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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

July 22, 2008

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

A BILL

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs,
and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, facilities, and real property for the Army as currently authorized by law, including personnel in the Army Corps of Engineers and other personal services necessary for the purposes of this appropriation, and for construction and operation of facilities in support of the functions of the Commander in Chief, $4,561,561,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013: Provided, That of this amount, not to exceed $169,898,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, architect and engineer services, and host nation support, 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 funds appropriated for “Military Construction, Army” under Public Law 110–5,
$48,520,000; and under Public Law 110–161, $16,600,000 are hereby rescinded.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, naval installations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and Marine Corps as currently authorized by law, including personnel in the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and other personal services necessary for the purposes of this appropriation, $3,159,191,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013: Provided, That of this amount, not to exceed $237,690,000 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.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

For acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force as currently authorized by law, $1,058,694,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013: Provided, That of this
amount, not to exceed $81,534,000 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 funds appropriated for “Military Construction, Air Force” under Public Law 110–161, $8,080,000 are hereby rescinded.

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, $1,688,270,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013: 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 appro-
appropriated, not to exceed $155,793,000 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 none of the funds appropriated under this heading may be obligated or expended for site activation or construction of a long-range missile defense system in a European country until the government of the country in which such missile defense system (including interceptors and associated radars) are proposed to be deployed has given final approval (including parliamentary ratification) to any missile defense agreements negotiated between such government and the United States Government concerning the proposed deployment of such components in such country.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the Army National Guard, and contributions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts, $660,669,000, to remain available until Sep-
tember 30, 2013: Provided, That of the funds appropriated for “Military Construction, Army National Guard” under Public Law 110–161, $1,400,000 are hereby rescinded.

Military Construction, Air National Guard

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the Air National Guard, and contributions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts, $180,286,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013.

Military Construction, Army Reserve

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the Army Reserve as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts, $357,387,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013.

Military Construction, Navy Reserve

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the reserve components of the Navy and Marine Corps as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Construction Authoriza-
Military Construction, Air Force Reserve

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the Air Force Reserve as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts, $29,915,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program

For the United States share of the cost of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program for the acquisition and construction of military facilities and installations (including international military headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective defense of the North Atlantic Treaty Area as authorized by section 2806 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts, $240,867,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That of the amount appropriated, not to exceed $22,000,000 shall be available for the United States share of the planning, design and construction of a new North Atlantic Treaty Organization headquarters.
FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

For expenses of family housing for the Army for construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law, $678,580,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,

Army

For expenses of family housing for the Army for operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and interest charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by law, $721,110,000.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Marine Corps for construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law, $381,073,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE,

Navy and Marine Corps

For expenses of family housing for the Navy and Marine Corps for operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and inter-
est charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by law, $381,062,000.

**FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE**

For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration, as authorized by law, $395,879,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013.

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

For expenses of family housing for the Air Force for operation and maintenance, including debt payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and interest charges, and insurance premiums, as authorized by law, $604,465,000.

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

For expenses of family housing for the activities and agencies of the Department of Defense (other than the military departments) for operation and maintenance, leasing, and minor construction, as authorized by law, $49,231,000.
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FAMILY HOUSING

IMPROVEMENT FUND

For the Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund, $850,000, to remain available until expended, for family housing initiatives undertaken pursuant to section 2883 of title 10, United States Code, providing alternative means of acquiring and improving military family housing and supporting facilities.

HOMEOWNERS ASSISTANCE FUND

For the Homeowners Assistance Fund established by section 1013 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3374), $4,500,000, to remain available until expended.

CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION,

DEFENSE-WIDE

For expenses of construction, not otherwise provided for, necessary for the destruction of the United States stockpile of lethal chemical agents and munitions in accordance with section 1412 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1986 (50 U.S.C. 1521), and for the destruction of other chemical warfare materials that are not in the chemical weapon stockpile, as currently authorized by law, $144,278,000, to remain available until September 30, 2013, which shall be only for the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program.
1 Department of Defense Base Closure Account

2 1990


4 Department of Defense Base Closure Account

5 2005

6 For deposit into the Department of Defense Base Closure Account 2005, established by section 2906A(a)(1) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687 note), $8,991,700,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Department of Defense shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 14 days prior to obligating an amount for a construction project that exceeds or reduces the amount identified for that project in the most recently submitted budget request for this account by 20 percent or $2,000,000, whichever is less: Provided further, That the previous proviso shall not apply to projects costing less than $5,000,000, except for those projects not previously identified in any budget submission for this account and exceeding the minor construction threshold under 10 U.S.C. 2805.
ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Sec. 101. None of the funds made available in this title shall be expended for payments under a cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract for construction, where cost estimates exceed $25,000, to be performed within the United States, except Alaska, without the specific approval in writing of the Secretary of Defense setting forth the reasons therefor.

