

In the Senate of the United States,

August 1, 2025.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 3944) entitled “An Act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 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 “Military Construction*
3 *and Veterans Affairs, Agriculture, and Legislative Branch*
4 *Appropriations Act, 2026”.*

5 ***SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO ACT.***

6 *Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference*
7 *to “this Act” contained in any division of this Act shall*
8 *be treated as referring only to the provisions of that divi-*
9 *sion.*

1 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES TO REPORT.**

2 (a) *Any reference to a “report accompanying this Act”*
3 *contained in division A shall be treated as a reference to*
4 *Senate Report 119–43. The effect of such Report shall be*
5 *limited to division A and shall apply for purposes of deter-*
6 *mining the allocation of funds provided by, and the imple-*
7 *mentation of, division A.*

8 (b) *Any reference to a “report accompanying this Act”*
9 *contained in division B shall be treated as a reference to*
10 *Senate Report 119–37. The effect of such Report shall be*
11 *limited to division B and shall apply for purposes of deter-*
12 *mining the allocation of funds provided by, and the imple-*
13 *mentation of, division B.*

14 (c) *Any reference to a “report accompanying this Act”*
15 *contained in division C shall be treated as a reference to*
16 *Senate Report 119–38. The effect of such Report shall be*
17 *limited to division C and shall apply for purposes of deter-*
18 *mining the allocation of funds provided by, and the imple-*
19 *mentation of, division C.*

1 ***DIVISION A—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION,***
 2 ***VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED***
 3 ***AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026***

4 *The following sums are appropriated, out of any*
 5 *money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for*
 6 *military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs,*
 7 *and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September*
 8 *30, 2026, and for other purposes, namely:*

9 ***TITLE I***

10 ***DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE***

11 ***MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY***

12 *For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-*
 13 *ment of temporary or permanent public works, military in-*
 14 *stallations, facilities, and real property for the Army as*
 15 *currently authorized by law, including personnel in the*
 16 *Army Corps of Engineers and other personal services nec-*
 17 *essary for the purposes of this appropriation, and for con-*
 18 *struction and operation of facilities in support of the func-*
 19 *tions of the Commander in Chief, \$2,447,609,000, to remain*
 20 *available until September 30, 2030: Provided, That, of this*
 21 *amount, not to exceed \$446,388,000 shall be available for*
 22 *study, planning, design, architect and engineer services,*
 23 *and host nation support, as authorized by law, unless the*
 24 *Secretary of the Army determines that additional obliga-*
 25 *tions are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Com-*

1 *mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the*
 2 *determination and the reasons therefor: Provided further,*
 3 *That of the amount made available under this heading,*
 4 *\$268,650,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and*
 5 *in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading*
 6 *“Military Construction, Army” in the report accompanying*
 7 *this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for*
 8 *such purposes.*

9 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS*

10 *For acquisition, construction, installation, and equip-*
 11 *ment of temporary or permanent public works, naval in-*
 12 *stallations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and*
 13 *Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including*
 14 *personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command*
 15 *and other personal services necessary for the purposes of this*
 16 *appropriation, \$5,906,524,000, to remain available until*
 17 *September 30, 2030: Provided, That, of this amount, not*
 18 *to exceed \$613,213,000 shall be available for study, plan-*
 19 *ning, design, and architect and engineer services, as author-*
 20 *ized by law, unless the Secretary of the Navy determines*
 21 *that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes*
 22 *and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both*
 23 *Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons*
 24 *therefor: Provided further, That of the amount made avail-*
 25 *able under this heading, \$144,390,000 shall be for the*

1 *projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the*
2 *table under the heading “Military Construction, Navy and*
3 *Marine Corps” in the report accompanying this Act, in ad-*
4 *dition to amounts otherwise available for 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, \$4,090,673,000, to*
15 *remain available until September 30, 2030: Provided, That,*
16 *of this amount, not to exceed \$718,973,000 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, \$359,200,000*
24 *shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,*
25 *specified in the table under the heading “Military Construc-*

tion, Air Force” in the report accompanying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, installations, facilities, and real property for activities and agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the military departments), as currently authorized by law, \$3,724,301,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030: Provided, That such amounts of this appropriation as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be transferred to such appropriations of the Department of Defense available for military construction or family housing as the Secretary may designate, to be merged with and to be available for the same purposes, and for the same time period, as the appropriation or fund to which transferred: Provided further, That, of the amount, not to exceed \$211,001,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Secretary of Defense determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the amount made available under this head-

1 ing, \$32,000,000 shall be for the projects and activities, and
 2 in the amounts, specified in the table under the heading
 3 “Military Construction, Defense-Wide” in the report accom-
 4 panying this Act, in addition to amounts otherwise avail-
 5 able for such purposes.

6 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD*

7 *For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-*
 8 *tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-*
 9 *ministration of the Army National Guard, and contribu-*
 10 *tions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10,*
 11 *United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-*
 12 *tion Acts, \$271,230,000, to remain available until Sep-*
 13 *tember 30, 2030: Provided, That, of the amount, not to ex-*
 14 *ceed \$78,380,000 shall be available for study, planning, de-*
 15 *sign, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by*
 16 *law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard deter-*
 17 *mines that additional obligations are necessary for such*
 18 *purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of*
 19 *both Houses of Congress of the determination and the rea-*
 20 *sons therefor: Provided further, That of the amount made*
 21 *available under this heading, \$112,050,000 shall be for the*
 22 *projects and activities, and in the amounts, specified in the*
 23 *table under the heading “Military Construction, Army Na-*
 24 *tional Guard” in the report accompanying this Act, in ad-*
 25 *dition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.*

1 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD*

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

21 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE*

22 *For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-*
 23 *tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-*
 24 *ministration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter*
 25 *1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Con-*

1 *struction Authorization Acts, \$46,239,000, to remain avail-*
 2 *able until September 30, 2030: Provided, That, of the*
 3 *amount, not to exceed \$6,013,000 shall be available for*
 4 *study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-*
 5 *ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Army*
 6 *Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-*
 7 *essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Ap-*
 8 *propriations of both Houses of Congress of the determina-*
 9 *tion and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the*
 10 *amount made available under this heading, \$4,000,000*
 11 *shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,*
 12 *specified in the table under the heading “Military Construc-*
 13 *tion, Army Reserve” in the report accompanying this Act,*
 14 *in addition to amounts otherwise available for such pur-*
 15 *poses.*

16 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE*

17 *For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-*
 18 *tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-*
 19 *ministration of the reserve components of the Navy and Ma-*
 20 *rine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United*
 21 *States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts,*
 22 *\$2,255,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030:*
 23 *Provided, That, of the amount, not to exceed \$2,255,000*
 24 *shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect*
 25 *and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Sec-*

1 *retary of the Navy determines that additional obligations*
 2 *are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees*
 3 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the deter-*
 4 *mination and the reasons therefor.*

5 *MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE*

6 *For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilita-*
 7 *tion, and conversion of facilities for the training and ad-*
 8 *ministration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by*
 9 *chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military*
 10 *Construction Authorization Acts, \$116,268,000, to remain*
 11 *available until September 30, 2030: Provided, That, of the*
 12 *amount, not to exceed \$6,970,000 shall be available for*
 13 *study, planning, design, and architect and engineer serv-*
 14 *ices, as authorized by law, unless the Chief of the Air Force*
 15 *Reserve determines that additional obligations are nec-*
 16 *essary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Ap-*
 17 *propriations of both Houses of Congress of the determina-*
 18 *tion and the reasons therefor: Provided further, That of the*
 19 *amount made available under this heading, \$55,810,000*
 20 *shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts,*
 21 *specified in the table under the heading “Military Construc-*
 22 *tion, Air Force Reserve” in the report accompanying this*
 23 *Act, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such*
 24 *purposes.*

1 *NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION*

2 *SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM*

3 *For the United States share of the cost of the North*
 4 *Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Pro-*
 5 *gram for the acquisition and construction of military facili-*
 6 *ties and installations (including international military*
 7 *headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective de-*
 8 *fense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized by*
 9 *section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Military*
 10 *Construction Authorization Acts, \$481,832,000, to remain*
 11 *available until expended.*

12 *DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT*

13 *For deposit into the Department of Defense Base Clo-*
 14 *sure Account, established by section 2906(a) of the Defense*
 15 *Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687*
 16 *note), \$410,161,000, to remain available until expended.*

17 *FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY*

18 *For expenses of family housing for the Army for con-*
 19 *struction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, ex-*
 20 *pansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,*
 21 *\$228,558,000, to remain available until September 30,*
 22 *2030.*

23 *FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY*

24 *For expenses of family housing for the Army for oper-*
 25 *ation and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing,*

1 *minor construction, principal and interest charges, and in-*
 2 *surance premiums, as authorized by law, \$388,418,000.*

3 *FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE*
 4 *CORPS*

5 *For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-*
 6 *rine Corps for construction, including acquisition, replace-*
 7 *ment, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as au-*
 8 *thorized by law, \$177,597,000, to remain available until*
 9 *September 30, 2030.*

10 *FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY*
 11 *AND MARINE CORPS*

12 *For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Ma-*
 13 *rine Corps for operation and maintenance, including debt*
 14 *payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and inter-*
 15 *est charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by law,*
 16 *\$384,108,000.*

17 *FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE*

18 *For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for*
 19 *construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition,*
 20 *expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law,*
 21 *\$274,230,000, to remain available until September 30,*
 22 *2030.*

1 *FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR*
 2 *FORCE*

3 *For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for*
 4 *operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leas-*
 5 *ing, minor construction, principal and interest charges,*
 6 *and insurance premiums, as authorized by law,*
 7 *\$369,765,000.*

8 *FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,*
 9 *DEFENSE-WIDE*

10 *For expenses of family housing for the activities and*
 11 *agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the mili-*
 12 *tary departments) for operation and maintenance, leasing,*
 13 *and minor construction, as authorized by law, \$53,374,000.*

14 *DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE*

15 *FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND*

16 *For the Department of Defense Family Housing Im-*
 17 *provement Fund, \$8,315,000, to remain available until ex-*
 18 *pendent, for family housing initiatives undertaken pursuant*
 19 *to section 2883 of title 10, United States Code, providing*
 20 *alternative means of acquiring and improving military*
 21 *family housing and supporting facilities.*

1 *DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE*
2 *MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT*
3 *FUND*

4 *For the Department of Defense Military Unaccom-*
5 *panied Housing Improvement Fund, \$497,000, to remain*
6 *available until expended, for unaccompanied housing ini-*
7 *tiatives undertaken pursuant to section 2883 of title 10,*
8 *United States Code, providing alternative means of acquir-*
9 *ing and improving military unaccompanied housing and*
10 *supporting facilities.*

11 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*

12 *SEC. 101. None of the funds made available in this*
13 *title shall be expended for payments under a cost-plus-a-*
14 *fixed-fee contract for construction, where cost estimates ex-*
15 *ceed \$25,000, to be performed within the United States, ex-*
16 *cept Alaska, without the specific approval in writing of the*
17 *Secretary of Defense setting forth the reasons therefor.*

18 *SEC. 102. Funds made available in this title for con-*
19 *struction shall be available for hire of passenger motor vehi-*
20 *cles.*

21 *SEC. 103. Funds made available in this title for con-*
22 *struction may be used for advances to the Federal Highway*
23 *Administration, Department of Transportation, for the con-*
24 *struction of access roads as authorized by section 210 of*
25 *title 23, United States Code, when projects authorized there-*

1 *in are certified as important to the national defense by the*
2 *Secretary of Defense.*

3 *SEC. 104. None of the funds made available in this*
4 *title may be used to begin construction of new bases in the*
5 *United States for which specific appropriations have not*
6 *been made.*

7 *SEC. 105. None of the funds made available in this*
8 *title shall be used for purchase of land or land easements*
9 *in excess of 100 percent of the value as determined by the*
10 *Army Corps of Engineers or the Naval Facilities Engineer-*
11 *ing Command, except: (1) where there is a determination*
12 *of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated by*
13 *the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney Gen-*
14 *eral; (3) where the estimated value is less than \$25,000; or*
15 *(4) as otherwise determined by the Secretary of Defense to*
16 *be in the public interest.*

17 *SEC. 106. None of the funds made available in this*
18 *title shall be used to: (1) acquire land; (2) provide for site*
19 *preparation; or (3) install utilities for any family housing,*
20 *except housing for which funds have been made available*
21 *in annual Acts making appropriations for military con-*
22 *struction.*

23 *SEC. 107. None of the funds made available in this*
24 *title for minor construction may be used to transfer or relo-*
25 *cate any activity from one base or installation to another,*

1 *without prior notification to the Committees on Appropria-*
2 *tions of both Houses of Congress.*

3 *SEC. 108. None of the funds made available in this*
4 *title may be used for the procurement of steel for any con-*
5 *struction project or activity for which American steel pro-*
6 *ducers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been denied the*
7 *opportunity to compete for such steel procurement.*

8 *SEC. 109. None of the funds available to the Depart-*
9 *ment of Defense for military construction or family housing*
10 *during the current fiscal year may be used to pay real prop-*
11 *erty taxes in any foreign nation.*

12 *SEC. 110. None of the funds made available in this*
13 *title may be used to initiate a new installation overseas*
14 *without prior notification to the Committees on Appropria-*
15 *tions of both Houses of Congress.*

16 *SEC. 111. None of the funds made available in this*
17 *title may be obligated for architect and engineer contracts*
18 *estimated by the Government to exceed \$500,000 for projects*
19 *to be accomplished in Japan, in any North Atlantic Treaty*
20 *Organization member country, or in countries bordering the*
21 *Arabian Gulf, unless such contracts are awarded to United*
22 *States firms or United States firms in joint venture with*
23 *host nation firms.*

24 *SEC. 112. None of the funds made available in this*
25 *title for military construction in the United States terri-*

1 *tories and possessions in the Pacific and on Kwajalein*
2 *Atoll, or in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf, may be*
3 *used to award any contract estimated by the Government*
4 *to exceed \$1,000,000 to a foreign contractor: Provided, That*
5 *this section shall not be applicable to contract awards for*
6 *which the lowest responsive and responsible bid of a United*
7 *States contractor exceeds the lowest responsive and respon-*
8 *sible bid of a foreign contractor by greater than 20 percent:*
9 *Provided further, That this section shall not apply to con-*
10 *tract awards for military construction on Kwajalein Atoll*
11 *for which the lowest responsive and responsible bid is sub-*
12 *mitted by a Marshallese contractor.*

13 *SEC. 113. The Secretary of Defense shall inform the*
14 *appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress, includ-*
15 *ing the Committees on Appropriations, of plans and scope*
16 *of any proposed military exercise involving United States*
17 *personnel 30 days prior to its occurring, if amounts ex-*
18 *pended for construction, either temporary or permanent,*
19 *are anticipated to exceed \$100,000.*

20 *SEC. 114. Funds appropriated to the Department of*
21 *Defense for construction in prior years shall be available*
22 *for construction authorized for each such military depart-*
23 *ment by the authorizations enacted into law during the cur-*
24 *rent session of Congress.*

1 *SEC. 115. For military construction or family housing*
 2 *projects that are being completed with funds otherwise ex-*
 3 *pired or lapsed for obligation, expired or lapsed funds may*
 4 *be used to pay the cost of associated supervision, inspection,*
 5 *overhead, engineering and design on those projects and on*
 6 *subsequent claims, if any.*

7 *SEC. 116. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
 8 *any funds made available to a military department or de-*
 9 *fense agency for the construction of military projects may*
 10 *be obligated for a military construction project or contract,*
 11 *or for any portion of such a project or contract, at any*
 12 *time before the end of the fourth fiscal year after the fiscal*
 13 *year for which funds for such project were made available,*
 14 *if the funds obligated for such project: (1) are obligated from*
 15 *funds available for military construction projects; and (2)*
 16 *do not exceed the amount appropriated for such project,*
 17 *plus any amount by which the cost of such project is in-*
 18 *creased pursuant to law.*

19 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

20 *SEC. 117. Subject to 30 days prior notification, or 14*
 21 *days for a notification provided in an electronic medium*
 22 *pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10, United States*
 23 *Code, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses*
 24 *of Congress, such additional amounts as may be determined*
 25 *by the Secretary of Defense may be transferred to: (1) the*

1 *Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund*
 2 *from amounts appropriated for construction in “Family*
 3 *Housing” accounts, to be merged with and to be available*
 4 *for the same purposes and for the same period of time as*
 5 *amounts appropriated directly to the Fund; or (2) the De-*
 6 *partment of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Im-*
 7 *provement Fund from amounts appropriated for construc-*
 8 *tion of military unaccompanied housing in “Military Con-*
 9 *struction” accounts, to be merged with and to be available*
 10 *for the same purposes and for the same period of time as*
 11 *amounts appropriated directly to the Fund: Provided, That*
 12 *appropriations made available to the Funds shall be avail-*
 13 *able to cover the costs, as defined in section 502(5) of the*
 14 *Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans or loan*
 15 *guarantees issued by the Department of Defense pursuant*
 16 *to the provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title*
 17 *10, United States Code, pertaining to alternative means of*
 18 *acquiring and improving military family housing, military*
 19 *unaccompanied housing, and supporting facilities.*

20 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

21 *SEC. 118. In addition to any other transfer authority*
 22 *available to the Department of Defense, amounts may be*
 23 *transferred from the Department of Defense Base Closure*
 24 *Account to the fund established by section 1013(d) of the*
 25 *Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of*

1 1966 (42 U.S.C. 3374) to pay for expenses associated with
2 the Homeowners Assistance Program incurred under 42
3 U.S.C. 3374(a)(1)(A). Any amounts transferred shall be
4 merged with and be available for the same purposes and
5 for the same time period as the fund to which transferred.

6 SEC. 119. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
7 funds made available in this title for operation and mainte-
8 nance of family housing shall be the exclusive source of
9 funds for repair and maintenance of all family housing
10 units, including general or flag officer quarters: Provided,
11 That not more than \$35,000 per unit may be spent annu-
12 ally for the maintenance and repair of any general or flag
13 officer quarters without 30 days prior notification, or 14
14 days for a notification provided in an electronic medium
15 pursuant to sections 480 and 2883 of title 10, United States
16 Code, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
17 of Congress, except that an after-the-fact notification shall
18 be submitted if the limitation is exceeded solely due to costs
19 associated with environmental remediation that could not
20 be reasonably anticipated at the time of the budget submis-
21 sion: Provided further, That the Under Secretary of Defense
22 (Comptroller) is to report annually to the Committees on
23 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress all operation
24 and maintenance expenditures for each individual general
25 or flag officer quarters for the prior fiscal year.

1 *SEC. 120. Amounts contained in the Ford Island Im-*
 2 *provement Account established by subsection (h) of section*
 3 *2814 of title 10, United States Code, are appropriated and*
 4 *shall be available until expended for the purposes specified*
 5 *in subsection (i)(1) of such section or until transferred pur-*
 6 *suant to subsection (i)(3) of such section.*

7 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

8 *SEC. 121. During the 5-year period after appropria-*
 9 *tions available in this Act to the Department of Defense*
 10 *for military construction and family housing operation and*
 11 *maintenance and construction have expired for obligation,*
 12 *upon a determination that such appropriations will not be*
 13 *necessary for the liquidation of obligations or for making*
 14 *authorized adjustments to such appropriations for obliga-*
 15 *tions incurred during the period of availability of such ap-*
 16 *propriations, unobligated balances of such appropriations*
 17 *may be transferred into the appropriation “Foreign Cur-*
 18 *rency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense”, to be merged*
 19 *with and to be available for the same time period and for*
 20 *the same purposes as the appropriation to which trans-*
 21 *ferred.*

22 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

23 *SEC. 122. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made*
 24 *available in an account funded under the headings in this*
 25 *title may be transferred among projects and activities with-*

1 *in the account in accordance with the reprogramming*
 2 *guidelines for military construction and family housing*
 3 *construction contained in Department of Defense Financial*
 4 *Management Regulation 7000.14–R, Volume 3, Chapter 7,*
 5 *of April 2021, as in effect on the date of enactment of this*
 6 *Act.*

7 *SEC. 123. None of the funds made available in this*
 8 *title may be obligated or expended for planning and design*
 9 *and construction of projects at Arlington National Ceme-*
 10 *tery.*

11 *SEC. 124. For an additional amount for the accounts*
 12 *and in the amounts specified, to remain available until*
 13 *September 30, 2030:*

14 *“Military Construction, Army”, \$45,000,000;*

15 *“Military Construction, Army National Guard”,*
 16 *\$15,500,000;*

17 *“Military Construction, Air National Guard”,*
 18 *\$11,000,000; and*

19 *“Military Construction, Army Reserve”,*
 20 *\$15,000,000:*

21 *Provided, That such funds may only be obligated to carry*
 22 *out construction and cost to complete projects identified in*
 23 *the respective military department’s unfunded priority list*
 24 *for fiscal year 2026 submitted to Congress: Provided fur-*
 25 *ther, That such projects are subject to authorization prior*

1 to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out con-
 2 struction: Provided further, That not later than 60 days
 3 after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military
 4 department concerned, or their designee, shall submit to the
 5 Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress
 6 an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

7 SEC. 125. All amounts appropriated to the “Depart-
 8 ment of Defense—Military Construction, Army”, “Depart-
 9 ment of Defense—Military Construction, Navy and Marine
 10 Corps”, “Department of Defense—Military Construction,
 11 Air Force”, and “Department of Defense—Military Con-
 12 struction, Defense-Wide” accounts pursuant to the author-
 13 ization of appropriations in a National Defense Authoriza-
 14 tion Act specified for fiscal year 2026 in the funding table
 15 in section 4601 of that Act shall be immediately available
 16 and allotted to contract for the full scope of authorized
 17 projects.

18 SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 116 of this Act,
 19 funds made available in this Act or any available unobli-
 20 gated balances from prior appropriations Acts may be obli-
 21 gated before October 1, 2027 for fiscal year 2017, 2018,
 22 2019, and 2020 military construction projects for which
 23 project authorization has not lapsed or for which authoriza-
 24 tion is extended for fiscal year 2026 by a National Defense
 25 Authorization Act: Provided, That no amounts may be obli-

1 gated pursuant to this section from amounts that were des-
 2 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pur-
 3 suant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Bal-
 4 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

5 SEC. 127. For the purposes of this Act, the term “con-
 6 gressional defense committees” means the Committees on
 7 Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the
 8 Senate, the Subcommittee on Military Construction and
 9 Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropriations of the
 10 Senate, and the Subcommittee on Military Construction
 11 and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropriations
 12 of the House of Representatives.

13 SEC. 128. For an additional amount for “Military
 14 Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$76,000,000, to re-
 15 main available until September 30, 2030: Provided, That
 16 such funds may only be obligated to carry out construction
 17 projects specified in a National Defense Authorization Act
 18 for fiscal year 2026 in the funding table in section 4601
 19 of that Act: Provided further, That not later than 30 days
 20 after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, or
 21 their designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appro-
 22 priations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan
 23 for funds provided under this section.

24 SEC. 129. None of the funds made available by this
 25 Act may be used to carry out the closure or realignment

1 *of the United States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay,*
2 *Cuba.*

3 *SEC. 130. (a)(1) Not later than 120 days after the date*
4 *of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense*
5 *Health Agency shall submit to the Committee on Appro-*
6 *priations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropria-*
7 *tions of the House of Representatives a report detailing the*
8 *current and projected capacity, patient load, staffing re-*
9 *quirements, and outstanding infrastructure needs at the*
10 *General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital in Fort*
11 *Leonard Wood, Missouri.*

12 *(2) The report required by paragraph (1) shall—*

13 *(A) assess the role of the hospital specified in*
14 *such paragraph in supporting medical readiness and*
15 *emergency care for active duty members of the Armed*
16 *Forces, dependents of such members, and retirees;*

17 *(B) evaluate potential impacts to access and*
18 *quality of care, including in the surrounding commu-*
19 *nity, if the hospital were to be realigned, downgraded,*
20 *or have its scope of services reduced; and*

21 *(C) assess how the hospital supports the func-*
22 *tions and mission of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri,*
23 *including training activities and programs.*

24 *(b)(1) Not later than 120 days after the date of the*
25 *enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall sub-*

1 *mit to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and*
2 *the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-*
3 *resentatives a report detailing the current condition of mili-*
4 *tary family housing at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, in-*
5 *cluding ongoing or planned renovation and upgrade*
6 *projects, timelines for completion, and any challenges affect-*
7 *ing such improvements.*

8 (2) *The report required by paragraph (1) shall in-*
9 *clude—*

10 (A) *the total estimated cost of conducting all nec-*
11 *essary renovation and replacement activities for defi-*
12 *cient family housing units, the number of units in*
13 *need of replacement, and a detailed plan for carrying*
14 *out those activities; and*

15 (B) *an assessment of the impact of housing con-*
16 *ditions on quality of life and readiness of members of*
17 *the Armed Forces and their dependents;*

18 (C) *recommendations for addressing any identi-*
19 *fied shortcomings; and*

20 (D) *the findings from consultations with mili-*
21 *tary families who live in housing units at Fort Leon-*
22 *ard Wood.*

1 *TITLE II*
2 *DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS*
3 *VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION*
4 *COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS*
5 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

6 *For the payment of compensation benefits to or on be-*
7 *half of veterans and a pilot program for disability examina-*
8 *tions as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11, 13, 18,*
9 *51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; pension*
10 *benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters*
11 *15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; and*
12 *burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitlement Program for*
13 *Survivors, emergency and other officers' retirement pay, ad-*
14 *justed-service credits and certificates, payment of premiums*
15 *due on commercial life insurance policies guaranteed under*
16 *the provisions of title IV of the Servicemembers Civil Relief*
17 *Act (50 U.S.C. App. 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as*
18 *authorized by sections 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and*
19 *chapters 23, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States*
20 *Code, \$241,947,603,000, which shall become available on*
21 *October 1, 2026, to remain available until expended: Pro-*
22 *vided, That not to exceed \$29,454,647 of the amount made*
23 *available for fiscal year 2027 under this heading shall be*
24 *reimbursed to "General Operating Expenses, Veterans Ben-*
25 *efits Administration", and "Information Technology Sys-*

1 *tems” for necessary expenses in implementing the provi-*
 2 *sions of chapters 51, 53, and 55 of title 38, United States*
 3 *Code, the funding source for which is specifically provided*
 4 *as the “Compensation and Pensions” appropriation: Pro-*
 5 *vided further, That such sums as may be earned on an ac-*
 6 *tual qualifying patient basis, shall be reimbursed to “Med-*
 7 *ical Care Collections Fund” to augment the funding of indi-*
 8 *vidual medical facilities for nursing home care provided to*
 9 *pensioners as authorized.*

10 *READJUSTMENT BENEFITS*

11 *For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation*
 12 *benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters*
 13 *21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of*
 14 *title 38, United States Code, \$20,057,841,000, which shall*
 15 *become available on October 1, 2026, to remain available*
 16 *until expended: Provided, That expenses for rehabilitation*
 17 *program services and assistance which the Secretary is au-*
 18 *thorized to provide under subsection (a) of section 3104 of*
 19 *title 38, United States Code, other than under paragraphs*
 20 *(1), (2), (5), and (11) of that subsection, shall be charged*
 21 *to this account.*

22 *VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES*

23 *For military and naval insurance, national service life*
 24 *insurance, servicemen’s indemnities, service-disabled vet-*
 25 *erans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as*

1 *authorized by chapters 19 and 21 of title 38, United States*
 2 *Code, \$97,893,000, which shall become available on October*
 3 *1, 2026, to remain available until expended.*

4 *VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND*

5 *For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such sums*
 6 *as may be necessary to carry out the program, as authorized*
 7 *by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of title 38,*
 8 *United States Code: Provided, That such costs, including*
 9 *the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in sec-*
 10 *tion 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided*
 11 *further, That, during fiscal year 2026, within the resources*
 12 *available, not to exceed \$500,000 in gross obligations for*
 13 *direct loans are authorized for specially adapted housing*
 14 *loans.*

15 *In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out*
 16 *the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$266,736,842.*

17 *VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

18 *For the cost of direct loans, \$45,428, as authorized by*
 19 *chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: Provided, That*
 20 *such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall*
 21 *be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget*
 22 *Act of 1974: Provided further, That funds made available*
 23 *under this heading are available to subsidize gross obliga-*
 24 *tions for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed*
 25 *\$1,394,442.*

7 *For the cost of direct loans, \$6,865,235, as authorized*
8 *by subchapter V of chapter 37 of title 38, United States*
9 *Code: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modi-*
10 *fying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the*
11 *Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That*
12 *funds made available under this heading are available to*
13 *subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of di-*
14 *rect loans not to exceed \$75,000,000.*

18 *GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS*

20 *For necessary operating expenses of the Veterans Bene-*
21 *fits Administration, not otherwise provided for, including*
22 *hire of passenger motor vehicles, reimbursement of the Gen-*
23 *eral Services Administration for security guard services,*
24 *and reimbursement of the Department of Defense for the*
25 *cost of overseas employee mail, \$3,879,000,000: Provided,*

1 *That expenses for services and assistance authorized under*
 2 *paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of section 3104(a) of title*
 3 *38, United States Code, that the Secretary of Veterans Af-*
 4 *fairs determines are necessary to enable entitled veterans:*
 5 *(1) to the maximum extent feasible, to become employable*
 6 *and to obtain and maintain suitable employment; or (2)*
 7 *to achieve maximum independence in daily living, shall be*
 8 *charged to this account: Provided further, That, of the funds*
 9 *made available under this heading, not to exceed 10 percent*
 10 *shall remain available until September 30, 2027.*

11 *VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION*

12 *MEDICAL SERVICES*

13 *For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized*
 14 *by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to*
 15 *beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and vet-*
 16 *erans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United States*
 17 *Code, including care and treatment in facilities not under*
 18 *the jurisdiction of the Department, and including medical*
 19 *supplies and equipment, bioengineering services, food serv-*
 20 *ices, and salaries and expenses of healthcare employees*
 21 *hired under title 38, United States Code, assistance and*
 22 *support services for caregivers as authorized by section*
 23 *1720G of title 38, United States Code, loan repayments au-*
 24 *thorized by section 604 of the Caregivers and Veterans Om-*
 25 *nibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–163;*

