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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 21, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 19, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

No subjects or policy tags are listed for this bill.

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6862	Related bill	Sep 24, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
115 HR 1301	Related bill	Feb 9, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-124.
115 HR 4013	Related bill	Oct 11, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.
115 S 131	Related bill	Jun 22, 2017: By Senator Murkowski from Committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed written report. Report No. 115-117.
115 HCONRES 53	Related bill	May 4, 2017: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
115 HRES 305	Procedurally related	May 3, 2017: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
115 HR 2104	Related bill	Apr 24, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
115 S 847	Related bill	Apr 5, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
115 HR 1387	Related bill	Mar 27, 2017: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 34.
115 S 438	Related bill	Feb 17, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
115 S 133	Related bill	Jan 20, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 4.

Highlights:

This bill provides FY2017 appropriations for most federal agencies for the remainder of FY2017.

It includes 11 of the 12 regular appropriations bills, excluding the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017 which was signed into law on September 29, 2016.

The bill also provides additional emergency, disaster relief, and Overseas Contingency Operations/ Global War on Terrorism funding which is exempt from discretionary spending limits.

The bill includes additional provisions that:

- reauthorize intelligence programs;
- permanently extend health care benefits for certain retired coal miners and their families;
- reauthorize the District of Columbia's school voucher program and other educational funding for DC;
- extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program;
- provide additional Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico;
- authorize additional visas for the H-2B (temporary nonagricultural workers) and the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa programs; and
- establish a HIRE Vets Medallion program to recognize efforts by employers to hire veterans and provide community and charitable services supporting the veteran community.

The bill exempts specified provisions from the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), the Senate PAYGO rule, and other budget enforcement rules.

Full Summary:

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017

(Sec. 3) Provides that references to "this Act" included in any division of this bill refer only to the provisions of the division unless the bill expressly provides otherwise.

(Sec. 4) Provides that the explanatory statement printed in the Congressional Record regarding this bill has the same effect as a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference.

(Sec. 5) Provides that the sums in this bill are appropriated for FY2017.

(Sec. 6) Provides that amounts designated by this bill for Overseas Contingency Operations/ Global War on Terrorism or emergency requirements pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are only available (or rescinded, if applicable) if the President subsequently designates the amounts and transmits the designations to Congress.

(Sec. 7) Permits the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to make specified adjustments to discretionary spending limits to account for estimating differences with the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

(Sec. 8) Amends the Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017 to change the title to read "Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes."

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017

DIVISION A--AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017 provides FY2017 appropriations for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), except for the Forest Service which is included in the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies division of this bill.

It also provides appropriations for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Farm Credit Administration.

This division includes both discretionary and mandatory funding. The mandatory funding levels are generally set by authorizing legislation such as the farm bill and are frequently limited in the agriculture appropriations bill.

The division decreases discretionary funding for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies below FY2016 levels.

TITLE I--AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

Provides appropriations for the following agricultural programs and services:

- the Office of the Secretary;
- Executive Operations;
- the Office of the Chief Information Officer;
- the Office of the Chief Financial Officer;
- the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights;
- the Office of Civil Rights;
- Agriculture Buildings and Facilities;
- Hazardous Materials Management;
- the Office of Inspector General;
- the Office of the General Counsel;
- the Office of Ethics;
- the Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics;
- the Economic Research Service;
- the National Agricultural Statistics Service;
- the Agricultural Research Service;
- the National Institute of Food and Agriculture;
- the Office of the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs;
- the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service;
- the Agricultural Marketing Service;
- the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration;
- the Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety;
- the Food Safety and Inspection Service;
- the Office of the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services;
- the Farm Service Agency;
- the Risk Management Agency;
- the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Fund; and

the Commodity Credit Corporation Fund.

TITLE II--CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Provides appropriations for the Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment.

Provides appropriations to the Natural Resources Conservation Service for:

- Conservation Operations,
- Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations, and
- the Watershed Rehabilitation Program.

TITLE III--RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Provides appropriations for Rural Development Programs including:

- the Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development,
- Rural Development Salaries and Expenses,
- the Rural Housing Service,
- the Rural Business--Cooperative Service, and
- the Rural Utilities Service.

TITLE IV--DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS

Provides appropriations for the Office of the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

Provides appropriations to the Food and Nutrition Service for:

- Child Nutrition Programs;
- the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC);
- the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps);
- the Commodity Assistance Program; and
- Nutrition Programs Administration.

TITLE V--FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED PROGRAMS

Provides appropriations for the Foreign Agricultural Service, including:

- the Food for Peace Act (P.L. 480),
- the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, and
- the Commodity Credit Corporation Export (loans) Credit Guarantee Program Account.

TITLE VI--RELATED AGENCY AND FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Provides appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Provides appropriations to the Farm Credit Administration.

TITLE VII--GENERAL PROVISIONS

(Sec. 701) Permits USDA to use funds provided by this division for the purchase, replacement, and hire of passenger motor vehicles.

