

In the Senate of the United States,

September 3, 1997.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 2160) entitled “An Act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 *That the following sums are appropriated, out of any*
2 *money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-*
3 *riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-*
4 *tion, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year end-*
5 *ing September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; namely:*

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TITLE I

AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND MARKETING

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture, and not to exceed \$75,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$2,836,000: Provided, That not to exceed \$11,000 of this amount, along with any unobligated balances of representation funds in the Foreign Agricultural Service, shall be available for official reception and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary: Provided further, That none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel of the Department of Agriculture to carry out section 793(c)(1)(C) of Public Law 104–127: Provided further, That none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to enforce section 793(d) of Public Law 104–127.

EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

CHIEF ECONOMIST

For necessary expenses of the Chief Economist, including economic analysis, risk assessment, cost-benefit analysis, and the functions of the World Agricultural Outlook Board, as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of

1 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622g), and including employment pursu-
2 ant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic
3 Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$5,000
4 is for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$5,252,000.

5 *NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION*

6 *For necessary expenses of the National Appeals Divi-*
7 *sion, including employment pursuant to the second sentence*
8 *of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.*
9 *2225), of which not to exceed \$25,000 is for employment*
10 *under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$12,360,000.*

11 *OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS*

12 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and Pro-*
13 *gram Analysis, including employment pursuant to the sec-*
14 *ond sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944*
15 *(7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$5,000 is for em-*
16 *ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$5,986,000.*

17 *OFFICE OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS*

18 *UTILIZATION*

19 *For necessary expenses of the Office of Small and Dis-*
20 *advantaged Business Utilization, including employment*
21 *pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Or-*
22 *ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed*
23 *\$5,000 is for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$783,000.*

24 *OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER*

25 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Infor-*
26 *mation Officer, including employment pursuant to the sec-*

1 *ond sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944*
2 *(7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$10,000 is for em-*
3 *ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$4,773,000.*

4 *CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER*

5 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Finan-*
6 *cial Officer, including employment pursuant to the second*
7 *sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7*
8 *U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$10,000 is for employ-*
9 *ment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$4,283,000: Provided, That the*
10 *Chief Financial Officer shall actively market cross-servicing*
11 *activities of the National Finance Center.*

12 *OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR*
13 *ADMINISTRATION*

14 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
15 *Assistant Secretary for Administration to carry out the*
16 *programs funded in this Act, \$613,000.*

17 *AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND RENTAL*
18 *PAYMENTS*

19 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

20 *For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-*
21 *ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant*
22 *to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Administrator*
23 *of General Services to the Department of Agriculture under*
24 *40 U.S.C. 486, for programs and activities of the Depart-*
25 *ment which are included in this Act, and for the operation,*

1 maintenance, modification, and repair of buildings and fa-
2 cilities as necessary to carry out the programs of the De-
3 partment, where not otherwise provided, \$123,385,000: Pro-
4 vided, That in the event an agency within the Department
5 should require modification of space needs, the Secretary
6 of Agriculture may transfer a share of that agency's appro-
7 priation made available by this Act to this appropriation,
8 or may transfer a share of this appropriation to that agen-
9 cy's appropriation, but such transfers shall not exceed 5
10 percent of the funds made available for space rental and
11 related costs to or from this account. In addition, for con-
12 struction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and
13 purchase of fixed equipment or facilities as necessary to
14 carry out the programs of the Department, where not other-
15 wise provided, \$5,000,000, to remain available until ex-
16 pended; and in addition, for necessary relocation expenses
17 of the Department's agencies, \$2,700,000, to remain avail-
18 able until expended; making a total appropriation of
19 \$131,085,000.

20 *HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT*

21 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

22 *For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-*
23 *culture, to comply with the requirement of section 107(g)*
24 *of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensa-*
25 *tion, and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9607(g),*

1 *and section 6001 of the Resource Conservation and Recov-*
2 *ery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6961, \$15,700,000, to re-*
3 *main available until expended: Provided, That appropria-*
4 *tions and funds available herein to the Department for Haz-*
5 *ardous Waste Management may be transferred to any agen-*
6 *cy of the Department for its use in meeting all requirements*
7 *pursuant to the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal*
8 *lands.*

9 *DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION*

10 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

11 *For Departmental Administration, \$26,948,000, to*
12 *provide for necessary expenses for management support*
13 *services to offices of the Department and for general admin-*
14 *istration and disaster management of the Department, re-*
15 *pairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous supplies and*
16 *expenses not otherwise provided for and necessary for the*
17 *practical and efficient work of the Department, including*
18 *employment pursuant to the second sentence of section*
19 *706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which*
20 *not to exceed \$10,000 is for employment under 5 U.S.C.*
21 *3109: Provided, That this appropriation shall be reim-*
22 *bursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for travel*
23 *expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required by*
24 *5 U.S.C. 551–558: Provided further, That of the total*
25 *amount appropriated, not less than \$13,774,000 shall be*

1 *made available for civil rights enforcement, of which up to*
2 *\$3,000,000 shall be provided to establish an investigative*
3 *unit within the Office of Civil Rights.*

4 *OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR*
5 *CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS*
6 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

7 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
8 *Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to carry out*
9 *the programs funded in this Act, including programs in-*
10 *volving intergovernmental affairs and liaison within the ex-*
11 *ecutive branch, \$3,668,000: Provided, That no other funds*
12 *appropriated to the Department in this Act shall be avail-*
13 *able to the Department for support of activities of congres-*
14 *sional relations: Provided further, That not less than*
15 *\$2,241,000 shall be transferred to agencies funded in this*
16 *Act to maintain personnel at the agency level.*

17 *OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS*

18 *For necessary expenses to carry on services relating to*
19 *the coordination of programs involving public affairs, for*
20 *the dissemination of agricultural information, and the co-*
21 *ordination of information, work, and programs authorized*
22 *by Congress in the Department, \$8,138,000, including em-*
23 *ployment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a)*
24 *of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not*
25 *to exceed \$10,000 shall be available for employment under*

1 5 U.S.C. 3109, and not to exceed \$2,000,000 may be used
2 for farmers' bulletins.

3 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

4 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

5 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Inspector
6 General, including employment pursuant to the second sen-
7 tence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.
8 2225), and the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended,
9 \$63,728,000, including such sums as may be necessary for
10 contracting and other arrangements with public agencies
11 and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the In-
12 spector General Act of 1978, as amended, including a sum
13 not to exceed \$50,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109;
14 and including a sum not to exceed \$125,000, for certain
15 confidential operational expenses including the payment of
16 informants, to be expended under the direction of the In-
17 spector General pursuant to Public Law 95-452 and section
18 1337 of Public Law 97-98: Provided, That funds trans-
19 ferred to the Office of the Inspector General through forfeit-
20 ure proceedings or from the Department of Justice Assets
21 Forfeiture Fund or the Department of the Treasury Forfeit-
22 ure Fund, as a participating agency, as an equitable share
23 from the forfeiture of property in investigations in which
24 the Office of the Inspector General participates, or through
25 the granting of a Petition for Remission or Mitigation,

1 *shall be deposited to the credit of this account for law en-*
2 *forcement activities authorized under the Inspector General*
3 *Act of 1978, as amended, to remain available until ex-*
4 *pended.*

5 *OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL*

6 *For necessary expenses of the Office of the General*
7 *Counsel, \$29,098,000.*

8 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,*
9 *EDUCATION AND ECONOMICS*

10 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
11 *Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics*
12 *to administer the laws enacted by the Congress for the Eco-*
13 *nomics Research Service, the National Agricultural Statis-*
14 *tics Service, the Agricultural Research Service, and the Co-*
15 *operative State Research, Education, and Extension Serv-*
16 *ice, \$540,000.*

17 *ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE*

18 *For necessary expenses of the Economic Research Serv-*
19 *ice in conducting economic research and analysis, as au-*
20 *thorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7*
21 *U.S.C. 1621–1627) and other laws, \$53,109,000: Provided,*
22 *That this appropriation shall be available for employment*
23 *pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Or-*
24 *ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225).*

1 *NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE*

2 *For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural*
3 *Statistics Service in conducting statistical reporting and*
4 *service work, including crop and livestock estimates, statis-*
5 *tical coordination and improvements, marketing surveys,*
6 *and the Census of Agriculture notwithstanding 13 U.S.C.*
7 *142(a–b), as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act*
8 *of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) and other laws,*
9 *\$118,048,000, of which up to \$36,327,000 shall be available*
10 *until expended for the Census of Agriculture: Provided,*
11 *That this appropriation shall be available for employment*
12 *pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Or-*
13 *ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed*
14 *\$40,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C.*
15 *3109.*

16 *AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE*

17 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

18 *For necessary expenses to enable the Agricultural Re-*
19 *search Service to perform agricultural research and dem-*
20 *onstration relating to production, utilization, marketing,*
21 *and distribution (not otherwise provided for); home econom-*
22 *ics or nutrition and consumer use including the acquisition,*
23 *preservation, and dissemination of agricultural informa-*
24 *tion; and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange,*
25 *or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,*

1 \$738,000,000: *Provided, That appropriations hereunder*
2 *shall be available for temporary employment pursuant to*
3 *the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of*
4 *1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$115,000 shall be*
5 *available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: Provided*
6 *further, That appropriations hereunder shall be available*
7 *for the operation and maintenance of aircraft and the pur-*
8 *chase of not to exceed one for replacement only: Provided*
9 *further, That appropriations hereunder shall be available*
10 *pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for the construction, alteration,*
11 *and repair of buildings and improvements, but unless other-*
12 *wise provided the cost of constructing any one building*
13 *shall not exceed \$250,000, except for headhouses or green-*
14 *houses which shall each be limited to \$1,000,000, and except*
15 *for ten buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost*
16 *not to exceed \$500,000 each, and the cost of altering any*
17 *one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 per-*
18 *cent of the current replacement value of the building or*
19 *\$250,000, whichever is greater: Provided further, That the*
20 *limitations on alterations contained in this Act shall not*
21 *apply to modernization or replacement of existing facilities*
22 *at Beltsville, Maryland: Provided further, That the fore-*
23 *going limitations shall not apply to replacement of build-*
24 *ings needed to carry out the Act of April 24, 1948 (21*
25 *U.S.C. 113a): Provided further, That funds may be received*

1 *from any State, other political subdivision, organization,*
2 *or individual for the purpose of establishing or operating*
3 *any research facility or research project of the Agricultural*
4 *Research Service, as authorized by law.*