1 124 Stat. 1174; 38 U.S.C. 7681 note), monthly assistance
 2 allowances authorized by section 322(d) of title 38, United
 3 States Code, grants authorized by section 521A of title 38,
 4 United States Code, and administrative expenses necessary
 5 to carry out sections 322(d) and 521A of title 38, United
 6 States Code, and hospital care and medical services author-
 7 ized by section 1787 of title 38, United States Code;
 8 \$59,858,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall become
 9 available on October 1, 2026, and shall remain available
 10 until September 30, 2027: Provided, That, of the amount
 11 made available on October 1, 2026, under this heading,
 12 \$2,000,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,
 13 2028: Provided further, That of the \$75,039,000,000 to be-
 14 come available on October 1, 2025, previously appropriated
 15 under this heading in the Full-Year Continuing Appropria-
 16 tions Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4),
 17 \$15,889,000,000 is hereby rescinded: Provided further,
 18 That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
 19 retary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a priority for the
 20 provision of medical treatment for veterans who have serv-
 21 ice-connected disabilities, lower income, or have special
 22 needs: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other
 23 provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall give
 24 priority funding for the provision of basic medical benefits
 25 to veterans in enrollment priority groups 1 through 6: Pro-

1 *vided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision*
 2 *of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may authorize the*
 3 *dispensing of prescription drugs from Veterans Health Ad-*
 4 *ministration facilities to enrolled veterans with privately*
 5 *written prescriptions based on requirements established by*
 6 *the Secretary: Provided further, That the implementation*
 7 *of the program described in the previous proviso shall incur*
 8 *no additional cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs:*
 9 *Provided further, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
 10 *shall ensure that sufficient amounts appropriated under*
 11 *this heading for medical supplies and equipment are avail-*
 12 *able for the acquisition of prosthetics designed specifically*
 13 *for female veterans: Provided further, That nothing in sec-*
 14 *tion 2044(e) of title 38, United States Code, may be con-*
 15 *strued as limiting amounts that may be made available*
 16 *under this heading for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 in this*
 17 *or prior Acts.*

18 *MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE*

19 *For necessary expenses for furnishing health care to*
 20 *individuals pursuant to chapter 17 of title 38, United*
 21 *States Code, at non-Department facilities, \$38,700,000,000,*
 22 *plus reimbursements, which shall become available on Octo-*
 23 *ber 1, 2026, and shall remain available until September*
 24 *30, 2027: Provided, That, of the amount made available on*

1 *October 1, 2026, under this heading, \$2,000,000,000 shall*
 2 *remain available until September 30, 2028.*

3 *MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE*

4 *For necessary expenses in the administration of the*
 5 *medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,*
 6 *supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-*
 7 *ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activities;*
 8 *and administrative and legal expenses of the Department*
 9 *for collecting and recovering amounts owed the Department*
 10 *as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38, United States*
 11 *Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act (42*
 12 *U.S.C. 2651 et seq.), \$12,000,000,000, plus reimbursements,*
 13 *which shall become available on October 1, 2026, and shall*
 14 *remain available until September 30, 2027: Provided, That,*
 15 *of the amount made available on October 1, 2026, under*
 16 *this heading, \$350,000,000 shall remain available until*
 17 *September 30, 2028: Provided further, That, of the*
 18 *\$12,700,000,000 to become available on October 1, 2025,*
 19 *previously appropriated under this heading in the Full-*
 20 *Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of*
 21 *Public Law 119–4), \$610,000,000 is hereby rescinded.*

22 *MEDICAL FACILITIES*

23 *For necessary expenses for the maintenance and oper-*
 24 *ation of hospitals, nursing homes, domiciliary facilities,*
 25 *and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health Admin-*

1 *istration; for administrative expenses in support of plan-*
 2 *ning, design, project management, real property acquisition*
 3 *and disposition, construction, and renovation of any facil-*
 4 *ity under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department;*
 5 *for oversight, engineering, and architectural activities not*
 6 *charged to project costs; for repairing, altering, improving,*
 7 *or providing facilities in the several hospitals and homes*
 8 *under the jurisdiction of the Department, not otherwise pro-*
 9 *vided for, either by contract or by the hire of temporary*
 10 *employees and purchase of materials; for leases of facilities;*
 11 *and for laundry services; \$3,000,000, which shall be in ad-*
 12 *dition to funds previously appropriated under this heading*
 13 *that become available on October 1, 2025; and, in addition,*
 14 *\$11,700,000,000, plus reimbursements, which shall become*
 15 *available on October 1, 2026, and shall remain available*
 16 *until September 30, 2027: Provided, That, of the amount*
 17 *made available on October 1, 2026, under this heading,*
 18 *\$500,000,000 shall remain available until September 30,*
 19 *2028.*

20 *MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH*

21 *For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of*
 22 *medical and prosthetic research and development as author-*
 23 *ized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code,*
 24 *\$943,000,000, plus reimbursements, shall remain available*
 25 *until September 30, 2027: Provided, That the Secretary of*

1 *Veterans Affairs shall ensure that sufficient amounts appro-*
 2 *priated under this heading are available for prosthetic re-*
 3 *search specifically for female veterans, and for toxic expo-*
 4 *sure research.*

5 *NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION*

6 *For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Ad-*
 7 *ministration for operations and maintenance, not otherwise*
 8 *provided for, including uniforms or allowances therefor;*
 9 *cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase of one*
 10 *passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial operations;*
 11 *hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alteration or*
 12 *improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Na-*
 13 *tional Cemetery Administration, \$497,000,000, of which*
 14 *not to exceed 10 percent shall remain available until Sep-*
 15 *tember 30, 2027.*

16 *DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION*

17 *GENERAL ADMINISTRATION*

18 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

19 *For necessary operating expenses of the Department of*
 20 *Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including ad-*
 21 *ministrative expenses in support of Department-wide cap-*
 22 *ital planning, management and policy activities, uniforms,*
 23 *or allowances therefor; not to exceed \$25,000 for official re-*
 24 *ception and representation expenses; hire of passenger*
 25 *motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General Services*

1 *Administration for security guard services, \$440,000,000,*
 2 *which shall be for the offices and in the amounts specified*
 3 *under this heading in the report accompanying this Act,*
 4 *of which not to exceed 10 percent for each such office shall*
 5 *remain available until September 30, 2027: Provided, That*
 6 *funds provided under this heading may be transferred to*
 7 *“General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Adminis-*
 8 *tration”.*

9 *BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS*

10 *For necessary operating expenses of the Board of Vet-*
 11 *erans Appeals, \$277,000,000, of which not to exceed 10 per-*
 12 *cent shall remain available until September 30, 2027.*

13 *INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS*

14 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

15 *For necessary expenses for information technology sys-*
 16 *tems and telecommunications support, including develop-*
 17 *mental information systems and operational information*
 18 *systems; for pay and associated costs; and for the capital*
 19 *asset acquisition of information technology systems, includ-*
 20 *ing management and related contractual costs of said ac-*
 21 *quisitions, including contractual costs associated with oper-*
 22 *ations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States*
 23 *Code, \$5,908,000,000, plus reimbursements: Provided, That*
 24 *\$1,418,416,000 shall be for pay and associated costs, of*
 25 *which not to exceed 3 percent shall remain available until*

1 *September 30, 2027: Provided further, That \$4,488,829,000*
 2 *shall be for operations and maintenance, of which not to*
 3 *exceed 5 percent shall remain available until September 30,*
 4 *2027, and of which \$118,900,000 shall remain available*
 5 *until September 30, 2030, for the purpose of facility activa-*
 6 *tions related to projects funded by the “Construction, Major*
 7 *Projects”, “Construction, Minor Projects”, “Medical Facili-*
 8 *ties”, “National Cemetery Administration”, “General Oper-*
 9 *ating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, and*
 10 *“General Administration” accounts: Provided further, That*
 11 *\$755,000 shall be for information technology systems devel-*
 12 *opment, and shall remain available until September 30,*
 13 *2027: Provided further, That amounts made available for*
 14 *salaries and expenses, operations and maintenance, and in-*
 15 *formation technology systems development may be trans-*
 16 *ferred among the three subaccounts after the Secretary of*
 17 *Veterans Affairs requests from the Committees on Appro-*
 18 *priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make*
 19 *the transfer and an approval is issued: Provided further,*
 20 *That amounts made available for the “Information Tech-*
 21 *nology Systems” account for development may be trans-*
 22 *ferred among projects or to newly defined projects: Provided*
 23 *further, That no project may be increased or decreased by*
 24 *more than \$3,000,000 of cost prior to submitting a request*
 25 *to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*

gress to make the transfer and an approval is issued, or
absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed.

VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

For activities related to implementation, preparation,
development, interface, management, rollout, and maintenance of a Veterans Electronic Health Record system, including contractual costs associated with operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, and salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles 5 and 38, United States Code, \$3,488,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028: Provided, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress quarterly reports detailing obligations, expenditures, and deployment implementation by facility, including any changes from the deployment plan or schedule: Provided further, That the funds provided in this account shall only be available to the Office of the Deputy Secretary, to be administered by that Office: Provided further, That 25 percent of the funds made available under this heading shall not be available until July 1, 2026, and are contingent upon the Secretary of Veterans Affairs providing to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a plan by June 1, 2026, containing the following:

1 (1) *an updated life-cycle cost estimate for the*
2 *EHRM program based on the Department’s accelera-*
3 *tion of deployments announced in March 2025;*

4 (2) *an updated facility-by-facility deployment*
5 *schedule for all facilities to receive the EHRM pro-*
6 *gram;*

7 (3) *a certification that all VA facilities using the*
8 *new EHR on or before April 1, 2024, have exceeded*
9 *or met certain health care performance baseline*
10 *metrics indicating they have returned to their service*
11 *delivery levels in place prior to the deployment of the*
12 *new EHR; and*

13 (4) *a description of the projected Federal VA*
14 *staffing levels, contract support, and other relevant*
15 *activities required, and the resources required to fund*
16 *those activities, to meet the deployment goal as out-*
17 *lined in (2), including target Federal and contracted*
18 *staffing levels at VA Central Office and, each local VA*
19 *medical center with a slated deployment in 2026 and*
20 *2027, as well as contract support to provide technical*
21 *and other change management support to carry out*
22 *the deployments.*

23 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

24 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-*
25 *eral, to include information technology, in carrying out the*

1 *provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C.*
 2 *401 et seq.), \$296,000,000, of which not to exceed 10 percent*
 3 *shall remain available until September 30, 2027.*

4 *CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS*

5 *For constructing, altering, extending, and improving*
 6 *any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the*
 7 *jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans*
 8 *Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316,*
 9 *2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code,*
 10 *not otherwise provided for, including planning, architec-*
 11 *tural and engineering services, construction management*
 12 *services, maintenance or guarantee period services costs as-*
 13 *sociated with equipment guarantees provided under the*
 14 *project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and storm*
 15 *drainage system construction costs, and site acquisition,*
 16 *where the estimated cost of a project is more than the*
 17 *amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38, United*
 18 *States Code, or where funds for a project were made avail-*
 19 *able in a previous major project appropriation,*
 20 *\$1,394,000,000, of which \$621,615,000 shall remain avail-*
 21 *able until September 30, 2030, and of which \$772,385,000*
 22 *shall remain available until expended: Provided, That ex-*
 23 *cept for advance planning activities, including needs assess-*
 24 *ments which may or may not lead to capital investments,*
 25 *and other capital asset management related activities, in-*

1 cluding portfolio development and management activities,
 2 and planning, cost estimating, and design for major med-
 3 ical facility projects and major medical facility leases and
 4 investment strategy studies funded through the advance
 5 planning fund and the planning and design activities fund-
 6 ed through the design fund, staffing expenses, and funds
 7 provided for the purchase, security, and maintenance of
 8 land for the National Cemetery Administration and the
 9 Veterans Health Administration through the land acquisi-
 10 tion line item, none of the funds made available under this
 11 heading shall be used for any project that has not been noti-
 12 fied to Congress through the budgetary process or that has
 13 not been approved by the Congress through statute, joint
 14 resolution, or in the explanatory statement accompanying
 15 such Act and presented to the President at the time of en-
 16 rollment: Provided further, That funds provided for the Vet-
 17 erans Health Administration through the land acquisition
 18 line item shall be only for projects included on the five year
 19 development plan notified to Congress through the budg-
 20 etary process: Provided further, That such sums as may be
 21 necessary shall be available to reimburse the “General Ad-
 22 ministration” account for payment of salaries and expenses
 23 of all Office of Construction and Facilities Management em-
 24 ployees to support the full range of capital infrastructure
 25 services provided, including minor construction and leasing

1 *services: Provided further, That funds made available under*
 2 *this heading for fiscal year 2026, for each approved project*
 3 *shall be obligated: (1) by the awarding of a construction*
 4 *documents contract by September 30, 2026; and (2) by the*
 5 *awarding of a construction contract by September 30, 2027:*
 6 *Provided further, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
 7 *shall promptly submit to the Committees on Appropriations*
 8 *of both Houses of Congress a written report on any ap-*
 9 *proved major construction project for which obligations are*
 10 *not incurred within the time limitations established above:*
 11 *Provided further, That notwithstanding the requirements of*
 12 *section 8104(a) of title 38, United States Code, amounts*
 13 *made available under this heading for seismic program*
 14 *management activities shall be available for the completion*
 15 *of both new and existing seismic projects of the Department.*

16 *CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS*

17 *For constructing, altering, extending, and improving*
 18 *any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the*
 19 *jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans*
 20 *Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs which*
 21 *may lead to capital investments, architectural and engi-*
 22 *neering services, maintenance or guarantee period services*
 23 *costs associated with equipment guarantees provided under*
 24 *the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and*
 25 *storm drainage system construction costs, and site acquisi-*

1 tion, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316,
 2 2404, 2406 and chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code,
 3 not otherwise provided for, where the estimated cost of a
 4 project is equal to or less than the amount set forth in sec-
 5 tion 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38, United States Code,
 6 \$709,000,000, of which \$467,940,000 shall remain available
 7 until September 30, 2030, and of which \$241,060,000 shall
 8 remain available until expended, along with unobligated
 9 balances of previous “Construction, Minor Projects” appro-
 10 priations which are hereby made available for any project
 11 where the estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount
 12 set forth in such section: Provided, That funds made avail-
 13 able under this heading shall be for: (1) repairs to any of
 14 the nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the
 15 use of the Department which are necessary because of loss
 16 or damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe;
 17 and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to min-
 18 imize further loss by such causes.

19 GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE
 20 FACILITIES

21 For grants to assist States to acquire or construct
 22 State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to re-
 23 model, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home, and
 24 domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing care
 25 to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through 8137 of

1 *title 38, United States Code, \$171,000,000, to remain avail-*
 2 *able until expended.*

3 *GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES*

4 *For grants to assist States and tribal organizations*
 5 *in establishing, expanding, or improving veterans ceme-*
 6 *teries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United*
 7 *States Code, \$60,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
 8 *pended.*

9 *COST OF WAR TOXIC EXPOSURES FUND*

10 *For investment in the delivery of veterans' health care*
 11 *associated with exposure to environmental hazards, the ex-*
 12 *penses incident to the delivery of veterans' health care and*
 13 *benefits associated with exposure to environmental hazards,*
 14 *and medical and other research relating to exposure to envi-*
 15 *ronmental hazards, as authorized by section 324 of title 38,*
 16 *United States Code, and in addition to the amounts other-*
 17 *wise available for such purposes in the appropriations pro-*
 18 *vided in this or prior Acts, including the Fiscal Responsi-*
 19 *bility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–5), \$52,676,000,000,*
 20 *to remain available until expended.*

21 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS*

22 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

23 *SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2026 for*
 24 *“Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,*
 25 *and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” may be trans-*

1 *ferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appro-*
 2 *priations: Provided, That, before a transfer may take place,*
 3 *the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the*
 4 *Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress*
 5 *the authority to make the transfer and such Committees*
 6 *issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30 days*
 7 *has elapsed.*

8 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

9 *SEC. 202. Amounts made available for the Department*
 10 *of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026, in this or any other*
 11 *Act, under the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community*
 12 *Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical*
 13 *Facilities” accounts may be transferred among the ac-*
 14 *counts: Provided, That any transfers among the “Medical*
 15 *Services”, “Medical Community Care”, and “Medical Sup-*
 16 *port and Compliance” accounts of 1 percent or less of the*
 17 *total amount appropriated to the account in this or any*
 18 *other Act may take place subject to notification from the*
 19 *Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appro-*
 20 *priations of both Houses of Congress of the amount and*
 21 *purpose of the transfer: Provided further, That any trans-*
 22 *fers among the “Medical Services”, “Medical Community*
 23 *Care”, and “Medical Support and Compliance” accounts*
 24 *in excess of 1 percent, or exceeding the cumulative 1 percent*
 25 *for the fiscal year, may take place only after the Secretary*

1 requests from the Committees on Appropriations of both
 2 Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and
 3 an approval is issued: Provided further, That any transfers
 4 to or from the “Medical Facilities” account may take place
 5 only after the Secretary requests from the Committees on
 6 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to
 7 make the transfer and an approval is issued.

8 *SEC. 203. Appropriations available in this title for sal-*
 9 *aries and expenses shall be available for services authorized*
 10 *by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code; hire of pas-*
 11 *senger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land or both;*
 12 *and uniforms or allowances therefore, as authorized by sec-*
 13 *tions 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United States Code.*

14 *SEC. 204. No appropriations in this title (except the*
 15 *appropriations for “Construction, Major Projects” and*
 16 *“Construction, Minor Projects”)* shall be available for the
 17 purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any
 18 new hospital or home.

19 *SEC. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be*
 20 *available for hospitalization or examination of any persons*
 21 *(except beneficiaries entitled to such hospitalization or ex-*
 22 *amination under the laws providing such benefits to vet-*
 23 *erans, and persons receiving such treatment under sections*
 24 *7901 through 7904 of title 5, United States Code, or the*
 25 *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-*

1 *ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)), unless reimbursement*
 2 *of the cost of such hospitalization or examination is made*
 3 *to the “Medical Services” account at such rates as may be*
 4 *fixed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

5 *SEC. 206. Appropriations available in this title for*
 6 *“Compensation and Pensions”, “Readjustment Benefits”,*
 7 *and “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” shall be avail-*
 8 *able for payment of prior year accrued obligations required*
 9 *to be recorded by law against the corresponding prior year*
 10 *accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year 2025.*

11 *SEC. 207. Appropriations available in this title shall*
 12 *be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding*
 13 *prior year appropriations accounts resulting from sections*
 14 *3328(a), 3334, and 3712(a) of title 31, United States Code,*
 15 *except that if such obligations are from trust fund accounts*
 16 *they shall be payable only from “Compensation and Pen-*
 17 *sions”.*

18 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

19 *SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
 20 *during fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
 21 *shall, from the National Service Life Insurance Fund under*
 22 *section 1920 of title 38, United States Code, the Veterans’*
 23 *Special Life Insurance Fund under section 1923 of title 38,*
 24 *United States Code, and the United States Government Life*
 25 *Insurance Fund under section 1955 of title 38, United*

1 *States Code, reimburse the “General Operating Expenses,*
 2 *Veterans Benefits Administration” and “Information Tech-*
 3 *nology Systems” accounts for the cost of administration of*
 4 *the insurance programs financed through those accounts:*
 5 *Provided, That reimbursement shall be made only from the*
 6 *surplus earnings accumulated in such an insurance pro-*
 7 *gram during fiscal year 2026 that are available for divi-*
 8 *dends in that program after claims have been paid and ac-*
 9 *tuarially determined reserves have been set aside: Provided*
 10 *further, That if the cost of administration of such an insur-*
 11 *ance program exceeds the amount of surplus earnings accu-*
 12 *mulated in that program, reimbursement shall be made*
 13 *only to the extent of such surplus earnings: Provided fur-*
 14 *ther, That the Secretary shall determine the cost of adminis-*
 15 *tration for fiscal year 2026 which is properly allocable to*
 16 *the provision of each such insurance program and to the*
 17 *provision of any total disability income insurance included*
 18 *in that insurance program.*

19 *SEC. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use lease*
 20 *proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses incurred by*
 21 *that account during a prior fiscal year for providing en-*
 22 *hanced-use lease services shall be available until expended.*

23 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

24 *SEC. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for*
 25 *salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be*

1 *available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Management,*
 2 *the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adju-*
 3 *dication, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution function*
 4 *within the Office of Human Resources and Administration*
 5 *for all services provided at rates which will recover actual*
 6 *costs but not to exceed \$134,342,000 for the Office of Resolu-*
 7 *tion Management, \$7,607,000 for the Office of Employment*
 8 *Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, and \$7,586,000*
 9 *for the Alternative Dispute Resolution function within the*
 10 *Office of Human Resources and Administration: Provided,*
 11 *That payments may be made in advance for services to be*
 12 *furnished based on estimated costs: Provided further, That*
 13 *amounts received shall be credited to the “General Adminis-*
 14 *tration” and “Information Technology Systems” accounts*
 15 *for use by the office that provided the service.*

16 *SEC. 211. No funds of the Department of Veterans Af-*
 17 *fairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home care,*
 18 *or medical services provided to any person under chapter*
 19 *17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-service-con-*
 20 *nected disability described in section 1729(a)(2) of such*
 21 *title, unless that person has disclosed to the Secretary of*
 22 *Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary may require,*
 23 *current, accurate third-party reimbursement information*
 24 *for purposes of section 1729 of such title: Provided, That*
 25 *the Secretary may recover, in the same manner as any other*

1 *debt due the United States, the reasonable charges for such*
 2 *care or services from any person who does not make such*
 3 *disclosure as required: Provided further, That any amounts*
 4 *so recovered for care or services provided in a prior fiscal*
 5 *year may be obligated by the Secretary during the fiscal*
 6 *year in which amounts are received.*

7 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

8 *SEC. 212. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
 9 *proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leasing ac-*
 10 *tivities (including disposal) may be deposited into the*
 11 *“Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction, Minor*
 12 *Projects” accounts and be used for construction (including*
 13 *site acquisition and disposition), alterations, and improve-*
 14 *ments of any medical facility under the jurisdiction or for*
 15 *the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Such sums*
 16 *as realized are in addition to the amount provided for in*
 17 *“Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction, Minor*
 18 *Projects”.*

19 *SEC. 213. Amounts made available under “Medical*
 20 *Services” are available—*

- 21 *(1) for furnishing recreational facilities, sup-*
 22 *plies, and equipment; and*
- 23 *(2) for funeral expenses, burial expenses, and*
 24 *other expenses incidental to funerals and burials for*
 25 *beneficiaries receiving care in the Department.*

1 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

2 SEC. 214. Such sums as may be deposited into the
3 Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A
4 of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the
5 “Medical Services” and “Medical Community Care” ac-
6 counts to remain available until expended for the purposes
7 of these accounts.

8 SEC. 215. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may enter
9 into agreements with Federally Qualified Health Centers in
10 the State of Alaska and Indian Tribes and Tribal organiza-
11 tions which are party to the Alaska Native Health Compact
12 with the Indian Health Service, to provide healthcare, in-
13 cluding behavioral health and dental care, to veterans in
14 rural Alaska. The Secretary shall require participating vet-
15 erans and facilities to comply with all appropriate rules
16 and regulations, as established by the Secretary. The term
17 “rural Alaska” shall mean those lands which are not within
18 the boundaries of the municipality of Anchorage or the
19 Fairbanks North Star Borough.

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

21 SEC. 216. Such sums as may be deposited into the De-
22 partment of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pursuant
23 to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may be
24 transferred to the “Construction, Major Projects” and “Con-

1 *struction, Minor Projects” accounts, to remain available*
 2 *until expended for the purposes of these accounts.*

3 *SEC. 217. Not later than 30 days after the end of each*
 4 *fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit*
 5 *to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
 6 *gress a report on the financial status of the Department*
 7 *of Veterans Affairs for the preceding quarter: Provided,*
 8 *That, at a minimum, the report shall include the direction*
 9 *contained in the paragraph entitled “Quarterly reporting”,*
 10 *under the heading “General Administration” in the joint*
 11 *explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 114–223.*

12 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

13 *SEC. 218. Amounts made available under the “Medical*
 14 *Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support*
 15 *and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “General Oper-*
 16 *ating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration”, “Board*
 17 *of Veterans Appeals”, “General Administration”, and “Na-*
 18 *tional Cemetery Administration” accounts for fiscal year*
 19 *2026 may be transferred to or from the “Information Tech-*
 20 *nology Systems” account: Provided, That such transfers*
 21 *may not result in a more than 10 percent aggregate increase*
 22 *in the total amount made available by this Act for the “In-*
 23 *formation Technology Systems” account: Provided further,*
 24 *That, before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Vet-*
 25 *erans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appro-*

1 priations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make
 2 the transfer and an approval is issued.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 219. Of the amounts appropriated to the Depart-
 5 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026 for “Medical
 6 Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support
 7 and Compliance”, “Medical Facilities”, “Construction,
 8 Minor Projects”, and “Information Technology Systems”,
 9 up to \$654,954,000, plus reimbursements, may be trans-
 10 ferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of
 11 Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, es-
 12 tablished by section 1704 of the National Defense Authoriza-
 13 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123
 14 Stat. 2571) and may be used for operation of the facilities
 15 designated as combined Federal medical facilities as de-
 16 scribed by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National De-
 17 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law
 18 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): Provided, That additional funds
 19 may be transferred from accounts designated in this section
 20 to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Vet-
 21 erans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund upon
 22 written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to
 23 the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
 24 gress: Provided further, That section 220 of title II of divi-

1 sion A of Public Law 118–42, as continued by section
 2 1101(a)(10) of division A of Public Law 119–4, is repealed.

3 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

4 SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the Depart-
 5 ment of Veterans Affairs which become available on October
 6 1, 2026, for “Medical Services”, “Medical Community
 7 Care”, “Medical Support and Compliance”, and “Medical
 8 Facilities”, up to \$739,918,000, plus reimbursements, may
 9 be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Depart-
 10 ment of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration
 11 Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense
 12 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–
 13 84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used for operation of the
 14 facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities
 15 as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National
 16 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public
 17 Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): Provided, That additional
 18 funds may be transferred from accounts designated in this
 19 section to the Joint Department of Defense—Department
 20 of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund
 21 upon written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Af-
 22 fairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses
 23 of Congress.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 221. Such sums as may be deposited into the Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A of title 38, United States Code, for healthcare provided at facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500) shall also be available: (1) for transfer to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571); and (2) for operations of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): Provided, That, notwithstanding section 1704(b)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2573), amounts transferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund shall remain available until expended.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 222. Of the amounts available in this title for “Medical Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical

1 *Support and Compliance”, and “Medical Facilities”, a*
 2 *minimum of \$15,000,000 shall be transferred to the DOD–*
 3 *VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as authorized by*
 4 *section 8111(d) of title 38, United States Code, to remain*
 5 *available until expended, for any purpose authorized by sec-*
 6 *tion 8111 of title 38, United States Code.*

7 *SEC. 223. None of the funds available to the Depart-*
 8 *ment of Veterans Affairs, in this or any other Act, may*
 9 *be used to replace the current system by which the Veterans*
 10 *Integrated Service Networks select and contract for diabetes*
 11 *monitoring supplies and equipment.*

12 *SEC. 224. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall no-*
 13 *tify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of*
 14 *Congress of all bid savings in a major construction project*
 15 *that total at least \$5,000,000, or 5 percent of the pro-*
 16 *grammed amount of the project, whichever is less: Provided,*
 17 *That such notification shall occur within 14 days of a con-*
 18 *tract identifying the programmed amount: Provided fur-*
 19 *ther, That the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Ap-*
 20 *propriations of both Houses of Congress 14 days prior to*
 21 *the obligation of such bid savings and shall describe the an-*
 22 *ticipated use of such savings.*

23 *SEC. 225. None of the funds made available for “Con-*
 24 *struction, Major Projects” may be used for a project in ex-*
 25 *cess of the scope specified for that project in the original*

1 *justification data provided to the Congress as part of the*
2 *request for appropriations unless the Secretary of Veterans*
3 *Affairs receives approval from the Committees on Appro-*
4 *priations of both Houses of Congress.*

5 *SEC. 226. Not later than 30 days after the end of each*
6 *fiscal quarter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit*
7 *to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
8 *gress a quarterly report containing performance measures*
9 *and data from each Veterans Benefits Administration Re-*
10 *gional Office: Provided, That, at a minimum, the report*
11 *shall include the direction contained in the section entitled*
12 *“Disability claims backlog”, under the heading “General*
13 *Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration” in*
14 *the joint explanatory statement accompanying Public Law*
15 *114–223: Provided further, That the report shall also in-*
16 *clude information on the number of appeals pending at the*
17 *Veterans Benefits Administration as well as the Board of*
18 *Veterans Appeals on a quarterly basis.*

19 *SEC. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall pro-*
20 *vide written notification to the Committees on Appropria-*
21 *tions of both Houses of Congress 15 days prior to organiza-*
22 *tional changes which result in the transfer of 25 or more*
23 *full-time equivalents from one organizational unit of the*
24 *Department of Veterans Affairs to another.*

1 *SEC. 228. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall pro-*
 2 *vide on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Appropria-*
 3 *tions of both Houses of Congress notification of any single*
 4 *national outreach and awareness marketing campaign in*
 5 *which obligations exceed \$1,000,000.*

6 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

7 *SEC. 229. Amounts made available for the Department*
 8 *of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026, under the “Board*
 9 *of Veterans Appeals” and the “General Operating Expenses,*
 10 *Veterans Benefits Administration” accounts may be trans-*
 11 *ferred between such accounts: Provided, That before a trans-*
 12 *fer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall*
 13 *request from the Committees on Appropriations of both*
 14 *Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and*
 15 *receive approval of that request.*

16 *SEC. 230. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not*
 17 *reprogram funds among major construction projects or pro-*
 18 *grams if such instance of reprogramming will exceed a cu-*
 19 *mulative \$7,000,000, unless such reprogramming is ap-*
 20 *proved by the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses*
 21 *of Congress.*

22 *SEC. 231. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall*
 23 *ensure that the toll-free suicide hotline under section*
 24 *1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code—*

1 (1) *provides to individuals who contact the hot-*
2 *line immediate assistance from a trained professional;*
3 *and*

4 (2) *adheres to all requirements of the American*
5 *Association of Suicidology.*

6 (b)(1) *None of the funds made available by this Act*
7 *may be used to enforce or otherwise carry out any Executive*
8 *action that prohibits the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from*
9 *appointing an individual to occupy a vacant civil service*
10 *position, or establishing a new civil service position, at the*
11 *Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to such a posi-*
12 *tion relating to the hotline specified in subsection (a).*

13 (2) *In this subsection—*

14 (A) *the term “civil service” has the meaning*
15 *given such term in section 2101(1) of title 5, United*
16 *States Code; and*

17 (B) *the term “Executive action” includes—*

18 (i) *any Executive order, Presidential memo-*
19 *randum, or other action by the President; and*

20 (ii) *any agency policy, order, or other direc-*
21 *tive.*

22 (c)(1) *The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct*
23 *a study on the effectiveness of the hotline specified in sub-*
24 *section (a) during the 5-year period beginning on January*

1 1, 2016, based on an analysis of national suicide data and
 2 data collected from such hotline.