(Sec. 702) Permits USDA to transfer unobligated balances to the Working Capital Fund for the acquisition of plant and capital equipment for financial, administrative, and information technology services. Permits the transferred funds to remain available until expended and specifies restrictions on the use of the funds.

(Sec. 703) Prohibits appropriations provided by this division from remaining available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless the division expressly provides otherwise.

(Sec. 704) Limits negotiated indirect costs on cooperative agreements between USDA and nonprofit institutions to 10% of the total direct cost of the agreement when the purpose of the agreement is to carry out programs of mutual interest between the two parties.

(Sec. 705) Permits appropriations for direct and guaranteed loans to remain available until expended to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal year for: (1) the Rural Development Loan Fund program account, (2) the Rural Electrification and Telecommunication Loans program account, and (3) the Rural Housing Insurance Fund program account.

(Sec. 706) Prohibits USDA from using funds provided by this division to acquire or upgrade information technology systems without approval of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) and the Executive Information Technology Investment Review Board. Restricts the transfer of funds made available by this division to the CIO without prior approval of Congress. Prohibits funds from being used for specified information technology projects without the approval of the CIO.

(Sec. 707) Permits specified FY2017 funds provided under the Federal Crop Insurance Act for agricultural management assistance to remain available until expended to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal year.

(Sec. 708) Makes a former Rural Utility Service borrower that has repaid or prepaid a loan under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 or any not-for-profit utility qualified to receive a loan under the Act eligible for rural economic development and job creation assistance in the same manner as a borrower.

(Sec. 709) Permits specified unobligated balances of appropriations provided by this division for salaries and expenses of the Farm Service Agency and the Rural Development mission area to remain available through FY2018 for information technology expenses.

(Sec. 710) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used for first-class travel by employees of agencies funded by this division.

(Sec. 711) Provides that Commodity Credit Corporation funds authorized or required to be used for specified programs included in the Agricultural Act of 2014: (1) shall be available for salaries and administrative expenses associated with the programs without regard to allotment and transfer limits, and (2) shall not be considered to be a fund transfer or allotment for purposes of applying the limits.

(Sec. 712) Limits funds available for USDA advisory committees, panels, commissions, and task forces, except for panels used to comply with negotiated rulemaking or to evaluate competitively awarded grants.

(Sec. 713) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used to pay indirect costs charged against any agricultural research, education, or extension grant awards issued by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) that

exceed 30% of total federal funds provided under each award.

Permits funds provided by this division for grants awarded competitively by NIFA to be used to pay full allowable indirect costs for specified research and development grants awarded under the Small Business Act.

(Sec. 714) Limits funds that may be used for the following programs:

- the Watershed Rehabilitation Program;
- the Environmental Quality Incentives Program;
- the Biomass Crop Assistance Program;
- the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program; and
- agricultural management assistance programs authorized by the Federal Crop Insurance Act.

(Sec. 715) Limits funds for the following domestic food assistance categories:

- Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement Commodities,
- State Option Contracts,
- Removal of Defective Commodities, and
- Administration of Section 32 Commodity Purchases.

Limits FY2017 funds for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program that provides fruit and vegetables to students in participating elementary schools.

Prohibits USDA from using funds for payments authorized by Section 32 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1935 to increase purchasing power of agricultural producers or for surplus removal or price support activities authorized by the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act.

(Section 32 is a program created to assist agricultural producers of non-price-supported commodities and is funded by a permanent appropriation of a portion of the previous year's customs receipts less certain mandatory transfers to child nutrition and other programs. This provision effectively prohibits the use of Section 32 for emergency disaster payments.)

Rescinds specified unobligated balances provided for domestic food assistance programs.

(Sec. 716) Prohibits funds from being used to prepare proposals for the President's budget that assume savings from certain user fee proposals without identifying additional spending reductions that should occur if the proposals are not enacted.

(Sec. 717) Sets forth procedures, requirements, and restrictions for reprogramming and transferring funds provided by this division.

(Sec. 718) Permits USDA to assess a one-time fee for any guaranteed business and industry loan and limits the fee to 3% of the guaranteed principal portion of the loan.

(Sec. 719) Prohibits funds from being used to provide reports, questions, or responses to questions that are a result of information requested for the appropriations hearing process to anyone not employed by USDA, the Department of Health and Human Services, or the Farm Credit Administration.

(Sec. 720) Prohibits any executive branch agency from using funds provided by this division to produce a prepackaged news story for U.S. broadcast or distribution unless it includes clear notification that it was produced or funded by the

agency.

(Sec. 721) Prohibits USDA employees from being detailed or assigned from an agency funded by this division to any other USDA agency or office for more than 60 days in a fiscal year unless the individual's employing agency is reimbursed by the receiving agency for the salary and expenses of the employee.

(Sec. 722) Provides appropriations to remain available until expended for implementing non-renewable agreements for wetlands preservation on eligible lands, including flooded agricultural lands.