5 *None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall be*
6 *available to carry out research related to the production,*
7 *processing or marketing of tobacco or tobacco products.*

8 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

9 *For acquisition of land, construction, repair, improve-*
10 *ment, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equip-*
11 *ment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural*
12 *research programs of the Department of Agriculture, where*
13 *not otherwise provided, \$69,100,000, to remain available*
14 *until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): Provided, That funds may*
15 *be received from any State, other political subdivision, or-*
16 *ganization, or individual for the purpose of establishing*
17 *any research facility of the Agricultural Research Service,*
18 *as authorized by law.*

19 *COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND*

20 *EXTENSION SERVICE*

21 *RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES*

22 *For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for*
23 *cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and*
24 *for other expenses, including \$168,734,000 to carry into ef-*
25 *fect the provisions of the Hatch Act (7 U.S.C. 361a–361i);*

1 \$20,497,000 for grants for cooperative forestry research (16
2 U.S.C. 582a–582a7); \$27,735,000 for payments to the 1890
3 land-grant colleges, including Tuskegee University (7
4 U.S.C. 3222); \$47,525,000 for special grants for agricul-
5 tural research (7 U.S.C. 450i(c)); \$13,469,000 for special
6 grants for agricultural research on improved pest control
7 (7 U.S.C. 450i(c)); \$100,000,000 for competitive research
8 grants (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)); \$4,775,000 for the support of ani-
9 mal health and disease programs (7 U.S.C. 3195); \$550,000
10 for supplemental and alternative crops and products (7
11 U.S.C. 3319d); \$600,000 for grants for research pursuant
12 to the Critical Agricultural Materials Act of 1984 (7 U.S.C.
13 178) and section 1472 of the Food and Agriculture Act of
14 1977, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3318), to remain available
15 until expended; \$3,000,000 for higher education graduate
16 fellowships grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(6)), to remain avail-
17 able until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); \$4,350,000 for higher
18 education challenge grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(1));
19 \$1,000,000 for a higher education minority scholars pro-
20 gram (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(5)), to remain available until ex-
21 pended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); \$1,500,000 for an education
22 grants program for Hispanic-serving Institutions (7 U.S.C.
23 3241); \$4,000,000 for aquaculture grants (7 U.S.C. 3322);
24 \$8,000,000 for sustainable agriculture research and edu-
25 cation (7 U.S.C. 5811); \$9,200,000 for a program of capac-

1 *ity building grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(4)) to colleges eligible*
2 *to receive funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C.*
3 *321–326 and 328), including Tuskegee University, to re-*
4 *main available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); \$1,450,000*
5 *for payments to the 1994 Institutions pursuant to section*
6 *534(a)(1) of Public Law 103–382; and \$11,141,000 for nec-*
7 *essary expenses of Research and Education Activities, of*
8 *which not to exceed \$100,000 shall be for employment under*
9 *5 U.S.C. 3109; in all, \$427,526,000.*

10 *None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall be*
11 *available to carry out research related to the production,*
12 *processing or marketing of tobacco or tobacco products.*

13 *NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND*

14 *For establishment of a Native American institutions*
15 *endowment fund, as authorized by Public Law 103–382 (7*
16 *U.S.C. 301 note), \$4,600,000.*

17 *EXTENSION ACTIVITIES*

18 *Payments to States, the District of Columbia, Puerto*
19 *Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, Northern Mar-*
20 *ianas, and American Samoa: For payments for cooperative*
21 *extension work under the Smith-Lever Act, as amended, to*
22 *be distributed under sections 3(b) and 3(c) of said Act, and*
23 *under section 208(c) of Public Law 93–471, for retirement*
24 *and employees' compensation costs for extension agents and*
25 *for costs of penalty mail for cooperative extension agents*

1 *and State extension directors, \$268,493,000; \$2,000,000 for*
2 *extension work at the 1994 Institutions under the Smith-*
3 *Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b)(3)); payments for the nutrition*
4 *and family education program for low-income areas under*
5 *section 3(d) of the Act, \$58,695,000; payments for the pest*
6 *management program under section 3(d) of the Act,*
7 *\$10,783,000; payments for the farm safety program under*
8 *section 3(d) of the Act, \$2,855,000; payments for the pes-*
9 *ticide impact assessment program under section 3(d) of the*
10 *Act, \$3,214,000; payments to upgrade 1890 land-grant col-*
11 *lege research, extension, and teaching facilities as author-*
12 *ized by section 1447 of Public Law 95–113, as amended*
13 *(7 U.S.C. 3222b), \$7,549,000, to remain available until ex-*
14 *pendent; payments for the rural development centers under*
15 *section 3(d) of the Act, \$908,000; payments for a ground-*
16 *water quality program under section 3(d) of the Act,*
17 *\$9,061,000; payments for the agricultural telecommuni-*
18 *cations program, as authorized by Public Law 101–624 (7*
19 *U.S.C. 5926), \$1,167,000; payments for youth-at-risk pro-*
20 *grams under section 3(d) of the Act, \$9,554,000; payments*
21 *for a food safety program under section 3(d) of the Act,*
22 *\$2,365,000; payments for carrying out the provisions of the*
23 *Renewable Resources Extension Act of 1978, \$3,192,000;*
24 *payments for Indian reservation agents under section 3(d)*
25 *of the Act, \$1,672,000; payments for sustainable agriculture*

1 *programs under section 3(d) of the Act, \$3,309,000; pay-*
2 *ments for rural health and safety education as authorized*
3 *by section 2390 of Public Law 101-624 (7 U.S.C. 2661*
4 *note, 2662), \$2,628,000; payments for cooperative extension*
5 *work by the colleges receiving the benefits of the second Mor-*
6 *rill Act (7 U.S.C. 321-326, 328) and Tuskegee University,*
7 *\$25,090,000; and for Federal administration and coordina-*
8 *tion including administration of the Smith-Lever Act, as*
9 *amended, and the Act of September 29, 1977 (7 U.S.C. 341-*
10 *349), as amended, and section 1361(c) of the Act of October*
11 *3, 1980 (7 U.S.C. 301 note), and to coordinate and provide*
12 *program leadership for the extension work of the Depart-*
13 *ment and the several States and insular possessions,*
14 *\$10,787,000; in all, \$423,322,000: Provided, That funds*
15 *hereby appropriated pursuant to section 3(c) of the Act of*
16 *June 26, 1953, and section 506 of the Act of June 23, 1972,*
17 *as amended, shall not be paid to any State, the District*
18 *of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, or the Virgin Islands, Mi-*
19 *ronesia, Northern Marianas, and American Samoa prior*
20 *to availability of an equal sum from non-Federal sources*
21 *for expenditure during the current fiscal year.*

22 *OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MARKETING*
23 *AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS*

24 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
25 *Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Pro-*

1 *grams to administer programs under the laws enacted by*
2 *the Congress for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection*
3 *Service, Agricultural Marketing Service, and the Grain In-*
4 *spection, Packers and Stockyards Administration,*
5 *\$618,000.*

6 *ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE*

7 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

8 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

9 *For expenses, not otherwise provided for, including*
10 *those pursuant to the Act of February 28, 1947, as amended*
11 *(21 U.S.C. 114b–c), necessary to prevent, control, and*
12 *eradicate pests and plant and animal diseases; to carry out*
13 *inspection, quarantine, and regulatory activities; to dis-*
14 *charge the authorities of the Secretary of Agriculture under*
15 *the Act of March 2, 1931 (46 Stat. 1468; 7 U.S.C. 426–*
16 *426b); and to protect the environment, as authorized by*
17 *law, \$437,183,000, of which \$4,500,000 shall be available*
18 *for the control of outbreaks of insects, plant diseases, animal*
19 *diseases and for control of pest animals and birds to the*
20 *extent necessary to meet emergency conditions: Provided,*
21 *That no funds shall be used to formulate or administer a*
22 *brucellosis eradication program for the current fiscal year*
23 *that does not require minimum matching by the States of*
24 *at least 40 percent: Provided further, That this appropria-*
25 *tion shall be available for field employment pursuant to the*

1 *second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944*
2 *(7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$40,000 shall be avail-*
3 *able for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: Provided further,*
4 *That this appropriation shall be available for the operation*
5 *and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to ex-*
6 *ceed four, of which two shall be for replacement only: Pro-*
7 *vided further, That, in addition, in emergencies which*
8 *threaten any segment of the agricultural production indus-*
9 *try of this country, the Secretary may transfer from other*
10 *appropriations or funds available to the agencies or cor-*
11 *porations of the Department such sums as he may deem*
12 *necessary, to be available only in such emergencies for the*
13 *arrest and eradication of contagious or infectious disease*
14 *or pests of animals, poultry, or plants, and for expenses*
15 *in accordance with the Act of February 28, 1947, as amend-*
16 *ed, and section 102 of the Act of September 21, 1944, as*
17 *amended, and any unexpended balances of funds trans-*
18 *ferred for such emergency purposes in the next preceding*
19 *fiscal year shall be merged with such transferred amounts:*
20 *Provided further, That appropriations hereunder shall be*
21 *available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair*
22 *and alteration of leased buildings and improvements, but*
23 *unless otherwise provided the cost of altering any one build-*
24 *ing during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of*
25 *the current replacement value of the building.*

1 *In fiscal year 1998 the agency is authorized to collect*
2 *fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assistance,*
3 *goods, or services requested by States, other political sub-*
4 *divisions, domestic and international organizations, foreign*
5 *governments, or individuals, provided that such fees are*
6 *structured such that any entity's liability for such fees is*
7 *reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods, or serv-*
8 *ices provided to the entity by the agency, and such fees shall*
9 *be credited to this account, to remain available until ex-*
10 *pended, without further appropriation, for providing such*
11 *assistance, goods, or services.*

12 *Of the total amount available under this heading in*
13 *fiscal year 1998, \$100,000,000 shall be derived from user*
14 *fees deposited in the Agricultural Quarantine Inspection*
15 *User Fee Account.*

16 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

17 *For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-*
18 *nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-*
19 *teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as*
20 *authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as*
21 *authorized by 7 U.S.C. 428a, \$4,200,000, to remain avail-*
22 *able until expended.*

1 *AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE*2 *MARKETING SERVICES*