3 (2) At a minimum, the study required by paragraph
 4 (1) shall—

5 (A) determine the number of veterans who con-
 6 tact the hotline specified in subsection (a) and who
 7 receive follow up services from the hotline or mental
 8 health services from the Department of Veterans Af-
 9 fairs thereafter;

10 (B) determine the number of veterans who con-
 11 tact the hotline who are not referred to, or do not con-
 12 tinue receiving, mental health care who commit sui-
 13 cide; and

14 (C) determine the number of veterans described
 15 in subparagraph (A) who commit or attempt suicide.

16 SEC. 232. Effective during the period beginning on Oc-
 17 tober 1, 2018, and ending on January 1, 2027, none of the
 18 funds made available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
 19 by this or any other Act may be obligated or expended in
 20 contravention of the “Veterans Health Administration Clin-
 21 ical Preventive Services Guidance Statement on the Vet-
 22 erans Health Administration’s Screening for Breast Cancer
 23 Guidance” published on May 10, 2017, as issued by the Vet-
 24 erans Health Administration National Center for Health
 25 Promotion and Disease Prevention.

1 *SEC. 233. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of*
2 *law, the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available*
3 *to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the “Medical*
4 *Services” account may be used to provide—*

5 *(1) fertility counseling and treatment using as-*
6 *sisted reproductive technology to a covered veteran or*
7 *the spouse of a covered veteran; or*

8 *(2) adoption reimbursement to a covered veteran.*

9 *(b) In this section:*

10 *(1) The term “service-connected” has the mean-*
11 *ing given such term in section 101 of title 38, United*
12 *States Code.*

13 *(2) The term “covered veteran” means a veteran,*
14 *as such term is defined in section 101 of title 38,*
15 *United States Code, who has a service-connected dis-*
16 *ability that results in the inability of the veteran to*
17 *procreate without the use of fertility treatment.*

18 *(3) The term “assisted reproductive technology”*
19 *means benefits relating to reproductive assistance pro-*
20 *vided to a member of the Armed Forces who incurs*
21 *a serious injury or illness on active duty pursuant to*
22 *section 1074(c)(4)(A) of title 10, United States Code,*
23 *as described in the memorandum on the subject of*
24 *“Policy for Assisted Reproductive Services for the*
25 *Benefit of Seriously or Severely Ill/Injured (Category*

1 *II or III) Active Duty Service Members” issued by the*
2 *Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs on*
3 *April 3, 2012, and the guidance issued to implement*
4 *such policy, including any limitations on the amount*
5 *of such benefits available to such a member except*
6 *that—*

7 *(A) the time periods regarding embryo*
8 *cryopreservation and storage set forth in part*
9 *III(G) and in part IV(H) of such memorandum*
10 *shall not apply; and*

11 *(B) such term includes embryo*
12 *cryopreservation and storage without limitation*
13 *on the duration of such cryopreservation and*
14 *storage.*

15 *(4) The term “adoption reimbursement” means*
16 *reimbursement for the adoption-related expenses for*
17 *an adoption that is finalized after the date of the en-*
18 *actment of this Act under the same terms as apply*
19 *under the adoption reimbursement program of the De-*
20 *partment of Defense, as authorized in Department of*
21 *Defense Instruction 1341.09, including the reimburse-*
22 *ment limits and requirements set forth in such in-*
23 *struction.*

24 *(c) Amounts made available for the purposes specified*
25 *in subsection (a) of this section are subject to the require-*

1 ments for funds contained in section 508 of division H of
 2 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law
 3 115–141).

4 *SEC. 234. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
 5 *made available by this Act or any other Act for the Depart-*
 6 *ment of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner that*
 7 *is inconsistent with: (1) section 842 of the Transportation,*
 8 *Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary,*
 9 *the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appro-*
 10 *priations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115; 119 Stat. 2506);*
 11 *or (2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code.*

12 *SEC. 235. Section 842 of Public Law 109–115 shall*
 13 *not apply to conversion of an activity or function of the*
 14 *Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Admin-*
 15 *istration, or National Cemetery Administration to con-*
 16 *tractor performance by a business concern that is at least*
 17 *51 percent owned by one or more Indian Tribes as defined*
 18 *in section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, or one*
 19 *or more Native Hawaiian Organizations as defined in sec-*
 20 *tion 637(a)(15) of title 15, United States Code.*

21 *SEC. 236. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in*
 22 *consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-*
 23 *retary of Labor, shall discontinue collecting and using So-*
 24 *cial Security account numbers to authenticate individuals*
 25 *in all information systems of the Department of Veterans*

1 *Affairs for all individuals not later than September 30,*
 2 *2026.*

3 *(b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may collect and*
 4 *use a Social Security account number to identify an indi-*
 5 *vidual, in accordance with section 552a of title 5, United*
 6 *States Code, in an information system of the Department*
 7 *of Veterans Affairs if and only if the use of such number*
 8 *is necessary to:*

9 *(1) obtain or provide information the Secretary*
 10 *requires from an information system that is not*
 11 *under the jurisdiction of the Secretary;*

12 *(2) comply with a law, regulation, or court*
 13 *order;*

14 *(3) perform anti-fraud activities; or*

15 *(4) identify a specific individual where no ade-*
 16 *quate substitute is available.*

17 *(c) The matter in subsections (a) and (b) shall super-*
 18 *sede section 237 of division A of Public Law 118–42.*

19 *SEC. 237. For funds provided to the Department of*
 20 *Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027 for*
 21 *“Medical Services”, section 239 of division A of Public Law*
 22 *114–223 shall apply.*

23 *SEC. 238. None of the funds appropriated in this or*
 24 *prior appropriations Acts or otherwise made available to*
 25 *the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used to transfer*

1 *any amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensa-*
 2 *tion Fund to any other account within the Department of*
 3 *Veterans Affairs.*

4 *SEC. 239. Of the funds provided to the Department of*
 5 *Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year*
 6 *2027 for “Medical Services”, funds may be used in each*
 7 *year to carry out and expand the child care program au-*
 8 *thorized by section 205 of Public Law 111–163, notwith-*
 9 *standing subsection (e) of such section.*

10 *SEC. 240. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
 11 *made available in this title may be used by the Secretary*
 12 *of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement related to*
 13 *resolving a dispute or claim with an individual that would*
 14 *restrict in any way the individual from speaking to mem-*
 15 *bers of Congress or their staff on any topic not otherwise*
 16 *prohibited from disclosure by Federal law or required by*
 17 *Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national*
 18 *defense or the conduct of foreign affairs.*

19 *SEC. 241. For funds provided to the Department of*
 20 *Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027, sec-*
 21 *tion 258 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall apply.*

22 *SEC. 242. (a) None of the funds appropriated or other-*
 23 *wise made available by this Act may be used to deny an*
 24 *Inspector General funded under this Act timely access to*
 25 *any records, documents, or other materials available to the*

1 *department or agency over which that Inspector General*
2 *has responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978*
3 *(5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), or to prevent or impede the access*
4 *of the Inspector General to such records, documents, or other*
5 *materials, under any provision of law, except a provision*
6 *of law that expressly refers to such Inspector General and*
7 *expressly limits the right of access.*

8 (b) *A department or agency covered by this section*
9 *shall provide its Inspector General access to all records, doc-*
10 *uments, and other materials in a timely manner.*

11 (c) *Each Inspector General shall ensure compliance*
12 *with statutory limitations on disclosure relevant to the in-*
13 *formation provided by the establishment over which that In-*
14 *spector General has responsibilities under the Inspector*
15 *General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 401 et seq.).*

16 (d) *Each Inspector General covered by this section*
17 *shall report to the Committee on Appropriations of the Sen-*
18 *ate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of*
19 *Representatives within 5 calendar days of any failure by*
20 *any department or agency covered by this section to comply*
21 *with this requirement.*

22 SEC. 243. *None of the funds made available in this*
23 *Act may be used in a manner that would increase wait*
24 *times for veterans who seek care at medical facilities of the*
25 *Department of Veterans Affairs.*

1 *SEC. 244. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
2 *made available by this Act to the Veterans Health Adminis-*
3 *tration may be used in fiscal year 2026 to convert any pro-*
4 *gram which received specific purpose funds in fiscal year*
5 *2025 to a general purpose funded program unless the Sec-*
6 *retary of Veterans Affairs submits written notification of*
7 *any such proposal to the Committees on Appropriations of*
8 *both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior to any such*
9 *action and an approval is issued by the Committees.*

10 *SEC. 245. For funds provided to the Department of*
11 *Veterans Affairs for each of fiscal year 2026 and 2027, sec-*
12 *tion 248 of division A of Public Law 114–223 shall apply.*

13 *SEC. 246. (a) None of the funds appropriated or other-*
14 *wise made available by this Act may be used to conduct*
15 *research commencing on or after the date of enactment of*
16 *this Act, that uses any canine, feline, or non-human pri-*
17 *mate unless the Secretary of Veterans Affairs approves such*
18 *research specifically and in writing pursuant to subsection*
19 *(b).*

20 *(b)(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may approve*
21 *the conduct of research commencing on or after the date*
22 *of enactment of this Act, using canines, felines, or non-*
23 *human primates if the Secretary certifies that—*

24 *(A) the scientific objectives of the research can*
25 *only be met by using such canines, felines, or non-*

1 *human primates and cannot be met using other ani-*
2 *mal models, in vitro models, computational models,*
3 *human clinical studies, or other research alternatives;*

4 *(B) such scientific objectives are necessary to ad-*
5 *vance research benefiting veterans and are directly re-*
6 *lated to an illness or injury that is combat-related as*
7 *defined by 10 U.S.C. 1413(e);*

8 *(C) the research is consistent with the revised*
9 *Department of Veterans Affairs canine research policy*
10 *document dated December 15, 2017, including any*
11 *subsequent revisions to such document; and*

12 *(D) ethical considerations regarding minimizing*
13 *the harm experienced by canines, felines, or non-*
14 *human primates are included in evaluating the sci-*
15 *entific necessity of the research.*

16 *(2) The Secretary may not delegate the authority*
17 *under this subsection.*

18 *(c) If the Secretary approves any new research pursu-*
19 *ant to subsection (b), not later than 30 days before the com-*
20 *mencement of such research, the Secretary shall submit to*
21 *the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House*
22 *of Representatives a report describing—*

23 *(1) the nature of the research to be conducted*
24 *using canines, felines, or non-human primates;*

1 (2) *the date on which the Secretary approved the*
2 *research;*

3 (3) *the USDA pain category on the approved*
4 *use;*

5 (4) *the justification for the determination of the*
6 *Secretary that the scientific objectives of such research*
7 *could only be met using canines, felines, or non-*
8 *human primates, and methods used to make such de-*
9 *termination;*

10 (5) *the frequency and duration of such research;*
11 *and*

12 (6) *the protocols in place to ensure the necessity,*
13 *safety, and efficacy of the research, and animal wel-*
14 *fare.*

15 (d) *Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-*
16 *ment of this Act, and biannually thereafter, the Secretary*
17 *shall submit to such Committees a report describing—*

18 (1) *any research being conducted by the Depart-*
19 *ment of Veterans Affairs using canines, felines, or*
20 *non-human primates as of the date of the submittal*
21 *of the report;*

22 (2) *the circumstances under which such research*
23 *was conducted using canines, felines, or non-human*
24 *primates;*

1 (3) *the justification for using canines, felines, or*
2 *non-human primates to conduct such research;*

3 (4) *the protocols in place to ensure the necessity,*
4 *safety, and efficacy of such research; and*

5 (5) *the development and adoption of alternatives*
6 *to canines, felines, or non-human primate research.*

7 (e) *Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-*
8 *ment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Department*
9 *of Veterans Affairs must submit to voluntary U.S. Depart-*
10 *ment of Agriculture inspections of canine, feline, and non-*
11 *human primate research facilities.*

12 (f) *Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-*
13 *ment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary*
14 *shall submit to such Committees a report describing—*

15 (1) *any violations of the Animal Welfare Act, the*
16 *Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and*
17 *Use of Laboratory Animals, or other Department of*
18 *Veterans Affairs policies related to oversight of ani-*
19 *mal research found during that quarter in VA re-*
20 *search facilities;*

21 (2) *immediate corrective actions taken; and*

22 (3) *specific actions taken to prevent their recur-*
23 *rence.*

24 (g) *The Department shall implement a plan under*
25 *which the Secretary will eliminate the research conducted*

1 *using canines, felines, or non-human primates by not later*
 2 *than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.*

3 *SEC. 247. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may*
 4 *use amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in*
 5 *this title to ensure that the ratio of veterans to full-time*
 6 *employment equivalents within any program of rehabilita-*
 7 *tion conducted under chapter 31 of title 38, United States*
 8 *Code, does not exceed 125 veterans to one full-time employ-*
 9 *ment equivalent.*

10 *(b) Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-*
 11 *ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a*
 12 *report on the programs of rehabilitation conducted under*
 13 *chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, including—*

14 *(1) an assessment of the veteran-to-staff ratio for*
 15 *each such program; and*

16 *(2) recommendations for such action as the Sec-*
 17 *retary considers necessary to reduce the veteran-to-*
 18 *staff ratio for each such program.*

19 *SEC. 248. Amounts made available for the “Veterans*
 20 *Health Administration, Medical Community Care” account*
 21 *in this or any other Act for fiscal years 2026 and 2027*
 22 *may be used for expenses that would otherwise be payable*
 23 *from the Veterans Choice Fund established by section 802*
 24 *of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act, as*
 25 *amended (38 U.S.C. 1701 note).*

1 *SEC. 249. Obligations and expenditures applicable to*
 2 *the “Medical Services” account in fiscal years 2017 through*
 3 *2019 for aid to state homes (as authorized by section 1741*
 4 *of title 38, United States Code) shall remain in the “Med-*
 5 *ical Community Care” account for such fiscal years.*

6 *SEC. 250. Of the amounts made available for the De-*
 7 *partment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2026, in this*
 8 *or any other Act, under the “Veterans Health Administra-*
 9 *tion—Medical Services”, “Veterans Health Administra-*
 10 *tion—Medical Community Care”, “Veterans Health Ad-*
 11 *ministration—Medical Support and Compliance”, “Vet-*
 12 *erans Health Administration—Medical Facilities”, and*
 13 *“Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund”, accounts,*
 14 *\$1,429,181,000 shall be made available for gender-specific*
 15 *care and programmatic efforts to deliver care for women*
 16 *veterans; \$697,800,000 shall be made available for suicide*
 17 *prevention outreach programs; \$3,500,000,000 shall be*
 18 *made available for the Caregivers program; \$42,000,000*
 19 *shall be made available for the National Center for Post-*
 20 *Traumatic Stress Disorder; \$70,000,000 shall be made*
 21 *available for the Neurology Centers of Excellence;*
 22 *\$342,455,000 shall be made available for rural health care;*
 23 *\$3,459,121,000 shall be made available for veterans’ home-*
 24 *lessness programs; \$6,356,000,000 shall be made available*
 25 *for telehealth for veterans; \$709,573,000 shall be made*

1 *available for opioid prevention and treatment programs;*
 2 *and, \$36,879,000 shall be made available for the Intimate*
 3 *Partner Violence Assistance Program.*

4 *SEC. 251. Of the unobligated balances available in fis-*
 5 *cal year 2026 in the “Recurring Expenses Trans-*
 6 *formational Fund” established in section 243 of division*
 7 *J of Public Law 114–113, and in addition to any funds*
 8 *otherwise made available for such purposes in this, prior,*
 9 *or subsequent fiscal years, \$900,000,000 shall be available*
 10 *for constructing, altering, extending, and improving med-*
 11 *ical facilities of the Veterans Health Administration, in-*
 12 *cluding all supporting activities and required contin-*
 13 *gencies, during the period of availability of the Fund: Pro-*
 14 *vided, That prior to obligation of any of the funds provided*
 15 *in this section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs must pro-*
 16 *vide a plan for the execution of the funds appropriated in*
 17 *this section to the Committees on Appropriations of both*
 18 *Houses of Congress and such Committees issue an approval,*
 19 *or absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed.*

20 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

21 *SEC. 252. Of the \$75,039,000,000 to become available*
 22 *on October 1, 2025, previously appropriated under the*
 23 *heading “Veterans Health Administration—Medical Serv-*
 24 *ices” in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025*
 25 *(division A of Public Law 119–4), \$2,030,000,000 shall be*

1 transferred to “Veterans Health Administration—Medical
2 Facilities”.

3 SEC. 253. Not later than 30 days after enactment of
4 this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on
5 Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure
6 plan for funds made available in this Act and any available
7 unobligated balances from prior Acts, including the Fiscal
8 Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–5), for the Cost
9 of War Toxic Exposures Fund: Provided, That the budget
10 resource categories supporting the Veterans Health Admin-
11 istration shall be reported by the subcategories “Medical
12 Services”, “Medical Community Care”, “Medical Support
13 and Compliance”, and “Medical and Prosthetic Research”:
14 Provided further, That not later than 30 days after the end
15 of each fiscal quarter, the Secretary shall submit a quarterly
16 report on the status of the funds, including, at a minimum,
17 an update on obligations by program, project or activity.

18 SEC. 254. Any amounts transferred to the Secretary
19 and administered by a corporation referred to in section
20 7364(b) of title 38, United States Code, between October 1,
21 2017 and September 30, 2018 for purposes of carrying out
22 an order placed with the Department of Veterans Affairs
23 pursuant to section 1535 of title 31, United States Code,
24 that are available for obligation pursuant to section
25 7364(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, are to remain

1 *available for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred*
2 *by such corporation during the period of performance of*
3 *such order, provided that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
4 *determines that such amounts need to remain available for*
5 *such liquidation.*

6 *SEC. 255. None of the funds in this or any other Act*
7 *may be used to close Department of Veterans Affairs hos-*
8 *pitals, domiciliaries, or clinics, conduct an environmental*
9 *assessment, or to diminish healthcare services at existing*
10 *Veterans Health Administration medical facilities as part*
11 *of a planned realignment of services until the Secretary*
12 *provides to the Committees on Appropriations of both*
13 *Houses of Congress a report including an analysis of how*
14 *any such planned realignment of services will impact access*
15 *to care for veterans living in rural or highly rural areas,*
16 *including travel distances and transportation costs to access*
17 *a Department medical facility and availability of local spe-*
18 *cialty and primary care.*

19 *SEC. 256. Unobligated balances available under the*
20 *headings “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construc-*
21 *tion, Minor Projects” may be obligated by the Secretary of*
22 *Veterans Affairs for a facility pursuant to section 2(e)(1)*
23 *of the Communities Helping Invest through Property and*
24 *Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016 (Public Law*
25 *114–294; 38 U.S.C. 8103 note), as amended, to provide ad-*

ditional funds or to fund an escalation clause under such section of such Act: Provided, That before such unobligated balances are obligated pursuant to this section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to obligate such unobligated balances and such Committees issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed: Provided further, That the request to obligate such unobligated balances must provide Congress notice that the entity described in section 2(a)(2) of Public Law 114–294, as amended, has exhausted available cost containment approaches as set forth in the agreement under section 2(c) of such Public Law.

SEC. 257. (a) None of the funds appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Veterans Affairs may be obligated, awarded, or expended to procure or purchase covered information technology equipment in cases where the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, or any subsidiary or parent entity of the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, of the equipment is an entity, or parent company of an entity listed on any of the following:

(1) the Department of Defense’s Chinese Military Company List;

1 (2) *the Department of the Treasury’s Non-SDN*
 2 *Chinese Military Industrial Complex Companies List;*

3 (3) *the Department of Commerce’s Denied Per-*
 4 *sons List, Entity List, or Military End User List, if*
 5 *the entity is—*

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

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

10 (C) *directly or indirectly owned or con-*
 11 *trolled by an agency, instrumentality, or entity*
 12 *described in subparagraph (A) or (B); or*

13 (4) *the Department of Homeland Security’s*
 14 *Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Entity List.*

15 (b) *APPLICABILITY TO THIRD PARTIES.—The prohibi-*
 16 *tion in subsection (a) also applies in cases in which the*
 17 *Secretary has contracted with a third party for the procure-*
 18 *ment, purchase, or expenditure of funds on any of the equip-*
 19 *ment and software described in such subsection.*

20 (c) *DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the*
 21 *term “covered information technology equipment” shall*
 22 *mean the following equipment used in an office environ-*
 23 *ment: computers, printers, or interoperable*
 24 *videoconferencing equipment used in or by the Department*
 25 *of Veterans Affairs directly. “Covered information tech-*

1 nology equipment” shall not refer to services that use such
 2 equipment, including cloud services.

3 SEC. 258. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise
 4 made available by this Act may be used to pay award or
 5 incentive fees for contractors whose performance has been
 6 judged to be below satisfactory, behind schedule, over budget,
 7 or has failed to meet the basic requirements of a contract,
 8 unless the Agency determines that any such deviations are
 9 due to unforeseeable events, government-driven scope
 10 changes, or are not significant within the overall scope of
 11 the project and/or program and unless such awards or in-
 12 centive fees are consistent with section 16.401(e)(2) of the
 13 Federal Acquisition Regulation.

14 SEC. 259. The Department is directed to maintain
 15 staffing levels to facilitate the Department’s own goals, in-
 16 cluding that benefits claims are adjudicated according to
 17 the 125 day goal, and that healthcare appointments and
 18 service are provided in the timeframes required by statute
 19 and regulation.

20 SEC. 260. The Department is directed to provide quar-
 21 terly briefings to the Committees on Appropriations of both
 22 Houses of Congress on the status of implementation of the
 23 provisions in Public Law 118–42 related to veterans in the
 24 Freely Associated States [FAS] in a way that is consistent
 25 with Congressional intent, including engagement with FAS

1 *governments, a projected timeline for veterans in the FAS*
 2 *to receive hospital care and medical services, and an esti-*
 3 *mate of the cost of implementation.*

4 *SEC. 261. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
 5 *made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs in*
 6 *this Act may be used in a manner that would—*

7 *(1) interfere with the ability of a veteran to par-*
 8 *ticipate in a medicinal marijuana program approved*
 9 *by a State;*

10 *(2) deny any services from the Department to a*
 11 *veteran who is participating in such a program; or*

12 *(3) limit or interfere with the ability of a health*
 13 *care provider of the Department to make appropriate*
 14 *recommendations, fill out forms, or take steps to com-*
 15 *ply with such a program.*

16 *REPORT ON THE USE OF THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTORS TO*
 17 *CONDUCT MEDICAL DISABILITY EXAMINATIONS OF*
 18 *VETERANS FOR PURPOSES OF OBTAINING DISABILITY*
 19 *COMPENSATION*

20 *SEC. 262. (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than*
 21 *180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*
 22 *Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committee*
 23 *on Appropriations and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs*
 24 *of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations and*
 25 *the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Rep-*
 26 *resentatives a report on the use of third-party contractors*

1 *to conduct medical disability examinations of veterans for*
 2 *purposes of obtaining disability compensation.*

3 (b) *CONTENTS.—The report submitted pursuant to*
 4 *subsection (a) shall include the following:*

5 (1) *The number of contractors used in each State*
 6 *to conduct disability compensation examinations.*

7 (2) *Contract performance and quality measures.*

8 (3) *The average miles a veteran is required to*
 9 *travel to attend a contract medical disability exam-*
 10 *ination, disaggregated by State.*

11 (4) *The average wait time for an individual to*
 12 *receive an examination.*

13 (5) *A description of the process at the Depart-*
 14 *ment for handling complaints of veterans about their*
 15 *experience with a contracted medical disability exam-*
 16 *iner.*

17 *SEC. 263. (a) Not later than 180 days after the date*
 18 *of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,*
 19 *in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban*
 20 *Development, shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’*
 21 *Affairs and Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the*
 22 *Senate and the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs and Finan-*
 23 *cial Services of the House of Representatives a report that*
 24 *identifies, as of the date of the report, the total number of*
 25 *veterans participating in the housing choice voucher pro-*

1 *gram under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act*
 2 *of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)).*

3 *(b) In this section, the term “veteran”—*

4 *(1) means a person who, regardless of length of*
 5 *service, was a member of the armed forces (as that*
 6 *term is defined in section 101 of title 10, United*
 7 *States Code); and*

8 *(2) does not include a person who—*

9 *(A) received a dishonorable discharge from*
 10 *the armed forces; or*

11 *(B) was discharged or dismissed from the*
 12 *armed forces by reason of the sentence of a gen-*
 13 *eral court-martial.*

14 *NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION SURVEYS*

15 *SEC. 264. (a) The Under Secretary for Memorial Af-*
 16 *fairs of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall continue*
 17 *to—*

18 *(1) administer the customer service survey of the*
 19 *National Cemetery Administration to veterans, fami-*
 20 *lies, and funeral homes through ongoing survey ac-*
 21 *tivities; and*

22 *(2) publish the results of such survey.*

23 *(b) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30*
 24 *days before the date on which any change is made to the*
 25 *survey described in subsection (a), including with respect*
 26 *to methodology, participants, or scope, the Under Secretary*

1 *for Memorial Affairs shall submit a description of such*
 2 *change to—*

3 (1) *the Committee on Appropriations and the*
 4 *Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate; and*

5 (2) *the Committee on Appropriations and the*
 6 *Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Rep-*
 7 *resentatives.*

8 *INTERMENT SCHEDULE AVAILABILITY AT CEMETERIES*
 9 *UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE NATIONAL CEMETERY*
 10 *ADMINISTRATION*

11 *SEC. 265. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Vet-*
 12 *erans Affairs shall maintain, on the publicly accessible*
 13 *website landing page of the National Cemetery Administra-*
 14 *tion, a spreadsheet or similar document displaying the most*
 15 *recent interment schedule availability for each operational*
 16 *cemetery under the control of the National Cemetery Ad-*
 17 *ministration.*

18 *(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-*
 19 *fairs shall—*

20 (1) *not later than 120 days after the date of the*
 21 *enactment of this Act, make the spreadsheet or similar*
 22 *document described in subsection (a) available as re-*
 23 *quired by such subsection; and*

24 (2) *once every 30 days thereafter, update such*
 25 *spreadsheet or similar document.*

1 (c) *DEFINITION OF INTERMENT SCHEDULE AVAIL-*
 2 *ABILITY.*—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-
 3 *ment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall sub-*
 4 *mit to the appropriate committees of Congress a proposed*
 5 *definition for the term “interment schedule availability”*
 6 *that—*

7 (1) *generally means the number of business days*
 8 *between the establishment of a case for a deceased in-*
 9 *dividual and the first availability for the interment*
 10 *of the individual; and*

11 (2) *takes into account the ability to meet the*
 12 *family’s preferred dates, days of the week, and times*
 13 *for scheduling the interment.*

14 (d) *REPORT ON HISTORICAL DATA.*—Not later than
 15 *one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*
 16 *Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the appro-*
 17 *priate committees of Congress a report on data for inter-*
 18 *ment schedule availability during the five-year period end-*
 19 *ing on the date on which the report is submitted.*

20 (e) *APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-*
 21 *FINED.*—In this section, the term “appropriate committees
 22 *of Congress” means—*

23 (1) *the Committee on Appropriations and the*
 24 *Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and*

13 *LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR CANCELING*
14 *LARGE CONTRACTS*

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1 *SEC. 268. (a) Not later than 180 days after the date*
2 *of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the*
3 *United States shall submit to the Committee on Appropria-*
4 *tions of the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of the*
5 *House of Representatives, and each Member of Congress a*
6 *report on the current backlog in funding for construction*
7 *and renovation of State homes for veterans.*

8 *(b) The report required by subsection (a) shall include*
9 *the following:*

10 *(1) A list of all unfunded or partially funded ap-*
11 *plications for construction grants for State homes, in-*
12 *cluding those identified on the priority lists for fiscal*
13 *year 2024 and 2025.*

14 *(2) The estimated total funding required to fully*
15 *fund all projects under such pending applications.*

16 *(3) A description of the key hurdles to clearing*
17 *the backlog of construction grant applications, includ-*
18 *ing administrative, regulatory, and funding-related*
19 *barriers.*

20 *(4) Any recommendations for administrative or*
21 *legislative action to reduce delays and accelerate the*
22 *approval and completion of State home projects.*

23 *(5) An exploration of potential options for in-*
24 *terim or alternative sources of funding to sustain or*
25 *advance priority projects currently awaiting Federal*

1 *support, including an evaluation of such options for*
 2 *feasibility and potential impact.*

3 *(c) The requirement under subsection (b)(5) shall not*
 4 *be construed as relieving Congress of its responsibility to*
 5 *fund State homes fully and in a timely manner.*

6 *(d) In this section, the term “State home” has the*
 7 *meaning given that term in section 101 of title 38, United*
 8 *States Code.*

9 *SEC. 269. No funds appropriated by this title shall be*
 10 *used to reduce staffing, limit hours of operation, decrease*
 11 *training opportunities, curb access to relevant information*
 12 *technology systems, or otherwise reduce the capacity of the*
 13 *Veterans Crisis Line established under section 1720F(h) of*
 14 *title 38, United States Code, to respond to and provide re-*
 15 *sources to veterans in crisis.*

16 *REPORT ON REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STAFFING*
 17 *MODELS AT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS*

18 *SEC. 270. (a) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMIT-*
 19 *TEES OF CONGRESS.—In this section, the term “appro-*
 20 *priate committees of Congress” means—*