(Sec. 723) Directs the agencies funded by this division to submit spending plans to Congress.

(Sec. 724) Provides that funds for title II of the Food for Peace Act may only be used to assist nations if adequate monitoring and controls exist to ensure that emergency food aid is received by the intended beneficiaries in areas affected by food shortages and not diverted for unauthorized or inappropriate purposes.

(Sec. 725) Requires USDA to establish an intermediary loan packaging program based on the FY2013 pilot program for packaging and reviewing section 502 single family direct loans. (The loan program assists low-income applicants in purchasing homes in rural areas. Funds may also be used to build, repair, or renovate a house, including providing water and sewage facilities.)

(Sec. 726) Permits USDA to increase the program level by up to 25% for certain loans and loan guarantees that do not require budget authority and have program levels established by this division. Requires congressional notification prior to implementing any increase.

(Sec. 727) Provides that certain credit card refunds or rebates transferred to the Working Capital Fund: (1) shall not be available for obligation without congressional approval; and (2) shall only be available for the acquisition of plant and capital equipment for USDA financial, administrative, and information technology services.

(Sec. 728) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used to procure processed poultry products from China for the National School Lunch Program, the Child and Adult Food Care Program, the Summer Food Service Program, or the School Breakfast Program.

(Sec. 729) Permits USDA to respond to a community with inadequate drinking water supplies due to a natural disaster by providing potable water through the Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant Program for up to 120 days beyond the time period established in the program.

(Sec. 730) Specifies the matching requirements that apply to funds appropriated for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative.

(Sec. 731) Appropriates funds for direct reimbursement payments for geographically disadvantaged farmers or ranchers to transport agricultural commodities.

(Sec. 732) Prohibits the Food and Nutrition Service from using funds provided by this division for any new research and evaluation projects until after a research and evaluation plan is submitted to Congress.

(Sec. 733) Sets forth the authorities that apply for USDA to provide loans for housing and buildings on adequate farms.

(Sec. 734) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used for regulations to allow or require information intended for a prescribing health care professional, in the case of a drug or biological product, to be distributed

electronically (in lieu of in paper form) until a federal law is enacted to allow or require electronic distribution.

(Sec. 735) Requires any funds transferred pursuant to section 149 of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2017 that are not necessary for the cost of direct telecommunications loans authorized by the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to be transferred back to the accounts to which they were originally appropriated to be used for the original purpose.

(Sec. 736) Prohibits the FDA from acknowledging applications for an exemption for investigational use of a drug or biological product in research in which a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to include a heritable genetic modification. Provides that any submission is deemed not to have been received, and the exemption may not go into effect.

(Sec. 737) Prohibits funds from being used to carry out provisions of the final FDA rule entitled "Current Good Manufacturing Practice and Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food for Animals" with respect to certain requirements that apply to the production, distribution, sale, or receipt of dried spent grain by-products of the alcoholic beverage production process.

(Sec. 738) Requires the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to conduct audits in a manner that evaluates the following factors in the country or region being audited, as applicable:

- veterinary control and oversight,
- disease history and vaccination practices,
- livestock demographics and traceability,
- epidemiological separation from potential sources of infection,
- surveillance practices,
- diagnostic laboratory capabilities, and
- emergency preparedness and response.

Requires APHIS to make reports regarding the audits publicly available.

(Sec. 739) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used to issue or renew licenses under the Animal Welfare Act for certain dealers who sell dogs and cats for research, experiments, teaching, or testing.

(Sec. 740) Prohibits the FDA from deeming partially hydrogenated oils to be unsafe or any food containing a partially hydrogenated oil to be adulterated prior to June 18, 2018.

(Sec. 741) Permits USDA to charge a fee for lenders to access USDA loan guarantee systems in connection with participation in the loan guarantee programs of the Rural Housing Service.

(Sec. 742) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used for a computer network unless pornography is blocked, with the exception of law enforcement, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

(Sec. 743) Provides additional funds to APHIS to remain available until expended for fruit fly rearing facilities.

(Sec. 744) Requires a household that is certified to participate in SNAP to report when it no longer resides in the state in which it is certified.

(Sec. 745) Rescinds specified unobligated balances from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

(Sec. 746) Prohibits funds provided for the rural water, waste water, waste disposal, and solid waste management programs authorized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act from being used for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water or wastewater system unless all of the iron and steel products used in the project are produced in the United States. Specifies exceptions and waiver procedures.

(Sec. 747) Requires USDA to permit states to grant exemptions from whole grain requirements for the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program that took effect on or after July 1, 2014.

Requires states to establish a process for responding to exemption requests, provided that school food authorities demonstrate hardship in procuring whole grain products compliant with new standards and comply with whole grain standards in effect prior to July 1, 2014.

Prohibits funds from being used to implement regulations requiring a specified reduction in sodium in federally reimbursed meals, foods, and snacks sold in schools.

