprescription switch
22 was approved during such period subject to an
23 additional condition for nonprescription use;

24 (C) among the drugs for which an applica-
25 tion for a full or partial Rx-to-nonprescription

1 *switch was approved during such period, the av-*
2 *erage length of time from receipt by the Food*
3 *and Drug Administration of the application to*
4 *the approval of such application;*

5 *(D) the number of partial Rx-to-non-*
6 *prescription switch applications approved dur-*
7 *ing such period, and the number of applications*
8 *for such a partial switch not approved;*

9 *(E) any barriers to timely and predictable*
10 *review of applications for an Rx-to-nonprescrip-*
11 *tion switch;*

12 *(F) engagement by the Food and Drug Ad-*
13 *ministration with public stakeholders, including*
14 *public meetings or additional activities to sup-*
15 *port review of applications for an Rx-to-non-*
16 *prescription switch; and*

17 *(G) opportunities for collaboration between*
18 *the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research*
19 *and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Serv-*
20 *ices for the purpose of analyzing health insur-*
21 *ance claims data for commonly prescribed drugs*
22 *that appear to be suitable for an Rx-to-non-*
23 *prescription switch.*

24 (2) *DEFINITION.*—*In this subsection, the term*
25 *“Rx-to-nonprescription switch” has the meaning*

1 **SEC. 6510. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 *The amendments made by this title shall take effect*
3 *on October 1, 2025, or the date of the enactment of this*
4 *Act, whichever is later, except that fees under part 10 of*
5 *subchapter C of chapter VII of the Federal Food, Drug, and*
6 *Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379j–71 et seq.) shall be assessed*
7 *beginning October 1, 2025, regardless of the date of the en-*
8 *actment of this Act.*

9 **SEC. 6511. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

10 *Notwithstanding the amendments made by this title,*
11 *part 10 of subchapter C of chapter VII of the Federal Food,*
12 *Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379j–71 et seq.), as in*
13 *effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act,*
14 *shall continue to be in effect with respect to assessing and*
15 *collecting any fee required by such part for a fiscal year*
16 *prior to fiscal year 2026.*

17 **TITLE VI—NO SURPRISES ACT**
18 **IMPLEMENTATION**

19 **SEC. 6601. EXTENDING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR NO**
20 **SURPRISES ACT IMPLEMENTATION.**

21 *Section 118(a) of division BB of the Consolidated Ap-*
22 *propriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260) is amend-*
23 *ed—*

24 *(1) by striking “otherwise appropriated, to the*
25 *Secretary of Health and Human Services” and in-*
26 *serting the following: “otherwise appropriated—*

1 “(1) to the Secretary of Health and Human
2 *Services*”;

3 (2) in paragraph (1), as so inserted, by striking
4 “September 30, 2025.” and inserting “January 30,
5 2026; and”; and

6 (3) by adding at the end the following new para-
7 graph:

8 “(2) to the Secretary of Health and Human
9 *Services*, in addition to amounts otherwise appro-
10 priated under paragraph (1), \$14,000,000 for the pe-
11 riod beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending on
12 January 30, 2026.”.

13 ***DIVISION G—DEPARTMENT OF***
14 ***VETERANS AFFAIRS EXTENDERS***
15 ***TITLE I—HEALTH CARE***
16 ***MATTERS***

17 ***SEC. 7101. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR COLLECTION OF***
18 ***COPAYMENTS FOR HOSPITAL CARE AND***
19 ***NURSING HOME CARE.***

20 Section 1710(f)(2)(B) of title 38, United States Code,
21 is amended by striking “September 30, 2025” and inserting
22 “September 30, 2026”.