21 *(1) the Committee on Appropriations and the*
 22 *Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and*

23 *(2) the Committee on Appropriations and the*
 24 *Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Rep-*
 25 *resentatives.*

1 **(b) REPORT REQUIRED.**—*Not later than 90 days after*
2 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-*
3 *erans Affairs shall submit to the appropriate committees*
4 *of Congress a report on the efforts of the Secretary to review*
5 *and implement staffing models at the Department of Vet-*
6 *erans Affairs that will ensure timely, high quality delivery*
7 *of health care, benefits, and other services furnished by the*
8 *Department. Such report shall describe the methodology and*
9 *review process the Secretary is using to create the staffing*
10 *models for the Department.*

1 *TITLE III*2 *RELATED AGENCIES*3 *AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION*4 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

5 *For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of*
6 *the American Battle Monuments Commission, including the*
7 *acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries;*
8 *purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of national*
9 *cemeteries and monuments outside of the United States and*
10 *its territories and possessions; rent of office and garage*
11 *space in foreign countries; purchase (one-for-one replace-*
12 *ment basis only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; not*
13 *to exceed \$15,000 for official reception and representation*
14 *expenses; and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign*
15 *countries, when required by law of such countries,*
16 *\$108,281,000 to remain available until expended.*

17 *FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT*

18 *For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of*
19 *the American Battle Monuments Commission, such sums as*
20 *may be necessary, to remain available until expended, for*
21 *purposes authorized by section 2109 of title 36, United*
22 *States Code.*

1 *UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS*

2 *CLAIMS*

3 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

4 *For necessary expenses for the operation of the United*
 5 *States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as authorized*
 6 *by sections 7251 through 7298 of title 38, United States*
 7 *Code, \$49,000,000, of which \$3,000,000 shall be available*
 8 *until September 30, 2027: Provided, That \$4,256,000 shall*
 9 *be available for the purpose of providing financial assist-*
 10 *ance as described and in accordance with the process and*
 11 *reporting procedures set forth under this heading in Public*
 12 *Law 102-229.*

13 *DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL*

14 *CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY*

15 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

16 *For necessary expenses for maintenance, operation,*
 17 *and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Sol-*
 18 *diers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, including*
 19 *the purchase or lease of passenger motor vehicles for replace-*
 20 *ment on a one-for-one basis only, and not to exceed \$2,000*
 21 *for official reception and representation expenses,*
 22 *\$118,780,450, of which not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall re-*
 23 *main available until September 30, 2028. In addition, such*
 24 *sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance, repairs*
 25 *and replacement, to be derived from the "Lease of Depart-*

1 *ment of Defense Real Property for Defense Agencies” ac-*
 2 *count.*

3 *ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME*

4 *TRUST FUND*

5 *For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retire-*
 6 *ment Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces Re-*
 7 *irement Home—Washington, District of Columbia, and the*
 8 *Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mississippi, to*
 9 *be paid from funds available in the Armed Forces Retire-*
 10 *ment Home Trust Fund, \$79,000,000, to remain available*
 11 *until September 30, 2027, of which \$2,072,000 shall remain*
 12 *available until expended for construction and renovation of*
 13 *the physical plants at the Armed Forces Retirement*
 14 *Home—Washington, District of Columbia, and the Armed*
 15 *Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mississippi: Provided,*
 16 *That of the amounts made available under this heading*
 17 *from funds available in the Armed Forces Retirement Home*
 18 *Trust Fund, \$27,000,000 shall be paid from the general*
 19 *fund of the Treasury to the Trust Fund.*

20 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION*

21 *SEC. 301. Amounts deposited into the special account*
 22 *established under 10 U.S.C. 7727 are appropriated and*
 23 *shall be available until expended to support activities at*
 24 *the Army National Military Cemeteries.*

1 *TITLE IV*2 *GENERAL PROVISIONS*

3 *SEC. 401. No part of any appropriation contained in*
4 *this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the*
5 *current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.*

6 *SEC. 402. None of the funds made available in this*
7 *Act may be used for any program, project, or activity, when*
8 *it is made known to the Federal entity or official to which*
9 *the funds are made available that the program, project, or*
10 *activity is not in compliance with any Federal law relating*
11 *to risk assessment, the protection of private property rights,*
12 *or unfunded mandates.*

13 *SEC. 403. All departments and agencies funded under*
14 *this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing*
15 *statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of*
16 *“E-Commerce” technologies and procedures in the conduct*
17 *of their business practices and public service activities.*

18 *SEC. 404. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and noti-*
19 *fications required by this Act shall be submitted to the Sub-*
20 *committee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs,*
21 *and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations*
22 *of the House of Representatives and the Subcommittee on*
23 *Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related*
24 *Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.*

1 *SEC. 405. None of the funds made available in this*
2 *Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-*
3 *strumentality of the United States Government except pur-*
4 *suant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided*
5 *in, this or any other appropriations Act.*

6 *SEC. 406. (a) Any agency receiving funds made avail-*
7 *able in this Act, shall, subject to subsections (b) and (c),*
8 *post on the public Web site of that agency any report re-*
9 *quired to be submitted by the Congress in this or any other*
10 *Act, upon the determination by the head of the agency that*
11 *it shall serve the national interest.*

12 *(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a report if—*

13 *(1) the public posting of the report compromises*
14 *national security; or*

15 *(2) the report contains confidential or propri-*
16 *etary information.*

17 *(c) The head of the agency posting such report shall*
18 *do so only after such report has been made available to the*
19 *requesting Committee or Committees of Congress for no less*
20 *than 45 days.*

21 *SEC. 407. (a) None of the funds made available in this*
22 *Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer net-*
23 *work unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading,*
24 *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.*

5 *SEC. 408. None of the funds made available in this*
6 *Act may be used by an agency of the executive branch to*
7 *pay for first-class travel by an employee of the agency in*
8 *contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–10.124 of*
9 *title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.*

10 *SEC. 409. None of the funds made available in this*
11 *Act may be used to execute a contract for goods or services,*
12 *including construction services, where the contractor has*
13 *not complied with Executive Order No. 12989.*

14 *SEC. 410. None of the funds made available by this*
15 *Act may be used in contravention of section 101(e)(8) of*
16 *title 10, United States Code.*

17 *SEC. 411. (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds appro-*
18 *priated or otherwise made available to the Department of*
19 *Defense in this Act may be used to construct, renovate, or*
20 *expand any facility in the United States, its territories, or*
21 *possessions to house any individual detained at United*
22 *States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, for the pur-*
23 *poses of detention or imprisonment in the custody or under*
24 *the control of the Department of Defense.*

1 (b) *The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply*
 2 *to any modification of facilities at United States Naval*
 3 *Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.*

4 (c) *An individual described in this subsection is any*
 5 *individual who, as of June 24, 2009, is located at United*
 6 *States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, and who—*

7 (1) *is not a citizen of the United States or a*
 8 *member of the Armed Forces of the United States; and*

9 (2) *is—*

10 (A) *in the custody or under the effective*
 11 *control of the Department of Defense; or*

12 (B) *otherwise under detention at United*
 13 *States Naval Station, Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.*

14 SEC. 412. *None of the funds made available by this*
 15 *Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under*
 16 *section 5502 of title 38, United States Code, in any case*
 17 *arising out of the administration by the Secretary of laws*
 18 *and benefits under such title, to report a person who is*
 19 *deemed mentally incapacitated, mentally incompetent, or*
 20 *to be experiencing an extended loss of consciousness as a*
 21 *person who has been adjudicated as a mental defective*
 22 *under subsection (d)(4) or (g)(4) of section 922 of title 18,*
 23 *United States Code, without the order or finding of a judge,*
 24 *magistrate, or other judicial authority of competent juris-*

1 diction that such person is a danger to himself or herself
2 or others.

3 SEC. 413. (a) Each department or agency funded in
4 this or any other appropriations Act for fiscal year 2026
5 shall, no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act,
6 report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
7 of Representatives and the Senate on funds that are allotted
8 and available for obligation as of the end of the reporting
9 period and on obligations as of the end of the reporting
10 period: Provided, That such report shall be delineated by:
11 (1) program, project, and activity level; (2) public law mak-
12 ing such funds available; and (3) period of availability:
13 Provided further, That such reports shall be transmitted to
14 the Committees monthly thereafter, on the fifteenth of each
15 such month, during the period of availability of the relevant
16 funds.

17 (b) The term “reporting period” as used in this section
18 means the month that precedes the date on which the de-
19 partment or agency transmits the report to the Committees.

20 This division may be cited as the “Military Construc-
21 tion, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropria-
22 tions Act, 2026”.

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

5 *The following sums are appropriated, out of any*
 6 *money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-*
 7 *riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-*
 8 *tion, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending Sep-*
 9 *tember 30, 2026, and for other purposes, namely:*

10 ***TITLE I***

11 ***AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS***

12 ***PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING***

13 ***OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY***

14 ***(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)***

15 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary,*
 16 *\$51,792,000 of which not to exceed \$7,000,000 shall be*
 17 *available for the immediate Office of the Secretary, of which*
 18 *\$650,000 shall be for the establishment of a Seafood Indus-*
 19 *try Liaison; not to exceed \$1,896,000 shall be available for*
 20 *the Office of Homeland Security; not to exceed \$5,190,000*
 21 *shall be available for the Office of Tribal Relations, of which*
 22 *\$1,000,000 shall be to continue a Tribal Public Health Re-*
 23 *source Center at a land grant university with existing in-*
 24 *igenous public health expertise to expand current partner-*
 25 *ships and collaborative efforts with indigenous groups to*

1 *improve the delivery of public health services and functions*
 2 *in American Indian communities focusing on indigenous*
 3 *food sovereignty; not to exceed \$6,000,000 shall be available*
 4 *for the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement, of*
 5 *which \$1,500,000 shall be for 7 U.S.C. 2279(c)(5); not to*
 6 *exceed \$21,706,000 shall be available for the Office of the*
 7 *Assistant Secretary for Administration, of which*
 8 *\$20,000,000 shall be available for Departmental Adminis-*
 9 *tration to provide for necessary expenses for management*
 10 *support services to offices of the Department and for general*
 11 *administration, security, repairs and alterations, and other*
 12 *miscellaneous supplies and expenses not otherwise provided*
 13 *for and necessary for the practical and efficient work of the*
 14 *Department: Provided, That funds made available by this*
 15 *Act to an agency in the Administration mission area for*
 16 *salaries and expenses are available to fund up to one ad-*
 17 *ministrative support staff for the Office; not to exceed*
 18 *\$4,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Assistant Sec-*
 19 *retary for Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental*
 20 *Affairs to carry out the programs funded by this Act, in-*
 21 *cluding programs involving intergovernmental affairs and*
 22 *liaison within the executive branch; and not to exceed*
 23 *\$6,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Communica-*
 24 *tions: Provided further, That the Secretary of Agriculture*
 25 *is authorized to transfer funds appropriated for any office*

1 of the Office of the Secretary to any other office of the Office
2 of the Secretary: Provided further, That no appropriation
3 for any office shall be increased or decreased by more than
4 5 percent: Provided further, That not to exceed \$22,000 of
5 the amount made available under this paragraph for the
6 immediate Office of the Secretary shall be available for offi-
7 cial reception and representation expenses, not otherwise
8 provided for, as determined by the Secretary: Provided fur-
9 ther, That the amount made available under this heading
10 for Departmental Administration shall be reimbursed from
11 applicable appropriations in this Act for travel expenses in-
12 cident to the holding of hearings as required by 5 U.S.C.
13 551–558: Provided further, That funds made available
14 under this heading for the Office of the Assistant Secretary
15 for Congressional Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs
16 shall be transferred to agencies of the Department of Agri-
17 culture funded by this Act to maintain personnel at the
18 agency level: Provided further, That no funds made avail-
19 able under this heading for the Office of Assistant Secretary
20 for Congressional Relations may be obligated after 30 days
21 from the date of enactment of this Act, unless the Secretary
22 has notified the Committees on Appropriations of both
23 Houses of Congress on the allocation of these funds by
24 USDA agency: Provided further, That during any 30 day
25 notification period referenced in section 716 of this Act, the

1 *Secretary of Agriculture shall take no action to begin imple-*
 2 *mentation of the action that is subject to section 716 of this*
 3 *Act or make any public announcement of such action in*
 4 *any form.*

5 *EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS*

6 *OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST*

7 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Econo-*
 8 *mist, \$30,500,000, of which \$10,000,000 shall be for grants*
 9 *or cooperative agreements for policy research under 7*
 10 *U.S.C. 3155: Provided, That of the amounts made available*
 11 *under this heading, \$2,450,000 shall be for an interdiscipli-*
 12 *nary center based at a land grant university focused on*
 13 *agricultural policy relevant to the Midwest region which*
 14 *will provide private entities, policymakers, and the public*
 15 *with timely insights and targeted economic solutions: Pro-*
 16 *vided further, That of the amounts made available under*
 17 *this heading, \$500,000 shall be available to carry out sec-*
 18 *tion 224 of subtitle A of the Department of Agriculture Re-*
 19 *organization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6924), as amended by*
 20 *section 12504 of Public Law 115–334.*

21 *OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS*

22 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Hearings and*
 23 *Appeals, \$16,000,000.*

1 *OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS*

2 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and Pro-*
 3 *gram Analysis, \$14,967,000.*

4 *OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER*

5 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Infor-*
 6 *mation Officer, \$91,000,000, of which not less than*
 7 *\$77,428,000 is for cybersecurity requirements of the depart-*
 8 *ment.*

9 *OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER*

10 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Finan-*
 11 *cial Officer, \$6,867,000.*

12 *OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL*

13 *RIGHTS*

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

19 *OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS*

20 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights,*
 21 *\$37,000,000.*

22 *AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

23 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

24 *For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-*
 25 *ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant*

1 *to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Administrator*
 2 *of General Services to the Department of Agriculture under*
 3 *40 U.S.C. 121, for programs and activities of the Depart-*
 4 *ment which are included in this Act, and for alterations*
 5 *and other actions needed for the Department and its agen-*
 6 *cies to consolidate unneeded space into configurations suit-*
 7 *able for release to the Administrator of General Services,*
 8 *and for the operation, maintenance, improvement, and re-*
 9 *pair of Agriculture buildings and facilities, and for related*
 10 *costs, \$22,603,000, to remain available until expended.*

11 *HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT*

12 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

13 *For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-*
 14 *culture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental*
 15 *Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.*
 16 *9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C.*
 17 *6901 et seq.), \$3,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
 18 *pended: Provided, That appropriations and funds available*
 19 *herein to the Department for Hazardous Materials Manage-*
 20 *ment may be transferred to any agency of the Department*
 21 *for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to the*
 22 *above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.*

23 *OFFICE OF SAFETY, SECURITY, AND PROTECTION*

24 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Safety, Security,*
 25 *and Protection, \$20,800,000.*

1 *OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL*

2 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector Gen-*
 3 *eral, including employment pursuant to the Inspector Gen-*
 4 *eral Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.),*
 5 *\$111,561,000, including such sums as may be necessary for*
 6 *contracting and other arrangements with public agencies*
 7 *and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the In-*
 8 *spector General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C.*
 9 *App.), and including not to exceed \$125,000 for certain con-*
 10 *fidential operational expenses, including the payment of in-*
 11 *formants, to be expended under the direction of the Inspec-*
 12 *tor General pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978*
 13 *(Public Law 95-452; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 1337 of*
 14 *the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (Public Law 97-98).*

15 *OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL*

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

18 *OFFICE OF ETHICS*

19 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Ethics,*
 20 *\$4,500,000.*

21 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,*

22 *EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS*

23 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
 24 *retary for Research, Education, and Economics,*
 25 *\$1,884,000: Provided, That funds made available by this*

1 *Act to an agency in the Research, Education, and Econom-*
 2 *ics mission area for salaries and expenses are available to*
 3 *fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office:*
 4 *Provided further, That of the amounts made available*
 5 *under this heading, \$500,000 shall be made available for*
 6 *the Office of the Chief Scientist.*

7 *ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE*

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

10 *NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE*

11 *For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural*
 12 *Statistics Service, \$187,513,000, of which up to \$46,000,000*
 13 *shall be available until expended for the Census of Agri-*
 14 *culture: Provided, That amounts made available for the*
 15 *Census of Agriculture may be used to conduct Current In-*
 16 *dustrial Report surveys subject to 7 U.S.C. 2204g(d) and*
 17 *(f): Provided further, That the Secretary shall notify the*
 18 *Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress*
 19 *in writing at least 30 days prior to discontinuing data col-*
 20 *lection programs and reports.*

21 *AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE*

22 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

23 *For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research*
 24 *Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,*
 25 *or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,000 and*

1 *with prior notification and approval of the Committees on*
2 *Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and for land*
3 *exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of equal value*
4 *or shall be equalized by a payment of money to the grantor*
5 *which shall not exceed 25 percent of the total value of the*
6 *land or interests transferred out of Federal ownership,*
7 *\$1,826,778,000: Provided, That appropriations hereunder*
8 *shall be available for the operation and maintenance of air-*
9 *craft and the purchase of not to exceed one for replacement*
10 *only: Provided further, That appropriations hereunder shall*
11 *be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for the construction,*
12 *alteration, and repair of buildings and improvements, but*
13 *unless otherwise provided, the cost of constructing any one*
14 *building shall not exceed \$500,000, except for headhouses*
15 *or greenhouses which shall each be limited to \$1,800,000,*
16 *except for 10 buildings to be constructed or improved at*
17 *a cost not to exceed \$1,100,000 each, and except for four*
18 *buildings to be constructed at a cost not to exceed*
19 *\$5,000,000 each, and the cost of altering any one building*
20 *during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the cur-*
21 *rent replacement value of the building or \$500,000, which-*
22 *ever is greater: Provided further, That appropriations here-*
23 *under shall be available for entering into lease agreements*
24 *at any Agricultural Research Service location for the con-*
25 *struction of a research facility by a non-Federal entity for*

1 use by the Agricultural Research Service and a condition
2 of the lease shall be that any facility shall be owned, oper-
3 ated, and maintained by the non-Federal entity and shall
4 be removed upon the expiration or termination of the lease
5 agreement: Provided further, That the limitations on alter-
6 ations contained in this Act shall not apply to moderniza-
7 tion or replacement of existing facilities at Beltsville, Mary-
8 land: Provided further, That appropriations hereunder
9 shall be available for granting easements at the Beltsville
10 Agricultural Research Center: Provided further, That the
11 foregoing limitations shall not apply to replacement of
12 buildings needed to carry out the Act of April 24, 1948 (21
13 U.S.C. 113a): Provided further, That appropriations here-
14 under shall be available for granting easements at any Ag-
15 ricultural Research Service location for the construction of
16 a research facility by a non-Federal entity for use by, and
17 acceptable to, the Agricultural Research Service and a con-
18 dition of the easements shall be that upon completion the
19 facility shall be accepted by the Secretary, subject to the
20 availability of funds herein, if the Secretary finds that ac-
21 ceptance of the facility is in the interest of the United
22 States: Provided further, That funds may be received from
23 any State, other political subdivision, organization, or in-
24 dividual for the purpose of establishing or operating any
25 research facility or research project of the Agricultural Re-

1 *search Service, as authorized by law: Provided further, That*
 2 *no later than 60 days from the date of enactment of this*
 3 *Act, the Secretary shall provide a report to the Committees*
 4 *on Appropriations of both House of Congress that outlines*
 5 *the current staffing levels and hiring plans in fiscal year*
 6 *2026 for each research unit.*

7 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

8 *For the acquisition of land, construction, repair, im-*
 9 *provement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed*
 10 *equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricul-*
 11 *tural research programs of the Department of Agriculture,*
 12 *where not otherwise provided, \$42,650,000, to remain avail-*
 13 *able until expended, which shall be for the purposes, and*
 14 *in the amounts, specified for this account in the table titled*
 15 *“Congressionally Directed Spending” in the report accom-*
 16 *panying this Act.*

17 *NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE*

18 *RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES*

19 *For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for*
 20 *cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and*
 21 *for other expenses, \$1,089,510,000, which shall be for the*
 22 *purposes, in the amounts, and for the periods of availability*
 23 *specified in the table titled “National Institute of Food and*
 24 *Agriculture, Research and Education Activities” in the re-*
 25 *port accompanying this Act, of which \$559,760,000 shall*

1 remain available until expended and of which \$2,000,000
 2 shall remain available until September 30, 2027: Provided,
 3 That of the amounts provided under this heading,
 4 \$13,560,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts,
 5 specified for this account in the table titled “Congress-
 6 ally Directed Spending” in the report accompanying this
 7 Act, to remain available until expended, which shall not
 8 be subject to section 6(c) and section 6(d) of the Research
 9 Facilities Act (7 U.S.C. 390d): Provided further, That each
 10 institution eligible to receive funds under the Evans-Allen
 11 program receives no less than \$1,000,000: Provided further,
 12 That funds for education grants for Alaska Native and Na-
 13 tive Hawaiian-serving institutions be made available to in-
 14 dividual eligible institutions or consortia of eligible institu-
 15 tions with funds awarded equally to each of the States of
 16 Alaska and Hawaii: Provided further, That funds for edu-
 17 cation grants for 1890 institutions shall be made available
 18 to institutions eligible to receive funds under 7 U.S.C. 3221
 19 and 3222: Provided further, That not more than 5 percent
 20 of the amounts made available by this or any other Act
 21 to carry out the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative
 22 under 7 U.S.C. 3157 may be retained by the Secretary of
 23 Agriculture to pay administrative costs incurred by the Sec-
 24 retary in carrying out that authority.

1 *NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND*

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

5 *EXTENSION ACTIVITIES*

6 *For payments to States, the District of Columbia,*
 7 *Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, the*
 8 *Northern Marianas, and American Samoa, \$561,700,000*
 9 *which shall be for the purposes, in the amounts, and for*
 10 *the periods of availability specified in the table titled “Na-*
 11 *tional Institute of Food and Agriculture, Extension Activi-*
 12 *ties” in the report accompanying this Act, of which*
 13 *\$32,500,000 shall remain available until expended: Pro-*
 14 *vided, That institutions eligible to receive funds under 7*
 15 *U.S.C. 3221 for cooperative extension receive no less than*
 16 *\$1,000,000: Provided further, That funds for cooperative ex-*
 17 *tension under sections 3(b) and (c) of the Smith-Lever Act*
 18 *(7 U.S.C. 343(b) and (c)) and section 208(c) of Public Law*
 19 *93–471 shall be available for retirement and employees’*
 20 *compensation costs for extension agents.*

21 *INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES*

22 *For the integrated research, education, and extension*
 23 *grants programs, including necessary administrative ex-*
 24 *penses, \$41,100,000, which shall be for the purposes, in the*
 25 *amounts, and for the periods of availability specified in the*

1 *table titled “National Institute of Food and Agriculture, In-*
 2 *tegrated Activities” in the report accompanying this Act,*
 3 *of which \$8,000,000 shall remain available until expended:*
 4 *Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
 5 *indirect costs shall not be charged against any Extension*
 6 *Implementation Program Area grant awarded under the*
 7 *Crop Protection/Pest Management Program (7 U.S.C.*
 8 *7626).*

9 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MARKETING AND*
 10 *REGULATORY PROGRAMS*

11 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
 12 *retary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, \$1,617,000:*
 13 *Provided, That funds made available by this Act to an*
 14 *agency in the Marketing and Regulatory Programs mission*
 15 *area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to*
 16 *one administrative support staff for the Office.*

17 *ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE*

18 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

19 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

20 *For necessary expenses of the Animal and Plant*
 21 *Health Inspection Service, including up to \$30,000 for rep-*
 22 *resentation allowances and for expenses pursuant to the*
 23 *Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4085),*
 24 *\$1,167,534,000 which shall be for the purposes, in the*
 25 *amounts, and for the periods of availability specified in the*

1 *table titled “Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service”*
 2 *in the report accompanying this Act, of which \$601,551,000*
 3 *shall remain available until expended, of which \$11,384,000*
 4 *shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified for*
 5 *this account in the table titled “Congressionally Directed*
 6 *Spending” in the report accompanying this Act, to remain*
 7 *available until expended, and of which \$8,500,000 shall re-*
 8 *main available until September 30, 2027: Provided, That*
 9 *no funds shall be used to formulate or administer a brucel-*
 10 *losis eradication program for the current fiscal year that*
 11 *does not require minimum matching by the States of at*
 12 *least 40 percent: Provided further, That this appropriation*
 13 *shall be available for the purchase, replacement, operation,*
 14 *and maintenance of aircraft: Provided further, That in ad-*
 15 *dition, in emergencies which threaten any segment of the*
 16 *agricultural production industry of the United States, the*
 17 *Secretary may transfer from other appropriations or funds*
 18 *available to the agencies or corporations of the Department*
 19 *such sums as may be deemed necessary, to be available only*
 20 *in such emergencies for the arrest and eradication of con-*
 21 *tagious or infectious disease or pests of animals, poultry,*
 22 *or plants, and for expenses in accordance with sections*
 23 *10411 and 10417 of the Animal Health Protection Act (7*
 24 *U.S.C. 8310 and 8316) and sections 431 and 442 of the*
 25 *Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7751 and 7772), and any*

1 *unexpended balances of funds transferred for such emer-*
2 *gency purposes in the preceding fiscal year shall be merged*
3 *with such transferred amounts: Provided further, That the*
4 *Secretary must notify the Committees on Appropriations*
5 *about any transfer of funds in the preceding proviso within*
6 *15 days after such transfer being made: Provided further,*
7 *That appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant*
8 *to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair and alteration of*
9 *leased buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise*
10 *provided the cost of altering any one building during the*
11 *fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replace-*
12 *ment value of the building.*

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

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

For plans, construction, repair, preventive maintenance, environmental support, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2268a, \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended.

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

MARKETING SERVICES

For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Marketing Service, \$222,887,000, which shall be for the purposes and in the amounts specified in the table titled “Agricultural Marketing Service—Marketing Services” in the report accompanying this Act: Provided, That amounts made available for Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives to carry out section 12513 of Public Law 115–334 (7 U.S.C. 1632d) shall remain available until expended and the Secretary shall take measures to ensure an equal distribution of funds between the three regional innovation initiatives that were first established using funds made available under this heading in Public Law 116–6: Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alteration and repair of buildings and improvements, but the cost of altering any one building during

1 *the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current*
 2 *replacement value of the building.*

3 *Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization*
 4 *activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31*
 5 *U.S.C. 9701), except for the cost of activities relating to the*
 6 *development or maintenance of grain standards under the*
 7 *United States Grain Standards Act, 7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.*

8 *LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES*

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

15 *FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND*

16 *SUPPLY (SECTION 32)*

17 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

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

1 *ments and orders pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing*
 2 *Agreement Act of 1937 and the Agricultural Act of 1961*
 3 *(Public Law 87–128).*

4 *PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS*

5 *For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus*
 6 *and departments of markets, and similar agencies for mar-*
 7 *keting activities under section 204(b) of the Agricultural*
 8 *Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)), \$1,000,000.*

9 *LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES*

10 *EXPENSES*

11 *Not to exceed \$55,000,000 (from fees collected) shall be*
 12 *obligated during the current fiscal year for inspection and*
 13 *weighing services: Provided, That if grain export activities*
 14 *require additional supervision and oversight, or other un-*
 15 *controllable factors occur, this limitation may be exceeded*
 16 *by up to 10 percent with notification to the Committees*
 17 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.*

18 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY*

19 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
 20 *retary for Food Safety, \$1,117,000: Provided, That funds*
 21 *made available by this Act to an agency in the Food Safety*
 22 *mission area for salaries and expenses are available to fund*
 23 *up to one administrative support staff for the Office.*

1 *FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE*

2 *For necessary expenses to carry out services authorized*
3 *by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products*
4 *Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection Act, in-*
5 *cluding not to exceed \$10,000 for representation allowances*
6 *and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the Act approved*
7 *August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766), \$1,226,000,000; and in*
8 *addition, \$1,000,000 may be credited to this account from*
9 *fees collected for the cost of laboratory accreditation as au-*
10 *thorized by section 1327 of the Food, Agriculture, Conserva-*
11 *tion and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 138f): Provided, That*
12 *funds provided for the Public Health Data Communication*
13 *Infrastructure system shall remain available until ex-*
14 *pended: Provided further, That no fewer than 148 full-time*
15 *equivalent positions shall be employed during fiscal year*
16 *2026 for purposes dedicated solely to inspections and en-*
17 *forcement related to the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act*
18 *(7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.): Provided further, That the Food*
19 *Safety and Inspection Service shall continue implementa-*
20 *tion of section 11016 of Public Law 110–246 as further*
21 *clarified by the amendments made in section 12106 of Pub-*
22 *lic Law 113–79: Provided further, That this appropriation*
23 *shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the*
24 *alteration and repair of buildings and improvements, but*
25 *the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year*

- 1 *shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement value*
- 2 *of the building.*

1 *TITLE II*
2 *FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION*
3 *PROGRAMS*

4 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FARM*
5 *PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION*

6 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
7 *retary for Farm Production and Conservation, \$1,527,000:*
8 *Provided, That funds made available by this Act to an*
9 *agency in the Farm Production and Conservation mission*
10 *area for salaries and expenses are available to fund up to*
11 *one administrative support staff for the Office.*

12 *FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION BUSINESS*
13 *CENTER*

14 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

15 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

16 *For necessary expenses of the Farm Production and*
17 *Conservation Business Center, \$238,500,000, of which*
18 *\$1,000,000 shall be for the implementation of section 773*
19 *of Public Law 117–328: Provided, That \$70,740,000 of*
20 *amounts appropriated for the current fiscal year pursuant*
21 *to section 1241(a) of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-*
22 *ment Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)) shall be transferred*
23 *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 *\$1,209,307,000, 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 *pendent: 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 to the Farm Service Agency shall be*
 16 *used to permanently relocate county based employees that*
 17 *would result in an office with two or fewer employees with-*
 18 *out prior notification and approval of the Committees on*
 19 *Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.*

20 *STATE MEDIATION GRANTS*

21 *For grants pursuant to section 502(b) of the Agricul-*
 22 *tural Credit Act of 1987, as amended (7 U.S.C. 5101–5106),*
 23 *\$6,500,000: Provided, That the Secretary of Agriculture*
 24 *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 1240O of*
 6 *the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb–2),*
 7 *\$7,000,000, 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.), and*
 12 *relending program (7 U.S.C. 1936c), to be available from*
 13 *funds in the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund, as fol-*
 14 *lows: \$3,500,000,000 for guaranteed farm ownership loans*
 15 *and \$3,100,000,000 for farm ownership direct loans;*
 16 *\$2,000,000,000 for unsubsidized guaranteed operating loans*
 17 *and \$1,633,000,000 for direct operating loans; emergency*
 18 *loans, \$14,388,000; Indian tribe land acquisition loans,*
 19 *\$20,000,000; guaranteed conservation loans, \$150,000,000;*
 20 *and for boll weevil eradication program loans, \$60,000,000:*
 21 *Provided, That the Secretary shall deem the pink bollworm*
 22 *to be a boll weevil for the purpose of boll weevil eradication*
 23 *program loans.*

24 *For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans and grants,*
 25 *including the cost of modifying loans as defined in section*

1 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows:
 2 \$1,000,000 for emergency loans, to remain available until
 3 expended; \$39,370,000 for farm ownership direct loans, and
 4 \$84,000 for boll weevil eradication program loans.