Requires USDA to allow states to grant special exemptions for the service of flavored, low-fat fluid milk in the School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program and as a competitive food available on campus during the school day, to schools which demonstrate a reduction in student milk consumption or an increase in school milk waste.

(Sec. 748) Provides additional funds for the purchase of commodities for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).

(Sec. 749) Permits USDA to conduct a pilot program to use specified funds from rural electrification loans made by the Federal Financing Bank that are guaranteed under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to be used for refinancing debt pursuant to the Act. Requires the refinancing to benefit the ratepayers of the borrower and meet other specified requirements.

(Sec. 750) Requires at least 10% of the funds provided by this division for specified Rural Development programs to be allocated for assistance in persistent poverty counties. Defines a "persistent poverty county" as county that has had at least 20% of its population living in poverty over the past 30 years, as measured by the decennial censuses.

(Sec. 751) Prohibits USDA from including incarcerated prison populations to determine eligibility or the level of program assistance for Rural Development programs.

(Sec. 752) Provides funds to the FDA to remain available until expended to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emerging health threats, including the Ebola and Zika viruses, domestically and internationally, to develop necessary medical countermeasures and vaccines, and for related administrative activities.

(Sec. 753) Provides funds for the Emergency Conservation Program for emergencies not declared as a major disaster or emergency under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

(Sec. 754) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used to influence congressional action on any legislation or appropriation matters pending before Congress, other than to communicate with Congress as permitted under current law.

(Sec. 755) Provides additional funds for Food for Peace Title II Grants.

(Sec. 756) Requires the FDA to issue final regulations to revise federal drug regulations with respect to medical gases by

July 15, 2017.

(Sec. 757) Provides additional funds to APHIS to remain available through FY2018 for one-time control and management and associated activities directly related to the multiple-agency response to citrus greening.

(Sec. 758) Rescinds specified unobligated balances of funds provided to USDA for the Rural Housing and Community Development Service, the Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and the Rural Utilities Service.

(Sec. 759) Rescinds specified unobligated balances resulting from offsetting collections for the Rural Housing and Community Development Service, the Rural Housing Service, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and the Rural Utilities Service.

(Sec. 760) Provides funds to the National Institute for Food and Agriculture for a pilot program to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for programs and services to establish and enhance farming and ranching opportunities for military veterans.

(Sec. 761) Prohibits the FDA from allowing any food that contains genetically engineered salmon until the FDA publishes final labeling guidelines for informing consumers of the content.

Requires specified FDA funds to be used to develop labeling guidelines and implement a program to disclose to consumers whether salmon offered for sale is genetically engineered.

(Sec. 762) Prohibits funds from being used to inspect horses for slaughter purposes.

(Sec. 763) Directs USDA to set aside specified additional funds for Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zones.

(Sec. 764) Appropriates funds for the pilot program to demonstrate new technologies that increase growth of re-forested hardwood trees on private nonindustrial forests lands on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

(Sec. 765) Prohibits funds provided by this division from be used for the variety requirements of the final USDA rule entitled "Enhancing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)" until USDA amends the definition of "variety" to increase the number of items that qualify as acceptable varieties in each staple food category so that the total number of such items in each staple food category exceeds the number of such items in each staple food category included in the final rule.

Specifies that, until the amendments are promulgated, USDA must apply the requirements regarding acceptable varieties and breadth of stock to SNAP retailers that were in effect on the day before the enactment of the Agricultural Act of 2014.

(Sec. 766) Prohibits the FDA from using funds provided by this division to develop, issue, promote, or advance any regulations applicable to food manufacturers for population-wide sodium reduction actions or to develop, issue, promote or advance final guidance applicable to food manufacturers for long term population-wide sodium reduction actions until the dietary reference intake report with respect to sodium is completed.

(Sec. 767) Provides additional funds to USDA for loans and grants that are consistent with the Healthy Food Financing Initiative and that support projects to provide access to healthy food in underserved areas, create and preserve quality jobs, and revitalize low-income communities.

(Sec. 768) Provides additional funds for the development of an implementation plan for increasing access to education in

the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in rural communities through the Distance Learning and Telemedicine program.

(Sec. 769) Provides additional funds for the Rural Energy Savings Program. (The program helps rural families and small businesses achieve cost savings by providing loans to consumers to implement durable cost-effective energy efficiency measures.)

(Sec. 770) Rescinds specified unobligated balances of FY2016 funds that were provided to the Rural Development Salaries and Expenses account for the Comprehensive Loan Accounting System. Provides an equivalent amount of additional funding to remain available through FY2018 for Information Technology modernization activities.

(Sec. 771) Requires UDA to modify the pilot program designed to preserve affordable rental housing through non-profit transfer or acquisition of Section 515 (rural rental housing) properties with expiring mortgages. Requires the program to study effective means to transfer Section 515 properties exiting the program due to mortgage maturity to qualified nonprofit organizations to preserve the properties in the Rural Housing Service (RHS) multi-family program.