Sec. 102. Funds made available in this title for construction shall be available for hire of passenger motor vehicles.

Sec. 103. Funds made available in this title for construction may be used for advances to the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, for the construction of access roads as authorized by section 210 of title 23, United States Code, when projects authorized therein are certified as important to the national defense by the Secretary of Defense.

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

Sec. 105. None of the funds made available in this title shall be used for purchase of land or land easements in excess of 100 percent of the value as determined by
the Army Corps of Engineers or the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, except: (1) where there is a determination of value by a Federal court; (2) purchases negotiated by the Attorney General or the designee of the Attorney General; (3) where the estimated value is less than $25,000; or (4) as otherwise determined by the Secretary of Defense to be in the public interest.

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

SEC. 107. None of the funds made available in this title for minor construction may be used to transfer or relocate any activity from one base or installation to another, without prior notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

SEC. 108. None of the funds made available in this title may be used for the procurement of steel for any construction project or activity for which American steel producers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been denied the opportunity to compete for such steel procurement.

SEC. 109. None of the funds available to the Department of Defense for military construction or family hous-
ing during the current fiscal year may be used to pay real
property taxes in any foreign nation.

SEC. 110. None of the funds made available in this
title may be used to initiate a new installation overseas
without prior notification to the Committees on Approp-
riations of both Houses of Congress.

SEC. 111. None of the funds made available in this
title may be obligated for architect and engineer contracts
estimated by the Government to exceed $500,000 for
projects to be accomplished in Japan, in any North Atlan-
tic Treaty Organization member country, or in countries
bordering the Arabian Sea, unless such contracts are
awarded to United States firms or United States firms
in joint venture with host nation firms.

SEC. 112. None of the funds made available in this
title for military construction in the United States terri-
tories and possessions in the Pacific and on Kwajalein
Atoll, or in countries bordering the Arabian Sea, may be
used to award any contract estimated by the Government
to exceed $1,000,000 to a foreign contractor: Provided,
That this section shall not be applicable to contract
awards for which the lowest responsive and responsible bid
of a United States contractor exceeds the lowest respon-
sive and responsible bid of a foreign contractor by greater
than 20 percent: Provided further, That this section shall
not apply to contract awards for military construction on
Kwajalein Atoll for which the lowest responsive and re-
sponsible bid is submitted by a Marshallese contractor.

SEC. 113. The Secretary of Defense is to inform the
appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress, in-
cluding the Committees on Appropriations, of the plans
and scope of any proposed military exercise involving
United States personnel 30 days prior to its occurring,
if amounts expended for construction, either temporary or
permanent, are anticipated to exceed $100,000.

SEC. 114. Not more than 20 percent of the funds
made available in this title which are limited for obligation
during the current fiscal year shall be obligated during
the last two months of the fiscal year.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 115. Funds appropriated to the Department of
Defense for construction in prior years shall be available
for construction authorized for each such military depart-
ment by the authorizations enacted into law during the
current session of Congress.

SEC. 116. For military construction or family housing
projects that are being completed with funds otherwise ex-
pired or lapsed for obligation, expired or lapsed funds may
be used to pay the cost of associated supervision, inspec-
tion, overhead, engineering and design on those projects
and on subsequent claims, if any.
SEC. 117. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any funds made available to a military department or defense agency for the construction of military projects may be obligated for a military construction project or contract, or for any portion of such a project or contract, at any time before the end of the fourth fiscal year after the fiscal year for which funds for such project were made available, if the funds obligated for such project: (1) are obligated from funds available for military construction projects; and (2) do not exceed the amount appropriated for such project, plus any amount by which the cost of such project is increased pursuant to law.

SEC. 118. (a) The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, by February 15 of each year, an annual report in unclassified and, if necessary, classified form, on actions taken by the Department of Defense and the Department of State during the previous fiscal year to encourage host countries to assume a greater share of the common defense burden of such countries and the United States.

(b) The report under subsection (a) shall include a description of—
(1) attempts to secure cash and in-kind contributions from host countries for military construction projects;

(2) attempts to achieve economic incentives offered by host countries to encourage private investment for the benefit of the United States Armed Forces;

(3) attempts to recover funds due to be paid to the United States by host countries for assets deeded or otherwise imparted to host countries upon the cessation of United States operations at military installations;

(4) the amount spent by host countries on defense, in dollars and in terms of the percent of gross domestic product (GDP) of the host country; and

(5) for host countries that are members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the amount contributed to NATO by host countries, in dollars and in terms of the percent of the total NATO budget.