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

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

17 *RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY*

18 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

19 For necessary expenses of the Risk Management Agen-
 20 cy, \$65,637,000: Provided, That \$1,000,000 of the amount
 21 appropriated under this heading in this Act shall be avail-
 22 able for compliance and integrity activities required under
 23 section 516(b)(2)(C) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act of
 24 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1516(b)(2)(C)), and shall be in addition to
 25 amounts otherwise provided for such purpose: Provided fur-

1 *ther, That not to exceed \$1,000 shall be available for official*
 2 *reception and representation expenses, as authorized by 7*
 3 *U.S.C. 1506(i).*

4 *NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE*
 5 *CONSERVATION OPERATIONS*

6 *For necessary expenses for carrying out the provisions*
 7 *of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f), including*
 8 *preparation of conservation plans and establishment of*
 9 *measures to conserve soil and water (including farm irriga-*
 10 *tion and land drainage and such special measures for soil*
 11 *and water management as may be necessary to prevent*
 12 *floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to control agricul-*
 13 *tural related pollutants); operation of conservation plant*
 14 *materials centers; classification and mapping of soil; dis-*
 15 *semination of information; acquisition of lands, water, and*
 16 *interests therein for use in the plant materials program by*
 17 *donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal cost not to*
 18 *exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C.*
 19 *2268a); purchase and erection or alteration or improvement*
 20 *of permanent and temporary buildings; and operation and*
 21 *maintenance of aircraft, \$895,754,000, which shall be for*
 22 *the purposes and in the amounts specified in the table titled*
 23 *“Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Op-*
 24 *erations” in the report accompanying this Act, to remain*
 25 *available until September 30, 2027: Provided, That appro-*

1 *priations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C.*
 2 *2250 for construction and improvement of buildings and*
 3 *public improvements at plant materials centers, except that*
 4 *the cost of alterations and improvements to other buildings*
 5 *and other public improvements shall not exceed \$250,000:*
 6 *Provided further, That when buildings or other structures*
 7 *are erected on non-Federal land, that the right to use such*
 8 *land is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a.*

9 **WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS**

10 *For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-*
 11 *ures, including but not limited to surveys and investiga-*
 12 *tions, engineering operations, works of improvement, and*
 13 *changes in use of land, in accordance with the Watershed*
 14 *Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001–1005*
 15 *and 1007–1009) and in accordance with the provisions of*
 16 *laws relating to the activities of the Department,*
 17 *\$52,360,000, to remain available until expended, of which*
 18 *\$32,360,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts,*
 19 *specified for this account in the table titled “Congression-*
 20 *ally Directed Spending” in the report accompanying this*
 21 *Act: Provided, That for funds provided by this Act or any*
 22 *other prior Act, the limitation regarding the size of the wa-*
 23 *tershed or subwatershed exceeding two hundred and fifty*
 24 *thousand acres in which such activities can be undertaken*
 25 *shall only apply for activities undertaken for the primary*

1 *purpose of flood prevention (including structural and land*
 2 *treatment measures): Provided further, That of the amounts*
 3 *made available under this heading, \$10,000,000 shall be al-*
 4 *located to multi-benefit irrigation modernization projects*
 5 *and activities that increase fish or wildlife habitat, reduce*
 6 *drought impact, improve water quality or instream flow,*
 7 *or provide off-channel renewable energy production.*

8 *WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM*

9 *Under the authorities of section 14 of the Watershed*
 10 *Protection and Flood Prevention Act, \$1,000,000 is pro-*
 11 *vided.*

12 *CORPORATIONS*

13 *The following corporations and agencies are hereby au-*
 14 *thorized to make expenditures, within the limits of funds*
 15 *and borrowing authority available to each such corporation*
 16 *or agency and in accord with law, and to make contracts*
 17 *and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations*
 18 *as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation*
 19 *Control Act as may be necessary in carrying out the pro-*
 20 *grams set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for*
 21 *such corporation or agency, except as hereinafter provided.*

22 *FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND*

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

1 *COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND*2 *REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES*3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

4 *For the current fiscal year, such sums as may be nec-*
5 *essary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for*
6 *net realized losses sustained, but not previously reimbursed,*
7 *pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August 17, 1961 (15*
8 *U.S.C. 713a–11): Provided, That of the funds available to*
9 *the Commodity Credit Corporation under section 11 of the*
10 *Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C.*
11 *714i) for the conduct of its business with the Foreign Agri-*
12 *cultural Service, up to \$5,000,000 may be transferred to*
13 *and used by the Foreign Agricultural Service for informa-*
14 *tion resource management activities of the Foreign Agricul-*
15 *tural Service that are not related to Commodity Credit Cor-*
16 *poration business: Provided further, That the Secretary*
17 *shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House*
18 *and Senate in writing 15 days prior to the obligation or*
19 *commitment of any emergency funds from the Commodity*
20 *Credit Corporation or the transfer or cancellation of any*
21 *previously obligated Commodity Credit Corporation funds:*
22 *Provided further, That such written notification shall in-*
23 *clude a detailed spend plan for the anticipated uses of such*
24 *funds and an expected timeline for program execution if*

1 *such obligation, commitment, transfer, or cancellation ex-*
2 *ceeds \$100,000,000.*

3 *HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT*

4 *(LIMITATION ON EXPENSES)*

5 *For the current fiscal year, the Commodity Credit Cor-*
6 *poration shall not expend more than \$15,000,000 for site*
7 *investigation and cleanup expenses, and operations and*
8 *maintenance expenses to comply with the requirement of*
9 *section 107(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-*
10 *sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C.*
11 *9607(g)), and section 6001 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act*
12 *(42 U.S.C. 6961).*

1 *TITLE III*
2 *RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS*
3 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL*
4 *DEVELOPMENT*

5 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
6 *retary for Rural Development, \$1,620,000: Provided, That*
7 *funds made available by this Act to an agency in the Rural*
8 *Development mission area for salaries and expenses are*
9 *available to fund up to one administrative support staff for*
10 *the Office.*

11 *RURAL DEVELOPMENT*
12 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*
13 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

14 *For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-*
15 *tration and implementation of Rural Development pro-*
16 *grams, including activities with institutions concerning the*
17 *development and operation of agricultural cooperatives; and*
18 *for cooperative agreements; \$351,087,000: Provided, That of*
19 *the amount made available under this heading, no less than*
20 *\$75,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be*
21 *used for information technology expenses: Provided further,*
22 *That notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds ap-*
23 *propriated under this heading may be used for advertising*
24 *and promotional activities that support Rural Development*
25 *programs: Provided further, That in addition to any other*

1 *funds appropriated for purposes authorized by section*
 2 *502(i) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472(i)), any*
 3 *amounts collected under such section, as amended by this*
 4 *Act, will immediately be credited to this account and will*
 5 *remain available until expended for such purposes: Pro-*
 6 *vided further, That of the amount made available under this*
 7 *heading, \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended,*
 8 *shall be for the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a pilot*
 9 *program that assists rural hospitals to improve long-term*
 10 *operations and financial health by providing technical as-*
 11 *sistance through analysis of current hospital management*
 12 *practices.*

13 *RURAL HOUSING SERVICE*

14 *RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

15 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

16 *For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-*
 17 *rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the*
 18 *Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the rural*
 19 *housing insurance fund, as follows: \$1,000,000,000 shall be*
 20 *for section 502 direct loans; \$5,000,000 shall be for a Single*
 21 *Family Housing Relending demonstration program for Na-*
 22 *tive American Tribes; and \$25,000,000,000 shall be for sec-*
 23 *tion 502 unsubsidized guaranteed loans; \$25,000,000 for*
 24 *section 504 housing repair loans; \$50,000,000 for section*
 25 *515 rental housing; \$400,000,000 for section 538 guaran-*

1 teed multi-family housing loans; \$10,000,000 for credit
 2 sales of single family housing acquired property; \$5,000,000
 3 for section 523 self-help housing land development loans;
 4 \$5,000,000 for section 524 site development loans; and
 5 \$15,000,000 for section 514 direct farm labor housing loans.

6 For the cost of direct loans, guaranteed loans, and
 7 grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined
 8 in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as
 9 follows: section 502 direct loans, \$130,600,000, of which
 10 \$32,650,000 shall remain available until September 30,
 11 2027; Single Family Housing Relending demonstration
 12 program for Native American Tribes, \$2,469,000; section
 13 504 housing repair loans, \$4,333,000; repair, rehabilita-
 14 tion, and new construction of section 515 rental housing,
 15 \$15,130,000, to remain available until expended; section
 16 523 self-help housing land development loans, \$657,000; sec-
 17 tion 524 site development loans, \$502,000; section 514 farm
 18 labor housing loans, \$4,761,000, to remain available until
 19 expended; and farm labor housing grants, as authorized by
 20 section 516 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1484,
 21 1486), \$7,500,000, to remain available until expended: Pro-
 22 vided, That to support the loan program level for section
 23 538 guaranteed loans made available under this heading
 24 the Secretary may charge or adjust any fees to cover the
 25 projected cost of such loan guarantees pursuant to the provi-

1 sions of the Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et
 2 seq.), and the interest on such loans may not be subsidized:
 3 Provided further, That applicants in communities that have
 4 a current rural area waiver under section 541 of the Hous-
 5 ing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490q) shall be treated as living
 6 in a rural area for purposes of section 502 guaranteed loans
 7 provided under this heading: Provided further, That of the
 8 amounts available under this paragraph for section 502 di-
 9 rect loans, no less than \$5,000,000 shall be available for
 10 direct loans for individuals whose homes will be built pur-
 11 suant to a program funded with a mutual and self-help
 12 housing grant authorized by section 523 of the Housing Act
 13 of 1949 until June 1, 2026: Provided further, That the Sec-
 14 retary shall implement provisions to provide incentives to
 15 nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities to
 16 facilitate the acquisition of Rural Housing Service (RHS)
 17 multifamily housing properties by such nonprofit organiza-
 18 tions and public housing authorities that commit to keep
 19 such properties in the RHS multifamily housing program
 20 for a period of time as determined by the Secretary, with
 21 such incentives to include, but not be limited to, the fol-
 22 lowing: allow such nonprofit entities and public housing
 23 authorities to earn a Return on Investment on the owner's
 24 initial equity contributions, as defined by the Secretary, in-
 25 vested in the transaction; and allow reimbursement of orga-

1 nizational costs associated with owner's oversight of asset
2 referred to as "Asset Management Fee" of up to \$7,500 per
3 property.

4 In addition, for the cost of direct loans and grants,
5 including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section
6 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, \$34,000,000,
7 to remain available until expended, for a demonstration
8 program for the preservation and revitalization of the sec-
9 tions 514, 515, and 516 multi-family rental housing prop-
10 erties to restructure existing USDA multi-family housing
11 loans, as the Secretary deems appropriate, expressly for the
12 purposes of ensuring the project has sufficient resources to
13 preserve the project for the purpose of providing safe and
14 affordable housing for low-income residents and farm labor-
15 ers including reducing or eliminating interest; deferring
16 loan payments, subordinating, reducing or re-amortizing
17 loan debt; and other financial assistance including ad-
18 vances, payments and incentives (including the ability of
19 owners to obtain reasonable returns on investment) required
20 by the Secretary: Provided, That the Secretary shall, as
21 part of the preservation and revitalization agreement, ob-
22 tain a restrictive use agreement consistent with the terms
23 of the restructuring.

24 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
25 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,

1 \$412,254,000 shall be paid to the appropriation for “Rural
2 Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

3 *RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

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

1 contract under section 521 of the Housing Act of 1949 for
2 a maturing property shall obligate the owner to continue
3 to maintain the project as decent, safe, and sanitary hous-
4 ing and to operate the development in accordance with the
5 Housing Act of 1949, except that rents shall be based on
6 current Fair Market Rents as established by the Depart-
7 ment of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to 24
8 CFR 888 Subpart A, 42 U.S.C. 1437f and 3535d, to deter-
9 mine the maximum initial rent and adjusted annually by
10 the Operating Cost Adjustment Factor pursuant to 24 CFR
11 888 Subpart B, unless the Agency determines that the
12 project's budget-based needs require a higher rent, in which
13 case the Agency may approve a budget-based rent level: Pro-
14 vided further, That rental assistance agreements entered
15 into or renewed during the current fiscal year shall be fund-
16 ed for a one year period: Provided further, That upon re-
17 quest by an owner under section 514 or 515 of the Act, the
18 Secretary may renew the rental assistance agreement for
19 a period of 20 years or until the term of such loan has
20 expired, subject to annual appropriations: Provided further,
21 That any unexpended balances remaining at the end of such
22 one-year agreements may be transferred and used for pur-
23 poses of any debt reduction, maintenance, repair, or reha-
24 bilitation of any existing projects; preservation; and rental
25 assistance activities authorized under title V of the Act: Pro-

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

1 *RURAL HOUSING VOUCHER ACCOUNT*

2 *For the rural housing voucher program as authorized*
3 *under section 542 of the Housing Act of 1949, but notwith-*
4 *standing subsection (b) of such section, \$48,000,000, to re-*
5 *main available until expended: Provided, That the funds*
6 *made available under this heading shall be available for*
7 *rural housing vouchers to any low-income household (in-*
8 *cluding those not receiving rental assistance) residing in*
9 *a property financed with a section 515 loan which has been*
10 *prepaid or otherwise paid off after September 30, 2005, and*
11 *is not receiving stand-alone section 521 rental assistance:*
12 *Provided further, That the amount of such voucher shall be*
13 *the difference between comparable market rent for the sec-*
14 *tion 515 unit and the tenant paid rent for such unit: Pro-*
15 *vided further, That funds made available for such vouchers*
16 *shall be subject to the availability of annual appropriations:*
17 *Provided further, That the Secretary shall, to the maximum*
18 *extent practicable, administer such vouchers with current*
19 *regulations and administrative guidance applicable to sec-*
20 *tion 8 housing vouchers administered by the Secretary of*
21 *the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Pro-*
22 *vided further, That in addition to any other available*
23 *funds, the Secretary may expend not more than \$1,000,000*
24 *total, from the program funds made available under this*

1 *heading, for administrative expenses for activities funded*
 2 *under this heading.*

3 *MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS*

4 *For grants and contracts pursuant to section*
 5 *523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490c),*
 6 *\$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

7 *RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS*

8 *For grants for very low-income housing repair and*
 9 *rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing*
 10 *Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, and 1490m,*
 11 *\$35,000,000, to remain available until expended.*

12 *RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

13 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

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

19 *For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and*
 20 *grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined*
 21 *in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, for*
 22 *rural community facilities programs as authorized by sec-*
 23 *tion 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consoli-*
 24 *dated Farm and Rural Development Act, \$217,436,000, to*
 25 *remain available until expended, of which \$199,436,000*

1 shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts specified in
2 the table titled “Congressionally Directed Spending” in the
3 report accompanying this Act: Provided, That \$5,000,000
4 of the amount appropriated under this heading shall be
5 available for a Rural Community Development Initiative:
6 Provided further, That such funds shall be used solely to
7 develop the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit com-
8 munity-based housing and community development organi-
9 zations, low-income rural communities, and Federally Rec-
10 ognized Native American Tribes to undertake projects to
11 improve housing, community facilities, community and eco-
12 nomic development projects in rural areas: Provided fur-
13 ther, That such funds shall be made available to qualified
14 private, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations
15 proposing to carry out a program of financial and technical
16 assistance: Provided further, That such intermediary orga-
17 nizations shall provide matching funds from other sources,
18 including Federal funds for related activities, in an amount
19 not less than funds provided: Provided further, That any
20 unobligated balances from prior year appropriations under
21 this heading for the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees
22 and grants, including amounts deobligated or cancelled,
23 may be made available to cover the subsidy costs for direct
24 loans, loan guarantees and or grants under this heading
25 in this fiscal year: Provided further, That no amounts may

1 *be made available pursuant to the preceding proviso from*
 2 *amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emer-*
 3 *gency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on*
 4 *the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit*
 5 *Control Act of 1985: Provided further, That amounts speci-*
 6 *fied in the tables titled “Community Project Funding/Con-*
 7 *gressionally Directed Spending” in the explanatory state-*
 8 *ments accompanying prior year Agriculture, Rural Devel-*
 9 *opment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agen-*
 10 *cies Appropriations Acts, as described in section 4 in the*
 11 *matter preceding division A of such Acts, may not be made*
 12 *available pursuant to the fifth proviso until at least three*
 13 *fiscal years after the fiscal year in which such funds were*
 14 *originally made available: Provided further, That no*
 15 *amounts may be made available pursuant to the preceding*
 16 *proviso without prior notification and approval of the Com-*
 17 *mittees of Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: Pro-*
 18 *vided further, That \$13,000,000 of the amount appropriated*
 19 *under this heading shall be available for community facili-*
 20 *ties grants, as authorized by section 306(a)(19) of the Con-*
 21 *solidated Farm and Rural Development Act, of which*
 22 *\$8,000,000 shall be for grants to tribal colleges as author-*
 23 *ized by section 306(a)(25) of such Act: Provided further,*
 24 *That sections 381E–H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm*
 25 *and Rural Development Act are not applicable to the funds*

1 *made available under this heading: Provided further, That*
 2 *in addition to any other available funds, the Secretary may*
 3 *expend not more than \$1,000,000 total, from the program*
 4 *funds made available under this heading, for administra-*
 5 *tive expenses for activities funded under this heading.*

6 *RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE*

7 *RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

8 *For gross obligations for the principal amount of guar-*
 9 *anteed loans as authorized by section 310B of the Consoli-*
 10 *dated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.*
 11 *1932(g)), \$1,750,000,000.*

12 *For the cost of loan guarantees and grants, for the*
 13 *rural business development programs authorized by section*
 14 *310B and described in subsections (a), (c), (f) and (g) of*
 15 *section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-*
 16 *ment Act, \$55,575,000, to remain available until expended:*
 17 *Provided, That of the amount appropriated under this*
 18 *heading, \$15,575,000 shall be for business and industry*
 19 *guaranteed loans: Provided further, That of the amount ap-*
 20 *propriated under this heading, \$26,000,000 shall be for*
 21 *rural business development grants as authorized by section*
 22 *310B(c) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development*
 23 *Act, of which not to exceed \$500,000 shall be made available*
 24 *for one grant to a qualified national organization to pro-*
 25 *vide technical assistance for rural transportation in order*

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

21 *INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM FUND ACCOUNT*

22 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

23 *For the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized*
 24 *by the Intermediary Relending Program Fund Account (7*
 25 *U.S.C. 1936b), \$13,000,000.*

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

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

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

1 *RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS*

2 *For rural cooperative development grants authorized*
 3 *under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural*
 4 *Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$24,800,000, of which*
 5 *\$3,500,000 shall be for cooperative agreements for the ap-*
 6 *propriate technology transfer for rural areas program: Pro-*
 7 *vided, That not to exceed \$3,000,000 shall be for grants for*
 8 *cooperative development centers, individual cooperatives, or*
 9 *groups of cooperatives that serve socially disadvantaged*
 10 *groups and a majority of the boards of directors or gov-*
 11 *erning boards of which are comprised of individuals who*
 12 *are members of socially disadvantaged groups; and of which*
 13 *\$12,500,000, to remain available until expended, shall be*
 14 *for value-added agricultural product market development*
 15 *grants, as authorized by section 210A of the Agricultural*
 16 *Marketing Act of 1946, of which \$1,000,000, to remain*
 17 *available until expended, shall be for Agriculture Innova-*
 18 *tion Centers authorized pursuant to section 6402 of Public*
 19 *Law 107–171.*

20 *RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

21 *For the principal amount of direct loans as authorized*
 22 *by section 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-*
 23 *opment Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s), \$19,515,000.*

24 *For the cost of loans and grants, \$5,000,000 under the*
 25 *same terms and conditions as authorized by section 379E*

1 *of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7*
 2 *U.S.C. 2008s).*

3 *RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM*

4 *For the principal amount of loan guarantees, under*
 5 *the same terms and conditions as authorized by section*
 6 *9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of*
 7 *2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107), \$100,000,000.*

8 *HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE*

9 *For the cost of loans and grants that is consistent with*
 10 *section 243 of subtitle D of title II of the Department of*
 11 *Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6953),*
 12 *as added by section 4206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014,*
 13 *for necessary expenses of the Secretary to support projects*
 14 *that provide access to healthy food in underserved areas,*
 15 *to create and preserve quality jobs, and to revitalize low-*
 16 *income communities, \$500,000, to remain available until*
 17 *expended: Provided, That such costs of loans, including the*
 18 *cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section*
 19 *502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.*

20 *RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE*

21 *RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

22 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

23 *For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-*
 24 *rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by section 306 and*
 25 *described in section 381E(d)(2) of the Consolidated Farm*

1 *and Rural Development Act, as follows: \$1,015,000,000 for*
 2 *direct loans; and \$50,000,000 for guaranteed loans.*

3 *For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and*
 4 *grants, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined*
 5 *in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, for*
 6 *rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and solid waste*
 7 *management programs authorized by sections 306, 306A,*
 8 *306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B and described in sections*
 9 *306C(a)(2), 306D, 306E, and 381E(d)(2) of the Consoli-*
 10 *dated Farm and Rural Development Act, \$443,776,000, to*
 11 *remain available until expended: Provided, That*
 12 *\$51,476,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading*
 13 *shall be available for direct loans, of which no less than*
 14 *\$3,876,000 shall be available for water and waste direct one*
 15 *percent loans for distressed communities as the Secretary*
 16 *deems appropriate: Provided further, That \$1,000,000 shall*
 17 *be available for the rural utilities program described in sec-*
 18 *tion 306(a)(2)(B) of such Act: Provided further, That*
 19 *\$5,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading*
 20 *shall be available for the rural utilities program described*
 21 *in section 306E of such Act: Provided further, That*
 22 *\$10,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading*
 23 *shall be for grants authorized by section 306A(i)(2) of the*
 24 *Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act in addition*
 25 *to funding authorized by section 306A(i)(1) of such Act:*

1 *Provided further, That \$65,000,000 of the amount appro-*
 2 *priated under this heading shall be for loans and grants*
 3 *including water and waste disposal systems grants author-*
 4 *ized by section 306C(a)(2)(B) and section 306D of the Con-*
 5 *solidated Farm and Rural Development Act, and Federally*
 6 *Recognized Native American Tribes authorized by*
 7 *306C(a)(1) of such Act, and the Department of Hawaiian*
 8 *Home Lands (of the State of Hawaii): Provided further,*
 9 *That funding provided for section 306D of the Consolidated*
 10 *Farm and Rural Development Act may be provided to a*
 11 *consortium formed pursuant to section 325 of Public Law*
 12 *105–83: Provided further, That not more than 2 percent*
 13 *of the funding provided for section 306D of the Consolidated*
 14 *Farm and Rural Development Act may be used by the State*
 15 *of Alaska for training and technical assistance programs*
 16 *and not more than 2 percent of the funding provided for*
 17 *section 306D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-*
 18 *ment Act may be used by a consortium formed pursuant*
 19 *to section 325 of Public Law 105–83 for training and tech-*
 20 *nical assistance programs: Provided further, That*
 21 *\$35,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading*
 22 *shall be for technical assistance grants for rural water and*
 23 *waste systems pursuant to section 306(a)(14) of such Act,*
 24 *unless the Secretary makes a determination of extreme need,*
 25 *of which \$9,000,000 shall be made available for a grant to*

1 a qualified nonprofit multi-State regional technical assist-
 2 ance organization, with experience in working with small
 3 communities on water and waste water problems, the prin-
 4 cipal purpose of such grant shall be to assist rural commu-
 5 nities with populations of 3,300 or less, in improving the
 6 planning, financing, development, operation, and manage-
 7 ment of water and waste water systems, and of which not
 8 less than \$800,000 shall be for a qualified national Native
 9 American organization to provide technical assistance for
 10 rural water systems for tribal communities: Provided fur-
 11 ther, That \$23,900,000 of the amount appropriated under
 12 this heading shall be for contracting with qualified national
 13 organizations for a circuit rider program to provide tech-
 14 nical assistance for rural water systems: Provided further,
 15 That \$4,000,000 of the amounts made available under this
 16 heading shall be for solid waste management grants: Pro-
 17 vided further, That \$240,400,000 of the amounts made
 18 available under this heading shall be for grants pursuant
 19 to section 306(a)(2)(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
 20 Development Act: Provided further, That \$8,000,000 of the
 21 amount appropriated under this heading shall be trans-
 22 ferred to, and merged with, the Rural Utilities Service,
 23 High Energy Cost Grants Account to provide grants au-
 24 thorized under section 19 of the Rural Electrification Act
 25 of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 918a): Provided further, That if any

1 *funds made available for the direct loan subsidy costs under*
 2 *this heading remain unobligated after July 31, 2026, such*
 3 *unobligated balances may be used for grant programs fund-*
 4 *ed under this heading: Provided further, That any unobli-*
 5 *gated balances from prior year appropriations under this*
 6 *heading for the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and*
 7 *grants, including amounts deobligated or cancelled, may be*
 8 *made available to cover the subsidy costs for direct loans,*
 9 *loan guarantees and or grants under this heading in this*
 10 *fiscal year: Provided further, That no amounts may be*
 11 *made available pursuant to the two preceding provisos from*
 12 *amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emer-*
 13 *gency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on*
 14 *the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit*
 15 *Control Act of 1985: Provided further, That sections 381E–*
 16 *H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-*
 17 *ment Act are not applicable to the funds made available*
 18 *under this heading.*

19 *RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS*

20 *LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

21 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

22 *The principal amount of loans and loan guarantees*
 23 *as authorized by sections 4, 305, 306, 313A, and 317 of*
 24 *the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 904, 935,*
 25 *936, 940c–1, and 940g) shall be made as follows: guaranteed*

1 *rural electric loans made pursuant to section 306 of that*
 2 *Act, \$2,667,000,000; cost of money direct loans made pursu-*
 3 *ant to sections 4, notwithstanding the one-eighth of one per-*
 4 *cent in 4(c)(2), and 317, notwithstanding 317(c), of that*
 5 *Act, \$4,333,000,000; guaranteed underwriting loans pursu-*
 6 *ant to section 313A of that Act, \$900,000,000; for cost-of-*
 7 *money rural telecommunications loans made pursuant to*
 8 *section 305(d)(2) of that Act, \$350,000,000; and for guaran-*
 9 *teed rural telecommunications loans made pursuant to sec-*
 10 *tion 306 of that Act, \$200,000,000: Provided, That up to*
 11 *\$2,000,000,000 shall be used for the construction, acquisi-*
 12 *tion, design, engineering or improvement of fossil-fueled*
 13 *electric generating plants (whether new or existing) that*
 14 *utilize carbon subsurface utilization and storage systems.*

15 *For the cost of direct loans as authorized by section*
 16 *305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C.*
 17 *935(d)(2)), including the cost of modifying loans, as defined*
 18 *in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, cost*
 19 *of money rural telecommunications loans, \$3,570,000.*

20 *In addition, \$4,200,000 to remain available until ex-*
 21 *pende, to carry out section 6407 of the Farm Security and*
 22 *Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107a): Provided,*
 23 *That the energy efficiency measures supported by the fund-*
 24 *ing in this paragraph shall contribute in a demonstrable*
 25 *way to the reduction of greenhouse gases.*

7 *For grants for telemedicine and distance learning serv-*
8 *ices in rural areas, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa et*
9 *seq., \$40,610,000, to remain available until expended, of*
10 *which \$610,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the*
11 *amounts, specified for this account in the table titled “Con-*
12 *gressionally Directed Spending” in the report accom-*
13 *panying this Act: Provided, That \$3,000,000 shall be made*
14 *available for grants authorized by section 379G of the Con-*
15 *solidated Farm and Rural Development Act: Provided fur-*
16 *ther, That funding provided under this heading for grants*
17 *under section 379G of the Consolidated Farm and Rural*
18 *Development Act may only be provided to entities that meet*
19 *all of the eligibility criteria for a consortium as established*
20 *by this section.*

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1 *available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary may*
2 *award grants described in section 601(a) of the Rural Elec-*
3 *trification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 950bb(a)) for*
4 *the purposes of carrying out such pilot program: Provided*
5 *further, That the cost of direct loans shall be defined in sec-*
6 *tion 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided*
7 *further, That at least 90 percent of the households to be*
8 *served by a project receiving a loan or grant under the pilot*
9 *program shall be in a rural area without sufficient access*
10 *to broadband: Provided further, That for purposes of such*
11 *pilot program, a rural area without sufficient access to*
12 *broadband shall be defined as twenty-five megabits per sec-*
13 *ond downstream and three megabits per second upstream:*
14 *Provided further, That to the extent possible, projects receiv-*
15 *ing funds provided under the pilot program must build out*
16 *service to at least one hundred megabits per second down-*
17 *stream, and twenty megabits per second upstream: Pro-*
18 *vided further, That an entity to which a loan or grant is*
19 *made under the pilot program shall not use the loan or*
20 *grant to overbuild or duplicate broadband service in a serv-*
21 *ice area by any entity that has received a broadband loan*
22 *from the Rural Utilities Service unless such service is not*
23 *provided sufficient access to broadband at the minimum*
24 *service threshold: Provided further, That not more than four*
25 *percent of the funds made available in this paragraph can*