Provides appropriations for USDA to award grants to non-profit organizations and public housing authorities to provide technical assistance to RHS multi-family housing borrowers to facilitate the acquisition of RHS multi-family housing properties in areas where there is a risk of loss of affordable housing.

(Sec. 772) Requires USDA to establish a pilot program to permit state Farm Service Agency offices to make county-level payments to agricultural producers under the Agriculture Risk Coverage Program using an alternate calculation method if it is necessary to ensure that there are not significant yield calculation disparities between comparable counties in the state. Specifies requirements for the alternative calculation method and provides appropriations for the program.

(Sec. 773) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used: (1) in contravention of a provision of the Agricultural Act of 2014 that permits an institution of higher education or a state department of agriculture to grow or cultivate industrial hemp for research purposes; or (2) to prohibit the transportation, processing, sale, or use of industrial hemp that is grown or cultivated in accordance with the Agricultural Act of 2014, within or outside the state in which it is grown or cultivated.

(Sec. 774) Specifies that, for the purposes of applying the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the acceptable market name of *Lithodes aequispinus* is "golden king crab."

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017

DIVISION B--COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017 provides FY2017 appropriations to the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, science agencies, and several related agencies.

This division funds agencies with a wide range of responsibilities for issues such as:

- addressing violent crime, drug trafficking, financial fraud, terrorism, espionage, and cybercrime;
- conducting the census;
- forecasting the weather;
- managing fisheries;
- exploring space;

advancing science;

- providing legal services for the poor;
- enforcing employment discrimination laws; and
- overseeing patents, trademarks, and trade policy.

The division increases FY2017 discretionary funding for Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies above FY2016 levels.

Department of Commerce Appropriations Act, 2017

TITLE I--DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Provides appropriations to the Department of Commerce for:

- the International Trade Administration,
- the Bureau of Industry and Security,
- the Economic Development Administration,
- the Minority Business Development Agency,
- Economic and Statistical Analysis,
- the Bureau of the Census,
- the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and
- the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Provides appropriations to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for:

- Scientific and Technical Research and Services,
- Industrial Technology Services, and
- Construction of Research Facilities.

Provides appropriations to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for:

- Operations, Research, and Facilities;
- Procurement, Acquisition, and Construction;
- Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery;
- the Fishermen's Contingency Fund; and
- the Fisheries Finance Program Account.

Provides appropriations for Departmental Management, including:

- Salaries and Expenses,
- Renovation and Modernization, and
- the Office of Inspector General.

(Sec. 101) Permits funds provided by this division to be used for advanced payments (prior to the receipt of goods, services, or other assets) that are not otherwise authorized only if designated Commerce officials certify that the payments are in the public interest.

(Sec. 102) Permits funds provided by this division to be used for hiring passenger motor vehicles, employment of

temporary or intermittent experts and consultants, and the purchase of uniforms.

(Sec. 103) Permits the transfer of funds between Commerce accounts, subject to specified limitations and requirements. Requires Commerce to notify Congress prior to the acquisition or disposal of any capital asset not provided for in an Act providing appropriations to Commerce.

(Sec. 104) Extends requirements for NOAA to make and report to Congress on determinations regarding the identification and management of technical, cost, and schedule risk; the reliance on demonstrated technologies; and compliance with relevant policies, prior to entering into a contract for a major program with a life cycle cost of more than \$250 million.

Specifies the life cycle costs for the Joint Polar Satellite System and the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite R-Series Program.

(Sec. 105) Permits Commerce to: (1) furnish services to facilitate the use or occupancy of Department of Commerce buildings, and (2) credit specified reimbursements received for the services to the appropriation or fund which bears the cost of the services.

(Sec. 106) Specifies that grant recipients may continue to deter child pornography, copyright infringement, or any other unlawful activity over their networks.

(Sec. 107) Permits NOAA to use, with consent and reimbursement, resources of other federal, state, local, and international entities to carry out the responsibilities of any statute administered by NOAA.

(Sec. 108) Prohibits the National Technical Information Service from charging for copies of reports or documents generated by the legislative branch unless the service has provided information on how a copy may be obtained for free online. Requires any charge to be limited to the service's cost.

(Sec. 109) Permits Commerce to waive the requirement for bonds with respect to contracts for the construction, alteration, or repair of vessels under the Coast and Geodetic Survey Act of 1947.

(Sec. 110) Prohibits Commerce from using funds for management activities pursuant to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico unless the management is conducted beyond a seaward boundary that is nine nautical miles seaward from the baseline from which the territorial sea of the United States is measured.

(Sec. 111) Permits NOAA to work with federal and non-federal agencies and governments by entering into agreements; using land, services, equipment, personnel, and facilities provided by the entities; or receiving and expending funds made available on a consensual basis.

(Sec. 112) Permits the Economic and Statistics Administration, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and the U.S. Census Bureau to use funds to enter into cooperative agreements to assist in improving statistical methodology and research.