(c) In this section, the term “host country” means other member countries of NATO, Japan, South Korea, and United States allies bordering the Arabian Sea.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Sec. 119. In addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense, proceeds depos-
ited to the Department of Defense Base Closure Account established by section 207(a)(1) of the Defense Authoriza-
tion Amendments and Base Closure and Realignment Act (10 U.S.C. 2687 note) pursuant to section 207(a)(2)(C) of such Act, may be transferred to the account established by section 2906(a)(1) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687 note), to be merged with, and to be available for the same purposes and the same time period as that account.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 120. Subject to 30 days prior notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Con-
gress, such additional amounts as may be determined by the Secretary of Defense may be transferred to: (1) the Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated for construction in “Family Housing” accounts, to be merged with and to be available for the same purposes and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated directly to the Fund; or (2) the Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated for construction of military unaccompanied housing in “Military Construction” accounts, to be merged with and to be available for the same purposes and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated directly to the Fund: Provided, That appropriations made available to
the Funds shall be available to cover the costs, as defined in section 502(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans or loan guarantees issued by the Department of Defense pursuant to the provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title 10, United States Code, pertaining to alternative means of acquiring and improving military family housing, military unaccompanied housing, and supporting facilities.

SEC. 121. (a) Not later than 60 days before issuing any solicitation for a contract with the private sector for military family housing the Secretary of the military department concerned shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the notice described in subsection (b).

(b)(1) A notice referred to in subsection (a) is a notice of any guarantee (including the making of mortgage or rental payments) proposed to be made by the Secretary to the private party under the contract involved in the event of—

(A) the closure or realignment of the installation for which housing is provided under the contract;

(B) a reduction in force of units stationed at such installation; or
(C) the extended deployment overseas of units stationed at such installation.

(2) Each notice under this subsection shall specify the nature of the guarantee involved and assess the extent and likelihood, if any, of the liability of the Federal Government with respect to the guarantee.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Sec. 122. In addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense, amounts may be transferred from the accounts established by sections 2906(a)(1) and 2906A(a)(1) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687 note), to the fund established by section 1013(d) of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 3374) to pay for expenses associated with the Homeowners Assistance Program. Any amounts transferred shall be merged with and be available for the same purposes and for the same time period as the fund to which transferred.

Sec. 123. Funds made available in this title for operation and maintenance of family housing shall be the exclusive source of funds for repair and maintenance of all family housing units, including general or flag officer quarters: Provided, That not more than $35,000 per unit may be spent annually for the maintenance and repair of any general or flag officer quarters without 30 days prior
notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both
Houses of Congress, except that an after-the-fact notifica-
tion shall be submitted if the limitation is exceeded solely
due to costs associated with environmental remediation
that could not be reasonably anticipated at the time of
the budget submission: Provided further, That the Under
Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) is to report annually
to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of
Congress all operation and maintenance expenditures for
each individual general or flag officer quarters for the
prior fiscal year.

Sec. 124. Amounts contained in the Ford Island Im-
provement Account established by subsection (h) of sec-
tion 2814 of title 10, United States Code, are appro-
priated and shall be available until expended for the pur-
poses specified in subsection (i)(1) of such section or until
transferred pursuant to subsection (i)(3) of such section.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Sec. 125. None of the funds made available in this
title, or in any Act making appropriations for military con-
struction which remain available for obligation, may be ob-
ligated or expended to carry out a military construction,
land acquisition, or family housing project at or for a mili-
tary installation approved for closure, or at a military in-
stallation for the purposes of supporting a function that
has been approved for realignment to another installation,
in 2005 under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note), unless such a project at a military installation approved for realignment will support a continuing mission or function at that installation or a new mission or function that is planned for that installation, or unless the Secretary of Defense certifies that the cost to the United States of carrying out such project would be less than the cost to the United States of canceling such project, or if the project is at an active component base that shall be established as an enclave or in the case of projects having multi-agency use, that another Government agency has indicated it will assume ownership of the completed project. The Secretary of Defense may not transfer funds made available as a result of this limitation from any military construction project, land acquisition, or family housing project to another account or use such funds for another purpose or project without the prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress. This section shall not apply to military construction projects, land acquisition, or family housing projects for which the project is vital to the national security or the protection of health, safety, or environmental quality: Provided, That the Secretary of Defense shall notify the congressional defense committees
within seven days of a decision to carry out such a military
construction project.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 126. During the 5-year period after appropria-
tions available in this Act to the Department of Defense
for military construction and family housing operation and
maintenance and construction have expired for obligation,
upon a determination that such appropriations will not be
necessary for the liquidation of obligations or for making
authorized adjustments to such appropriations for obliga-
tions incurred during the period of availability of such ap-
propriations, unobligated balances of such appropriations
may be transferred into the appropriation “Foreign Curr-
ency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense”, to be merged
with and to be available for the same time period and for
the same purposes as the appropriation to which trans-
ferred.

