

## PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Sam Schneider, Joshu Harris, Jennie Pasquarella, and Matt Oresman, all law clerks in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor during the Senate's debate and vote on the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., to be Chief Justice of the United States.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006**

On Thursday, September 22, 2005, the Senate passed H.R. 2744, as amended, as follows:

## H.R. 2744

*Resolved*, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 2744) entitled "An Act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.", do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

*That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, namely:*

## TITLE I

## AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

## PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND MARKETING

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

*For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture, \$5,127,000: Provided, That not to exceed \$11,000 of this amount shall be available for official reception and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary.*

## EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

## CHIEF ECONOMIST

*For necessary expenses of the Chief Economist, including economic analysis, risk assessment, cost-benefit analysis, energy and new uses, and the functions of the World Agricultural Outlook Board, as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622g), \$10,539,000.*

## NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION

*For necessary expenses of the National Appeals Division, \$14,524,000.*

## OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

*For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and Program Analysis, \$8,298,000.*

## HOMELAND SECURITY STAFF

*For necessary expenses of the Homeland Security Staff, \$1,166,000.*

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

*For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Information Officer, \$16,726,000.*

## COMMON COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT

*For necessary expenses to acquire a Common Computing Environment for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service, and Rural Development mission areas for information technology, systems, and services, \$118,072,000, to remain available until expended, for the capital asset acquisition of shared information tech-*

*nology systems, including services as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 6915-16 and 40 U.S.C. 1421-28: Provided, That obligation of these funds shall be consistent with the Department of Agriculture Service Center Modernization Plan of the county-based agencies, and shall be with the concurrence of the Department's Chief Information Officer.*

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

*For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, \$5,874,000: Provided, That the Chief Financial Officer shall actively market and expand cross-servicing activities of the National Finance Center: Provided further, That no funds made available by this appropriation may be obligated for FAIR Act or Circular A-76 activities until the Secretary has submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress and the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives a report on the Department's contracting out policies, including agency budgets for contracting out.*

## OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

*For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, \$821,000.*

## OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

## (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

*For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights, \$20,109,000.*

## OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION

*For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, \$676,000.*

## AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND RENTAL PAYMENTS

## (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

*For payment of space rental and related costs pursuant to Public Law 92-313, including authorities pursuant to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Administrator of General Services to the Department of Agriculture under 40 U.S.C. 486, for programs and activities of the Department which are included in this Act, and for alterations and other actions needed for the Department and its agencies to consolidate unneeded space into configurations suitable for release to the Administrator of General Services, and for the operation, maintenance, improvement, and repair of Agriculture buildings and facilities, and for related costs, \$187,734,000, to remain available until expended, as follows: for payments to the General Services Administration and the Department of Homeland Security for building security, \$147,734,000, and for buildings operations and maintenance, \$40,000,000: Provided, That amounts which are made available for space rental and related costs for the Department of Agriculture in this Act may be transferred between such appropriations to cover the costs of additional, new, or replacement space 15 days after notice thereof is transmitted to the Appropriations Committees of both Houses of Congress.*

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

## (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

*For necessary expenses of the Department of Agriculture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), \$12,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That appropriations and funds available herein to the Department for Hazardous Materials Management may be transferred to any agency of the Department for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.*

## DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

## (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

*For Departmental Administration, \$23,103,000, to provide for necessary expenses for management support services to offices of the Department and for general administration, security, repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and necessary for the practical and efficient work of the Department: Provided, That this appropriation shall be reimbursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for travel expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required by 5 U.S.C. 551-558.*

## OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

## (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

*For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to carry out the programs funded by this Act, including programs involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison within the executive branch, \$3,846,000: Provided, That these funds may be transferred to agencies of the Department of Agriculture funded by this Act to maintain personnel at the agency level: Provided further, That no funds made available by this appropriation may be obligated after 30 days from the date of enactment of this Act, unless the Secretary has notified the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the allocation of these funds by USDA agency: Provided further, That no other funds appropriated to the Department by this Act shall be available to the Department for support of activities of congressional relations.*

## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

*For necessary expenses to carry out services relating to the coordination of programs involving public affairs, for the dissemination of agricultural information, and the coordination of information, work, and programs authorized by Congress in the Department, \$9,509,000: Provided, That not to exceed \$2,000,000 may be used for farmers' bulletins.*

## OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

*For necessary expenses of the Office of the Inspector General, including employment pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, \$81,045,000, including such sums as may be necessary for contracting and other arrangements with public agencies and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, and including not to exceed \$125,000 for certain confidential operational expenses, including the payment of informants, to be expended under the direction of the Inspector General pursuant to Public Law 95-452 and section 1337 of Public Law 97-98.*

## OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

*For necessary expenses of the Office of the General Counsel, \$40,263,000.*

## OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND ECONOMICS

*For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics to administer the laws enacted by the Congress for the Economic Research Service, the National Agricultural Statistics Service, the Agricultural Research Service, and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, \$598,000.*

## ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

*For necessary expenses of the Economic Research Service in conducting economic research and analysis, as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) and other laws, \$78,549,000.*

## NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

*For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural Statistics Service in conducting statistical reporting and service work, including crop and livestock estimates, statistical coordination and improvements, marketing surveys, and the*