1 **SEC. 7102. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE**
2 **NURSING HOME CARE TO CERTAIN VETERANS**
3 **WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES.**

4 *Section 1710A(d) of title 38, United States Code, is*
5 *amended by striking “September 30, 2025” and inserting*
6 *“September 30, 2026”.*

7 **SEC. 7103. EXTENSION OF STAFF SERGEANT PARKER GOR-**
8 **DON FOX SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANT PRO-**
9 **GRAM.**

10 *Section 201(j) of the Commander John Scott Hannon*
11 *Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019*
12 *(Public Law 116–171; 38 U.S.C. 1720F note) is amended*
13 *by striking “the date that is three years after the date on*
14 *which the first grant is awarded under this section” and*
15 *inserting “September 30, 2026”.*

16 **SEC. 7104. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR EXPANSION OF**
17 **RURAL ACCESS NETWORK FOR GROWTH EN-**
18 **HANCEMENT PROGRAM.**

19 *Section 2(d) of the Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Men-*
20 *tal Health Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–21; 38 U.S.C.*
21 *1712A note) is amended by striking “2025” and inserting*
22 *“2026”.*

TITLE II—BENEFITS

1
2 **SEC. 7201. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT FOR QUARTERLY**
3 **BRIEFINGS ON ADMINISTRATION OF AU-**
4 **THORITIES RELATING TO DETERMINATIONS**
5 **REGARDING PRESUMPTIONS OF SERVICE**
6 **CONNECTION BASED ON TOXIC EXPOSURE.**

7 *Section 202(b)(2) of the Sergeant First Class Heath*
8 *Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive*
9 *Toxics Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–168) is amended by*
10 *striking “On a quarterly basis during the two-year period*
11 *beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,” and*
12 *inserting “On a quarterly basis during the period begin-*
13 *ning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending*
14 *on December 31, 2026.”.*

15 **SEC. 7202. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT RELATING TO**
16 **RESTORATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO EDU-**
17 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF CLO-**
18 **SURE OR DISAPPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL IN-**
19 **STITUTIONS.**

20 *Section 3699(c)(2)(C) of title 38, United States Code,*
21 *is amended by striking “September 30, 2025” and inserting*
22 *“September 30, 2026”.*

1 **SEC. 7203. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY CLARIFICATION OF**
2 **LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CON-**
3 **TRACTOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS TO PER-**
4 **FORM MEDICAL DISABILITY EXAMINATIONS**
5 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
6 **FAIRS UNDER PILOT PROGRAM FOR USE OF**
7 **CONTRACT PHYSICIANS FOR DISABILITY EX-**
8 **AMINATIONS.**

9 *Section 2002(a)(4) of the Johnny Isakson and David*
10 *P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improve-*
11 *ment Act of 2020 (Public Law 116–315; 38 U.S.C. 5101*
12 *note) is amended by striking “five years” and inserting “six*
13 *years”.*

14 **SEC. 7204. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO MAINTAIN RE-**
15 **GIONAL OFFICE IN REPUBLIC OF PHIL-**
16 **IPPINES.**

17 *Section 315(b) of title 38, United States Code, is*
18 *amended by striking “September 30, 2025” and inserting*
19 *“September 30, 2026”.*

20 **TITLE III—HOUSING**

21 **SEC. 7301. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-**
22 **TIONS FOR HOMELESS WOMEN VETERANS**
23 **AND HOMELESS VETERANS WITH CHILDREN**
24 **REINTEGRATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

25 *Section 2021A(f)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is*
26 *amended by striking “2025” and inserting “2026”.*

1 **SEC. 7302. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR TREATMENT**
2 **AND REHABILITATION FOR SERIOUSLY MEN-**
3 **TALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS.**

4 (a) *GENERAL TREATMENT.*—Section 2031(b) of title
5 38, United States Code, is amended by striking “September
6 30, 2025” and inserting “September 30, 2026”.

7 (b) *ADDITIONAL SERVICES AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS.*—
8 Section 2033(d) of title 38, United States Code, is amended
9 by striking “September 30, 2025” and inserting “September
10 30, 2026”.

11 **SEC. 7303. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR FINANCIAL AS-**
12 **SISTANCE FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR**
13 **VERY LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAMILIES IN**
14 **PERMANENT HOUSING.**

15 Section 2044(e) of title 38, United States Code, is
16 amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
17 “(9) \$660,000,000 for fiscal year 2026.”.

18 **SEC. 7304. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR GRANT PROGRAM**
19 **FOR HOMELESS VETERANS WITH SPECIAL**
20 **NEEDS.**

21 Section 2061(d)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is
22 amended by striking “2025” and inserting “2026”.