SEC. 127. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made
available in this title for “Military Construction, Army”,
“Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, Military
Construction, Air Force”, “Military Construction, De-
fense-Wide”, Military Construction, Army National
Guard”, “Military Construction, Air National Guard”,
“Military Construction, Army Reserve”, Military Con-
struction, Navy Reserve”, “Military Construction, Air
Force Reserve”, “Family Housing Construction, Army”,

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“Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, “Family Housing Construction, Air Force”, “Family Housing Construction, Defense-Wide”, and “Chemical Demilitarization Construction, Defense-Wide” shall be for the projects and activities, and in the amounts specified, identified under those headings in the Committee recommendations and detail tables, including the table entitled “Military Construction Project Listing by Location” in the report accompanying this Act: Provided, That amounts appropriated or otherwise made available in an account listed in this provision may be transferred among projects and activities within that account in accordance with the reprogramming guidelines for military construction and family housing construction contained in the report accompanying this Act, and in the guidance for military construction reprogrammings and notifications contained in Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation 7000.14–R, Volume 3, Chapter 7, of December 1996, as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 128. (a) Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for the Department of Defense under the heading “Military Construction, Air Force” and available for planning and design, the Secretary of the Air Force shall, in accordance with section 1535 of title 31, United States Code, transfer $500,000
to the American Battle Monuments Commission to conduct an engineering study on the restoration of the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial in Marnes-La-Coquette, France.

(b) The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) shall include:

(1) an estimate of costs to be incurred to restore the structure, features, landscaped grounds and caretaker’s quarters of the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial to standards similar to memorials and burial grounds administered by the American Battle Monuments Commission; and

(2) an estimate of annual costs for the long-term preservation, maintenance, and operation of the memorial under those standards.

(c) The amount transferred under subsection (a) shall remain available until expended.

(d) Not later than 18 months after the date of the transfer of funds to the American Battle Monuments Commission, the Commission shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report on the findings of the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a).
TITLE II

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans Benefits Administration

Compensation and Pensions

(including transfer of funds)

For the payment of compensation benefits to or on behalf of veterans and a pilot program for disability examinations as authorized by section 107 and chapters 11, 13, 18, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; pension benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters 15, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code; and burial benefits, the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors, emergency and other officers’ retirement pay, adjusted-service credits and certificates, payment of premiums due on commercial life insurance policies guaranteed under the provisions of title IV of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 541 et seq.) and for other benefits as authorized by sections 107, 1312, 1977, and 2106, and chapters 23, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code, $43,111,681,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That not to exceed $26,798,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading shall be reimbursed to “General operating expenses”, “Medical services”, and “Information technology systems” for necessary expenses in implementing the provisions of chapters 51, 53, and
55 of title 38, United States Code, the funding source for which is specifically provided as the “Compensation and pensions” appropriation: Provided further, That such sums as may be earned on an actual qualifying patient basis, shall be reimbursed to “Medical care collections fund” to augment the funding of individual medical facilities for nursing home care provided to pensioners as authorized.

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

For the payment of readjustment and rehabilitation benefits to or on behalf of veterans as authorized by chapters 21, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 39, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code, $3,832,944,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That expenses for rehabilitation program services and assistance which the Secretary is authorized to provide under subsection (a) of section 3104 of title 38, United States Code, other than under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of that subsection, shall be charged to this account.

VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

For military and naval insurance, national service life insurance, servicemen’s indemnities, service-disabled veterans insurance, and veterans mortgage life insurance as authorized by title 38, United States Code, chapters 19 and 21, $42,300,000, to remain available until expended.
VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the program, as authorized by subchapters I through III of chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That during fiscal year 2009, within the resources available, not to exceed $500,000 in gross obligations for direct loans are authorized for specially adapted housing loans.

In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, $157,210,000.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the cost of direct loans, $61,000, as authorized by chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code: *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That funds made available under this heading are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed $3,180,000.

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program, $320,000, which may
be paid to the appropriation for “General operating expenses”.

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For administrative expenses to carry out the direct loan program authorized by subchapter V of chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code, $646,000.

GUARANTEED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING LOANS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the administrative expenses to carry out the guaranteed transitional housing loan program authorized by subchapter VI of chapter 20 of title 38, United States Code, not to exceed $750,000 of the amounts appropriated by this Act for “General operating expenses” and “Medical services” may be expended.