3 *For necessary expenses to carry on services related to*
4 *consumer protection, agricultural marketing and distribu-*
5 *tion, transportation, and regulatory programs, as author-*
6 *ized by law, and for administration and coordination of*
7 *payments to States; including field employment pursuant*
8 *to section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.*
9 *2225), and not to exceed \$90,000 for employment under 5*
10 *U.S.C. 3109, \$49,627,000, including funds for the wholesale*
11 *market development program for the design and develop-*
12 *ment of wholesale and farmer market facilities for the major*
13 *metropolitan areas of the country: Provided, That this ap-*
14 *propriation shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C.*
15 *2250) for the alteration and repair of buildings and im-*
16 *provements, but the cost of altering any one building during*
17 *the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current*
18 *replacement value of the building.*

19 *Fees may be collected for the cost of standardization*
20 *activities, as established by regulation pursuant to law (31*
21 *U.S.C. 9701).*

22 *LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES*

23 *Not to exceed \$59,521,000 (from fees collected) shall be*
24 *obligated during the current fiscal year for administrative*
25 *expenses: Provided, That if crop size is understated and/*
26 *or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may exceed*

1 *this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification to the*
2 *Appropriations Committees.*

3 *FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND*
4 *SUPPLY (SECTION 32)*
5 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

6 *Funds available under section 32 of the Act of August*
7 *24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c) shall be used only for commodity*
8 *program expenses as authorized therein, and other related*
9 *operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the Depart-*
10 *ment of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and Wildlife*
11 *Act of August 8, 1956; (2) transfers otherwise provided in*
12 *this Act; and (3) not more than \$10,690,000 for formulation*
13 *and administration of marketing agreements and orders*
14 *pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of*
15 *1937, as amended, and the Agricultural Act of 1961.*

16 *PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS*

17 *For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus*
18 *and departments of markets, and similar agencies for mar-*
19 *keting activities under section 204(b) of the Agricultural*
20 *Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)), \$1,200,000.*

21 *GRAIN INSPECTION, PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS*

22 *ADMINISTRATION*

23 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

24 *For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of*
25 *the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended, for*
26 *the administration of the Packers and Stockyards Act, for*

1 *certifying procedures used to protect purchasers of farm*
2 *products, and the standardization activities related to grain*
3 *under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended,*
4 *including field employment pursuant to section 706(a) of*
5 *the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed*
6 *\$25,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$23,583,000:*
7 *Provided, That this appropriation shall be available pursu-*
8 *ant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alteration and repair*
9 *of buildings and improvements, but the cost of altering any*
10 *one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 per-*
11 *cent of the current replacement value of the building.*

12 *INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES*

13 *LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICE*

14 *EXPENSES*

15 *Not to exceed \$43,092,000 (from fees collected) shall be*
16 *obligated during the current fiscal year for inspection and*
17 *weighing services: Provided, That if grain export activities*
18 *require additional supervision and oversight, or other un-*
19 *controllable factors occur, this limitation may be exceeded*
20 *by up to 10 percent with notification to the Appropriations*
21 *Committees.*

22 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY*

23 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
24 *Under Secretary for Food Safety to administer the laws en-*
25 *acted by the Congress for the Food Safety and Inspection*
26 *Service, \$446,000.*

1 *FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE*

2 *For necessary expenses to carry on services authorized*
3 *by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, as amended, the Poul-*
4 *try Products Inspection Act, as amended, and the Egg*
5 *Products Inspection Act, as amended, \$590,614,000, and in*
6 *addition, \$1,000,000 may be credited to this account from*
7 *fees collected for the cost of laboratory accreditation as au-*
8 *thorized by section 1017 of Public Law 102–237: Provided,*
9 *That this appropriation shall not be available for shell egg*
10 *surveillance under section 5(d) of the Egg Products Inspec-*
11 *tion Act (21 U.S.C. 1034(d)): Provided further, That this*
12 *appropriation shall be available for field employment pur-*
13 *suant to section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.*
14 *2225), and not to exceed \$75,000 shall be available for em-*
15 *ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: Provided further, That this*
16 *appropriation shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C.*
17 *2250) for the alteration and repair of buildings and im-*
18 *provements, but the cost of altering any one building during*
19 *the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current*
20 *replacement value of the building.*

21 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FARM AND*22 *FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES*

23 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
24 *Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Serv-*
25 *ices to administer the laws enacted by Congress for the*

1 *Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, the Of-*
2 *fice of Risk Management, and the Commodity Credit Cor-*
3 *poration, \$572,000.*

4 *FARM SERVICE AGENCY*

5 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

6 *For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-*
7 *tration and implementation of programs administered by*
8 *the Farm Service Agency, \$700,659,000: Provided, That the*
9 *Secretary is authorized to use the services, facilities, and*
10 *authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity Credit*
11 *Corporation to make program payments for all programs*
12 *administered by the Agency: Provided further, That other*
13 *funds made available to the Agency for authorized activities*
14 *may be advanced to and merged with this account: Provided*
15 *further, That these funds shall be available for employment*
16 *pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Or-*
17 *ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed*
18 *\$1,000,000 shall be available for employment under 5*
19 *U.S.C. 3109.*

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 *\$2,000,000.*

1 *DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM*2 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

3 *For necessary expenses involved in making indemnity*
4 *payments to dairy farmers for milk or cows producing such*
5 *milk and manufacturers of dairy products who have been*
6 *directed to remove their milk or dairy products from com-*
7 *mercial markets because it contained residues of chemicals*
8 *registered and approved for use by the Federal Government,*
9 *and in making indemnity payments for milk, or cows pro-*
10 *ducing such milk, at a fair market value to any dairy farm-*
11 *er who is directed to remove his milk from commercial mar-*
12 *kets because of (1) the presence of products of nuclear radi-*
13 *ation or fallout if such contamination is not due to the fault*
14 *of the farmer, or (2) residues of chemicals or toxic sub-*
15 *stances not included under the first sentence of the Act of*
16 *August 13, 1968, as amended (7 U.S.C. 450j), if such*
17 *chemicals or toxic substances were not used in a manner*
18 *contrary to applicable regulations or labeling instructions*
19 *provided at the time of use and the contamination is not*
20 *due to the fault of the farmer, \$550,000, to remain available*
21 *until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): Provided, That none of*
22 *the funds contained in this Act shall be used to make indem-*
23 *nity payments to any farmer whose milk was removed from*
24 *commercial markets as a result of his willful failure to fol-*
25 *low procedures prescribed by the Federal Government: Pro-*
26 *vided further, That this amount shall be transferred to the*

1 *Commodity Credit Corporation: Provided further, That the*
2 *Secretary is authorized to utilize the services, facilities, and*
3 *authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation for the*
4 *purpose of making dairy indemnity disbursements.*

5 *AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM*

6 *ACCOUNT*

7 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

8 *For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-*
9 *rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1928-*
10 *1929, to be available from funds in the Agricultural Credit*
11 *Insurance Fund, as follows: farm ownership loans,*
12 *\$460,000,000 of which \$400,000,000 shall be for guaranteed*
13 *loans; operating loans, \$2,395,000,000, of which*
14 *\$1,700,000,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed loans*
15 *and \$200,000,000 shall be for subsidized guaranteed loans;*
16 *Indian tribe land acquisition loans as authorized by 25*
17 *U.S.C. 488, \$1,000,000; for emergency insured loans,*
18 *\$25,000,000 to meet the needs resulting from natural disas-*
19 *ters; for boll weevil eradication program loans as authorized*
20 *by 7 U.S.C. 1989, \$34,653,000; and for credit sales of ac-*
21 *quired property, \$25,000,000.*

22 *For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including*
23 *the cost of modifying loans as defined in section 502 of the*
24 *Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: farm owner-*
25 *ship loans, \$21,380,000, of which \$15,440,000 shall be for*
26 *guaranteed loans; operating loans, \$71,394,500, of which*

1 \$19,890,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed loans and
2 \$19,280,000 shall be for subsidized guaranteed loans; In-
3 dian tribe land acquisition loans as authorized by 25
4 U.S.C. 488, \$132,000; for emergency insured loans,
5 \$6,008,000 to meet the needs resulting from natural disas-
6 ters; for boll weevil eradication program loans as authorized
7 by 7 U.S.C. 1989, \$249,500; and for credit sales of acquired
8 property, \$3,255,000.

9 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
10 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
11 \$219,861,000, of which \$209,861,000 shall be transferred to
12 and merged with the “Farm Service Agency, Salaries and
13 Expenses” account.

14 *RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY*

15 *ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES*

16 For administrative and operating expenses, as author-
17 ized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform
18 Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 6933), \$64,000,000: Provided, That
19 not to exceed \$700 shall be available for official reception
20 and representation expenses, as authorized by 7 U.S.C.
21 1506(i): Provided further, That, of the amount made avail-
22 able under this sentence, \$4,000,000 shall be available for
23 obligation only after the Administrator of the Risk Manage-
24 ment Agency issues and begins to implement the plan to
25 reduce administrative and operating costs of approved in-

1 *urance providers required under section 508(k)(7) of the*
2 *Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508(k)(7)). In addi-*
3 *tion, for sales commissions of agents, as authorized by sec-*
4 *tion 516 (7 U.S.C. 1516), \$202,571,000.*

5 **CORPORATIONS**

6 *The following corporations and agencies are hereby au-*
7 *thorized to make expenditures, within the limits of funds*
8 *and borrowing authority available to each such corporation*
9 *or agency and in accord with law, and to make contracts*
10 *and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations*
11 *as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation*
12 *Control Act, as amended, as may be necessary in carrying*
13 *out the programs set forth in the budget for the current fis-*
14 *cal year for such corporation or agency, except as herein-*
15 *after provided.*

16 **FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND**

17 *For payments, as authorized subsections (a)(2), (b)(2),*
18 *and (c) of section 516 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act,*
19 *as amended, such sums as may be necessary to remain*
20 *available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b).*

21 **COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND**

22 **REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES**

23 *For fiscal year 1998, such sums as may be necessary*
24 *to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for net re-*
25 *alized losses sustained, but not previously reimbursed (esti-*
26 *mated to be \$783,507,000 in the President's fiscal year 1998*

1 *Budget Request (H. Doc. 105-3)), but not to exceed*
2 *\$783,507,000, pursuant to section 2 of the Act of August*
3 *17, 1961, as amended (15 U.S.C. 713a-11).*