1 **SEC. 7305. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE FOR SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING**
3 **FOR DISABLED VETERANS RESIDING TEMPO-**
4 **RARILY IN HOUSING OWNED BY A FAMILY**
5 **MEMBER.**

6 *Section 2102A(e) of title 38, United States Code, is*
7 *amended by striking “September 30, 2025” and inserting*
8 *“September 30, 2026”.*

9 **SEC. 7306. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR SPECIALLY**
10 **ADAPTED HOUSING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY**
11 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

12 *Section 2108(g) of title 38, United States Code, is*
13 *amended by striking “September 30, 2025” and inserting*
14 *“September 30, 2026”.*

15 **SEC. 7307. IMPROVEMENTS TO PARTIAL CLAIM PROGRAM**
16 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
17 **FAIRS.**

18 *(a) CLARIFICATION OF RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER*
19 *POWERS OF SECRETARY.—Section 3720(h) of title 38,*
20 *United States Code, is amended by striking “of subsection*
21 *(a)” and all that follows through the period at the end and*
22 *inserting “of subsection (a) in conjunction with the pur-*
23 *chase of a loan under section 3732(a)(2) of this title unless*
24 *the Secretary determines the purchase would be made con-*
25 *sistent with section 3732(d) of this title.”.*

1 **(b) ADMINISTRATION OF PARTIAL CLAIM PROGRAM.**—

2 Section 3737 of such title is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “first lien
4 guaranteed loan for such property” and inserting
5 “amount of indebtedness under the guaranteed loan
6 that the Secretary does not purchase”; and

7 (2) in subsection (c)—

8 (A) in paragraph (2)(B)(ii), by striking
9 “120 days” and inserting “180 days”; and

10 (B) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
11 follows:

12 “(3) An amount paid to the holder of a loan as a par-
13 tial claim—

14 “(A) shall not alter the guaranty calculation
15 specified by section 3703 of this title;

16 “(B) shall be included, for the purpose of a liq-
17 uidation sale, in the same manner as any other ad-
18 vance allowed by the Secretary; and

19 “(C) shall not be claimed under the guaranty or
20 increase the Secretary’s cost of acquisition of the
21 property securing the defaulted loan.”.

22 **(c) REQUIREMENTS OF LOAN HOLDER.**—Section

23 (d)(1) of such section is amended by inserting “and serv-
24 icing the loan” after “documents”.

1 (d) *DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE.*—Subsection (e) of
2 such section is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (1)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “an
5 individual who” and all that follows through the
6 period at the end and inserting the following: “a
7 borrower who defaults on a partial claim shall
8 be liable to the Secretary for any loss suffered by
9 the Secretary with respect to such default, and
10 such loss may be recovered in the same manner
11 as any other debt due the United States. The
12 Secretary shall not restore housing loan entitle-
13 ment under section 3702(b) of this title until
14 such loss is repaid in full.”; and

15 (B) by amending subparagraph (B) to read
16 as follows:

17 “(B) The Secretary may charge administrative costs,
18 fees, and interest, as appropriate, with respect to any de-
19 fault under a partial claim in a manner similar to the
20 interest and administrative costs charged under section
21 5315 of this title.”; and

22 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
23 lows:

24 “(2) Notwithstanding section 2410 of title 28, a non-
25 judicial sale of real property to satisfy a loan guaranteed

1 *under this chapter shall discharge the property from a par-*
2 *tial claim interest held by the Secretary, provided that the*
3 *holder of the guaranteed loan conducts the non-judicial sale*
4 *and distributes the sale proceeds, if any, in accordance with*
5 *the State or local law where such property is situated.”.*

6 (e) *GUIDANCE IN ADVANCE OF REGULATIONS.—Sub-*
7 *section (h) of such section is amended to read as follows:*

8 “(h) *GUIDANCE IN ADVANCE OF REGULATIONS.—Not-*
9 *withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary*
10 *may, before prescribing regulations, issue administrative*
11 *guidance with respect to the Partial Claim Program under*
12 *this section and the loss mitigation options prescribed under*
13 *section 3732(d) of this title, including any additional*
14 *terms, conditions, and requirements the Secretary deter-*
15 *mines necessary.”.*