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL SERVICES (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for furnishing, as authorized by law, inpatient and outpatient care and treatment to beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs and veterans described in section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, including care and treatment in facilities not under the jurisdiction of the Department, and including medical supplies and equipment, food services, and salaries and expenses of health-care employees hired under
title 38, United States Code, and aid to State homes as
authorized by section 1741 of title 38, United States Code;
and for necessary expenses in the administration of the
medical, hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, construction,
supply, and research activities, as authorized by law; ad-
ministrative expenses in support of capital policy activi-
ties; and administrative and legal expenses of the Depart-
ment for collecting and recovering amounts owed the De-
partment as authorized under chapter 17 of title 38,
United States Code, and the Federal Medical Care Recov-
ery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651 et seq.); $35,590,432,000 plus
reimbursements, of which $250,000,000 shall be for estab-
ishment and implementation of a new rural health out-
reach and delivery initiative: Provided, That of the funds
made available under this heading, not to exceed
$1,850,000,000 shall be available until September 30,
2010: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other
provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
establish a priority for the provision of medical treatment
for veterans who have service-connected disabilities, lower
income, or have special needs: Provided further, That, not-
withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of
Veterans Affairs shall give priority funding for the provi-
sion of basic medical benefits to veterans in enrollment
priority groups 1 through 6: Provided further, That, not-
withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of 
Veterans Affairs may authorize the dispensing of prescrip-
tion drugs from Veterans Health Administration facilities 
to enrolled veterans with privately written prescriptions 
based on requirements established by the Secretary: Pro-
vided further, That the implementation of the program de-
scribed in the previous proviso shall incur no additional 
cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs: Provided fur-
ther, That for the Department of Defense/Department of 
Veterans Affairs Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as 
authorized by section 8111(d) of title 38, United States 
Code, a minimum of $15,000,000, to remain available 
until expended, for any purpose authorized by section 
8111 of title 38, United States Code.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

For necessary expenses for the maintenance and op-
eration of hospitals, nursing homes, and domiciliary facili-
ties and other necessary facilities of the Veterans Health 
Administration; for administrative expenses in support of 
planning, design, project management, real property ac-
quisition and disposition, construction, and renovation of 
any facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the 
Department; for oversight, engineering, and architectural 
activities not charged to project costs; for repairing, alter-
ing, improving, or providing facilities in the several hos-
pitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Depart-
ment, not otherwise provided for, either by contract or by
the hire of temporary employees and purchase of mate-
rials; for leases of facilities; and for laundry services,
$4,961,000,000, plus reimbursements, of which
$350,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2010:
Provided, That $300,000,000 for non-recurring mainte-
nance provided under this heading shall be allocated in
a manner not subject to the Veterans Equitable Resource
Allocation.

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH
For necessary expenses in carrying out programs of
medical and prosthetic research and development as au-
thorized by chapter 73 of title 38, United States Code,
$526,800,000, plus reimbursements, to remain available
until September 30, 2010.

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION
For necessary expenses of the National Cemetery Ad-
ministration for operations and maintenance, not other-
wise provided for, including uniforms or allowances there-
for; cemeterial expenses as authorized by law; purchase
of one passenger motor vehicle for use in cemeterial oper-
ations; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and repair, alter-
ation or improvement of facilities under the jurisdiction
of the National Cemetery Administration, $230,000,000,
of which not to exceed $23,000,000 shall be available until
September 30, 2010.
DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

For necessary operating expenses of the Department of Veterans Affairs, not otherwise provided for, including administrative expenses in support of Department-Wide capital planning, management and policy activities, uniforms, or allowances therefor; not to exceed $25,000 for official reception and representation expenses; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and reimbursement of the General Services Administration for security guard services, and the Department of Defense for the cost of overseas employee mail, $1,779,125,000: Provided, That expenses for services and assistance authorized under paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (11) of section 3104(a) of title 38, United States Code, that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines are necessary to enable entitled veterans: (1) to the maximum extent feasible, to become employable and to obtain and maintain suitable employment; or (2) to achieve maximum independence in daily living, shall be charged to this account: Provided further, That the Veterans Benefits Administration shall be funded at not less than $1,441,753,000: Provided further, That of the funds made available under this heading, not to exceed $83,000,000 shall be available for obligation until September 30, 2010: Provided further, That from the funds made available
under this heading, the Veterans Benefits Administration may purchase (on a one-for-one replacement basis only) up to two passenger motor vehicles for use in operations of that Administration in Manila, Philippines.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

For necessary expenses for information technology systems and telecommunications support, including developmental information systems and operational information systems; including pay and associated cost for operations and maintenance associated staff; for the capital asset acquisition of information technology systems, including management and related contractual costs of said acquisitions, including contractual costs associated with operations authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, $2,471,166,000, plus reimbursements, to be available until September 30, 2010: Provided, That of the funds made available under this heading, not less than $67,200,000 shall be for the Financial and Logistics Integrated Technology Enterprise program: Provided further, That none of these funds may be obligated until the Department of Veterans Affairs submits to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, and such Committees approve, a plan for expenditure that: (1) meets the capital planning and investment control review requirements established by the Office of Management and Budget; (2) complies with the Department of Vet-
erans Affairs enterprise architecture; (3) conforms with an
established enterprise life cycle methodology; and (4) com-
plies with the acquisition rules, requirements, guidelines,
and systems acquisition management practices of the Fed-
eral Government: *Provided further,* That within 30 days
of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both
Houses of Congress a reprogramming base letter which
provides, by project, the costs included in this appropria-
tion.