4 *OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE*
5 *MANAGEMENT*

6 *For fiscal year 1998, the Commodity Credit Corpora-*
7 *tion shall not expend more than \$5,000,000 for expenses to*
8 *comply with the requirement of section 107(g) of the Com-*
9 *prehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and*
10 *Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9607(g), and section*
11 *6001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as*
12 *amended, 42 U.S.C. 6961: Provided, That expenses shall be*
13 *for operations and maintenance costs only and that other*
14 *hazardous waste management costs shall be paid for by the*
15 *USDA Hazardous Waste Management appropriation in*
16 *this Act.*

17 *TITLE II*
18 *CONSERVATION PROGRAMS*
19 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR NATURAL*
20 *RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT*

21 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
22 *Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment*
23 *to administer the laws enacted by the Congress for the For-*
24 *est Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service,*
25 *\$693,000.*

1 *not less than \$5,835,000 is for snow survey and water fore-*
2 *casting and not less than \$8,825,000 is for operation and*
3 *establishment of the plant materials centers: Provided, That*
4 *appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7*
5 *U.S.C. 2250 for construction and improvement of buildings*
6 *and public improvements at plant materials centers, except*
7 *that the cost of alterations and improvements to other build-*
8 *ings and other public improvements shall not exceed*
9 *\$250,000: Provided further, That when buildings or other*
10 *structures are erected on non-Federal land, that the right*
11 *to use such land is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a:*
12 *Provided further, That this appropriation shall be available*
13 *for technical assistance and related expenses to carry out*
14 *programs authorized by section 202(c) of title II of the Colo-*
15 *rado River Basin Salinity Control Act of 1974, as amended*
16 *(43 U.S.C. 1592(c)): Provided further, That no part of this*
17 *appropriation may be expended for soil and water con-*
18 *servation operations under the Act of April 27, 1935 (16*
19 *U.S.C. 590a–590f) in demonstration projects: Provided fur-*
20 *ther, That this appropriation shall be available for employ-*
21 *ment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of*
22 *the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225) and not to exceed*
23 *\$25,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C.*
24 *3109: Provided further, That qualified local engineers may*
25 *be temporarily employed at per diem rates to perform the*

1 *technical planning work of the Service (16 U.S.C. 590e–*
2 *2): Provided further, That not less than \$80,138,000 shall*
3 *be available to provide technical assistance for water re-*
4 *sources assistance (Public Law–534 and Public Law–566).*

5 *WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS*

6 *For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-*
7 *ures, including but not limited to research, engineering op-*
8 *erations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation,*
9 *rehabilitation of existing works and changes in use of land,*
10 *in accordance with the Watershed Protection and Flood*
11 *Prevention Act approved August 4, 1954, as amended (16*
12 *U.S.C. 1001–1005, 1007–1009), the provisions of the Act*
13 *of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f), and in accordance*
14 *with the provisions of laws relating to the activities of the*
15 *Department, \$40,000,000, to remain available until ex-*
16 *pended (7 U.S.C. 2209b) (of which up to \$15,000,000 may*
17 *be available for the watersheds authorized under the Flood*
18 *Control Act approved June 22, 1936 (33 U.S.C. 701, 16*
19 *U.S.C. 1006a), as amended and supplemented: Provided,*
20 *That not to exceed \$1,000,000 of this appropriation is*
21 *available to carry out the purposes of the Endangered Spe-*
22 *cies Act of 1973 (Public Law 93–205), as amended, includ-*
23 *ing cooperative efforts as contemplated by that Act to relo-*
24 *cate endangered or threatened species to other suitable habi-*
25 *tats as may be necessary to expedite project construction.*

1 *RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT*

2 *For necessary expenses in planning and carrying out*
3 *projects for resource conservation and development and for*
4 *sound land use pursuant to the provisions of section 32(e)*
5 *of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as*
6 *amended (7 U.S.C. 1010–1011; 76 Stat. 607) and, the pro-*
7 *visions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f),*
8 *and the provisions of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981*
9 *(16 U.S.C. 3451–3461), \$44,700,000, to remain available*
10 *until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209): Provided, That this appro-*
11 *priation shall be available for employment pursuant to the*
12 *second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944*
13 *(7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$50,000 shall be avail-*
14 *able for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.*

15 *FORESTRY INCENTIVES PROGRAM*

16 *For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, to*
17 *carry out the program of forestry incentives, as authorized*
18 *in the Cooperative Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101),*
19 *as amended by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and*
20 *Reform Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–127), including tech-*
21 *nical assistance and related expenses, \$6,325,000, to remain*
22 *available until expended, as authorized by the Act.*

23 *OUTREACH FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS*

24 *For grants and contracts pursuant to section 2501 of*
25 *the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990*

1 (7 U.S.C. 2279), \$4,000,000, to remain available until ex-
 2 pended.

3 *TITLE III*

4 *RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY*

5 *DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS*

6 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL*

7 *DEVELOPMENT*

8 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
 9 *Under Secretary for Rural Development to administer pro-*
 10 *grams under the laws enacted by the Congress for the Rural*
 11 *Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and*
 12 *the Rural Utilities Service of the Department of Agri-*
 13 *culture, \$588,000.*

14 *RURAL COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM*

15 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

16 *For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, and*
 17 *grants, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926, 1926a, 1926c, and*
 18 *1932, except for section 381G of the Consolidated Farm and*
 19 *Rural Development Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2009f),*
 20 *\$644,259,000, to remain available until expended, of which*
 21 *\$27,562,000 shall be for rural community programs de-*
 22 *scribed in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated Farm and*
 23 *Rural Development Act, as amended; of which \$568,304,000*
 24 *shall be for the rural utilities programs described in section*
 25 *381E(d)(2) of such Act; and of which \$48,393,000 shall be*
 26 *for the rural business and cooperative development pro-*

1 grams described in section 381E(d)(3) of such Act: Pro-
2 vided, That section 381E(d)(3)(B) of such Act is amended
3 by inserting after the phrase, “business and industry”, the
4 words, “direct and”: Provided further, That of the amount
5 appropriated for rural utilities programs, not to exceed
6 \$24,500,000 shall be for water and waste disposal systems
7 to benefit the Colonias along the United States/Mexico bor-
8 der, including grants pursuant to section 306C of such Act;
9 not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall be for water systems for
10 rural and native villages in Alaska pursuant to section
11 306D of such Act; not to exceed \$15,000,000 shall be for
12 technical assistance grants for rural waste systems pursu-
13 ant to section 306(a)(14) of such Act; and not to exceed
14 \$5,650,000 shall be for contracting with qualified national
15 organizations for a circuit rider program to provide tech-
16 nical assistance for rural water systems: Provided further,
17 That of the total amounts appropriated, not to exceed
18 \$32,163,600 shall be available through June 30, 1998, for
19 empowerment zones and enterprise communities, as author-
20 ized by Public Law 103–66, of which \$1,614,600 shall be
21 for rural community programs described in section
22 381E(d)(1) of such Act; of which \$21,952,000 shall be for
23 the rural utilities programs described in section 381E(d)(2)
24 of such Act; of which \$8,597,000 shall be for the rural busi-
25 ness and cooperative development programs described in

1 *section 381E(d)(3) of such Act: Provided further, That any*
 2 *obligated and unobligated balances available for prior years*
 3 *for the “Rural Water and Waste Disposal Grants,” “Rural*
 4 *Water and Waste Disposal Loans Program Account,”*
 5 *“Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants,” “Solid*
 6 *Waste Management Grants,” the community facility grant*
 7 *program in the “Rural Housing Assistance Program” Ac-*
 8 *count, “Community Facility Loans Program Account,”*
 9 *“Rural Business Enterprise Grants,” “Rural Business and*
 10 *Industry Loans Program Account,” and “Local Technical*
 11 *Assistance and Planning Grants” shall be transferred to*
 12 *and merged with this account.*

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, as amended, to be available from*
 19 *funds in the rural housing insurance fund, as follows:*
 20 *\$3,300,000,000 for loans to section 502 borrowers, as deter-*
 21 *mined by the Secretary, of which \$2,300,000,000 shall be*
 22 *for unsubsidized guaranteed loans; \$30,000,000 for section*
 23 *504 housing repair loans; \$19,700,000 for section 538 guar-*
 24 *anteed multi-family housing loans; \$15,001,000 for section*
 25 *514 farm labor housing; \$128,640,000 for section 515 rental*
 26 *housing; \$600,000 for section 524 site loans; \$25,004,000*

1 *for credit sales of acquired property; and \$587,000 for sec-*
2 *tion 523 self-help housing land development loans.*

3 *For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including*
4 *the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of*
5 *the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section*
6 *502 loans, \$133,390,000, of which \$5,290,000 shall be for*
7 *unsubsidized guaranteed loans; section 504 housing repair*
8 *loans, \$10,308,000; section 538 multi-family housing guar-*
9 *anteed loans, \$1,200,000; section 514 farm labor housing,*
10 *\$7,388,000; section 515 rental housing, \$68,745,000; credit*
11 *sales of acquired property, \$3,493,000; and section 523 self-*
12 *help housing land development loans, \$20,000.*

13 *In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to*
14 *carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,*
15 *\$354,785,000, which shall be transferred to and merged*
16 *with the appropriation for “Rural Housing Service, Sala-*
17 *ries and Expenses”.*

18 *RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

19 *For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-*
20 *newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)*
21 *or agreements entered into in lieu of debt forgiveness or*
22 *payments for eligible households as authorized by section*
23 *502(c)(5)(D) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended,*
24 *\$541,397,000; and in addition such sums as may be nec-*
25 *essary, as authorized by section 521 of the Act, to liquidate*

1 *debt incurred prior to fiscal year 1992 to carry out the rent-*
2 *al assistance program under section 521(a)(2) of the Act:*
3 *Provided, That of this amount not more than \$5,900,000*
4 *shall be available for debt forgiveness or payments for eligi-*
5 *ble households as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the*
6 *Act, and not to exceed \$10,000 per project for advances to*
7 *nonprofit organizations or public agencies to cover direct*
8 *costs (other than purchase price) incurred in purchasing*
9 *projects pursuant to section 502(c)(5)(C) of the Act: Pro-*
10 *vided further, That agreements entered into or renewed dur-*
11 *ing fiscal year 1998 shall be funded for a five-year period,*
12 *although the life of any such agreement may be extended*
13 *to fully utilize amounts obligated.*

14 *MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS*

15 *For grants and contracts pursuant to section*
16 *523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490c),*
17 *\$26,000,000, to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C.*
18 *2209b).*

19 *RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS*

20 *For grants pursuant to section 7 of the Cooperative*
21 *Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-313),*
22 *\$1,285,000 to fund up to 50 percent of the cost of organiz-*
23 *ing, training, and equipping rural volunteer fire depart-*
24 *ments.*