16 **SEC. 7308. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE RE-**
17 **PORTS ON PARTIAL CLAIM PROGRAM OF THE**
18 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND**
19 **OTHER MATTERS.**

20 (a) *ANNUAL REPORTS.—*

21 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after*
22 *the date of the enactment of this Act, and every year*
23 *thereafter until the Partial Claim Program termi-*
24 *nates, the Comptroller General of the United States*
25 *shall submit to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of*

1 *the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of*
2 *the House of Representatives a report.*

3 (2) *ELEMENTS.*—*Each report required by para-*
4 *graph (1) shall include, for the period covered by the*
5 *report and disaggregated by quarter, the following:*

6 (A) *Key data on the performance of the*
7 *Partial Claim Program, including—*

8 (i) *the number of partial claims filed*
9 *and approved; and*

10 (ii) *the redefault and foreclosure rates*
11 *of loans for which a partial claim was*
12 *made.*

13 (B) *A comparison of the data described in*
14 *subparagraph (A) with data on the performance*
15 *of other loss mitigation options provided by the*
16 *Department of Veterans Affairs.*

17 (C) *The number of housing loans insured,*
18 *guaranteed, or made by the Secretary of Veterans*
19 *Affairs under chapter 37 of title 38, United*
20 *States Code.*

21 (D) *The number of applications for housing*
22 *loan benefits under such chapter denied.*

23 (E) *The number of housing loans insured,*
24 *guaranteed, or made by the Secretary under such*

1 *chapter refinanced under section 3710(a)(8) or*
2 *3712 of title 38, United States Code.*

3 *(F) The number of veterans who owe a pay-*
4 *ment on a mortgage associated with a loan in-*
5 *sured, guaranteed, or made by the Secretary*
6 *under such chapter that is at least—*

7 *(i) 60 days late; and*

8 *(ii) 90 days late.*

9 *(b) ASSESSMENT.—*

10 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year before*
11 *the Partial Claim Program terminates, the Comp-*
12 *troller General shall—*

13 *(A) conduct an assessment of the benefits*
14 *and challenges of the Partial Claim Program;*
15 *and*

16 *(B) submit to the Committee on Veterans’*
17 *Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Vet-*
18 *erans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives a*
19 *report on the findings of the Comptroller General*
20 *with respect to that assessment.*

21 *(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting the assess-*
22 *ment required by paragraph (1), the Comptroller*
23 *General shall consider the following:*

24 *(A) The characteristics of borrowers for*
25 *whom a partial claim was made compared to the*

1 *characteristics of borrowers provided other loss*
2 *mitigation options by the Department of Vet-*
3 *erans Affairs.*

4 *(B) The performance of loans guaranteed*
5 *under chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code,*
6 *following various loss mitigation actions.*

7 *(C) The information the Department con-*
8 *sidered in determining whether a borrower would*
9 *benefit from a partial claim compared to other*
10 *loss mitigation options.*

11 *(D) The costs to taxpayers of the Partial*
12 *Claim Program compared to the costs of other*
13 *loss mitigation options provided by the Depart-*
14 *ment.*

15 *(E) Any similarities and differences in the*
16 *Department's administration and use of the Par-*
17 *tial Claim Program compared to the Depart-*
18 *ment's administration and use of the COVID-19*
19 *Veterans Assistance Partial Claim Payment pro-*
20 *gram established under subpart F of part 36 of*
21 *title 38, Code of Regulations.*

22 *(F) The information the Department*
23 *learned from the COVID-19 Veterans Assistance*
24 *Partial Claim Payment program and the extent*

1 to which those lessons learned were applied to the
2 *Partial Claim Program*.