**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
General, to include information technology, in carrying out
the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5
U.S.C. App.), $93,900,000, of which $5,000,000 shall be
available until September 30, 2010.

**CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS**

For constructing, altering, extending, and improving
any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the
jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans
Affairs, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections
316, 2404, 2406, 8102, 8103, 8106, 8108, 8109, 8110,
and 8122 of title 38, United States Code, including plan-
ning, architectural and engineering services, construction
management services, maintenance or guarantee period
services costs associated with equipment guarantees pro-
vided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and site acquisition, where the estimated cost of a project is more than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38, United States Code, or where funds for a project were made available in a previous major project appropriation, $1,217,747,000, to remain available until expended, of which $10,000,000 shall be to make reimbursements as provided in section 13 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 612) for claims paid for contract disputes: Provided, That except for advance planning activities, including needs assessments which may or may not lead to capital investments, and other capital asset management related activities, including portfolio development and management activities, and investment strategy studies funded through the advance planning fund and the planning and design activities funded through the design fund, including needs assessments which may or may not lead to capital investments, and funds provided for the purchase of land for the National Cemetery Administration through the land acquisition line item, none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be used for any project which has not been approved by the Congress in the budgetary process: Provided further, That funds provided in this appropriation for fiscal
year 2009, for each approved project shall be obligated:

(1) by the awarding of a construction documents contract by September 30, 2009; and (2) by the awarding of a construction contract by September 30, 2010: Provided further, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall promptly submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a written report on any approved major construction project for which obligations are not incurred within the time limitations established above.

CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

For constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities, including parking projects, under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including planning and assessments of needs which may lead to capital investments, architectural and engineering services, maintenance or guarantee period services costs associated with equipment guarantees provided under the project, services of claims analysts, offsite utility and storm drainage system construction costs, and site acquisition, or for any of the purposes set forth in sections 316, 2404, 2406, 8102, 8103, 8106, 8108, 8109, 8110, 8122, and 8162 of title 38, United States Code, where the estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than the amount set forth in section 8104(a)(3)(A) of title 38, United States Code, $729,418,000, to remain available until expended, along with unobligated balances of
previous “Construction, minor projects” appropriations which are hereby made available for any project where the estimated cost is equal to or less than the amount set forth in such section: Provided, That funds in this account shall be available for: (1) repairs to any of the nonmedical facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department which are necessary because of loss or damage caused by any natural disaster or catastrophe; and (2) temporary measures necessary to prevent or to minimize further loss by such causes.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

For grants to assist States to acquire or construct State nursing home and domiciliary facilities and to remodel, modify, or alter existing hospital, nursing home, and domiciliary facilities in State homes, for furnishing care to veterans as authorized by sections 8131 through 8137 of title 38, United States Code, $250,000,000, to remain available until expended.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

For grants to assist States in establishing, expanding, or improving State veterans cemeteries as authorized by section 2408 of title 38, United States Code, $42,000,000, to remain available until expended.
ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 201. Any appropriation for fiscal year 2009 for “Compensation and pensions”, “Readjustment benefits”, and “Veterans insurance and indemnities” may be transferred as necessary to any other of the mentioned appropriations: Provided, That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and such Committees issue an approval, or absent a response, a period of 30 days has elapsed.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 202. Amounts made available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2009, in this Act or any other Act, under the “Medical services” and “Medical facilities” accounts may be transferred between the accounts to the extent necessary to implement the restructuring of the Veterans Health Administration accounts: Provided, That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued.

SEC. 203. Appropriations available in this title for salaries and expenses shall be available for services authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code,
hire of passenger motor vehicles; lease of a facility or land
or both; and uniforms or allowances therefore, as author-
ized by sections 5901 through 5902 of title 5, United
States Code.

Sec. 204. No appropriations in this title (except the
appropriations for “Construction, major projects”, and
“Construction, minor projects”) shall be available for the
purchase of any site for or toward the construction of any
new hospital or home.

Sec. 205. No appropriations in this title shall be
available for hospitalization or examination of any persons
(except beneficiaries entitled to such hospitalization or ex-
amination under the laws providing such benefits to vet-
erans, and persons receiving such treatment under sec-
tions 7901 through 7904 of title 5, United States Code,
or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), unless reim-
bursement of the cost of such hospitalization or examina-
tion is made to the “Medical services” account at such
rates as may be fixed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Sec. 206. Appropriations available in this title for
“Compensation and pensions”, “Readjustment benefits”,
and “Veterans insurance and indemnities” shall be avail-
able for payment of prior year accrued obligations re-
quired to be recorded by law against the corresponding
prior year accounts within the last quarter of fiscal year 2008.