1 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

3 *For grants and contracts for housing for domestic farm*
4 *labor, very low-income housing repair, supervisory and*
5 *technical assistance, compensation for construction defects,*
6 *and rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing*
7 *Service as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, 1479(c), 1486,*
8 *1490c, 1490e, and 1490m, \$45,720,000, to remain available*
9 *until expended: Provided, That any obligated and unobli-*
10 *gated balances available from prior years in “Rural Hous-*
11 *ing for Domestic Farm Labor,” “Supervisory and Tech-*
12 *nical Assistance Grants,” “Very Low-Income Housing Re-*
13 *pair Grants,” “Compensation for Construction Defects,”*
14 *and “Rural Housing Preservation Grants” shall be trans-*
15 *ferred to and merged with this account: Provided further,*
16 *That of the total amount appropriated, \$1,200,000 shall be*
17 *for empowerment zones and enterprise communities, as au-*
18 *thorized by Public Law 103–66: Provided further, That if*
19 *such funds are not obligated for empowerment zones and*
20 *enterprise communities by June 30, 1998, they shall remain*
21 *available for other authorized purposes under this head.*

22 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

23 *For necessary expenses of the Rural Housing Service,*
24 *including administering the programs authorized by the*
25 *Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amend-*
26 *ed, title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, and*

1 cooperative agreements, \$58,804,000: Provided, That this
2 appropriation shall be available for employment pursuant
3 to the second sentence of 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944,
4 and not to exceed \$520,000 may be used for employment
5 under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

6 *RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE*

7 *RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

8 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

9 *For the cost of direct loans, \$19,200,000, as authorized*
10 *by the Rural Development Loan Fund (42 U.S.C. 9812(a)):*
11 *Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying*
12 *such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-*
13 *sional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That these*
14 *funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the*
15 *principal amount of direct loans of \$40,000,000: Provided*
16 *further, That through June 30, 1998, of the total amount*
17 *appropriated \$3,618,750 shall be available for the cost of*
18 *direct loans, for empowerment zones and enterprise commu-*
19 *nities, as authorized by title XIII of the Omnibus Budget*
20 *Reconciliation Act of 1993, to subsidize gross obligations*
21 *for the principal amount of direct loans, \$7,500,000.*

22 *In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out*
23 *the direct loan programs, \$3,482,000 shall be transferred*
24 *to and merged with the appropriation for “Salaries and*
25 *Expenses”.*

1 *RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM*

2 *ACCOUNT*

3 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

4 *For the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized*
5 *under section 313 of the Rural Electrification Act, as*
6 *amended, for the purpose of promoting rural economic de-*
7 *velopment and job creation projects, \$12,865,000.*

8 *For the cost of direct loans, including the cost of modi-*
9 *fying loans as defined in section 502 of the Congressional*
10 *Budget Act of 1974, \$3,076,000.*

11 *ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND*

12 *COMMERCIALIZATION REVOLVING FUND*

13 *For necessary expenses to carry out the Alternative Ag-*
14 *ricultural Research and Commercialization Act of 1990 (7*
15 *U.S.C. 5901–5908), \$10,000,000 is appropriated to the al-*
16 *ternative agricultural research and commercialization cor-*
17 *poration revolving fund.*

18 *RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS*

19 *For rural cooperative development grants authorized*
20 *under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural*
21 *Development Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$3,000,000,*
22 *of which up to \$1,500,000 may be available for cooperative*
23 *agreements for appropriate technology transfer for rural*
24 *areas program.*

1 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

2 *For necessary expenses of the Rural Business-Coopera-*
3 *tive Service, including administering the programs author-*
4 *ized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act,*
5 *as amended; section 1323 of the Food Security Act of 1985;*
6 *the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926; for activities relat-*
7 *ing to the marketing aspects of cooperatives, including eco-*
8 *nomie research findings, as authorized by the Agricultural*
9 *Marketing Act of 1946; for activities with institutions con-*
10 *cerning the development and operation of agricultural co-*
11 *operatives; and cooperative agreements; \$25,680,000: Pro-*
12 *vided, That this appropriation shall be available for em-*
13 *ployment pursuant to the second sentence of 706(a) of the*
14 *Organic Act of 1944, and not to exceed \$260,000 may be*
15 *used for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.*

16 *RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE*17 *RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS*18 *LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT*19 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

20 *Insured loans pursuant to the authority of section 305*
21 *of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7*
22 *U.S.C. 935), shall be made as follows: 5 percent rural elec-*
23 *trification loans, \$125,000,000; 5 percent rural tele-*
24 *communications loans, \$52,756,000; cost of money rural*
25 *telecommunications loans, \$300,000,000; municipal rate*

1 *rural electric loans, \$500,000,000; and loans made pursu-*
2 *ant to section 306 of that Act, rural electric, \$300,000,000,*
3 *and rural telecommunications, \$120,000,000, to remain*
4 *available until expended.*

5 *For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congres-*
6 *sional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modifying*
7 *loans, of direct and guaranteed loans authorized by the*
8 *Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C.*
9 *935 and 936), as follows: cost of direct loans, \$11,393,000;*
10 *cost of municipal rate loans, \$21,100,000; cost of money*
11 *rural telecommunications loans, \$60,000; cost of loans guar-*
12 *anteed pursuant to section 306, \$2,760,000: Provided, That*
13 *notwithstanding section 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrifica-*
14 *tion Act of 1936, borrower interest rates may exceed 7 per-*
15 *cent per year.*

16 *In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to*
17 *carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,*
18 *\$29,982,000, which shall be transferred to and merged with*
19 *the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses."*

20 *RURAL TELEPHONE BANK PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

21 *The Rural Telephone Bank is hereby authorized to*
22 *make such expenditures, within the limits of funds available*
23 *to such corporation in accord with law, and to make such*
24 *contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year*
25 *limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government*

1 *Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be necessary*
2 *in carrying out its authorized programs for the current fis-*
3 *cal year. During fiscal year 1998 and within the resources*
4 *and authority available, gross obligations for the principal*
5 *amount of direct loans shall be \$175,000,000.*

6 *For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congres-*
7 *sional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modifying*
8 *loans, of direct loans authorized by the Rural Electrifica-*
9 *tion Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 935), \$3,710,000.*

10 *In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to*
11 *carry out the loan programs, \$3,000,000.*

12 *DISTANCE LEARNING AND MEDICAL LINK PROGRAM*

13 *For the cost of direct loans and grants, as authorized*
14 *by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa et seq., as amended, \$12,030,000, to*
15 *remain available until expended, to be available for loans*
16 *and grants for telemedicine and distance learning services*
17 *in rural areas: Provided, That the costs of direct loans shall*
18 *be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget*
19 *Act of 1974.*

20 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*

21 *For necessary expenses of the Rural Utilities Service,*
22 *including administering the programs authorized by the*
23 *Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, and the*
24 *Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amend-*
25 *ed, and cooperative agreements, \$33,000,000: Provided,*
26 *That this appropriation shall be available for employment*

1 *pursuant to the second sentence of 706(a) of the Organic*
2 *Act of 1944, and not to exceed \$105,000 may be used for*
3 *employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.*

4 *TITLE IV*

5 *DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS*

6 *OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,*

7 *NUTRITION AND CONSUMER SERVICES*

8 *For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the*
9 *Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Serv-*
10 *ices to administer the laws enacted by the Congress for the*
11 *Food and Consumer Service, \$454,000.*

12 *CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS*

13 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

14 *For necessary expenses to carry out the National*
15 *School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), except section*
16 *21, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1772*
17 *et seq.), except sections 17 and 21; \$7,769,066,000, to re-*
18 *main available through September 30, 1999, of which*
19 *\$2,617,675,000 is hereby appropriated and \$5,151,391,000*
20 *shall be derived by transfer from funds available under sec-*
21 *tion 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c): Pro-*
22 *vided, That \$4,124,000 shall be available for independent*
23 *verification of school food service claims.*

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

3 *For necessary expenses to carry out the special supple-*
4 *mental nutrition program as authorized by section 17 of*
5 *the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),*
6 *\$3,927,600,000, to remain available through September 30,*
7 *1999, of which up to \$12,000,000 may be used to carry out*
8 *the farmers' market nutrition program from any funds not*
9 *needed to maintain current caseload levels: Provided, That*
10 *notwithstanding sections 17 (g), (h), and (i) of such Act,*
11 *the Secretary shall adjust fiscal year 1998 State allocations*
12 *to reflect food funds available to the State from fiscal year*
13 *1997 under section 17(i)(3)(A)(ii) and 17(i)(3)(D): Pro-*
14 *vided further, That the Secretary shall allocate funds recov-*
15 *ered from fiscal year 1997 first to States to maintain stabil-*
16 *ity funding levels, as defined by regulations promulgated*
17 *under section 17(g), and then to give first priority for the*
18 *allocation of any remaining funds to States whose funding*
19 *is less than their fair share of funds, as defined by regula-*
20 *tions promulgated under section 17(g): Provided further,*
21 *That none of the funds in this Act shall be available to pay*
22 *administrative expenses of WIC clinics except those that*
23 *have an announced policy of prohibiting smoking within*
24 *the space used to carry out the program: Provided further,*
25 *That none of the funds provided in this account shall be*

1 available for the purchase of infant formula except in ac-
2 cordance with the cost containment and competitive bidding
3 requirements specified in section 17 of the Child Nutrition
4 Act of 1966: Provided further, That State agencies required
5 to procure infant formula using a competitive bidding sys-
6 tem may use funds appropriated by this Act to purchase
7 infant formula under a cost containment contract entered
8 into after September 30, 1996 only if the contract was
9 awarded to the bidder offering the lowest net price, as de-
10 fined by section 17(b)(20) of the Child Nutrition Act of
11 1966, unless the State agency demonstrates to the satisfac-
12 tion of the Secretary that the weighted average retail price
13 for different brands of infant formula in the State does not
14 vary by more than five percent.