1 *be used for administrative costs to carry out the pilot pro-*
2 *gram and up to three percent of funds made available in*
3 *this paragraph may be available for technical assistance*
4 *and pre-development planning activities to support the*
5 *most rural communities: Provided further, That the Rural*
6 *Utilities Service is directed to expedite program delivery*
7 *methods that would implement this paragraph: Provided*
8 *further, That for purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary*
9 *shall adhere to the notice, reporting and service area assess-*
10 *ment requirements set forth in section 701 of the Rural*
11 *Electrification Act (7 U.S.C. 950cc).*

12 *In addition, \$20,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
13 *pendent, for the Community Connect Grant Program au-*
14 *thorized by 7 U.S.C. 950bb–3.*

1 *TITLE IV*2 *DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS*3 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,*4 *NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES*

5 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
 6 *retary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services,*
 7 *\$1,127,000: Provided, That funds made available by this*
 8 *Act to an agency in the Food, Nutrition and Consumer*
 9 *Services mission area for salaries and expenses are avail-*
 10 *able to fund up to one administrative support staff for the*
 11 *Office.*

12 *FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE*13 *CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS*14 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

15 *For necessary expenses to carry out the Richard B.*
 16 *Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.),*
 17 *except section 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42*
 18 *U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), except sections 17 and 21;*
 19 *\$36,285,902,000 to remain available through September 30,*
 20 *2027, of which such sums as are made available under sec-*
 21 *tion 14222(b)(1) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act*
 22 *of 2008 (Public Law 110–246), as amended by this Act,*
 23 *shall be merged with and available for the same time period*
 24 *and purposes as provided herein: Provided, That of the total*
 25 *amount available, \$18,004,000 shall be available to carry*

1 out section 19 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
 2 1771 et seq.): Provided further, That of the total amount
 3 available, \$21,918,000 shall be available to carry out stud-
 4 ies and evaluations and shall remain available until ex-
 5 pended: Provided further, That of the total amount avail-
 6 able, \$5,000,000 shall remain available until expended to
 7 carry out section 18(g) of the Richard B. Russell National
 8 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(g)): Provided further,
 9 That notwithstanding section 18(g)(3)(C) of the Richard B.
 10 Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
 11 1769(g)(3)(c)), the total grant amount provided to a farm
 12 to school grant recipient in fiscal year 2026 shall not exceed
 13 \$500,000: Provided further, That of the total amount avail-
 14 able, \$10,000,000 shall be available to provide competitive
 15 grants to State agencies for subgrants to local educational
 16 agencies and schools to purchase the equipment, with a
 17 value of greater than \$1,000, needed to serve healthier
 18 meals, improve food safety, and to help support the estab-
 19 lishment, maintenance, or expansion of the school breakfast
 20 program: Provided further, That of the total amount avail-
 21 able, \$1,500,000 shall remain available until expended to
 22 carry out activities authorized under subsections (a)(2) and
 23 (e)(2) of section 21 of the Richard B. Russell National
 24 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769b-1(a)(2) and (e)(2)):
 25 Provided further, That section 26(d) of the Richard B. Rus-

1 *sell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g(d)) is*
 2 *amended in the first sentence by striking “2010 through*
 3 *2026” and inserting “2010 through 2027”: Provided fur-*
 4 *ther, That section 9(h)(3) of the Richard B. Russell Na-*
 5 *tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(3)) is amended*
 6 *in the first sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2025” and*
 7 *inserting “For fiscal year 2026”: Provided further, That*
 8 *section 9(h)(4) of the Richard B. Russell National School*
 9 *Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(h)(4)) is amended in the first*
 10 *sentence by striking “For fiscal year 2025” and inserting*
 11 *“For fiscal year 2026”.*

12 *SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR*
 13 *WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)*

14 *For necessary expenses to carry out the special supple-*
 15 *mental nutrition program as authorized by section 17 of*
 16 *the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),*
 17 *\$8,200,000,000, to remain available through September 30,*
 18 *2027: Provided, That notwithstanding section 17(h)(10) of*
 19 *the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(h)(10)),*
 20 *not less than \$90,000,000 shall be used for breastfeeding*
 21 *peer counselors and other related activities, and*
 22 *\$14,000,000 shall be used for infrastructure, including in-*
 23 *vestments to develop strategies to improve timely program*
 24 *data collection and reporting: Provided further, That funds*
 25 *made available under this heading may be used to award*

1 *grants and cooperative agreements to State agencies or*
 2 *other entities: Provided further, That the Secretary shall use*
 3 *funds made available under this heading to maintain the*
 4 *amount for the cash-value voucher for women and children*
 5 *participants at an amount recommended by the National*
 6 *Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine and ad-*
 7 *justed for inflation: Provided further, That none of the*
 8 *funds provided in this account shall be available for the*
 9 *purchase of infant formula except in accordance with the*
 10 *cost containment and competitive bidding requirements*
 11 *specified in section 17 of such Act: Provided further, That*
 12 *none of the funds provided shall be available for activities*
 13 *that are not fully reimbursed by other Federal Government*
 14 *departments or agencies unless authorized by section 17 of*
 15 *such Act: Provided further, That upon termination of a fed-*
 16 *erally mandated vendor moratorium and subject to terms*
 17 *and conditions established by the Secretary, the Secretary*
 18 *may waive the requirement at 7 CFR 246.12(g)(6) at the*
 19 *request of a State agency.*

20 *SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

21 *For necessary expenses to carry out the Food and Nu-*
 22 *trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.),*
 23 *\$118,139,341,000, of which \$3,000,000,000, to remain*
 24 *available through September 30, 2027, shall be placed in*
 25 *reserve for use only in such amounts and at such times as*

1 *may become necessary to carry out program operations:*
2 *Provided, That funds provided herein shall be expended in*
3 *accordance with section 16 of the Food and Nutrition Act*
4 *of 2008: Provided further, That of the funds made available*
5 *under this heading, \$998,000 may be used to provide nutri-*
6 *tion education services to State agencies and Federally Rec-*
7 *ognized Tribes participating in the Food Distribution Pro-*
8 *gram on Indian Reservations: Provided further, That of the*
9 *funds made available under this heading, \$3,000,000, to re-*
10 *main available until September 30, 2027, shall be used to*
11 *carry out section 4003(b) of Public Law 115–334 relating*
12 *to demonstration projects for tribal organizations: Provided*
13 *further, That of the funds made available under this head-*
14 *ing, \$3,000,000 shall be used to carry out section 4208 of*
15 *Public Law 115–334: Provided further, That this appro-*
16 *priation shall be subject to any work registration or*
17 *workfare requirements as may be required by law: Provided*
18 *further, That funds made available for Employment and*
19 *Training under this heading shall remain available through*
20 *September 30, 2027: Provided further, That funds made*
21 *available under this heading for section 28(d)(1), section*
22 *4(b), and section 27(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of*
23 *2008 shall remain available through September 30, 2027:*
24 *Provided further, That none of the funds made available*
25 *under this heading may be obligated or expended in con-*

1 *travention of section 213A of the Immigration and Nation-*
 2 *ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A): Provided further, That funds*
 3 *made available under this heading may be used to enter*
 4 *into contracts and employ staff to conduct studies, evalua-*
 5 *tions, or to conduct activities related to program integrity*
 6 *provided that such activities are authorized by the Food and*
 7 *Nutrition Act of 2008.*

8 *COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

9 *For necessary expenses to carry out disaster and com-*
 10 *modity assistance, \$516,070,000, to remain available*
 11 *through September 30, 2027, of which \$425,000,000 shall*
 12 *be for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, as au-*
 13 *thorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer*
 14 *Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note), \$80,000,000*
 15 *shall be for the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983,*
 16 *\$1,070,000 shall be for assistance for the nuclear affected*
 17 *islands, as authorized by section 103(f)(2) of the Compact*
 18 *of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (Public Law*
 19 *108–188), and \$10,000,000 shall be for the Farmers’ Market*
 20 *Nutrition Program, as authorized by section 17(m) of the*
 21 *Child Nutrition Act of 1966: Provided, That none of these*
 22 *funds shall be available to reimburse the Commodity Credit*
 23 *Corporation for commodities donated to the program: Pro-*
 24 *vided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of*
 25 *law, effective with funds made available in fiscal year 2026*

1 *to support the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program,*
2 *as authorized by section 4402 of the Farm Security and*
3 *Rural Investment Act of 2002, such funds shall remain*
4 *available through September 30, 2027: Provided further,*
5 *That of the funds made available under section 27(a) of*
6 *the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)),*
7 *the Secretary may use up to 20 percent for costs associated*
8 *with the distribution of commodities.*

9 *NUTRITION PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION*

10 *For necessary administrative expenses of the Food and*
11 *Nutrition Service for carrying out any domestic nutrition*
12 *assistance program, \$177,348,000: Provided, That of the*
13 *funds provided herein, \$2,000,000 shall be used for the pur-*
14 *poses of section 4404 of Public Law 107–171, as amended*
15 *by section 4401 of Public Law 110–246.*

1 *TITLE V*2 *FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED PROGRAMS*3 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND*4 *FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS*

5 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Sec-*
6 *retary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs,*
7 *\$932,000: Provided, That funds made available by this Act*
8 *to any agency in the Trade and Foreign Agricultural Af-*
9 *fairs mission area for salaries and expenses are available*
10 *to fund up to one administrative support staff for the Office.*

11 *OFFICE OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS*

12 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Codex*
13 *Alimentarius, \$4,922,000, including not to exceed \$40,000*
14 *for official reception and representation expenses.*

15 *FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE*16 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*17 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

18 *For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural*
19 *Service, including not to exceed \$250,000 for representation*
20 *allowances and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the*
21 *Act approved August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766),*
22 *\$227,330,000, of which no more than 6 percent shall remain*
23 *available until September 30, 2027, for overseas operations*
24 *to include the payment of locally employed staff: Provided,*
25 *That the Service may utilize advances of funds, or reim-*

1 burse this appropriation for expenditures made on behalf
 2 of Federal agencies, public and private organizations and
 3 institutions under agreements executed pursuant to the ag-
 4 ricultural food production assistance programs (7 U.S.C.
 5 1737) and the foreign assistance programs of the United
 6 States Agency for International Development: Provided fur-
 7 ther, That of the funds made available under this heading,
 8 \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be for
 9 the Cochran Fellowship Program, as authorized by 7 U.S.C.
 10 3293, \$4,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall
 11 be for the Borlaug International Agricultural Science and
 12 Technology Fellowship program, as authorized by 7 U.S.C.
 13 3319j, and up to \$2,000,000, to remain available until ex-
 14 pended, shall be for the purpose of offsetting fluctuations
 15 in international currency exchange rates, subject to docu-
 16 mentation by the Foreign Agricultural Service.

17 *FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II GRANTS*

18 *For expenses during the current fiscal year, not other-*
 19 *wise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, includ-*
 20 *ing interest thereon, under the Food for Peace Act (Public*
 21 *Law 83-480), for commodities supplied in connection with*
 22 *dispositions abroad under title II of said Act,*
 23 *\$1,500,000,000, to remain available until expended: Pro-*
 24 *vided, That of the amount made available under this head-*
 25 *ing, \$1,000,000, shall be for the Secretary of Agriculture,*

1 *in consultation with the Secretary of State and heads of*
 2 *other relevant Federal departments and agencies as appli-*
 3 *cable, to conduct an interagency review and, within 60 days*
 4 *of enactment of this Act, provide a detailed report outlining*
 5 *the process and agency needs to support a transfer of the*
 6 *Food for Peace program from the U.S. Agency for Inter-*
 7 *national Development to the Foreign Agricultural Service*
 8 *within the Department of Agriculture: Provided further,*
 9 *That such report shall include the requirements outlined in*
 10 *the section entitled “Food for Peace Interagency Review and*
 11 *Report” in the report accompanying this Act and shall also*
 12 *address any other needs that the Department of Agriculture*
 13 *believes will be required to support successful implementa-*
 14 *tion of such program transfer.*

15 *MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION*

16 *AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM GRANTS*

17 *For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of*
 18 *section 3107 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment*
 19 *Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o–1), \$240,000,000, to remain*
 20 *available until expended: Provided, That the Commodity*
 21 *Credit Corporation is authorized to provide the services, fa-*
 22 *cilities, and authorities for the purpose of implementing*
 23 *such section, subject to reimbursement from amounts pro-*
 24 *vided herein: Provided further, That of the amount made*
 25 *available under this heading, not more than 10 percent, but*

1 *not less than \$24,000,000, shall remain available until ex-*
 2 *pendent to purchase agricultural commodities as described*
 3 *in subsection 3107(a)(2) of the Farm Security and Rural*
 4 *Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 1736o–1(a)(2)).*

5 *COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT (LOANS)*

6 *CREDIT GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

7 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

8 *For administrative expenses to carry out the Com-*
 9 *modity Credit Corporation’s Export Guarantee Program,*
 10 *GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$6,063,000, to cover common over-*
 11 *head expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Commodity*
 12 *Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity with the*
 13 *Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, which shall be paid to*
 14 *the appropriation for “Foreign Agricultural Service, Sala-*
 15 *ries and Expenses”.*

1 *TITLE VI*
2 *RELATED AGENCIES AND FOOD AND DRUG*
3 *ADMINISTRATION*
4 *DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES*
5 *FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION*
6 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*
7 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*
8 *For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Adminis-*
9 *tration, including hire and purchase of passenger motor ve-*
10 *hicles; for payment of space rental and related costs pursu-*
11 *ant to Public Law 92–313 for programs and activities of*
12 *the Food and Drug Administration which are included in*
13 *this Act; for rental of special purpose space in the District*
14 *of Columbia or elsewhere; for miscellaneous and emergency*
15 *expenses of enforcement activities, authorized and approved*
16 *by the Secretary and to be accounted for solely on the Sec-*
17 *retary’s certificate, not to exceed \$25,000; and notwith-*
18 *standing section 521 of Public Law 107–188;*
19 *\$7,015,038,000: Provided, That of the amount provided*
20 *under this heading, \$1,543,226,000 shall be derived from*
21 *prescription drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379h,*
22 *and shall be credited to this account and remain available*
23 *until expended; \$445,808,000 shall be derived from medical*
24 *device user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j, and shall be*
25 *credited to this account and remain available until ex-*

1 *pending; \$665,438,000 shall be derived from human generic*
 2 *drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-42, and shall*
 3 *be credited to this account and remain available until ex-*
 4 *pending; \$55,731,000 shall be derived from biosimilar bio-*
 5 *logical product user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-52,*
 6 *and shall be credited to this account and remain available*
 7 *until expended; \$34,142,000 shall be derived from animal*
 8 *drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-12, and shall*
 9 *be credited to this account and remain available until ex-*
 10 *pending; \$26,503,000 shall be derived from generic new ani-*
 11 *mal drug user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 379j-21, and*
 12 *shall be credited to this account and remain available until*
 13 *expended; \$712,000,000 shall be derived from tobacco prod-*
 14 *uct user fees authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, and shall be*
 15 *credited to this account and remain available until ex-*
 16 *pending: Provided further, That in addition to and notwith-*
 17 *standing any other provision under this heading, amounts*
 18 *collected for prescription drug user fees, medical device user*
 19 *fees, human generic drug user fees, biosimilar biological*
 20 *product user fees, animal drug user fees, and generic new*
 21 *animal drug user fees that exceed the respective fiscal year*
 22 *2026 limitations are appropriated and shall be credited to*
 23 *this account and remain available until expended: Provided*
 24 *further, That fees derived from prescription drug, medical*
 25 *device, human generic drug, biosimilar biological product,*

1 *animal drug, and generic new animal drug assessments for*
2 *fiscal year 2026, including any such fees collected prior to*
3 *fiscal year 2026 but credited for fiscal year 2026, shall be*
4 *subject to the fiscal year 2026 limitations: Provided further,*
5 *That the Secretary may accept payment during fiscal year*
6 *2026 of user fees specified under this heading and author-*
7 *ized for fiscal year 2027, prior to the due date for such fees,*
8 *and that amounts of such fees assessed for fiscal year 2027*
9 *for which the Secretary accepts payment in fiscal year 2026*
10 *shall not be included in amounts under this heading: Pro-*
11 *vided further, That none of these funds shall be used to de-*
12 *velop, establish, or operate any program of user fees author-*
13 *ized by 31 U.S.C. 9701: Provided further, That of the total*
14 *amount appropriated: (1) \$1,171,319,000 shall be for the*
15 *Human Foods Program and for related field activities, in-*
16 *cluding inspections, investigations, and import operations,*
17 *conducted by the Human Foods Program, the Office of In-*
18 *spections and Investigations, or the Office of the Chief Sci-*
19 *entist, of which no less than \$15,000,000 shall be used for*
20 *inspections of foreign seafood manufacturers and field ex-*
21 *aminations of imported seafood; (2) \$2,497,463,000 shall be*
22 *for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research and for*
23 *related field activities, including inspections, investiga-*
24 *tions, and import operations, conducted by the Center, the*
25 *Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the Office of the*

1 *Chief Scientist, of which no less than \$10,000,000 shall be*
2 *for pilots to increase unannounced foreign inspections and*
3 *shall remain available until expended; (3) \$625,756,000*
4 *shall be for the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Re-*
5 *search and for related field activities, including inspections,*
6 *investigations, and import operations, conducted by the*
7 *Center, the Office of Inspections and Investigations, or the*
8 *Office of the Chief Scientist; (4) \$286,442,000 shall be for*
9 *the Center for Veterinary Medicine and for related field ac-*
10 *tivities, including inspections, investigations, and import*
11 *operations, conducted by the Center, the Office of Inspec-*
12 *tions and Investigations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist;*
13 *(5) \$863,358,000 shall be for the Center for Devices and*
14 *Radiological Health and for related field activities, includ-*
15 *ing inspections, investigations, and import operations, con-*
16 *ducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections and Inves-*
17 *tigations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist; (6)*
18 *\$77,740,000 shall be for the National Center for Toxi-*
19 *cological Research; (7) \$689,258,000 shall be for the Center*
20 *for Tobacco Products and for related field activities, includ-*
21 *ing inspections, investigations, and import operations, con-*
22 *ducted by the Center, the Office of Inspections and Inves-*
23 *tigations, or the Office of the Chief Scientist; (8)*
24 *\$434,455,000 shall be for Rent and Related activities, of*
25 *which \$55,112,000 is for White Oak Consolidation, other*

1 *than the amounts paid to the General Services Administra-*
 2 *tion for rent; (9) \$219,639,000 shall be for payments to the*
 3 *General Services Administration for rent; and (10)*
 4 *\$369,267,000 shall be for other activities, including the Of-*
 5 *fice of the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, the Office of*
 6 *the Chief Scientist, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer,*
 7 *and central services for these offices: Provided further, That*
 8 *not to exceed \$25,000 of this amount shall be for official*
 9 *reception and representation expenses, not otherwise pro-*
 10 *vided for, as determined by the Commissioner: Provided*
 11 *further, That any transfer of funds pursuant to, and for*
 12 *the administration of, section 770(n) of the Federal Food,*
 13 *Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 379dd(n)) shall only*
 14 *be from amounts made available under this heading for*
 15 *other activities and shall not exceed \$2,000,000: Provided*
 16 *further, That of the amounts that are made available under*
 17 *this heading for “other activities”, and that are not derived*
 18 *from user fees, \$1,500,000 shall be transferred to and*
 19 *merged with the appropriation for “Department of Health*
 20 *and Human Services—Office of Inspector General” for*
 21 *oversight of the programs and operations of the Food and*
 22 *Drug Administration and shall be in addition to funds oth-*
 23 *erwise made available for oversight of the Food and Drug*
 24 *Administration: Provided further, That funds may be*
 25 *transferred from one specified activity to another with the*

1 *prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both*
 2 *Houses of Congress.*

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

19 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

20 *For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-*
 21 *sion, alteration, demolition, and purchase of fixed equip-*
 22 *ment or facilities of or used by the Food and Drug Adminis-*
 23 *tration, where not otherwise provided, \$5,000,000, to re-*
 24 *main available until expended.*

1 *INDEPENDENT AGENCY*
2 *FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION*
3 *LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES*

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

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TITLE VII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS AND TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

SEC. 701. The Secretary may use any appropriations made available to the Department of Agriculture in this Act to purchase new passenger motor vehicles, in addition to specific appropriations for this purpose, so long as the total number of vehicles purchased in fiscal year 2026 does not exceed the number of vehicles owned or leased in fiscal year 2018: Provided, That, prior to purchasing additional motor vehicles, the Secretary must determine that such vehicles are necessary for transportation safety, to reduce operational costs, and for the protection of life, property, and public safety: Provided further, That the Secretary may not increase the Department of Agriculture's fleet above the 2018 level unless the Secretary notifies in writing, and receives approval from, the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 30 days of the notification.

SEC. 702. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer unobligated balances of discretionary funds appropriated by this Act or any other available unobligated discretionary balances that are remaining available of the Department of Agriculture to the Working Capital Fund for the acquisition of 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 attributable to the amounts in excess of the
2 true costs of the shared services provided by the National
3 Finance Center and budgeted for the National Finance Cen-
4 ter, the Secretary shall reserve not more than 4 percent for
5 the replacement or acquisition of capital equipment, includ-
6 ing equipment for the improvement, delivery, and imple-
7 mentation of financial, administrative, and information
8 technology services, and other systems of the National Fi-
9 nance Center or to pay any unforeseen, extraordinary cost
10 of the National Finance Center: Provided further, That
11 none of the amounts reserved shall be available for obliga-
12 tion unless the Secretary submits written notification of the
13 obligation to the Committees on Appropriations of both
14 Houses of Congress: Provided further, That the limitations
15 on the obligation of funds pending notification to Congres-
16 sional Committees shall not apply to any obligation that,
17 as determined by the Secretary, is necessary to respond to
18 a declared state of emergency that significantly impacts the
19 operations of the National Finance Center; or to evacuate
20 employees of the National Finance Center to a safe haven
21 to continue operations of the National Finance Center.

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

1 *SEC. 704. No funds appropriated by this Act may be*
2 *used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative*
3 *agreements or similar arrangements between the United*
4 *States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institu-*
5 *tions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of the*
6 *agreement when the purpose of such cooperative arrange-*
7 *ments is to carry out programs of mutual interest between*
8 *the two parties. This does not preclude appropriate pay-*
9 *ment of indirect costs on grants and contracts with such*
10 *institutions when such indirect costs are computed on a*
11 *similar basis for all agencies for which appropriations are*
12 *provided in this Act.*

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

21 *SEC. 706. None of the funds made available to the De-*
22 *partment of Agriculture by this Act may be used to acquire*
23 *new information technology systems or significant up-*
24 *grades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Information*
25 *Officer, without the approval of the Chief Information Offi-*

1 *cer and the concurrence of the Executive Information Tech-*
 2 *nology Investment Review Board: Provided, That notwith-*
 3 *standing any other provision of law, none of the funds ap-*
 4 *propriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be*
 5 *transferred to the Office of the Chief Information Officer*
 6 *without written notification to and the prior approval of*
 7 *the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-*
 8 *gress: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 11319*
 9 *of title 40, United States Code, none of the funds available*
 10 *to the Department of Agriculture for information technology*
 11 *shall be obligated for projects, contracts, or other agreements*
 12 *over \$25,000 prior to receipt of written approval by the*
 13 *Chief Information Officer: Provided further, That the Chief*
 14 *Information Officer may authorize an agency to obligate*
 15 *funds without written approval from the Chief Information*
 16 *Officer for projects, contracts, or other agreements up to*
 17 *\$250,000 based upon the performance of an agency meas-*
 18 *ured against the performance plan requirements described*
 19 *in the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law*
 20 *113–235.*

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

1 *SEC. 708. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
2 *any former Rural Utilities Service borrower that has repaid*
3 *or prepaid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan under the*
4 *Rural Electrification Act of 1936, or any not-for-profit util-*
5 *ity that is eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under*
6 *such Act, shall be eligible for assistance under section*
7 *313B(a) of such Act in the same manner as a borrower*
8 *under such Act.*

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

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

20 *SEC. 711. In the case of each program established or*
21 *amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–*
22 *79) or by a successor to that Act, other than by title I or*
23 *subtitle A of title III of such Act, or programs for which*
24 *indefinite amounts were provided in that Act, that is au-*

1 *thorized or required to be carried out using funds of the*
2 *Commodity Credit Corporation—*

3 *(1) such funds shall be available for salaries and*
4 *related administrative expenses, including technical*
5 *assistance, associated with the implementation of the*
6 *program, without regard to the limitation on the total*
7 *amount of allotments and fund transfers contained in*
8 *section 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation*
9 *Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714i); and*

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

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

22 *SEC. 713. (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.

5 SEC. 714. Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section
 6 14222 of Public Law 110–246 (7 U.S.C. 612c–6; in this
 7 section referred to as “section 14222”), none of the funds
 8 appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any
 9 other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses of
 10 personnel to carry out a program under section 32 of the
 11 Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section re-
 12 ferred to as “section 32”) in excess of \$1,574,028,000 (exclu-
 13 sive of carryover appropriations from prior fiscal years),
 14 as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement Commod-
 15 ities—\$485,000,000; State Option Contracts—\$5,000,000;
 16 Removal of Defective Commodities—\$1,660,000; Adminis-
 17 tration of section 32 Commodity Purchases—\$37,178,000:
 18 Provided, That, of the total funds made available in the
 19 matter preceding this proviso that remain unobligated on
 20 October 1, 2026, such unobligated balances shall carryover
 21 into fiscal year 2027 and shall remain available until ex-
 22 pended for any of the purposes of section 32, except that
 23 any such carryover funds used in accordance with clause
 24 (3) of section 32 may not exceed \$350,000,000 and may
 25 not be obligated until the Secretary of Agriculture provides

1 *written notification of the expenditures to the Committees*
2 *on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least two*
3 *weeks in advance: Provided further, That, with the excep-*
4 *tion of any available carryover funds authorized in any*
5 *prior appropriations Act to be used for the purposes of*
6 *clause (3) of section 32, none of the funds appropriated or*
7 *otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall be*
8 *used to pay the salaries or expenses of any employee of the*
9 *Department of Agriculture to carry out clause (3) of section*
10 *32.*

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

1 *SEC. 716. (a) None of the funds provided by this Act,*
 2 *or provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agencies*
 3 *funded by this Act that remain available for obligation or*
 4 *expenditure in the current fiscal year, or provided from any*
 5 *accounts in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees*
 6 *available to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be avail-*
 7 *able for obligation or expenditure through a reprogram-*
 8 *ming, transfer of funds, or reimbursements as authorized*
 9 *by the Economy Act, or in the case of the Department of*
 10 *Agriculture, through use of the authority provided by sec-*
 11 *tion 702(b) of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act*
 12 *of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2257) or section 8 of Public Law 89–*
 13 *106 (7 U.S.C. 2263), that—*

14 *(1) creates new programs;*

15 *(2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;*

16 *(3) increases funds or personnel by any means*
 17 *for any project or activity for which funds have been*
 18 *denied or restricted;*

19 *(4) relocates an office or employees;*

20 *(5) reorganizes offices, programs, or activities; or*

21 *(6) contracts out or privatizes any functions or*
 22 *activities presently performed by Federal employees;*

23 *unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of*
 24 *Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies*
 25 *in writing and receives approval from the Committees on*

1 *Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days*
2 *in advance of the reprogramming of such funds or the use*
3 *of such authority.*

4 *(b) None of the funds provided by this Act, or provided*
5 *by previous Appropriations Acts to the agencies funded by*
6 *this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure*
7 *in the current fiscal year, or provided from any accounts*
8 *in the Treasury derived by the collection of fees available*
9 *to the agencies funded by this Act, shall be available for*
10 *obligation or expenditure for activities, programs, or*
11 *projects through a reprogramming or use of the authorities*
12 *referred to in subsection (a) involving funds in excess of*
13 *\$500,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less, that—*

14 *(1) augments existing programs, projects, or ac-*
15 *tivities;*

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

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

23 *unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of*
24 *Health and Human Services (as the case may be) notifies*
25 *in writing and receives approval from the Committees on*

1 *Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days*
2 *in advance of the reprogramming or transfer of such funds*
3 *or the use of such authority.*

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

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

17 (1) *modifying major capital investments funding*
18 *levels, including information technology systems, that*
19 *involves increasing or decreasing funds in the current*
20 *fiscal year for the individual investment in excess of*
21 *\$500,000 or 10 percent of the total cost, whichever is*
22 *less;*

23 (2) *realigning or reorganizing new, current, or*
24 *vacant positions or agency activities or functions to*

1 *establish a center, office, branch, or similar entity*
2 *with five or more personnel; or*

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

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

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

15 *SEC. 717. Notwithstanding section 310B(g)(5) of the*
16 *Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.*
17 *1932(g)(5)), the Secretary may assess a one-time fee for any*
18 *guaranteed business and industry loan in an amount that*
19 *does not exceed 3 percent of the guaranteed principal por-*
20 *tion of the loan.*

21 *SEC. 718. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
22 *made available to the Department of Agriculture, the Food*
23 *and Drug Administration, or the Farm Credit Administra-*
24 *tion shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available*
25 *reports, questions, or responses to questions that are a result*

1 *of information requested for the appropriations hearing*
2 *process to any non-Department of Agriculture, non-Depart-*
3 *ment of Health and Human Services, or non-Farm Credit*
4 *Administration employee.*

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

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

21 *SEC. 721. Not later than 30 days after the date of en-*
22 *actment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Com-*
23 *missioner of the Food and Drug Administration, and the*
24 *Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration shall submit*
25 *to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-*

1 representatives and the Senate a detailed obligation plan delin-
 2 eated by program, project, and activity, as defined in the
 3 report accompanying this Act, for all amounts made avail-
 4 able by this Act and prior appropriations Acts that remain
 5 available for obligation, including appropriated user fees
 6 and loan authorizations: Provided, That such obligation
 7 plan shall include breakdowns of estimated obligations for
 8 each such program, project, or activity by fiscal quarter,
 9 source appropriation, and the number of full-time equiva-
 10 lent positions supported: Provided further, That such obli-
 11 gation plan shall serve as the baseline for reprogramming
 12 notifications for the purposes of section 716 of this Act.