3 (G) *The types of information the Depart-*
4 *ment collected to monitor the performance and*
5 *effectiveness of the Partial Claim Program and*
6 *how the Department used that information to*
7 *make any needed adjustments to the program.*

8 (H) *How the use by the Department of par-*
9 *tial claims compares to the use of partial claims*
10 *by other Federal housing agencies, including, for*
11 *each partial claim program—*

12 (i) *the volume of loans for which par-*
13 *tial claims have been made;*

14 (ii) *the results for borrowers (including*
15 *redefault and foreclosure rates); and*

16 (iii) *the costs to taxpayers.*

17 (c) *PARTIAL CLAIM PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this sec-*
18 *tion, the term “Partial Claim Program” means the Partial*
19 *Claim Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs car-*
20 *ried out under section 3737 of title 38, United States Code.*

1 **TITLE IV—OTHER MATTERS**

2 **SEC. 7401. EXTENSION OF SUBPOENA AUTHORITY OF IN-**
3 **SPECTOR GENERAL OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
4 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 *Section 312(d)(7)(A) of title 38, United States Code,*
6 *is amended by striking “September 30, 2025” and inserting*
7 *“September 30, 2026”.*

8 **SEC. 7402. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT FOR ANNUAL RE-**
9 **PORT ON USE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE**
10 **EQUITABLE RELIEF.**

11 *Section 503(c) of title 38, United States Code, is*
12 *amended by striking “December 31, 2025” and inserting*
13 *“December 31, 2026”.*

14 **SEC. 7403. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR SECRETARY OF**
15 **VETERANS AFFAIRS TO TRANSPORT INDIVID-**
16 **UALS TO AND FROM FACILITIES OF DEPART-**
17 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

18 *Section 111A(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code, is*
19 *amended by striking “September 30, 2025” and inserting*
20 *“September 30, 2026”.*

21 **SEC. 7404. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY RELATING TO VEND-**
22 **EE LOAN PROGRAM.**

23 *Section 3733(a)(8) of title 38, United States Code, is*
24 *amended—*

1 (1) *in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),*
2 *by striking “September 30, 2025” and inserting*
3 *“September 30, 2026”; and*

4 (2) *in subparagraph (C), by striking “September*
5 *30, 2025” and inserting “September 30, 2026”.*

6 **SEC. 7405. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR TRANSFER OF**
7 **REAL PROPERTY.**

8 *Section 8118(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code, is*
9 *amended by striking “September 30, 2025” and inserting*
10 *“September 30, 2026”.*

11 **SEC. 7406. RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 *The amendments made by this division, except for the*
13 *amendments made by section 7307, shall take effect as if*
14 *enacted on September 30, 2025.*

15 ***DIVISION H—MISCELLANEOUS***

16 **SEC. 8001. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

17 (a) **STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.**—*The budg-*
18 *etary effects of this division and divisions E through G shall*
19 *not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pur-*
20 *suant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act*
21 *of 2010.*

22 (b) **SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.**—*The budgetary ef-*
23 *fects of this division and divisions E through G shall not*
24 *be entered on any PAYGO scorecard maintained for pur-*
25 *poses of section 4106 of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).*

1 (c) *CLASSIFICATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.*—Not-
2 *withstanding Rule 3 of the Budget Scorekeeping Guidelines*
3 *set forth in the joint explanatory statement of the committee*
4 *of conference accompanying Conference Report 105–217*
5 *and section 250(c)(8) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-*
6 *gency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the budgetary effects of*
7 *this division and divisions E through G shall not be esti-*
8 *mated—*

9 (1) *for purposes of section 251 of such Act;*

10 (2) *for purposes of an allocation to the Com-*
11 *mittee on Appropriations pursuant to section 302(a)*
12 *of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and*

13 (3) *for purposes of paragraph (4)(C) of section*
14 *3 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 as*
15 *being included in an appropriation Act.*

16 (d) *BALANCES ON THE PAYGO SCORECARDS.*—*Effec-*
17 *tive on the date of the adjournment of the first session of*
18 *the 119th Congress, and for the purposes of the annual re-*
19 *port issued pursuant to section 5 of the Statutory Pay-As-*
20 *You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 934) after such adjournment*
21 *and for determining whether a sequestration order is nec-*
22 *essary under such section, the balances on the PAYGO score-*

1 *cards established pursuant to paragraphs (4) and (5) of sec-*
2 *tion 4(d) of such Act shall be zero.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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