15 *FOOD STAMP PROGRAM*

16 *For necessary expenses to carry out the Food Stamp*
17 *Act (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), \$26,051,479,000, of which*
18 *\$1,000,000,000 shall be placed in reserve for use only in*
19 *such amounts and at such times as may become necessary*
20 *to carry out program operations: Provided, That funds pro-*
21 *vided herein shall be expended in accordance with section*
22 *16 of the Food Stamp Act: Provided, That this appropria-*
23 *tion shall be subject to any work registration or workfare*
24 *requirements as may be required by law.*

1 *COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM*

2 *For necessary expenses to carry out the commodity*
3 *supplemental food program as authorized by section 4(a)*
4 *of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7*
5 *U.S.C. 612c (note)), and the Emergency Food Assistance*
6 *Act of 1983, as amended, \$148,600,000, to remain available*
7 *through September 30, 1999: Provided, That none of these*
8 *funds shall be available to reimburse the Commodity Credit*
9 *Corporation for commodities donated to the program.*

10 *FOOD DONATIONS PROGRAMS FOR SELECTED GROUPS*

11 *For necessary expenses to carry out section 4(a) of the*
12 *Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C.*
13 *612c (note)), and section 311 of the Older Americans Act*
14 *of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3030a), \$141,165,000, to*
15 *remain available through September 30, 1999.*

16 *FOOD PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION*

17 *For necessary administrative expenses of the domestic*
18 *food programs funded under this Act, \$107,719,000, of*
19 *which \$5,000,000 shall be available only for simplifying*
20 *procedures, reducing overhead costs, tightening regulations,*
21 *improving food stamp coupon handling, and assistance in*
22 *the prevention, identification, and prosecution of fraud and*
23 *other violations of law: Provided, That this appropriation*
24 *shall be available for employment pursuant to the second*
25 *sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7*

1 *U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$150,000 shall be available*
2 *for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.*

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*TITLE V*4 *FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED PROGRAMS*5 *FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SALES*

6

MANAGER

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(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

8 *For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural*
9 *Service, including carrying out title VI of the Agricultural*
10 *Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1761–1768), market de-*
11 *velopment activities abroad, and for enabling the Secretary*
12 *to coordinate and integrate activities of the Department in*
13 *connection with foreign agricultural work, including not to*
14 *exceed \$128,000 for representation allowances and for ex-*
15 *penses pursuant to section 8 of the Act approved August*
16 *3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766), \$136,664,000, of which \$3,231,000*
17 *may be transferred from the Export Loan Program account*
18 *in this Act, and \$1,066,000 may be transferred from the*
19 *Public Law 480 program account in this Act: Provided,*
20 *That up to \$3,000,000 shall be available in fiscal year 1999*
21 *for overseas inflation, subject to documentation by USDA*
22 *of actual overseas inflation and deflation: Provided further,*
23 *That the Service may utilize advances of funds, or reim-*
24 *burse this appropriation for expenditures made on behalf*
25 *of Federal agencies, public and private organizations and*

1 *institutions under agreements executed pursuant to the ag-*
2 *ricultural food production assistance programs (7 U.S.C.*
3 *1736) and the foreign assistance programs of the Inter-*
4 *national Development Cooperation Administration (22*
5 *U.S.C. 2392).*

6 *None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall be*
7 *available to promote the sale or export of tobacco or tobacco*
8 *products.*

9 *PUBLIC LAW 480 PROGRAM AND GRANT ACCOUNTS*

10 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

11 *For expenses during the current fiscal year, not other-*
12 *wise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, includ-*
13 *ing interest thereon, under the Agricultural Trade Develop-*
14 *ment and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C.*
15 *1691, 1701–1715, 1721–1726, 1727–1727f, 1731–1736g), as*
16 *follows: (1) \$226,900,000 for Public Law 480 title I credit,*
17 *including Food for Progress programs; (2) \$20,630,000 is*
18 *hereby appropriated for ocean freight differential costs for*
19 *the shipment of agricultural commodities pursuant to title*
20 *I of said Act and the Food for Progress Act of 1985, as*
21 *amended; (3) \$837,000,000 is hereby appropriated for com-*
22 *modities supplied in connection with dispositions abroad*
23 *pursuant to title II of said Act; and (4) \$30,000,000 is here-*
24 *by appropriated for commodities supplied in connection*
25 *with dispositions abroad pursuant to title III of said Act:*
26 *Provided, That not to exceed 15 percent of the funds made*

1 *available to carry out any title of said Act may be used*
2 *to carry out any other title of said Act: Provided further,*
3 *That such sums shall remain available until expended (7*
4 *U.S.C. 2209b): Provided further, That, of the amount of*
5 *funds made available under title II of said Act, the United*
6 *States Agency for International Development should use at*
7 *least the same amount of funds to carry out the orphan*
8 *feeding program in Haiti during fiscal year 1998 as was*
9 *used by the Agency to carry out the program during fiscal*
10 *year 1997.*

11 *For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congres-*
12 *sional Budget Act of 1974, of direct credit agreements as*
13 *authorized by the Agricultural Trade Development and As-*
14 *sistance Act of 1954, as amended, and the Food for Progress*
15 *Act of 1985, as amended, including the cost of modifying*
16 *credit agreements under said Act, \$176,596,000.*

17 *In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out*
18 *the Public Law 480 title I credit program, and the Food*
19 *for Progress Act of 1985, as amended, to the extent funds*
20 *appropriated for Public Law 480 are utilized, \$1,881,000.*

21 *COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT LOANS*

22 *PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

23 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

24 *For administrative expenses to carry out the Commod-*
25 *ity Credit Corporation's export guarantee program, GSM*

1 102 and GSM 103, \$3,820,000; to cover common overhead
2 expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Commodity Cred-
3 it Corporation Charter Act and in conformity with the Fed-
4 eral Credit Reform Act of 1990, of which not to exceed
5 \$3,231,000 may be transferred to and merged with the ap-
6 propriation for the salaries and expenses of the Foreign Ag-
7 ricultural Service, and of which not to exceed \$589,000 may
8 be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for
9 the salaries and expenses of the Farm Service Agency.

10 *EXPORT CREDIT*

11 *The Commodity Credit Corporation shall make avail-*
12 *able not less than \$5,500,000,000 in credit guarantees under*
13 *its export credit guarantee program extended to finance the*
14 *export sales of United States agricultural commodities and*
15 *the products thereof, as authorized by section 202 (a) and*
16 *(b) of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5641).*

17 *EMERGING MARKETS EXPORT CREDIT*

18 *The Commodity Credit Corporation shall make avail-*
19 *able not less than \$200,000,000 in credit guarantees under*
20 *its export guarantee program for credit expended to finance*
21 *the export sales of United States agricultural commodities*
22 *and the products thereof to emerging markets, as authorized*
23 *by section 1542 of Public Law 101–624 (7 U.S.C. 5622*
24 *note).*

1 *TITLE VI*
2 *RELATED AGENCIES AND FOOD AND DRUG*
3 *ADMINISTRATION*
4 *DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN*
5 *SERVICES*
6 *FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION*
7 *SALARIES AND EXPENSES*
8 *For necessary expenses of the Food and Drug Adminis-*
9 *tration, including hire and purchase of passenger motor ve-*
10 *hicles; for rental of special purpose space in the District*
11 *of Columbia or elsewhere; and for miscellaneous and emer-*
12 *gency expenses of enforcement activities, authorized and ap-*
13 *proved by the Secretary and to be accounted for solely on*
14 *the Secretary's certificate, not to exceed \$25,000;*
15 *\$935,175,000, of which not to exceed \$91,204,000 in fees*
16 *pursuant to section 736 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-*
17 *metic Act may be credited to this appropriation and re-*
18 *main available until expended: Provided, That fees derived*
19 *from applications received during fiscal year 1998 shall be*
20 *subject to the fiscal year 1998 limitation: Provided further,*
21 *That none of these funds shall be used to develop, establish,*
22 *or operate any program of user fees authorized by 31 U.S.C.*
23 *9701.*

1 *In addition, fees pursuant to section 354 of the Public*
2 *Health Service Act may be credited to this account, to re-*
3 *main available until expended.*

4 *In addition, fees pursuant to section 801 of the Federal*
5 *Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act may be credited to this ac-*
6 *count, to remain available until expended.*

7 *In addition, the total amount made available under*
8 *this heading shall be increased so as to make available a*
9 *total of \$34,000,000 for the Food and Drug Administration*
10 *children's tobacco initiative: Provided, That—*

11 *(1) the amount that may be expended for equip-*
12 *ment or services related to automated data processing,*
13 *information technologies, or related items (including*
14 *telecommunications equipment and computer hard-*
15 *ware and software) under section 4(g) of the Com-*
16 *modity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C.*
17 *714b(g)) may not exceed \$36,914,000 for fiscal year*
18 *1998; and*

19 *(2) to the extent that funding becomes available*
20 *for the Food and Drug Administration children's to-*
21 *bacco initiative as a result of the national tobacco set-*
22 *tlement—*

23 *(A) any amounts made available under this*
24 *Act, allocated for the Food and Drug Adminis-*
25 *tration children's tobacco initiative, and not ex-*

1 *pended on the date that such funding becomes*
2 *available shall be rescinded; and*

3 *(B) the amount specified in paragraph (1)*
4 *shall be increased by the total of the amounts re-*
5 *scinded under subparagraph (A):*

6 *Provided further, That in carrying out their responsibilities*
7 *under the Food and Drug Administration children's tobacco*
8 *initiative, States are encouraged to coordinate their enforce-*
9 *ment efforts with enforcement of laws that prohibit under-*
10 *age drinking.*

11 *BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES*

12 *For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-*
13 *sion, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facili-*
14 *ties of or used by the Food and Drug Administration, where*
15 *not otherwise provided, \$22,900,000, to remain available*
16 *until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b).*

17 *RENTAL PAYMENTS (FDA)*

18 *(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)*

19 *For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-*
20 *ant to Public Law 92-313 for programs and activities of*
21 *the Food and Drug Administration which are included in*
22 *this Act, \$46,294,000: Provided, That in the event the Food*
23 *and Drug Administration should require modification of*
24 *space needs, a share of the salaries and expenses appropria-*
25 *tion may be transferred to this appropriation, or a share*

1 *of this appropriation may be transferred to the salaries and*
2 *expenses appropriation, but such transfers shall not exceed*
3 *5 percent of the funds made available for rental payments*
4 *(FDA) to or from this account.*

5 *DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY*

6 *FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE*

7 *PAYMENTS TO THE FARM CREDIT SYSTEM FINANCIAL*

8 *ASSISTANCE CORPORATION*

9 *For necessary payments to the Farm Credit System*
10 *Financial Assistance Corporation by the Secretary of the*
11 *Treasury, as authorized by section 6.28(c) of the Farm*
12 *Credit Act of 1971, as amended, for reimbursement of inter-*
13 *est expenses incurred by the Financial Assistance Corpora-*
14 *tion on obligations issued through 1994, as authorized,*
15 *\$7,728,000.*