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

23 SEC. 723. For the purposes of determining eligibility
 24 or level of program assistance for Rural Housing Service

1 *programs the Secretary shall not include incarcerated pris-*
2 *on populations.*

3 *SEC. 724. For loans and loan guarantees that do not*
4 *require budget authority and the program level has been*
5 *established in this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may*
6 *increase the program level for such loans and loan guaran-*
7 *tees by not more than 25 percent: Provided, That prior to*
8 *the Secretary implementing such an increase, the Secretary*
9 *notifies, in writing, the Committees on Appropriations of*
10 *both Houses of Congress at least 15 days in advance.*

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

1 migration, of primary benefit to the agencies of the Depart-
2 ment of Agriculture.

3 SEC. 726. None of the funds made available by this
4 Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the
5 “variety” requirements of the final rule entitled “Enhanc-
6 ing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition As-
7 sistance Program (SNAP)” published by the Department
8 of Agriculture in the Federal Register on December 15, 2016
9 (81 Fed. Reg. 90675) until the Secretary of Agriculture
10 amends the definition of the term “variety” as defined in
11 section 278.1(b)(1)(ii)(C) of title 7, Code of Federal Regula-
12 tions, and “variety” as applied in the definition of the term
13 “staple food” as defined in section 271.2 of title 7, Code
14 of Federal Regulations, to increase the number of items that
15 qualify as acceptable varieties in each staple food category
16 so that the total number of such items in each staple food
17 category exceeds the number of such items in each staple
18 food category included in the final rule as published on De-
19 cember 15, 2016: Provided, That until the Secretary pro-
20 mulgates such regulatory amendments, the Secretary shall
21 apply the requirements regarding acceptable varieties and
22 breadth of stock to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-
23 gram retailers that were in effect on the day before the date
24 of the enactment of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public
25 Law 113–79).

1 *SEC. 727. In carrying out subsection (h) of section 502*
 2 *of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the Secretary*
 3 *of Agriculture shall have the same authority with respect*
 4 *to loans guaranteed under such section and eligible lenders*
 5 *for such loans as the Secretary has under subsections (h)*
 6 *and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1490p-2) with*
 7 *respect to loans guaranteed under such section 538 and eli-*
 8 *gible lenders for such loans.*

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

15 *SEC. 729. Notwithstanding any provision of law that*
 16 *regulates the calculation and payment of overtime and holi-*
 17 *day pay for FSIS inspectors, the Secretary may charge es-*
 18 *tablishments subject to the inspection requirements of the*
 19 *Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 451 et seq., the*
 20 *Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 601 et seq., and*
 21 *the Egg Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq.,*
 22 *for the cost of inspection services provided outside of an es-*
 23 *tablishment's approved inspection shifts, and for inspection*
 24 *services provided on Federal holidays: Provided, That any*
 25 *sums charged pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed*

1 *as overtime pay or holiday pay under section 1001(d) of*
 2 *the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–*
 3 *2, 135 Stat. 242): Provided further, That sums received by*
 4 *the Secretary under this paragraph shall, in addition to*
 5 *other available funds, remain available until expended to*
 6 *the Secretary without further appropriation for the purpose*
 7 *of funding all costs associated with FSIS inspections.*

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

9 *(1) conduct audits in a manner that evaluates*
 10 *the following factors in the country or region being*
 11 *audited, as applicable—*

12 *(A) veterinary control and oversight;*

13 *(B) disease history and vaccination prac-*
 14 *tices;*

15 *(C) livestock demographics and traceability;*

16 *(D) epidemiological separation from poten-*
 17 *tial sources of infection;*

18 *(E) surveillance practices;*

19 *(F) diagnostic laboratory capabilities; and*

20 *(G) emergency preparedness and response;*

21 *and*

22 *(2) promptly make publicly available the final*
 23 *reports of any audits or reviews conducted pursuant*
 24 *to paragraph (1).*

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

4 SEC. 731. (a)(1) *No Federal funds made available for*
 5 *this fiscal year for the rural water, waste water, waste dis-*
 6 *posal, and solid waste management programs authorized by*
 7 *sections 306, 306A, 306C, 306D, 306E, and 310B of the*
 8 *Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.*
 9 *1926 et seq.) shall be used for a project for the construction,*
 10 *alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water or*
 11 *wastewater system unless all of the iron and steel products*
 12 *used in the project are produced in the United States.*

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

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

23 (1) *applying subsection (a) would be inconsistent*
 24 *with the public interest;*

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

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

7 (c) *If the Secretary or the designee receives a request*
8 *for a waiver under this section, the Secretary or the designee*
9 *shall make available to the public on an informal basis a*
10 *copy of the request and information available to the Sec-*
11 *retary or the designee concerning the request, and shall*
12 *allow for informal public input on the request for at least*
13 *15 days prior to making a finding based on the request.*
14 *The Secretary or the designee shall make the request and*
15 *accompanying information available by electronic means,*
16 *including on the official public Internet Web site of the De-*
17 *partment.*

18 (d) *This section shall be applied in a manner con-*
19 *sistent with United States obligations under international*
20 *agreements.*

21 (e) *The Secretary may retain up to 0.25 percent of*
22 *the funds appropriated in this Act for “Rural Utilities*
23 *Service—Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Ac-*
24 *count” for carrying out the provisions described in sub-*

1 *section (a)(1) for management and oversight of the require-*
 2 *ments of this section.*

3 *(f) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a*
 4 *project for which the engineering plans and specifications*
 5 *include use of iron and steel products otherwise prohibited*
 6 *by such subsection if the plans and specifications have re-*
 7 *ceived required approvals from State agencies prior to the*
 8 *date of enactment of this Act.*

9 *(g) For purposes of this section, the terms “United*
 10 *States” and “State” shall include each of the several States,*
 11 *the District of Columbia, and each Federally recognized In-*
 12 *dian Tribe.*

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

19 *SEC. 733. Of the total amounts made available by this*
 20 *Act for direct loans and grants under the following head-*
 21 *ings: “Rural Housing Service—Rural Housing Insurance*
 22 *Fund Program Account”; “Rural Housing Service—Mu-*
 23 *tual and Self-Help Housing Grants”; “Rural Housing*
 24 *Service—Rural Housing Assistance Grants”; “Rural Hous-*
 25 *ing Service—Rural Community Facilities Program Ac-*

1 count”; “Rural Business—Cooperative Service—Rural
 2 Business Program Account”; “Rural Business—Coopera-
 3 tive Service—Rural Economic Development Loans Pro-
 4 gram Account”; “Rural Business—Cooperative Service—
 5 Rural Cooperative Development Grants”; “Rural Busi-
 6 ness—Cooperative Service—Rural Microentrepreneur As-
 7 sistance Program”; “Rural Utilities Service—Rural Water
 8 and Waste Disposal Program Account”; “Rural Utilities
 9 Service—Rural Electrification and Telecommunications
 10 Loans Program Account”; and “Rural Utilities Service—
 11 Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Pro-
 12 gram”, to the maximum extent feasible, at least 10 percent
 13 of the funds shall be allocated for assistance in persistent
 14 poverty counties under this section, including, notwith-
 15 standing any other provision regarding population limits,
 16 any county seat of such a persistent poverty county that
 17 has a population that does not exceed the authorized popu-
 18 lation limit by more than 10 percent: Provided, That for
 19 purposes of this section, the term “persistent poverty coun-
 20 ties” means any county that has had 20 percent or more
 21 of its population living in poverty over the past 30 years,
 22 as measured by the Economic Research Service, or any ter-
 23 ritory or possession of the United States: Provided further,
 24 That with respect to specific activities for which program
 25 levels have been made available by this Act that are not

1 supported by budget authority, the requirements of this sec-
2 tion shall be applied to such program level.

3 *SEC. 734. None of the funds made available by this*
4 *Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowl-*
5 *edge receipt of a submission for an exemption for investiga-*
6 *tional use of a drug or biological product under section*
7 *505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21*
8 *U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health*
9 *Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which a*
10 *human embryo is intentionally created or modified to in-*
11 *clude a heritable genetic modification. Any such submission*
12 *shall be deemed to have not been received by the Secretary,*
13 *and the exemption may not go into effect.*

14 *SEC. 735. None of the funds made available by this*
15 *or any other Act may be used to enforce the final rule pro-*
16 *mulgated by the Food and Drug Administration entitled*
17 *“Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and*
18 *Holding of Produce for Human Consumption”, and pub-*
19 *lished on November 27, 2015, with respect to the regulation*
20 *of entities that grow, harvest, pack, or hold wine grapes,*
21 *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 the Committee on Foreign Invest-
 8 ment in the United States of any agricultural land trans-
 9 action that the Secretary of Agriculture has reason to be-
 10 lieve, based on information from or in cooperation with the
 11 Intelligence Community, is a covered transaction (A) that
 12 may pose a risk to the national security of the United
 13 States, with particular emphasis on covered transactions of
 14 an interest in agricultural land by foreign governments or
 15 entities of concern, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 19221(a), in-
 16 cluding the People's Republic of China, the Democratic Peo-
 17 ple's Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the
 18 Islamic Republic of Iran; and (B) with respect to which
 19 a person is required to submit a report to the Secretary
 20 of Agriculture under section 2(a) of the Agricultural For-
 21 eign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3501(a)).

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

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

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

21 SEC. 742. None of the funds made available by this
 22 Act may be used to procure raw or processed poultry prod-
 23 ucts or seafood imported into the United States from the
 24 People's Republic of China for use in the school lunch pro-
 25 gram under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch

1 *Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child and Adult Care Food*
 2 *Program under section 17 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1766),*
 3 *the Summer Food Service Program for Children under sec-*
 4 *tion 13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761), or the school breakfast*
 5 *program under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.*
 6 *1771 et seq.).*

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

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

21 *SEC. 745. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
 22 *no funds available to the Department of Agriculture may*
 23 *be used to move any staff office or any agency from the*
 24 *mission area in which it was located on August 1, 2018,*
 25 *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. Out of amounts appropriated to the Food*
9 *and Drug Administration under title VI, the Secretary of*
10 *Health and Human Services, acting through the Commis-*
11 *sioner of Food and Drugs, shall, not later than September*
12 *30, 2026, and following the review required under Executive*
13 *Order No. 12866 (5 U.S.C. 601 note; relating to regulatory*
14 *planning and review), issue advice revising the advice pro-*
15 *vided in the notice of availability entitled “Advice About*
16 *Eating Fish, From the Environmental Protection Agency*
17 *and Food and Drug Administration; Revised Fish Advice;*
18 *Availability” (82 Fed. Reg. 6571 (January 19, 2017)), in*
19 *a manner that is consistent with nutrition science recog-*
20 *nized by the Food and Drug Administration on the net ef-*
21 *fects of seafood consumption.*

22 *SEC. 750. The Secretary shall set aside for Rural Eco-*
23 *nomic Area Partnership (REAP) Zones, until August 15,*
24 *2026, an amount of funds made available in title III under*
25 *the headings of Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program*

1 *Account, Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants, Rural*
 2 *Housing Assistance Grants, Rural Community Facilities*
 3 *Program Account, Rural Business Program Account, Rural*
 4 *Development Loan Fund Program Account, and Rural*
 5 *Water and Waste Disposal Program Account, equal to the*
 6 *amount obligated in REAP Zones with respect to funds*
 7 *provided under such headings in the most recent fiscal year*
 8 *any such funds were obligated under such headings for*
 9 *REAP Zones, excluding the funding provided through any*
 10 *Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed*
 11 *Spending.*

12 *SEC. 751. (a) For an additional amount for the Office*
 13 *of the Secretary, \$2,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
 14 *pended, for the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out no*
 15 *more than 10 pilot projects, under the terms and conditions*
 16 *determined by the Secretary for a period not to exceed 2*
 17 *years, that award grants to an Indian tribe; a tribal orga-*
 18 *nization approved by an Indian tribe; a tribal educational*
 19 *agency; a consortium of Indian tribes; or a partnership be-*
 20 *tween an Indian tribe and either a State educational agen-*
 21 *cy, a local educational agency, a tribal educational agency,*
 22 *or the Bureau of Indian Education to operate and imple-*
 23 *ment the school lunch program as authorized by the Rich-*
 24 *ard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.*
 25 *1769), the summer food service program as established*

1 *under section 13 of the Richard B. Russell National School*
2 *Lunch Act, the child and adult care food program as estab-*
3 *lished by section 17 of the Richard B. Russell National*
4 *School Lunch Act, or the school breakfast program estab-*
5 *lished by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773)*
6 *in either a Bureau-funded school (as defined in section 1141*
7 *of the Education Amendments of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021));*
8 *a school (as defined in section 12(d) of the Richard B. Rus-*
9 *sell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(d)) on or*
10 *near an Indian reservation; or an early child care and edu-*
11 *cation facility: Provided, That to carry out this pilot pro-*
12 *gram each grant awarded shall be no less than \$10,000 and*
13 *no more than \$100,000 for each school year and shall not*
14 *increase state administrative costs or the amount of benefits*
15 *provided in any program: Provided further, That the term*
16 *“Indian tribe” has the meaning given the term in section*
17 *4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assist-*
18 *ance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).*

19 *(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a*
20 *pilot project grant recipient shall be reimbursed for meals*
21 *served under the school lunch program, the summer food*
22 *service program, and the child and adult care food program*
23 *as if the recipient were a State under the Richard B. Rus-*
24 *sell National School Lunch Act; and under the school break-*

1 *fast program as if the recipient were a State educational*
2 *agency.*

3 *(c) Not later than 1 year after the conclusion of the*
4 *pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a re-*
5 *port on the outcomes of the pilot program.*

6 *SEC. 752. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
7 *made available by this Act may be used by the Food and*
8 *Drug Administration (FDA) to issue or promote any new*
9 *guidelines or regulations applicable to food manufacturers*
10 *of low risk ready-to-eat (RTE) foods for Listeria*
11 *monocytogenes (Lm) until the FDA considers the available*
12 *new science in developing guidance regarding Lm in low-*
13 *risk foods, meaning foods that do not support the growth*
14 *of Lm.*

15 *SEC. 753. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000, to*
16 *remain available until September 30, 2027, for a Bison*
17 *Production and Marketing Grant Program that the Agri-*
18 *cultural Marketing Service shall develop and maintain:*
19 *Provided, That this program shall be similar, as determined*
20 *by the Secretary, to the Sheep Production and Marketing*
21 *Grant Program the Department of Agriculture currently*
22 *maintains pursuant to section 209(c) of the Agricultural*
23 *Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1627a(c)), and shall*
24 *prioritize grants to national non-profits and federally char-*

1 *tered Tribal organizations that have expertise in bison pro-*
 2 *duction or marketing.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 *SEC. 759. The National Academies of Sciences, Engi-*
24 *neering and Medicine (NASEM) were tasked with pro-*
25 *viding findings and recommendations on alcohol consump-*

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

13 *SEC. 760. (a) Section 313B(a) of the Rural Electrifica-*
 14 *tion Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 940c–2(a)), shall be applied for*
 15 *fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter until the*
 16 *specified funding has been expended as if the following were*
 17 *inserted after the final period: “In addition, the Secretary*
 18 *shall use \$9,465,000 of the funds available to carry out this*
 19 *section in fiscal year 2024 for an additional amount for*
 20 *the same purpose and under the same terms and conditions*
 21 *as the Rural Business Development Grants authorized by*
 22 *section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-*
 23 *ment Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(c)) and shall use \$9,953,000 of*
 24 *the funds available to carry out this section in fiscal year*
 25 *2026 for an additional amount for the same purpose and*

1 *under the same terms and conditions as the Rural Business*
 2 *Development Grants authorized by section 310B of the Con-*
 3 *solidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.*
 4 *1932(c)).”.*

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

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

15 *SEC. 762. For an additional amount for the Office of*
 16 *the Secretary, \$6,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
 17 *pended, to continue the Institute for Rural Partnerships as*
 18 *established in section 778 of Public Law 117–103: Provided,*
 19 *That the Institute for Rural Partnerships shall continue to*
 20 *dedicate resources to researching the causes and conditions*
 21 *of challenges facing rural areas, and develop community*
 22 *partnerships to address such challenges: Provided further,*
 23 *That administrative or other fees shall not exceed one per-*
 24 *cent: Provided further, That such partnership shall coordi-*
 25 *nate and publish an annual report.*

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

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

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

17 *(1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and”;*
 18 *(2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period*
 19 *at the end and inserting “; and”; and*
 20 *(3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-*
 21 *lowing:*

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

24 *SEC. 766. The last proviso in the second paragraph*
 25 *under the heading “Rural Community Facilities Program*

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

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

17 *SEC. 768. Of the unobligated balances from prior year*
 18 *appropriations made available for the “National Institute*
 19 *of Food and Agriculture—Research and Education Activi-*
 20 *ties”, \$22,000,000 are hereby rescinded: Provided, That no*
 21 *amounts may be rescinded from amounts that were des-*
 22 *ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pur-*
 23 *suant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Bal-*
 24 *anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.*

1 *SEC. 769. Of the unobligated balances from prior year*
2 *appropriations made available for “Food For Peace Title*
3 *II Grants”, \$200,000,000 are hereby rescinded: Provided,*
4 *That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts that were*
5 *designated by the 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.*

9 *SEC. 770. Of the unobligated balances from prior year*
10 *appropriations made available under the heading “Dis-*
11 *tance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program”*
12 *for the cost to continue a broadband loan and grant pilot*
13 *program established by section 779 of division A of the Con-*
14 *solidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141)*
15 *under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended*
16 *(7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), \$20,000,000 are hereby rescinded:*
17 *Provided, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts*
18 *that were designated by the Congress as an emergency re-*
19 *quirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budg-*
20 *et or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control*
21 *Act of 1985.*

22 *SEC. 771. Of the unobligated balances from prior year*
23 *appropriations made available in the “Working Capital*
24 *Fund”, \$78,000,000 are hereby permanently rescinded: Pro-*
25 *vided, That no amounts may be rescinded from amounts*

1 *that were designated by the Congress as an emergency re-*
2 *quirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budg-*
3 *et or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control*
4 *Act of 1985.*

5 *SEC. 772. None of the funds made available to the De-*
6 *partment of Agriculture in this or any other Act may be*
7 *used to close or consolidate the resources or locations of any*
8 *existing Agricultural Research Service laboratories and fa-*
9 *cilities without prior notification and approval of the Com-*
10 *mittees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.*

11 *SEC. 773. (a) Of the amounts made available in this*
12 *Act under the heading “Department of Health and Human*
13 *Services—Food and Drug Administration—Salaries and*
14 *Expenses” that are derived from tobacco product user fees*
15 *authorized by 21 U.S.C. 387s, not less than \$200,000,000*
16 *shall be used by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs for*
17 *enforcement activities related to e-cigarettes, vapes, and*
18 *other electronic nicotine delivery systems (in this section re-*
19 *ferred to as “ENDS”), including activities under section*
20 *801(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21*
21 *U.S.C. 381(a)): Provided, That not less than \$2,000,000 of*
22 *such amount shall be used to continue the activities of the*
23 *Federal multi-agency task force led by the Department of*
24 *Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and the FDA*
25 *to further work to bring all available criminal and civil*

1 *tools to bear against the illegal manufacture, importation,*
2 *distribution, and sale of e-cigarettes, vapes, and other*
3 *ENDS products from the Republic of China and other for-*
4 *eign countries.*

5 *(b) Not later than 365 days after the date of enactment*
6 *of this Act, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs shall up-*
7 *date the FDA document titled “Guidance for Industry on*
8 *its Enforcement Priorities,” published in January 2020*
9 *and updated in April 2020, to expand FDA’s prioritized*
10 *enforcement to flavored disposable ENDS products in addi-*
11 *tion to cartridge-based products and to define the term “dis-*
12 *posable ENDS product.”*

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

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

1 *SEC. 774. (a) Fees derived from amounts assessed and*
2 *collected for fiscal year 2026, credited under the heading*
3 *“Department of Health and Human Services—Food and*
4 *Drug Administration—Salaries and Expenses”, and made*
5 *available for expenditure under such heading must comply*
6 *with each provision contained in current user fee authoriza-*
7 *tions, appropriations Acts, and commitment letters, as*
8 *transmitted from the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-*
9 *ices to the chair and ranking member of the Committee on*
10 *Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and*
11 *the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Energy*
12 *and Commerce of the House of Representatives regarding*
13 *reauthorization of such current user fee authorizations: Pro-*
14 *vided, That the term current user fee authorizations means*
15 *those user fees authorized at 21 U.S.C. 379h, 21 U.S.C.*
16 *379j, 21 U.S.C. 379j–42, 21 U.S.C. 379j–52, 21 U.S.C.*
17 *379j–12, 21 U.S.C. 379j–21, 21 U.S.C. 387s, 42 U.S.C.*
18 *263b, 21 U.S.C. 381, 21 U.S.C. 360n and 360ff, 21 U.S.C.*
19 *379–j31, 21 U.S.C. 379j–62 , 21 U.S.C. 353(e)(3), 21*
20 *U.S.C. 360eee–3(c)(1), 21 U.S.C. 384d(c)(8), 21 U.S.C.*
21 *360bbb–4a, and 21 U.S.C. 379j–72.*

22 *(b)(1) Not later than 90 days after the date of enact-*
23 *ment of this Act, the Food and Drug Administration shall*
24 *submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House*
25 *of Representatives and the Senate a report that includes*

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

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

19 (c) Of the amounts provided in this Act in paragraph
20 (10) under the heading “Department of Health and Human
21 Services—Food and Drug Administration—Salaries and
22 Expenses” and made available by the Food and Drug Ad-
23 ministration for Office of the Commissioner of Food and
24 Drugs, 50 percent shall be withheld from obligation until
25 the reporting requirements outlined in subsection (b) are

1 *met: Provided, That an additional 25 percent of the*
 2 *amounts withheld from obligation shall be available when*
 3 *the report required by subsection (b)(1) is submitted and*
 4 *the remaining 25 percent shall be available when the plan*
 5 *for satisfying the ongoing quarterly reporting requirements*
 6 *outlined in the proviso in subsection (b)(2) is submitted.*

7 *SEC. 775. (a) Section 260 of the Agricultural Mar-*
 8 *keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1636i) is amended by striking*
 9 *“2025” and inserting “2026”.*

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

13 *SEC. 776. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
 14 *made available by this Act may be used by FDA to develop,*
 15 *issue, promote, or advance any new guidelines or regula-*
 16 *tions applicable to food manufacturers for population-wide*
 17 *sodium reduction actions until the publication of the 2025–*
 18 *26 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey*
 19 *(NHANES) What We Eat In America survey, which will*
 20 *begin to reflect the impact on population intake of Phase*
 21 *1 reduction.*

22 *SEC. 777. The Secretary of Agriculture shall provide*
 23 *written notification to the House and Senate Committees*
 24 *on Appropriations no fewer than 3 business days in ad-*
 25 *vance of termination of any grant, cooperative agreement,*

1 or contract award totaling \$1,000,000 or more issued from
2 funds made available in this Act or any previous Act: Pro-
3 vided, That such notification shall include the recipient of
4 the award, the amount of the award, the fiscal year for
5 which the funds for the award were appropriated, the ac-
6 count and program, project, or activity from which the
7 funds are being drawn, the title of the award, and a detailed
8 justification for the termination.

9 SEC. 778. There is hereby appropriated \$4,000,000, to
10 remain available until expended, for the Secretary of Agri-
11 culture to conduct a new pilot program to support on-the-
12 ground local Energy Circuit Riders who provide profes-
13 sional support to rural communities for the purpose of un-
14 dertaking projects that save energy and reduce emissions:
15 Provided, That for the purpose of the new pilot program,
16 the Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary for Rural
17 Development, shall have the authority to provide amounts,
18 including in the form of grants, cooperative agreements,
19 and other financial assistance, to States, Indian Tribes, co-
20 operative extension services, institutions of higher edu-
21 cation, cooperatives and cooperative organizations, regional
22 planning commissions or other public entities serving two
23 or more rural areas: Provided further, That the period of
24 performance under this pilot program shall be more than
25 3 but not more than 6 years: Provided further, That the

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

9 *SEC. 779. For purposes of applying the Federal Food*
 10 *Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), “Pacific*
 11 *Snapper” is an acceptable market name for each of the fol-*
 12 *lowing food fishes: Sebastes alutus, Sebastes borealisn,*
 13 *Sebastes ciliatus, Sebastes crameri, Sebastes entomelas,*
 14 *Sebastes flavidus, Sebastes goodei, Sebastes levis, Sebastes*
 15 *melanops, Sebastes miniatus, Sebastes ovalis, Sebastes*
 16 *paucispinis, Sebastes pinniger, Sebastes proriger, Sebastes*
 17 *reedi, Sebastes ruberrimus, Sebastes rufus, and Sebastes*
 18 *serranoides.*

19 *SEC. 780. For purposes of applying the Federal Food*
 20 *Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), Hawaii*
 21 *grown or produced coffee shall contain at least 51 percent*
 22 *of coffee grown in Kona, Kau, Maui, Oahu, Kauai, or other*
 23 *areas of the State of Hawaii. Based on the region it is pro-*
 24 *duced or grown, the common or usual names shall be Kona*

*REPORT ON NEW WORLD SCREWORM READINESS AND
RESPONSE*

(1)(A) domestic readiness, including the construction of a domestic production facility in the event of a threat of a domestic outbreak; and

(B) exploring partnerships with States and industry with respect to that construction and other domestic preparedness efforts;

1 (2) *sterile fly production technology and other*
 2 *eradication tools and technologies; and*

3 (3) *the benefits of and barriers, including*
 4 *timelines and costs, to enhanced domestic, as com-*
 5 *pared to international, sterile fly production.*

6 *ASSESSMENT OF FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING AGRICUL-*
 7 *TURAL QUARANTINE AND INSPECTION PROGRAM TO*
 8 *PRODUCTS ENTERING HAWAII*

9 *SEC. 783. Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-*
 10 *ment of this Act, the Administrator of the Animal and*
 11 *Plant Health Inspection Service shall conduct and submit*
 12 *to Congress an assessment regarding the feasibility of ex-*
 13 *panding the Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection pro-*
 14 *gram to products entering the State of Hawaii, which shall*
 15 *include a determination of the methods of transportation*
 16 *and the types of commerce that are the most likely contribu-*
 17 *tors of invasive pests entering the State of Hawaii and rec-*
 18 *ommendations on how to begin implementing the expansion*
 19 *and an estimate of the cost.*

20 *SEC. 784. (a) For an additional amount for “Agricul-*
 21 *tural Programs—Agricultural Research Service—Salaries*
 22 *and Expenses”, there is appropriated \$500,000, to remain*
 23 *available until expended, to expedite fiber research on in-*
 24 *dustrial hemp between the Cereal Disease Laboratory and*
 25 *the Cotton Fiber Bioscience and Utilization Research Unit,*

1 *including cooperative agreements with qualified nonprofit*
 2 *organizations.*

3 (b) *For an additional amount for “Agricultural Pro-*
 4 *grams—Agricultural Research Service—Salaries and Ex-*
 5 *penses”, there is appropriated \$500,000, to remain avail-*
 6 *able until expended, to expand existing cereal research into*
 7 *methods to mitigate mycotoxin risks.*

8 (c) *Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,*
 9 *the amount appropriated by this Act under the heading*
 10 *“Agricultural Programs—Processing, Research, and Mar-*
 11 *keting—Office of the Secretary” in title I for the Office of*
 12 *Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations and Inter-*
 13 *governmental Affairs shall be reduced by \$1,000,000.*

14 *SUPPRESSION OF MORMON CRICKETS AND GRASSHOPPERS*

15 SEC. 785. *Of the funds provided in this Act under the*
 16 *heading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the heading*
 17 *“ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE”*
 18 *under the heading “AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS”*
 19 *under title I of division B, \$6,500,000 shall be for activities*
 20 *related to the suppression and control of Mormon crickets*
 21 *and grasshoppers in Western States, of which not less than*
 22 *\$2,000,000 shall be for actual treatment of landscape.*

23 SEC. 786. *Notwithstanding any other provision of this*
 24 *Act, the amount made available in the second undesignated*
 25 *paragraph under the heading “RURAL WATER AND WASTE*

1 *DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT*” under the heading “*RURAL*
 2 *UTILITIES SERVICE*” in title III for—

3 (1) *the rural utilities program described in sec-*
 4 *tion 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-*
 5 *opment Act shall be \$6,500,000, of which not less than*
 6 *\$1,500,000 shall be used to provide subgrants to eligi-*
 7 *ble individuals for the construction, refurbishing, and*
 8 *servicing of individually owned household decentral-*
 9 *ized wastewater systems; and*

10 (2) *grants pursuant to section 306(a)(2)(a) of*
 11 *the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act*
 12 *shall be \$238,900,000.*

13 *SEC. 787. Notwithstanding any other provision of this*
 14 *Act, the amount made available for—*

15 (1) “*Domestic Food Programs—Food and Nutri-*
 16 *tion Service—Supplemental Nutrition Assistance*
 17 *Program*” shall be \$118,140,341,000, of which
 18 \$4,000,000 shall be for the *Healthy Fluid Milk Incen-*
 19 *tives Program; and*

20 (2) “*Agricultural Programs—Processing, Re-*
 21 *search, and Marketing—Office of the Secretary*” shall
 22 be \$50,792,000, of which not to exceed \$5,000,000
 23 shall be available for the *Office of Communications.*

6 *The following sums are appropriated, out of any*
7 *money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the*
8 *Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30,*
9 *2026, and for other purposes, namely:*

14 *For expense allowances of the Vice President, \$20,000;*
15 *the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, \$40,000; Majority*
16 *Leader of the Senate, \$40,000; Minority Leader of the Sen-*
17 *ate, \$40,000; Majority Whip of the Senate, \$10,000; Minor-*
18 *ity Whip of the Senate, \$10,000; President Pro Tempore*
19 *Emeritus, \$15,000; Chairmen of the Majority and Minority*
20 *Conference Committees, \$5,000 for each Chairman; and*
21 *Chairmen of the Majority and Minority Policy Committees,*
22 *\$5,000 for each Chairman; in all, \$195,000.*

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

1 *SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES*

2 *For compensation of officers, employees, and others as*
3 *authorized by law, including agency contributions,*
4 *\$314,143,000, which shall be paid from this appropriation*
5 *as follows:*

6 *OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT*

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

8 *OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE*

9 *For the Office of the President Pro Tempore, \$904,000.*

10 *OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS*

11 *For the Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus,*
12 *\$392,000.*

13 *OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS*

14 *For Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders,*
15 *\$6,710,000.*

16 *OFFICES OF THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY WHIPS*

17 *For Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips,*
18 *\$4,212,000.*

19 *COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS*

20 *For salaries of the Committee on Appropriations,*
21 *\$22,710,000.*

22 *CONFERENCE COMMITTEES*

23 *For the Conference of the Majority and the Conference*
24 *of the Minority, at rates of compensation to be fixed by the*

1 *Chairman of each such committee, \$2,049,000 for each such*
 2 *committee; in all, \$4,098,000.*

3 *OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE CONFERENCE OF*
 4 *THE MAJORITY AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE MINORITY*

5 *For Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the*
 6 *Majority and the Conference of the Minority, \$1,022,000.*

7 *POLICY COMMITTEES*

8 *For salaries of the Majority Policy Committee and the*
 9 *Minority Policy Committee, \$2,093,000 for each such com-*
 10 *mittee; in all, \$4,186,000.*

11 *OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN*

12 *For Office of the Chaplain, \$699,000.*

13 *OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY*

14 *For Office of the Secretary, \$35,083,000.*

15 *OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER*

16 *For Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper,*
 17 *\$130,353,000.*

18 *OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND*

19 *MINORITY*

20 *For Offices of the Secretary for the Majority and the*
 21 *Secretary for the Minority, \$2,785,000.*

22 *AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS AND RELATED EXPENSES*

23 *For agency contributions for employee benefits, as au-*
 24 *thorized by law, and related expenses, \$97,779,000.*

1 *OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE SENATE*

2 *For salaries and expenses of the Office of the Legisla-*
 3 *tive Counsel of the Senate, \$9,401,000.*

4 *OFFICE OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL*

5 *For salaries and expenses of the Office of Senate Legal*
 6 *Counsel, \$1,431,000.*

7 *EXPENSE ALLOWANCES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SEN-*
 8 *ATE, SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE*
 9 *SENATE, AND SECRETARIES FOR THE MAJORITY AND*
 10 *MINORITY OF THE SENATE*

11 *For expense allowances of the Secretary of the Senate,*
 12 *\$7,500; Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate,*
 13 *\$7,500; Secretary for the Majority of the Senate, \$7,500;*
 14 *Secretary for the Minority of the Senate, \$7,500; in all,*
 15 *\$30,000.*

16 *CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE*

17 *INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS*

18 *For expenses of inquiries and investigations ordered*
 19 *by the Senate, or conducted under paragraph 1 of rule*
 20 *XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, section 112 of*
 21 *the Supplemental Appropriations and Rescission Act, 1980*
 22 *(Public Law 96–304), and Senate Resolution 281, 96th*
 23 *Congress, agreed to March 11, 1980, \$222,416,000, of which*
 24 *\$22,242,000 shall remain available until September 30,*
 25 *2028.*

5 *SECRETARY OF THE SENATE*

10 *SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE*

16 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

19 *SENATORS' OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE*20 *ACCOUNT*

† HR 3944 EAS

*For expenses necessary for official mail costs of the
ate, \$300,000.*

UIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN SENATORS' OFFICIAL
 PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT TO BE
 USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO REDUCE THE
 FEDERAL DEBT

SEC. 101. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts appropriated under this Act under the heading “SENATE—CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATORS’ OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT” shall be available for obligation only during the fiscal year or fiscal years for which such amounts were made available. Any unexpended balances under such appropriations remaining after the end of the period of availability shall be returned to the Treasury in accordance with the undesignated paragraph under the center heading “GENERAL PROVISION” under chapter XI of the Third Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1957 (2 U.S.C. 4107) and shall be used for deficit reduction (or, if there is no Federal budget deficit after all such payments have been made, for reducing the Federal debt, in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).