(Sec. 113) Prohibits any person from conducting any research, exploration, salvage, or other activity that would physically alter or disturb the wreck or wreck site of the RMS Titanic unless the activity is authorized by Commerce per the provisions of the Agreement Concerning the Shipwrecked Vessel RMS Titanic.

Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2017

TITLE II--DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Provides FY2017 appropriations to the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Provides appropriations to DOJ for General Administration, including:

- Salaries and Expenses,
- Justice Information Sharing Technology,
- the Executive Office for Immigration Review, and
- the Office of Inspector General.

Provides appropriations to the U.S. Parole Commission.

Provides appropriations for Legal Activities, including:

- General Legal Activities,
- the Antitrust Division,
- the U.S. Attorneys,
- the U.S. Trustee System Fund,
- the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission,
- Fees and Expenses of Witnesses,
- the Community Relations Service, and
- the Assets Forfeiture Fund.

Provides appropriations to the U.S. Marshals Service for:

- Salaries and Expenses,
- Construction, and
- Federal Prisoner Detention.

Provides appropriations to DOJ for:

- the National Security Division;
- Interagency Law Enforcement;
- the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI);
- the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA);
- the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF); and
- the Federal Prison System.

Provides appropriations to the Office On Violence Against Women for Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs.

Provides appropriations to the Office of Justice Programs for:

- Research, Evaluation, and Statistics;
- State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance;
- Juvenile Justice Programs; and
- Public Safety Officer Benefits.

Provides appropriations for Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) programs.

(Sec. 201) Provides additional funds to the Attorney General for official reception and representation expenses.

(Sec. 202) Prohibits funds provided by this title from being used to pay for an abortion, except where the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term, or in the case of rape or incest.

(Sec. 203) Prohibits funds provided by this title from being used to require any person to perform or facilitate the performance of an abortion.

(Sec. 204) Specifies that: (1) section 203 of this division does not remove the obligation of the Bureau of Prisons to provide escort services to an inmate receiving an abortion outside of a federal facility, and (2) nothing in this section diminishes the effect of section 203 intended to address the philosophical beliefs of individual employees of the Bureau of Prisons.

(Sec. 205) Sets forth requirements and procedures for transferring and reprogramming DOJ funds provided by this division.

(Sec. 206) Prohibits the FBI or the U.S. Marshals Service from using funds provided by this title to transport prisoners classified as maximum or high security, other than to a facility certified by the Bureau of Prisons as appropriately secure.

(Sec. 207) Prohibits federal prisons from using funds provided by this division to purchase cable television services, or to rent or purchase audiovisual or electronic media or equipment used primarily for recreational purposes. Includes exceptions for inmate training, religious, or educational programs.

(Sec. 208) Prohibits funds provided by this title from being used for a new or enhanced information technology program with estimated development costs exceeding \$100 million unless the Deputy Attorney General and the Department Investment Review Board certify to Congress that the program: (1) has appropriate program management controls and contractor oversight mechanisms in place, and (2) is compatible with DOJ enterprise architecture.

(Sec. 209) Requires DOJ to follow reprogramming procedures for any deviation from the program amounts specified in this division or the explanatory statement or for any use of deobligated funds provided by this title in previous years.

(Sec. 210) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used for a public-private competition for work performed by employees of the Bureau of Prisons or Federal Prison Industries, Incorporated.

(Sec. 211) Prohibits U.S. Attorneys from holding dual or additional responsibilities that exempt them from statutory residency requirements.

(Sec. 212) Specifies percentages of grant and reimbursement funds provided to the Office of Justice Programs that may be used for: (1) training and technical assistance; and (2) criminal justice research, evaluation and statistics.

(Sec. 213) Permits DOJ to use specified funds made available for grant and reimbursement programs for tribal criminal justice assistance without regard to the authorizations for the grant or reimbursement programs.

(Sec. 214) Permits the Attorney General to waive matching requirements for Second Chance Act adult and juvenile reentry demonstration projects; state, tribal, and local reentry courts; drug treatment programs; and grants to protect inmates and safeguard communities.

(Sec. 215) Waives the requirement that DOJ reserve certain funds provided for offender incarceration for payments for incarceration on tribal lands.

(Sec. 216) Prohibits funds provided by this division, other than funds for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System established under the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, from being used to transfer an operable firearm to a known or suspected agent of a drug cartel if law enforcement personnel do not continuously monitor or control the firearm.

(Sec. 217) Establishes limitations and requirements for the obligation of specified funds from the Department of Justice Working Capital Fund and the Assets Forfeiture Fund. Requires DOJ to submit to Congress a spending plan including the planned distribution of Assets Forfeiture Fund joint law enforcement operations funding during FY2017.

(Sec. 218) Permits funds provided by this division for the Office of Justice Programs to be used to participate in Performance Partnership Pilot collaboration programs.

(Sec. 219) Permits DOJ to transfer specified unobligated balances from the Working Capital Fund to the FBI Construction account for the construction of the new FBI headquarters in the National Capital Region.