16 *INDEPENDENT AGENCIES*

17 *COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION*

18 *For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of*
19 *the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1 et*
20 *seq.), including the purchase and hire of passenger motor*
21 *vehicles; the rental of space (to include multiple year leases)*
22 *in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; and not to exceed*
23 *\$25,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109; \$60,101,000*
24 *including not to exceed \$1,000 for official reception and*
25 *representation expenses: Provided, That the Commission is*

1 *authorized to charge reasonable fees to attendees of Commis-*
2 *sion sponsored educational events and symposia to cover*
3 *the Commission's costs of providing those events and*
4 *symposia, and notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, said fees*
5 *shall be credited to this account, to be available without fur-*
6 *ther appropriation.*

7 *FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION*

8 *LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES*

9 *Not to exceed \$34,423,000 (from assessments collected*
10 *from farm credit institutions and from the Federal Agricul-*
11 *tural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated during the*
12 *current fiscal year for administrative expenses as author-*
13 *ized under 12 U.S.C. 2249: Provided, That this limitation*
14 *shall not apply to expenses associated with receiverships.*

15 *TITLE VII—GENERAL PROVISIONS*

16 *SEC. 701. Within the unit limit of cost fixed by law,*
17 *appropriations and authorizations made for the Depart-*
18 *ment of Agriculture for the fiscal year 1998 under this Act*
19 *shall be available for the purchase, in addition to those spe-*
20 *cifically provided for, of not to exceed 394 passenger motor*
21 *vehicles, of which 391 shall be for replacement only, and*
22 *for the hire of such vehicles.*

23 *SEC. 702. Funds in this Act available to the Depart-*
24 *ment of Agriculture shall be available for uniforms or allow-*
25 *ances therefor as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901–5902).*

1 *SEC. 703. Not less than \$1,500,000 of the appropria-*
2 *tions of the Department of Agriculture in this Act for re-*
3 *search and service work authorized by the Acts of August*
4 *14, 1946, and July 28, 1954 (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621–1629),*
5 *and by chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code, shall*
6 *be available for contracting in accordance with said Acts*
7 *and chapter.*

8 *SEC. 704. The cumulative total of transfers to the*
9 *Working Capital Fund for the purpose of accumulating*
10 *growth capital for data services and National Finance Cen-*
11 *ter operations shall not exceed \$2,000,000: Provided, That*
12 *no funds in this Act appropriated to an agency of the De-*
13 *partment shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund*
14 *without the approval of the agency administrator.*

15 *SEC. 705. New obligational authority provided for the*
16 *following appropriation items in this Act shall remain*
17 *available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): Animal and*
18 *Plant Health Inspection Service, the contingency fund to*
19 *meet emergency conditions, fruit fly program, and inte-*
20 *grated systems acquisition project; Farm Service Agency,*
21 *salaries and expenses funds made available to county com-*
22 *mittees; and Foreign Agricultural Service, middle-income*
23 *country training program.*

24 *New obligational authority for the boll weevil program;*
25 *up to 10 percent of the screwworm program of the Animal*

1 *and Plant Health Inspection Service; funds appropriated*
2 *for rental payments; funds for the Native American institu-*
3 *tions endowment fund in the Cooperative State Research,*
4 *Education, and Extension Service, and funds for the com-*
5 *petitive research grants (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)), shall remain*
6 *available until expended.*

7 *SEC. 706. No part of any appropriation contained in*
8 *this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the*
9 *current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.*

10 *SEC. 707. Not to exceed \$50,000 of the appropriations*
11 *available to the Department of Agriculture in this Act shall*
12 *be available to provide appropriate orientation and lan-*
13 *guage training pursuant to Public Law 94-449.*

14 *SEC. 708. No funds appropriated by this Act may be*
15 *used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative*
16 *agreements or similar arrangements between the United*
17 *States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institu-*
18 *tions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of the*
19 *agreement when the purpose of such cooperative arrange-*
20 *ments is to carry out programs of mutual interest between*
21 *the two parties. This does not preclude appropriate pay-*
22 *ment of indirect costs on grants and contracts with such*
23 *institutions when such indirect costs are computed on a*
24 *similar basis for all agencies for which appropriations are*
25 *provided in this Act.*

1 *SEC. 709. Notwithstanding any other provision of this*
2 *Act, commodities acquired by the Department in connection*
3 *with Commodity Credit Corporation and section 32 price*
4 *support operations may be used, as authorized by law (15*
5 *U.S.C. 714c and 7 U.S.C. 612c), to provide commodities*
6 *to individuals in cases of hardship as determined by the*
7 *Secretary of Agriculture.*

8 *SEC. 710. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-*
9 *able to reimburse the General Services Administration for*
10 *payment of space rental and related costs in excess of the*
11 *amounts specified in this Act; nor shall this or any other*
12 *provision of law require a reduction in the level of rental*
13 *space or services below that of fiscal year 1997 or prohibit*
14 *an expansion of rental space or services with the use of*
15 *funds otherwise appropriated in this Act. Further, no agen-*
16 *cy of the Department of Agriculture, from funds otherwise*
17 *available, shall reimburse the General Services Administra-*
18 *tion for payment of space rental and related costs provided*
19 *to such agency at a percentage rate which is greater than*
20 *is available in the case of funds appropriated in this Act.*

21 *SEC. 711. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-*
22 *able to restrict the authority of the Commodity Credit Cor-*
23 *poration to lease space for its own use or to lease space*
24 *on behalf of other agencies of the Department of Agriculture*
25 *when such space will be jointly occupied.*

1 *SEC. 712. With the exception of grants awarded under*
2 *the Small Business Innovation Development Act of 1982,*
3 *Public Law 97-219, as amended (15 U.S.C. 638), none of*
4 *the funds in this Act shall be available to pay indirect costs*
5 *on research grants awarded competitively by the Coopera-*
6 *tive State Research, Education, and Extension Service that*
7 *exceed 14 percent of total Federal funds provided under each*
8 *award.*

9 *SEC. 713. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this*
10 *Act, all loan levels provided of this Act shall be considered*
11 *estimates, not limitations.*

12 *SEC. 714. Appropriations to the Department of Agri-*
13 *culture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made*
14 *available in fiscal year 1998 shall remain available until*
15 *expended to cover obligations made in fiscal year 1998 for*
16 *the following accounts: the rural development loan fund*
17 *program account; the Rural Telephone Bank program ac-*
18 *count; the rural electrification and telecommunications*
19 *loans program account; and the rural economic develop-*
20 *ment loans program account.*

21 *SEC. 715. Such sums as may be necessary for fiscal*
22 *year 1998 pay raises for programs funded by this Act shall*
23 *be absorbed within the levels appropriated in this Act.*

24 *SEC. 716. Notwithstanding the Federal Grant and Co-*
25 *operative Agreement Act, marketing services of the Agricul-*

1 *tural Marketing Service and the Animal and Plant Health*
2 *Inspection Service may use cooperative agreements to reflect*
3 *a relationship between Agricultural Marketing Service or*
4 *the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and a*
5 *State or Cooperator to carry out agricultural marketing*
6 *programs or to carry out programs to protect the Nation's*
7 *animal and plant resources.*

8 *SEC. 717. None of the funds in this Act may be used*
9 *to retire more than 5 per centum of the Class A stock of*
10 *the Rural Telephone Bank or to maintain any account or*
11 *subaccount within the accounting records of the Rural Tele-*
12 *phone Bank the creation of which has not specifically been*
13 *authorized by statute: Provided, That notwithstanding any*
14 *other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated or*
15 *otherwise made available in this Act may be used to trans-*
16 *fer to the Treasury or to the Federal Financing Bank any*
17 *unobligated balance of the Rural Telephone Bank telephone*
18 *liquidating account which is in excess of current require-*
19 *ments and such balance shall receive interest as set forth*
20 *for financial accounts in section 505(c) of the Federal Cred-*
21 *it Reform Act of 1990.*

22 *SEC. 718. None of the funds made available in this*
23 *Act may be used to provide assistance to, or to pay the sala-*
24 *ries of personnel who carry out a market promotion/market*
25 *access program pursuant to section 203 of the Agricultural*

1 *Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5623) that provides assistance*
2 *to the United States Mink Export Development Council or*
3 *any mink industry trade association.*

4 *SEC. 719. Of the funds made available by this Act, not*
5 *more than \$1,000,000 shall be used to cover necessary ex-*
6 *penses of activities related to all advisory committees, pan-*
7 *els, commissions, and task forces of the Department of Agri-*
8 *culture, except for panels used to comply with negotiated*
9 *rule makings and panels used to evaluate competitively*
10 *awarded grants.*

11 *SEC. 720. None of the funds appropriated in this Act*
12 *may be used to carry out the provisions of section 918 of*
13 *Public Law 104–127, the Federal Agriculture Improvement*
14 *and Reform Act.*

15 *SEC. 721. No employee of the Department of Agri-*
16 *culture may be detailed or assigned from an agency or office*
17 *funded by this Act to any other agency or office of the De-*
18 *partment for more than 30 days unless the individual's em-*
19 *ploying agency or office is fully reimbursed by the receiving*
20 *agency or office for the salary and expenses of the employee*
21 *for the period of assignment.*

22 *SEC. 722. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise*
23 *made available by this Act shall be used to pay the salaries*
24 *and expenses of personnel who carry out an export enhance-*

1 ment program if the aggregate amount of funds and/or com-
2 modities under such program exceeds \$150,000,000.