1 *DELEGATION AUTHORITY*

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

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

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

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

12 *JOINT ITEMS*

13 *For Joint Committees, as follows:*

14 *JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE*

15 *For salaries and expenses of the Joint Economic Com-*
 16 *mittee, \$4,283,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the*
 17 *Senate.*

18 *JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION*

19 *For salaries and expenses of the Joint Committee on*
 20 *Taxation, \$13,960,620, to be disbursed by the Chief Admin-*
 21 *istrative Officer of the House of Representatives.*

22 *For other joint items, as follows:*

1 *OFFICE OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN*

2 *For medical supplies, equipment, and contingent ex-*
3 *penses of the emergency rooms, and for the Attending Physi-*
4 *cian and their assistants, including:*

5 *(1) an allowance of \$3,500 per month to the At-*
6 *tending Physician;*

7 *(2) an allowance of \$2,500 per month to the Sen-*
8 *ior Medical Officer;*

9 *(3) an allowance of \$900 per month each to three*
10 *medical officers while on duty in the Office of the At-*
11 *tending Physician;*

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

16 *(5) \$3,388,000 for reimbursement to the Depart-*
17 *ment of the Navy for expenses incurred for staff and*
18 *equipment assigned to the Office of the Attending*
19 *Physician, which shall be advanced and credited to*
20 *the applicable appropriation or appropriations from*
21 *which such salaries, allowances, and other expenses*
22 *are payable and shall be available for all the purposes*
23 *thereof, \$4,854,000, to be disbursed by the Chief Ad-*
24 *ministrative Officer of the House of Representatives.*

1 *OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES*2 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

3 *For salaries and expenses of the Office of Congressional*
4 *Accessibility Services, \$1,818,980, to be disbursed by the*
5 *Secretary of the Senate.*

6 *CAPITOL POLICE*7 *SALARIES*

8 *For salaries of employees of the Capitol Police, includ-*
9 *ing overtime, hazardous duty pay, and Government con-*
10 *tributions for health, retirement, social security, profes-*
11 *sional liability insurance, tuition reimbursement, recruit-*
12 *ment and retention bonuses, and other applicable employee*
13 *benefits, \$653,422,000, of which overtime shall not exceed*
14 *\$84,767,000 unless the Committees on Appropriations of the*
15 *House and Senate are notified, to be disbursed by the Chief*
16 *of the Capitol Police or a duly authorized designee.*

17 *GENERAL EXPENSES*

18 *For necessary expenses of the Capitol Police, including*
19 *motor vehicles, communications and other equipment, secu-*
20 *rity equipment and installation, uniforms, weapons, sup-*
21 *plies, materials, training, medical services, forensic services,*
22 *Member protection-related activities and equipment, steno-*
23 *graphic services, personal and professional services, the em-*
24 *ployee assistance program, the awards program, postage,*
25 *communication services, travel advances, relocation of in-*

1 *structor and liaison personnel for the Federal Law Enforce-*
 2 *ment Training Centers, and not more than \$7,500 to be*
 3 *expended on the certification of the Chief of the Capitol Po-*
 4 *lice in connection with official representation and reception*
 5 *expenses, \$201,678,000, to be disbursed by the Chief of the*
 6 *Capitol Police or a duly authorized designee: Provided,*
 7 *That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the cost*
 8 *of basic training for the Capitol Police at the Federal Law*
 9 *Enforcement Training Centers for fiscal year 2026 shall be*
 10 *paid by the Secretary of Homeland Security from funds*
 11 *available to the Department of Homeland Security: Pro-*
 12 *vided further, That none of the amounts made available*
 13 *under this heading may be used to purchase a drone manu-*
 14 *factured in the People’s Republic of China or by a business*
 15 *affiliated with the People’s Republic of China except for na-*
 16 *tional security purposes.*

17 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION*

18 *MUTUAL AID TRANSFER AUTHORITY*

19 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

20 *SEC. 110. Of the amounts made available under the*
 21 *heading “Capitol Police” in this Act, up to \$10,000,000*
 22 *may be transferred to “Capitol Police—United States Cap-*
 23 *itol Police Mutual Aid Reimbursements” on September 30,*
 24 *2026, and, once transferred, shall remain available until*
 25 *September 30, 2030, to be used for reimbursements for mu-*

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

10 **OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE**

11 **RIGHTS**

12 **SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

13 *For salaries and expenses necessary for the operation*
 14 *of the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, \$8,396,400,*
 15 *of which \$2,500,000 shall remain available until September*
 16 *30, 2027, and of which not more than \$1,000 may be ex-*
 17 *pended on the certification of the Executive Director in con-*
 18 *nection with official 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, \$71,400,000:*

1 *Provided, That the Director shall use not less than \$500,000*
 2 *of the amount made available under this heading for (1)*
 3 *improving technical systems, processes, and models for the*
 4 *purpose of improving the transparency of estimates of budg-*
 5 *etary effects to Members of Congress, employees of Members*
 6 *of Congress, and the public, and (2) to increase the avail-*
 7 *ability of models, economic assumptions, and data for Mem-*
 8 *bers of Congress, employees of Members of Congress, and the*
 9 *public.*

10 *ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL*

11 *CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS*

12 *For salaries for the Architect of the Capitol, and other*
 13 *personal services, at rates of pay provided by law; for all*
 14 *necessary expenses for surveys and studies, construction, op-*
 15 *eration, and general and administrative support in connec-*
 16 *tion with facilities and activities under the care of the Ar-*
 17 *chitect of the Capitol, including the Botanic Garden, Senate*
 18 *and House office buildings, and other facilities under the*
 19 *jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol; for furnishings*
 20 *and office equipment; for official reception and representa-*
 21 *tion expenses of not more than \$5,000, to be expended as*
 22 *the Architect of the Capitol may approve; for purchase or*
 23 *exchange, maintenance, and operation of a passenger motor*
 24 *vehicle, \$156,676,000.*

1 *CAPITOL BUILDING*

2 *For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care*
3 *and operation of the Capitol, \$83,380,000, of which*
4 *\$47,799,000 shall remain available until September 30,*
5 *2030.*

6 *CAPITOL GROUNDS*

7 *For all necessary expenses for care and improvement*
8 *of grounds surrounding the Capitol, the Senate and House*
9 *office buildings, and the Capitol Power Plant, \$20,059,000,*
10 *of which \$3,000,000 shall remain available until September*
11 *30, 2030.*

12 *SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS*

13 *For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care*
14 *and operation of Senate office buildings; and furniture and*
15 *furnishings to be expended under the control and super-*
16 *vision of the Architect of the Capitol, \$124,696,000, of which*
17 *\$16,900,000 shall remain available until September 30,*
18 *2030, and of which \$20,000,000 shall remain available*
19 *until expended.*

20 *CAPITOL POWER PLANT*

21 *For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care*
22 *and operation of the Capitol Power Plant; and all electrical*
23 *substations of the Capitol; lighting, heating, power (includ-*
24 *ing the purchase of electrical energy) and water and sewer*
25 *services for the Capitol, Senate and House office buildings,*

1 *Library of Congress buildings, and the grounds about the*
 2 *same, Botanic Garden, Senate garage, and air conditioning*
 3 *refrigeration not supplied from plants in any of such build-*
 4 *ings; heating the Government Publishing Office and Wash-*
 5 *ington City Post Office, and heating and chilled water for*
 6 *air conditioning for the Supreme Court Building, the*
 7 *Union Station complex, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Ju-*
 8 *diciary Building and the Folger Shakespeare Library, ex-*
 9 *penses for which shall be advanced or reimbursed upon re-*
 10 *quest of the Architect of the Capitol and amounts so received*
 11 *shall be deposited into the Treasury to the credit of this*
 12 *appropriation, \$130,705,000, of which \$18,189,000 shall re-*
 13 *main available until September 30, 2030: Provided, That*
 14 *not more than \$10,000,000 of the funds credited or to be*
 15 *reimbursed to this appropriation as herein provided shall*
 16 *be available for obligation during fiscal year 2026.*

17 *LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS*

18 *For all necessary expenses for the mechanical and*
 19 *structural maintenance, care and operation of the Library*
 20 *buildings and grounds, \$53,139,000, of which \$13,400,000*
 21 *shall remain available until September 30, 2030.*

22 *CAPITOL POLICE BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND SECURITY*

23 *For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care*
 24 *and operation of buildings, grounds and security enhance-*
 25 *ments of the United States Capitol Police, wherever located,*

1 *the Alternate Computing Facility, and Architect of the Cap-*
 2 *itol security operations, \$77,630,000, of which \$12,000,000*
 3 *shall remain available until September 30, 2030: Provided,*
 4 *That none of the amounts made available under this head-*
 5 *ing may be used to purchase a drone manufactured in the*
 6 *People's Republic of China or by a business affiliated with*
 7 *the People's Republic of China except for national security*
 8 *purposes.*

9 *BOTANIC GARDEN*

10 *For all necessary expenses for the maintenance, care*
 11 *and operation of the Botanic Garden and the nurseries,*
 12 *buildings, grounds, and collections; and purchase and ex-*
 13 *change, maintenance, repair, and operation of a passenger*
 14 *motor vehicle; all under the direction of the Joint Com-*
 15 *mittee on the Library, \$21,392,000, of which \$5,000,000*
 16 *shall remain available until September 30, 2030: Provided,*
 17 *That, of the amount made available under this heading, the*
 18 *Architect of the Capitol may obligate and expend such sums*
 19 *as may be necessary for the maintenance, care and oper-*
 20 *ation of the National Garden established under section*
 21 *307E of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1989*
 22 *(2 U.S.C. 2146), upon vouchers approved by the Architect*
 23 *of the Capitol or a duly authorized designee.*

1 *CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER*

2 *For all necessary expenses for the operation of the Cap-*
3 *itol Visitor Center, \$30,547,000.*

4 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION*

5 *NO BONUSES FOR CONTRACTORS BEHIND SCHEDULE OR*
6 *OVER BUDGET*

7 *SEC. 120. None of the funds made available in this*
8 *Act for the Architect of the Capitol may be used to make*
9 *incentive or award payments to contractors for work on*
10 *contracts or programs for which the contractor is behind*
11 *schedule or over budget, unless the Architect of the Capitol,*
12 *or agency-employed designee, determines that any such de-*
13 *viations are due to unforeseeable events, government-driven*
14 *scope changes, or are not significant within the overall*
15 *scope of the project and/or program.*

16 *LIBRARY OF CONGRESS*17 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

18 *For all necessary expenses of the Library of Congress*
19 *not otherwise provided for, including development and*
20 *maintenance of the Library's catalogs; custody and custo-*
21 *dial care of the Library buildings; information technology*
22 *services provided centrally; special clothing; cleaning, laun-*
23 *dering and repair of uniforms; preservation of motion pic-*
24 *tures in the custody of the Library; operation and mainte-*
25 *nance of the American Folklife Center in the Library; prep-*

1 aration and distribution of catalog records and other publi-
 2 cations of the Library; hire or purchase of one passenger
 3 motor vehicle; and expenses of the Library of Congress Trust
 4 Fund Board not properly chargeable to the income of any
 5 trust fund held by the Board, \$592,411,000, and, in addi-
 6 tion, amounts credited to this appropriation during fiscal
 7 year 2026 under the Act of June 28, 1902 (chapter 1301;
 8 32 Stat. 480; 2 U.S.C. 150), shall remain available until
 9 expended: Provided, That the Library of Congress may not
 10 obligate or expend any funds derived from collections under
 11 the Act of June 28, 1902, in excess of the amount authorized
 12 for obligation or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Pro-
 13 vided further, That of the total amount appropriated, no
 14 less than \$17,500,000 shall remain available until expended
 15 for the Teaching with Primary Sources program, the Lewis-
 16 Houghton Civics and Democracy Initiative, the Veterans
 17 History Project, the Surplus Books Program, upgrades of
 18 the Legislative Branch Financial Management System and
 19 data storage and migration efforts.

20 COPYRIGHT OFFICE

21 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

22 For all necessary expenses of the Copyright Office,
 23 \$102,386,000, of which not more than \$37,025,000, to re-
 24 main available until expended, shall be derived from collec-
 25 tions credited to this appropriation during fiscal year 2026

1 *under sections 708(d) and 1316 of title 17, United States*
 2 *Code: Provided, That the Copyright Office may not obligate*
 3 *or expend any funds derived from collections under such*
 4 *section in excess of the amount authorized for obligation*
 5 *or expenditure in appropriations Acts: Provided further,*
 6 *That not more than \$7,824,000 shall be derived from collec-*
 7 *tions during fiscal year 2026 under sections 111(d)(2),*
 8 *119(b)(3), 803(e), and 1005 of such title: Provided further,*
 9 *That the total amount available for obligation shall be re-*
 10 *duced by the amount by which collections are less than*
 11 *\$44,849,000: Provided further, That of the funds provided*
 12 *under this heading, not less than \$10,200,000 is for mod-*
 13 *ernization initiatives, of which \$9,300,000 shall remain*
 14 *available until September 30, 2027: Provided further, That*
 15 *not more than \$100,000 of the amount appropriated is*
 16 *available for the maintenance of an “International Copy-*
 17 *right Institute” in the Copyright Office of the Library of*
 18 *Congress for the purpose of training nationals of developing*
 19 *countries in intellectual property laws and policies: Pro-*
 20 *vided further, That not more than \$6,500 may be expended,*
 21 *on the certification of the Librarian of Congress, in connec-*
 22 *tion with official representation and reception expenses for*
 23 *activities of the International Copyright Institute and for*
 24 *copyright delegations, visitors, and seminars: Provided fur-*
 25 *ther, That, notwithstanding any provision of chapter 8 of*

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

9 **CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE**

10 **SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

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

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

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

10 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

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

17 *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION*

18 *REIMBURSABLE AND REVOLVING FUND ACTIVITIES*

19 *SEC. 130. (a) IN GENERAL.—For fiscal year 2026, the*
 20 *obligational authority of the Library of Congress for the ac-*
 21 *tivities described in subsection (b) may not exceed*
 22 *\$332,285,000.*

23 *(b) ACTIVITIES.—The activities referred to in sub-*
 24 *section (a) are reimbursable and revolving fund activities*
 25 *that are funded from sources other than appropriations to*

1 *the Library in appropriations Acts for the legislative*
2 *branch.*

3 **GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE**

4 **CONGRESSIONAL PUBLISHING**

5 **(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)**

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

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

20 *PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS OF THE*
 21 *SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS*
 22 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*
 23 *(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)*

24 *For expenses of the public information programs of the*
 25 *Office of Superintendent of Documents necessary to provide*

1 *for the cataloging and indexing of Government publications*
 2 *in any format, and their distribution to the public, Mem-*
 3 *bers of Congress, other Government agencies, and designated*
 4 *depository and international exchange libraries as author-*
 5 *ized by law, \$42,475,000: Provided, That amounts of not*
 6 *more than \$2,000,000 from current year appropriations are*
 7 *authorized for producing and disseminating Congressional*
 8 *serial sets and other related publications for the preceding*
 9 *two fiscal years to depository and other designated libraries:*
 10 *Provided further, That unobligated or unexpended balances*
 11 *of expired discretionary funds made available under this*
 12 *heading in this Act for this fiscal year may be transferred*
 13 *to, and merged with, funds under the heading “GOVERN-*
 14 *MENT PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS OPERATIONS RE-*
 15 *VOLVING FUND” no later than the end of the fifth fiscal year*
 16 *after the last fiscal year for which such funds are available*
 17 *for the purposes for which appropriated, to be available for*
 18 *carrying out the purposes of this heading, subject to the ap-*
 19 *proval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House*
 20 *of Representatives and the Senate.*

21 *GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE BUSINESS*

22 *OPERATIONS REVOLVING FUND*

23 *For payment to the Government Publishing Office*
 24 *Business Operations Revolving Fund, \$9,525,000, to re-*
 25 *main available until expended, for information technology*

1 *development and facilities repair: Provided, That the Gov-*
2 *ernment Publishing Office is hereby authorized to make*
3 *such expenditures, within the limits of funds available and*
4 *in accordance with law, and to make such contracts and*
5 *commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as*
6 *provided by section 9104 of title 31, United States Code,*
7 *as may be necessary in carrying out the programs and pur-*
8 *poses set forth in the budget for the current fiscal year for*
9 *the Government Publishing Office Business Operations Re-*
10 *volving Fund: Provided further, That not more than \$7,500*
11 *may be expended on the certification of the Director of the*
12 *Government Publishing Office in connection with official*
13 *representation and reception expenses: Provided further,*
14 *That the Business Operations Revolving Fund shall be*
15 *available for the hire or purchase of not more than 12 pas-*
16 *senger motor vehicles: Provided further, That expenditures*
17 *in connection with travel expenses of the advisory councils*
18 *to the Director of the Government Publishing Office shall*
19 *be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of title 44,*
20 *United States Code: Provided further, That the Business*
21 *Operations Revolving Fund shall be available for tem-*
22 *porary or intermittent services under section 3109(b) of*
23 *title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not*
24 *more than the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic*
25 *pay for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316*

1 of such title: Provided further, That activities financed
 2 through the Business Operations Revolving Fund may pro-
 3 vide information in any format: Provided further, That the
 4 Business Operations Revolving Fund and the funds pro-
 5 vided under the heading “PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS
 6 OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS” may not be
 7 used for contracted security services at Government Pub-
 8 lishing Office’s passport facility in the District of Colum-
 9 bia.

10 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

11 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

12 For necessary expenses of the Government Account-
 13 ability Office, including not more than \$12,500 to be ex-
 14 pended on the certification of the Comptroller General of
 15 the United States in connection with official representation
 16 and reception expenses; temporary or intermittent services
 17 under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but
 18 at rates for individuals not more than the daily equivalent
 19 of the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive
 20 Schedule under section 5315 of such title; hire of one pas-
 21 senger motor vehicle; advance payments in foreign countries
 22 in accordance with section 3324 of title 31, United States
 23 Code; benefits comparable to those payable under sections
 24 901(5), (6), and (8) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22
 25 U.S.C. 4081(5), (6), and (8)); and under regulations pre-

1 *scribed by the Comptroller General of the United States,*
2 *rental of living quarters in foreign countries, \$811,894,000,*
3 *of which \$5,000,000 shall remain available until expended:*
4 *Provided, That, in addition, \$35,424,000 of payments re-*
5 *ceived under sections 782, 791, 3521, and 9105 of title 31,*
6 *United States Code, shall be available without fiscal year*
7 *limitation: Provided further, That this appropriation and*
8 *appropriations for administrative expenses of any other de-*
9 *partment or agency which is a member of the National*
10 *Intergovernmental Audit Forum or a Regional Intergovern-*
11 *mental Audit Forum shall be available to finance an appro-*
12 *priate share of either Forum's costs as determined by the*
13 *respective Forum, including necessary travel expenses of*
14 *non-Federal participants: Provided further, That payments*
15 *hereunder to the Forum may be credited as reimbursements*
16 *to any appropriation from which costs involved are ini-*
17 *tially financed: Provided further, That amounts made*
18 *available under this heading shall be available to cover costs*
19 *incurred by the Tiny Findings Child Development Center,*
20 *in such amount and for such purposes as determined by*
21 *the Comptroller General, subject to notification provided to*
22 *the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-*
23 *resentatives and the Senate.*

1 **CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL**
2 **LEADERSHIP FUND**

3 *For a payment to the Congressional Office for Inter-*
4 *national Leadership Fund for financing activities of the*
5 *Congressional Office for International Leadership under*
6 *section 313 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,*
7 *2001 (2 U.S.C. 1151), \$6,000,000: Provided, That funds*
8 *made available to support Russian participants shall only*
9 *be used for those engaging in free market development, hu-*
10 *manitarian activities, and civic engagement, and shall not*
11 *be used for officials of the central government of Russia.*

12 **JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**
13 **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

14 *For payment to the John C. Stennis Center for Public*
15 *Service Development Trust Fund established under section*
16 *116 of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Train-*
17 *ing and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1105), \$430,000.*

18 **TITLE II**

19 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

20 **MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES**

21 *SEC. 201. No part of the funds appropriated in this*
22 *Act shall be used for the maintenance or care of private*
23 *vehicles, except for emergency assistance and cleaning as*
24 *may be provided under regulations relating to parking fa-*
25 *cilities for the House of Representatives issued by the Com-*

1 *mittee on House Administration and for the Senate issued*
 2 *by the Committee on Rules and Administration.*

3 *FISCAL YEAR LIMITATION*

4 *SEC. 202. No part of the funds appropriated in this*
 5 *Act shall remain available for obligation beyond fiscal year*
 6 *2026 unless expressly so provided in this Act.*

7 *RATES OF COMPENSATION AND DESIGNATION*

8 *SEC. 203. Whenever in this Act any office or position*
 9 *not specifically established by the Legislative Pay Act of*
 10 *1929 (46 Stat. 32 et seq.) is appropriated for or the rate*
 11 *of compensation or designation of any office or position ap-*
 12 *propriated for is different from that specifically established*
 13 *by such Act, the rate of compensation and the designation*
 14 *in this Act shall be the permanent law with respect thereto:*
 15 *Provided, That the provisions in this Act for the various*
 16 *items of official expenses of Members, officers, and commit-*
 17 *tees of the Senate and House of Representatives, and clerk*
 18 *hire for Senators and Members of the House of Representa-*
 19 *tives shall be the permanent law with respect thereto.*

20 *CONSULTING SERVICES*

21 *SEC. 204. The expenditure of any appropriation under*
 22 *this Act for any consulting service through procurement*
 23 *contract, under section 3109 of title 5, United States Code,*
 24 *shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures*
 25 *are a matter of public record and available for public in-*

1 *spection, except where otherwise provided under existing*
 2 *law, or under existing Executive order issued under existing*
 3 *law.*

4 *COSTS OF LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FINANCIAL MANAGERS*

5 *COUNCIL*

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

15 *LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS*

16 *SEC. 206. None of the funds made available in this*
 17 *Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-*
 18 *strumentality of the United States Government, except pur-*
 19 *suant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided*
 20 *in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.*

21 *GUIDED TOURS OF THE CAPITOL*

22 *SEC. 207. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),*
 23 *none of the funds made available to the Architect of the Cap-*
 24 *itol in this Act may be used to eliminate or restrict guided*
 25 *tours of the United States Capitol which are led by employ-*

ees and interns of offices of Members of Congress and other offices of the House of Representatives and Senate, unless through regulations as authorized by section 402(b)(8) of the Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008 (2 U.S.C. 2242(b)(8)).

(b) At the direction of the Capitol Police Board, or at the direction of the Architect of the Capitol with the approval of the Capitol Police Board, guided tours of the United States Capitol which are led by employees and interns described in subsection (a) may be suspended temporarily or otherwise subject to restriction for security or related reasons to the same extent as guided tours of the United States Capitol which are led by the Architect of the Capitol.

LIMITATION ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

PROCUREMENT

SEC. 208. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act may be used to acquire telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation.

PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

SEC. 209. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, 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 *PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION*

7 *SEC. 210. All agencies and offices funded by this Act*
 8 *that contract with a food service provider or providers shall*
 9 *confer and coordinate with such food service provider or*
 10 *providers, in consultation with disability advocacy groups,*
 11 *to eliminate or reduce plastic waste, including waste from*
 12 *plastic straws, explore the use of biodegradable items, and*
 13 *increase recycling and composting opportunities.*

14 *LIMITATION ON COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR*
 15 *MEMBERS*

16 *SEC. 211. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,*
 17 *no adjustment shall be made under section 601(a) of the*
 18 *Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501) (re-*
 19 *lating to cost of living adjustments for Members of Con-*
 20 *gress) during fiscal year 2026.*

21 *EXTENSION OF PUMP ACT PROTECTIONS TO*
 22 *CONGRESSIONAL STAFF*

23 *SEC. 212. Section 203(a)(1) of the Congressional Ac-*
 24 *countability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1313(a)(1)) is amend-*
 25 *ed—*

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

4 SENATE PROTECTION

5 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

6 SEC. 213. (a) For an additional amount for “Conti-
 7 gent Expenses of the Senate—Sergeant at Arms and Door-
 8 keeper of the Senate”, \$18,500,000, to remain available
 9 until expended, of which \$15,000,000 shall be for enhanced
 10 Member security and \$3,500,000 shall be for the residential
 11 security system program: Provided, That amounts made
 12 available pursuant to this subsection may be transferred to
 13 “Salaries, Officers and Employees—Office of the Sergeant
 14 at Arms and Doorkeeper” and “Contingent Expenses of the
 15 Senate—Sergeant at Arms Business Continuity and Dis-
 16 aster Recovery Fund”: Provided further, That the transfer
 17 authority provided pursuant to the preceding proviso is in
 18 addition to any other transfer authority provided by law:
 19 Provided further, That of the amounts made available pur-
 20 suant to this subsection for enhanced Member security, such
 21 sums as necessary may be used to restore amounts, either
 22 directly, through reimbursement, or through the transfer au-
 23 thority in the first proviso, for obligations incurred for the
 24 same purposes by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of
 25 the Senate prior to the date of enactment of this Act: Pro-

1 *vided further, That amounts made available pursuant to*
2 *this subsection shall be allocated in accordance with a*
3 *spending plan submitted to the Committee on Appropria-*
4 *tions of the Senate.*

5 *(b) For an additional amount for “Capitol Police—*
6 *United States Capitol Police Mutual Aid Reimbursements”,*
7 *\$25,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2030,*
8 *for reimbursements for mutual aid and related training, in-*
9 *cluding mutual aid and training provided under the agree-*
10 *ments described in section 7302 of Public Law 108–458:*
11 *Provided, That obligation of the funds made available pur-*
12 *suant to this subsection be subject to notification to the*
13 *Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Committees on Ap-*
14 *propriations of both Houses of Congress, the Senate Com-*
15 *mittee on Rules and Administration, and the Committee*
16 *on House Administration of the amount and purpose of the*
17 *expense within 15 days of obligation.*

18 *(c) For an additional amount for “Capitol Police—*
19 *General Expenses”, \$1,000,000, to remain available until*
20 *expended, to provide support to the Senate Sergeant at*
21 *Arms residential security system program.*

22 *(d) Each amount provided by this section is designated*
23 *by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pur-*
24 *suant to section 4001(a)(1) of S. Con. Res. 14 (117th Con-*
25 *gress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year*

1 *2022, and to legislation establishing fiscal year 2026 budget*
2 *enforcement in the House of Representatives.*

3 *This division may be cited as the “Legislative Branch*
4 *Appropriations Act, 2026”.*

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Attest:

Secretary.

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