SEC. 207. Appropriations available in this title shall be available to pay prior year obligations of corresponding prior year appropriations accounts resulting from sections 3328(a), 3334, and 3712(a) of title 31, United States Code, except that if such obligations are from trust fund accounts they shall be payable only from “Compensation and pensions”.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 208. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during fiscal year 2009, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, from the National Service Life Insurance Fund (38 U.S.C. 1920), the Veterans’ Special Life Insurance Fund (38 U.S.C. 1923), and the United States Government Life Insurance Fund (38 U.S.C. 1955), reimburse the “General operating expenses” and “Information technology systems” accounts for the cost of administration of the insurance programs financed through those accounts: Provided, That reimbursement shall be made only from the surplus earnings accumulated in such an insurance program during fiscal year 2009 that are available for dividends in that program after claims have been paid and actuarially determined reserves have been set aside: Provided further, That if the cost of administration of such an insurance program exceeds the amount of surplus earn-
ings accumulated in that program, reimbursement shall be made only to the extent of such surplus earnings: Provided further, That the Secretary shall determine the cost of administration for fiscal year 2009 which is properly allocable to the provision of each such insurance program and to the provision of any total disability income insurance included in that insurance program.

Sec. 209. Amounts deducted from enhanced-use lease proceeds to reimburse an account for expenses incurred by that account during a prior fiscal year for providing enhanced-use lease services, may be obligated during the fiscal year in which the proceeds are received.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Sec. 210. Funds available in this title or funds for salaries and other administrative expenses shall also be available to reimburse the Office of Resolution Management of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication under section 319 of title 38, United States Code, for all services provided at rates which will recover actual costs but not exceed $34,158,000 for the Office of Resolution Management and $3,278,000 for the Office of Employment and Discrimination Complaint Adjudication: Provided, That payments may be made in advance for services to be furnished based on estimated costs: Provided further, That amounts received shall be credited to the
“General operating expenses” and “Information technology systems” accounts for use by the office that provided the service.

SEC. 211. No appropriations in this title shall be available to enter into any new lease of real property if the estimated annual rental is more than $1,000,000 unless the Secretary submits a report which the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress approve within 30 days following the date on which the report is received.

SEC. 212. No funds of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be available for hospital care, nursing home care, or medical services provided to any person under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, for a non-service-connected disability described in section 1729(a)(2) of such title, unless that person has disclosed to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in such form as the Secretary may require, current, accurate third-party reimbursement information for purposes of section 1729 of such title: Provided, That the Secretary may recover, in the same manner as any other debt due the United States, the reasonable charges for such care or services from any person who does not make such disclosure as required: Provided further, That any amounts so recovered for care or services provided in a prior fiscal year may be obligated by the
Secretary during the fiscal year in which amounts are received.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 213. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, proceeds or revenues derived from enhanced-use leasing activities (including disposal) may be deposited into the “Construction, major projects” and “Construction, minor projects” accounts and be used for construction (including site acquisition and disposition), alterations, and improvements of any medical facility under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Such sums as realized are in addition to the amount provided for in “Construction, major projects” and “Construction, minor projects”.

SEC. 214. Amounts made available under “Medical services” are available—

(1) for furnishing recreational facilities, supplies, and equipment; and

(2) for funeral expenses, burial expenses, and other expenses incidental to funerals and burials for beneficiaries receiving care in the Department.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 215. Such sums as may be deposited to the Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant to section 1729A of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to
“Medical services”, to remain available until expended for the purposes of that account.

SEC. 216. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall allow veterans who are eligible under existing Department of Veterans Affairs medical care requirements and who reside in Alaska to obtain medical care services from medical facilities supported by the Indian Health Service or tribal organizations. The Secretary shall: (1) limit the application of this provision to rural Alaskan veterans in areas where an existing Department of Veterans Affairs facility or Veterans Affairs-contracted service is unavailable; (2) require participating veterans and facilities to comply with all appropriate rules and regulations, as established by the Secretary; (3) require this provision to be consistent with Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services activities; and (4) result in no additional cost to the Department of Veterans Affairs or the Indian Health Service.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 217. Such sums as may be deposited to the Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund pursuant to section 8118 of title 38, United States Code, may be transferred to the “Construction, major projects” and “Construction, minor projects” accounts, to remain available until expended for the purposes of these accounts.
Sec. 218. None of the funds available to the Department of Veterans Affairs, in this Act, or any other Act, may be used to replace the current system by which the Veterans Integrated Services Networks select and contract for diabetes monitoring supplies and equipment.

Sec. 219. None of the funds made available in this title may be used to implement any policy prohibiting the Directors of the Veterans Integrated Services Networks from conducting outreach or marketing to enroll new veterans within their respective Networks.

Sec. 220. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a quarterly report on the financial status of the Veterans Health Administration.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Sec. 221. Amounts made available under the “Medical services”, “Medical facilities”, “General operating expenses”, and “National Cemetery Administration” accounts for fiscal year 2009, may be transferred to or from the “Information technology systems” account: Provided, That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall request from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the authority to make the transfer and an approval is issued.