3 *SEC. 723. None of the funds made available to the De-*
4 *partment of Agriculture by this Act may be used to acquire*
5 *new information technology systems or significant up-*
6 *grades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Information*
7 *Officer, without the approval of the Chief Information Offi-*
8 *cer and the concurrence of the Executive Information Tech-*
9 *nology Investment Review Board.*

10 *SEC. 724. Section 3(c) of the Federal Noxious Weed*
11 *Act of 1974 (7 U.S.C. 2802 (c)) is amended by inserting*
12 *before the period at the end the following: “, and includes*
13 *kudzu (Pueraria lobata Dc)”.*

14 *SEC. 725. Notwithstanding section 520 of the Housing*
15 *Act of 1949, (42 U.S.C. 1490) the Martin Luther King area*
16 *of Pawley’s Island, South Carolina, located in Georgetown*
17 *County, shall be eligible for loans and grants under section*
18 *504 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended.*

19 *SEC. 726. None of the funds made available to the Food*
20 *and Drug Administration by this Act shall be used to close*
21 *or relocate the Food and Drug Administration Division of*
22 *Drug Analysis in St. Louis, Missouri, or to proceed with*
23 *a plan to close or consolidate the Food and Drug Adminis-*
24 *tration’s Baltimore, Maryland, laboratory.*

1 *SEC. 727. The Secretary of Agriculture, before making*
2 *any reduction in the employee level required to carry out*
3 *a program or activity under the jurisdiction of the Under*
4 *Secretary for Rural Development, shall submit to the Com-*
5 *mittee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives*
6 *and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate a plan*
7 *(including the justification and cost savings) for reducing*
8 *the employee level below the level described in the budget*
9 *submitted by the President for fiscal year 1998.*

10 *SEC. 728. Effective on October 1, 1998, section 136(a)*
11 *of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C.*
12 *7236(a)) is amended—*

13 *(1) in paragraph (1)—*

14 *(A) by striking “Subject to paragraph (4),*
15 *during” and inserting “During”; and*

16 *(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “130”*
17 *and inserting “134”;*

18 *(2) by striking paragraph (4); and*

19 *(3) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-*
20 *graph (4).*

21 *SEC. 729. STUDY OF NORTHEAST INTERSTATE DAIRY*
22 *COMPACT. (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

23 *(1) CHILD, SENIOR, AND LOW-INCOME NUTRITION*
24 *PROGRAMS.—The term “child, senior, and low-income*
25 *nutrition programs” includes—*

1 (A) *the food stamp program established*
2 *under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.*
3 *2011 et seq.);*

4 (B) *the school lunch program established*
5 *under the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.*
6 *1751 et seq.);*

7 (C) *the summer food service program for*
8 *children established under section 13 of that Act*
9 *(42 U.S.C. 1761);*

10 (D) *the child and adult care food program*
11 *established under section 17 of that Act (42*
12 *U.S.C. 1766);*

13 (E) *the special milk program established*
14 *under section 3 of the Child Nutrition Act of*
15 *1966 (42 U.S.C. 1772);*

16 (F) *the school breakfast program established*
17 *under section 4 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 1773);*

18 (G) *the special supplemental nutrition pro-*
19 *gram for women, infants, and children author-*
20 *ized under section 17 of that Act (42 U.S.C.*
21 *1786); and*

22 (H) *the nutrition programs and projects*
23 *carried out under part C of title III of the Older*
24 *Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3030e et seq.).*

1 (2) *COMPACT.*—*The term “Compact” means the*
2 *Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact.*

3 (3) *NORTHEAST INTERSTATE DAIRY COMPACT.*—
4 *The term “Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact”*
5 *means the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact re-*
6 *ferred to in section 147 of the Agricultural Market*
7 *Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7256).*

8 (4) *DIRECTOR.*—*The term “Director” means the*
9 *Director of the Office of Management and Budget.*

10 (b) *EVALUATION.*—*Not later than December 31, 1997,*
11 *the Director shall conduct, complete, and transmit to Con-*
12 *gress a comprehensive economic evaluation of the direct and*
13 *indirect effects of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact*
14 *and other factors which affect the price of fluid milk.*

15 (c) *COMPONENTS.*—*In conducting the evaluation, the*
16 *Director shall consider, among other factors, the effects of*
17 *implementation of the rules and regulations of the Northeast*
18 *Interstate Dairy Compact Commission, such as rules and*
19 *regulations relating to over-order Class I pricing and pool-*
20 *ing provisions. This evaluation shall consider such effects*
21 *prior to implementation of the Compact and that would*
22 *have occurred in the absence of the implementation of the*
23 *Compact. The evaluation shall include an analysis of the*
24 *impacts on—*

1 (1) *child, senior, and low-income nutrition pro-*
2 *grams including impacts on schools and institutions*
3 *participating in the programs, on program recipients,*
4 *and other factors;*

5 (2) *the wholesale and retail cost of fluid milk;*

6 (3) *the level of milk production, the number of*
7 *cows, the number of dairy farms, and milk utilization*
8 *in the Compact region, including—*

9 (A) *changes in the level of milk production,*
10 *the number of cows, and the number of dairy*
11 *farms in the Compact region relative to trends*
12 *in the level of milk production and trends in the*
13 *number of cows and dairy farms prior to imple-*
14 *mentation of the Compact;*

15 (B) *changes in the disposition of bulk and*
16 *packaged milk for Class I, II, or III use pro-*
17 *duced in the Compact region to areas outside the*
18 *region relative to the milk disposition to areas*
19 *outside the region;*

20 (C) *changes in—*

21 (i) *the share of milk production for*
22 *Class I use of the total milk production in*
23 *the Compact region; and*

1 (ii) the share of milk production for
2 Class II and Class III use of the total milk
3 production in the Compact region;

4 (4) dairy farmers and dairy product manufac-
5 turers in States and regions outside the Compact re-
6 gion with respect to the impact of changes in milk
7 production, and the impact of any changes in disposi-
8 tion of milk originating in the Compact region, on
9 national milk supply levels and farm level milk prices
10 nationally; and

11 (5) the cost of carrying out the milk price sup-
12 port program established under section 141 of the Ag-
13 ricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7251).

14 (d) *ADDITIONAL STATES AND COMPACTS.*—The Sec-
15 retary shall evaluate and incorporate into the evaluation
16 required under subsection (b) an evaluation of the economic
17 impact of adding additional States to the Compact for the
18 purpose of increasing prices paid to milk producers.

19 *SEC. 730. From proceeds earned from the sale of grain*
20 *in the disaster reserve established in the Agricultural Act*
21 *of 1970, the Secretary may use up to an additional*
22 *\$23,000,000 to implement a livestock indemnity program*
23 *as established in Public Law 105–18.*

24 *SEC. 731. PLANTING OF WILD RICE ON CONTRACT*
25 *ACREAGE.*—None of the funds appropriated in this Act may

1 *be used to administer the provision of contract payments*
2 *to a producer under the Agricultural Market Transition Act*
3 *(7 U.S.C. 7201 et seq.) for contract acreage on which wild*
4 *rice is planted unless the contract payment is reduced by*
5 *an acre for each contract acre planted to wild rice.*

6 *SEC. 732. INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT. (a) IN GENERAL.—*
7 *Except as provided in subsection (b), none of the funds*
8 *made available by this Act or any other Act for any fiscal*
9 *year may be used to carry out section 203(h) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(h)) unless the*
10 *Secretary of Agriculture inspects and certifies agricultural*
11 *processing equipment, and imposes a fee for the inspection*
12 *and certification, in a manner that is similar to the inspection and certification of agricultural products under that*
13 *section, as determined by the Secretary.*

14 *(b) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAW.—Subsection (a)*
15 *shall not affect the authority of the Secretary to carry out*
16 *the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or*
17 *the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.).*

18 *SEC. 733. RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS. (a) HOUSING*
19 *IN UNDERSERVED AREAS PROGRAM.—The first sentence of*
20 *section 509(f)(4)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.*
21 *1479(f)(4)(A)) is amended by striking “fiscal year 1997”*
22 *and inserting “fiscal year 1998”.*

1 **(b) HOUSING AND RELATED FACILITIES FOR ELDERLY**
2 **PERSONS AND FAMILIES AND OTHER LOW-INCOME PER-**
3 **SONS AND FAMILIES.—**

4 **(1) AUTHORITY TO MAKE LOANS.—***Section*
5 *515(b)(4) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.*
6 *1485(b)(4)) is amended by striking “September 30,*
7 *1997” and inserting “September 30, 1998”.*

8 **(2) SET-ASIDE FOR NONPROFIT ENTITIES.—***The*
9 *first sentence of section 515(w)(1) of the Housing Act*
10 *of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485(w)(1)) is amended by strik-*
11 *ing “fiscal year 1997” and inserting “fiscal year*
12 *1998”.*

13 **(3) LOAN TERM.—***Section 515 of the Housing*
14 *Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485) is amended—*

15 **(A)** *in subsection (a)(2), by striking “up to*
16 *fifty” and inserting “up to 30”; and*

17 **(B)** *in subsection (b)—*

18 **(i)** *by striking paragraph (2) and in-*
19 *serting the following:*

20 **“(2) such a loan may be made for a period of**
21 *up to 30 years from the making of the loan, but the*
22 *Secretary may provide for periodic payments based*
23 *on an amortization schedule of 50 years with a final*
24 *payment of the balance due at the end of the term of*
25 *the loan;”;*

1 (ii) in paragraph (5), by striking
2 “and” at the end;

3 (iii) in paragraph (6), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”;
5 and

6 (iv) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(7) the Secretary may make a new loan to the
8 current borrower to finance the final payment of the
9 original loan for an additional period not to exceed
10 twenty years, if—

11 “(A) the Secretary determines—

12 “(i) it is more cost-efficient and serves
13 the tenant base more effectively to maintain
14 the current property than to build a new
15 property in the same location; or

16 “(ii) the property has been maintained
17 to such an extent that it warrants retention
18 in the current portfolio because it can be ex-
19 pected to continue providing decent, safe,
20 and affordable rental units for the balance
21 of the loan; and

22 “(B) the Secretary determines—

23 “(i) current market studies show that a
24 need for low-income rural rental housing
25 still exists for that area; and

1 “(ii) any other criteria established by
2 the Secretary has been met.”.

3 (c) *LOAN GUARANTEES FOR MULTIFAMILY RENTAL*
4 *HOUSING IN RURAL AREAS.*—Section 538 of the Housing
5 Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490p–2) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (q), by striking paragraph (2)
7 and inserting the following:

8 “(2) *ANNUAL LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF LOAN*
9 *GUARANTEE.*—In each fiscal year, the Secretary may
10 enter into commitments to guarantee loans under this
11 section only to the extent that the costs of the guaran-
12 tees entered into in such fiscal year do not exceed such
13 amount as may be provided in appropriation Acts for
14 such fiscal year.”;

15 (2) by striking subsection (t) and inserting the
16 following:

17 “(t) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—There are
18 authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1998 for costs
19 (as such term is defined in section 502 of the Congressional
20 Budget Act of 1974) of loan guarantees made under this
21 section such sums as may be necessary for such fiscal year.”;

22 and

23 (3) in subsection (u), by striking “1996” and in-
24 serting “1998”.

1 *This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural De-*
2 *velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Related*
3 *Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998”.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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