Science Appropriations Act, 2017

TITLE III--SCIENCE

Provides appropriations to the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Provides appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for:

- Science;
- Aeronautics;
- Space Technology;
- Exploration;
- Space Operations;
- Education;
- Safety, Security, and Mission Services;
- Construction and Environmental Compliance and Restoration; and
- the Office of Inspector General.

Includes administrative provisions for NASA that establish requirements and procedures for the availability of funds for an announced prize, the reprogramming and transfer of funds provided by this division, and NASA's spending plan.

Provides appropriations to the National Science Foundation (NSF) for:

- Research and Related Activities,
- Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction,
- Education and Human Resources,
- Agency Operations and Award Management,
- the Office of the National Science Board, and
- the Office of Inspector General.

Establishes requirements for the transfer or reprogramming of funds provided by this division to the NSF.

TITLE IV--RELATED AGENCIES

Provides appropriations for related agencies, including:

- the Commission on Civil Rights,
- the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission,
- the U.S. International Trade Commission,
- the Legal Services Corporation,
- the Marine Mammal Commission,
- the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and
- the State Justice Institute.

Specifies restrictions, terms, and conditions on the use of funds by the Legal Services Corporation.

TITLE V--GENERAL PROVISIONS

(Sec. 501) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used for publicity or propaganda purposes that are not authorized by Congress.

(Sec. 502) Prohibits funds provided by this division from remaining available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year, unless expressly permitted in the division.

(Sec. 503) Limits expenditures for consulting services to contracts where the expenditures are a matter of public record and available for public inspection, unless otherwise provided by law or executive order.

(Sec. 504) Provides that if any provision of this division or the application of the provision is held invalid, the remainder of the division is not affected.

(Sec. 505) Establishes restrictions and requirements for the reprogramming of funds provided by this division.

(Sec. 506) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used to award contracts or subcontracts to a person who has been found to have intentionally affixed a "Made in America" label to any product that was not made in America. Requires promotional items purchased using funds provided by this division to be manufactured, produced, or assembled in the United States or its territories or possessions, to the extent it is practicable.

(Sec. 507) Requires Commerce, DOJ, the NSF, and NASA to provide quarterly reports to Congress regarding the status of balances of appropriations at the account level.

(Sec. 508) Requires costs incurred by agencies for personnel actions due to funding reductions in this division to be absorbed within the budgetary resources available to the department or agency. Provides transfer authority between appropriation accounts to carry out this provision, subject to reprogramming procedures. Specifies that this section applies to Commerce actions taken for the care and protection of loan collateral or grant property.

(Sec. 509) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used to promote the sale or export of tobacco or tobacco products or to seek the reduction or removal of foreign restrictions on the marketing of tobacco products, except for restrictions which are not applied equally to all products of the same type.

(Sec. 510) Establishes obligation limits for funds from the Crime Victims Fund.

(Sec. 511) Prohibits DOJ from using funds provided by this division to discriminate against or denigrate the religious or moral beliefs of students who participate in programs for which financial assistance is provided, or of the parents or legal

guardians of the students.

(Sec. 512) Prohibits the transfer of funds provided by this division to a department, agency, or instrumentality of the U.S. government, unless the transfer is pursuant to an appropriations Act.

(Sec. 513) Specifies that funds included in this this division to implement E-Government Initiatives are subject to reprogramming procedures and requirements.

(Sec. 514) Establishes timetables and procedures for specified audits by Inspectors General of the departments and agencies funded in this division.

Requires recipients of grants or contracts funded by this division to certify that no grant or contract funds will be provided to anyone with a financial interest in the recipient.

(Sec. 515) Prohibits Commerce, DOJ, NASA, or the NSF from using funds provided by this division to acquire certain information systems unless the agency has:

- reviewed the supply chain risk for the information systems against criteria developed by NIST and the FBI,
- reviewed the supply chain risk from the presumptive awardee against available and relevant threat information provided by the FBI and other agencies,
- conducted an assessment of any risk of cyber-espionage or sabotage associated with the acquisition of the system,
- developed a mitigation strategy for any identified risks, and
- determined that the acquisition is in the national interest.

(Sec. 516) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used to support or justify the use of torture by any official or contract employee of the U.S. government.

(Sec. 517) Prohibits funds from being used to require export licenses for exporting components, parts, or attachments for certain firearms to Canada.

(Sec. 518) Prohibits funds from being used to deny certain import applications for firearms, parts, or ammunition that are curios or relics. (Curios or relics are firearms which are of special interest to collectors by reason of some quality other than is associated with firearms intended for sporting use or as offensive or defensive weapons.)

(Sec. 519) Prohibits the use of funds provided by this division to include specified patent provisions from the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement, the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement, or the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement in any new bilateral or multilateral trade agreement.