Sec. 222. Amounts made available for the “Information technology systems” account may be transferred be-
tween projects: **Provided,** That no project may be increased or decreased by more than $1,000,000 of cost prior to submitting a request to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress to make the transfer and an approval is issued.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 223. Any balances in prior year accounts established for the payment of benefits under the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors shall be transferred to and merged with amounts available under the “Compensation and pensions” account, and receipts that would otherwise be credited to the accounts established for the payment of benefits under the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors program shall be credited to amounts available under the “Compensation and pensions” account.

SEC. 224. The Department shall continue research into Gulf War illness at levels not less than those made available in fiscal year 2008, within available funds contained in this Act.

SEC. 225. (a) Upon a determination by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that such action is in the national interest, and will have a direct benefit for veterans through increased access to treatment, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may transfer not more than $5,000,000 to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Graduate
Psychology Education Program, which includes treatment of veterans, to support increased training of psychologists skilled in the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and related disorders.

(b) The Secretary of Health and Human Services may only use funds transferred under this section for the purposes described in subsection (a).

(c) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall notify Congress of any such transfer of funds under this section.

Sec. 226. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act for the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner that is inconsistent with—

(1) section 842 of the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–115; 119 Stat. 2506); or

(2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code.

Sec. 227. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out a major medical facility lease in fiscal year 2008 in an amount not to exceed $12,000,000 to implement the recommendations outlined in the August 2007 Study of South Texas Veterans’ Inpatient and Specialty Outpatient Health Care Needs.

SEC. 229. Section 1729(a)(2)(E) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking “October 1, 2008,” and inserting “October 1, 2009,”.

SEC. 230. Of the amounts made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2009, in this Act or any other Act, under the “Medical Facilities” account for non-recurring maintenance, not more than 20 percent of the funds made available shall be obligated during the last 2 months of the fiscal year.

TITLE III
RELATED AGENCIES

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United States and its territories and possessions; rent of office and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one-for-one replacement basis only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed $7,500 for official reception and
representation expenses; and insurance of official motor
vehicles in foreign countries, when required by law of such
countries, $59,470,000, to remain available until ex-
pended.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such
sums as may be necessary, to remain available until ex-
pended, for purposes authorized by section 2109 of title
36, United States Code.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS

CLAIMS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the operation of the
United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as
authorized by sections 7251 through 7298 of title 38,
United States Code, $23,975,000, of which $1,700,000
shall be available for the purpose of providing financial
assistance as described, and in accordance with the proc-
есс and reporting procedures set forth, under this heading
in Public Law 102–229.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, as authorized by law, for
maintenance, operation, and improvement of Arlington
National Cemetery and Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Home National Cemetery, including the purchase of two passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, and not to exceed $1,000 for official reception and representation expenses, $42,230,000, to remain available until expended. In addition, such sums as may be necessary for parking maintenance, repairs and replacement, to be derived from the Lease of Department of Defense Real Property for Defense Agencies account.

Funds appropriated under this Act may be provided to Arlington County, Virginia, for the relocation of the federally owned water main at Arlington National Cemetery making additional land available for ground burials.

**Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund**

For expenses necessary for the Armed Forces Retirement Home to operate and maintain the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mississippi, to be paid from funds available in the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, $63,010,000, of which $8,025,000 shall remain available until expended for construction and renovation of the physical plants at the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, Dis-
strict of Columbia and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mississippi.

TITLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

Sec. 402. Such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009 for pay raises for programs funded by this Act shall be absorbed within the levels appropriated in this Act.

Sec. 403. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for any program, project, or activity, when it is made known to the Federal entity or official to which the funds are made available that the program, project, or activity is not in compliance with any Federal law relating to risk assessment, the protection of private property rights, or unfunded mandates.

Sec. 404. No part of any funds appropriated in this Act shall be used by an agency of the executive branch, other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for publicity or propaganda purposes, and for the preparation, distribution, or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, radio, television, or film presen-
tation designed to support or defeat legislation pending
before Congress, except in presentation to Congress itself.

Sec. 405. All departments and agencies funded under
this Act are encouraged, within the limits of the existing
statutory authorities and funding, to expand their use of
“E-Commerce” technologies and procedures in the con-
duct of their business practices and public service activi-
ties.

Sec. 406. None of the funds made available in this
Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or in-
strumentality of the United States Government except
pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority pro-
vided in, this or any other appropriations Act.

Sec. 407. Unless stated otherwise, all reports and no-
tifications required by this Act shall be submitted to the
Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs,
and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations
of the House of Representatives and the Subcommittee on
Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related
Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Sen-
ate.

This Act may be cited as the “Military Construction
and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations
Act, 2009”.

S 3301 PCS
A BILL

Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

July 22, 2008

Read twice and placed on the calendar.