(Sec. 520) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used to authorize or issue a National Security Letter (NSL) in violation of specified laws authorizing the FBI to issue an NSL. (An NSL is a written directive, comparable to an administrative subpoena, used by law enforcement and intelligence agencies to demand certain information from third parties such as telecommunication providers, financial institutions, and consumer credit reporting agencies.)

(Sec. 521) Requires congressional notification regarding Commerce, DOJ, NSF, or NASA projects that total more than \$75 million and are expected to have cost increases of at least 10%.

(Sec. 522) Deems funds provided by this division for intelligence or intelligence related activities as authorized by

Congress during FY2017 until the enactment of the Intelligence Authorization Act for FY2017.

(Sec. 523) Prohibits contracts or grant awards above \$5 million unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies that the organization has filed all federal tax returns, has not been convicted of a criminal offense under the Internal Revenue Code, and has no unpaid federal tax assessment.

(Sec. 524) Rescinds specified unobligated balances from prior appropriations to DOJ and Commerce and requires the departments to submit reports to Congress regarding the rescissions.

(Sec. 525) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used to purchase first class or premium airline travel in violation of specified federal travel regulations.

(Sec. 526) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used to pay for the attendance of more than 50 department or agency employees at any single conference outside the United States, unless it is a law enforcement training or operational event where the majority of federal attendees are law enforcement personnel stationed outside the United States.

(Sec. 527) Prohibits funds from being used to transfer or release any individual detained at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (Guantanamo) who is not a U.S. citizen or member of the Armed Forces into the United States, its territories, or possessions.

(Sec. 528) Prohibits funding from being used to construct, acquire, or modify any U.S. facility (other than the facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba) to house any individual detained at Guantanamo.

(Sec. 529) Requires the Office of Management and Budget to direct departments, agencies, and instrumentalities funded by this division to track undisbursed balances in expired grant accounts and include specified details in annual performance and accountability reports.

(Sec. 530) Prohibits NASA or the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) from using funds provided by this division to: (1) engage in bilateral activities with China or a Chinese-owned company unless the activities are authorized by a law enacted after enactment of this division, or (2) host official Chinese visitors at NASA facilities. Includes an exception if NASA or OSTP have made a specified certification to Congress regarding an activity.

(Sec. 531) Prohibits funds provided this division from being used to deny or fail to act on application for the importation of any shotgun model if: (1) all other requirements of law with respect to the proposed importation are met, and (2) no application for the importation of models in the same configuration had been denied by DOJ prior to January 1, 2011, on the basis that the shotgun was not particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes.

(Sec. 532) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used for a computer network that does not block pornography, except for law enforcement purposes.

(Sec. 533) Requires specified agencies funded by this division to submit spending plans to Congress.

(Sec. 534) Prohibits the use of funds provided by this division to implement the Arms Trade Treaty regulating international trade in conventional arms until it is ratified by the Senate.

(Sec. 535) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used to pay award or incentive fees for contractors with performance that is below satisfactory or does not meet the basic requirements of the contract.

(Sec. 536) Requires Commerce, NASA, NSF, and the OSTP to report monthly to Congress on official travel of employees to China.

(Sec. 537) Prohibits DOJ from using funds provided by this division to prevent specified states, the District of Columbia, Guam, or Puerto Rico from implementing their own laws authorizing the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of medical marijuana.

(Sec. 538) Prohibits DOJ or the DEA from using funds provided by this division in contravention of a provision of the Agricultural Act of 2014 that permits an institution of higher education or a state department of agriculture to grow or cultivate industrial hemp for research purposes.

(Sec. 539) Requires at least 10% of the funds provided by this division for specified programs to be allocated for assistance in persistent poverty counties. Defines a "persistent poverty county" as county that has had at least 20% of its population living in poverty over the past 30 years, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial censuses and the most recent Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates.

(Sec. 540) Provides emergency funding for repairs at NASA owned facilities that directly support NASA's mission and were damaged as a result of recent natural disasters.

(Sec. 541) Establishes an exception to the law that prohibits a person who has directly represented, aided, or advised a foreign entity in any trade negotiation, or trade dispute, with the United States from being appointed as U.S. Trade Representative or as a Deputy U.S. Trade Representative. Specifies that the exception applies only to the first person appointed as U.S. Trade Representative after the enactment of this division who served as Deputy U.S. Trade Representative prior to the enactment of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

(Sec. 542) Provides additional appropriations to DOJ for emergency law enforcement assistance for events occurring during FY2016 and FY2017.

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017

DIVISION C--DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017 provides FY2017 appropriations to the Department of Defense (DOD) for military activities, including appropriations for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO)/ Global War on Terrorism.

This division does not include funding for military construction, military family housing, civil works projects of the Army Corps of Engineers, and nuclear warheads, which are included in other divisions.

The division increases discretionary funding for DOD compared to FY2016 levels.

TITLE I--MILITARY PERSONNEL

Provides appropriations for active-duty and reserve personnel in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force (the military departments), and for National Guard personnel in the Army and Air Force.

TITLE II--OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Provides appropriations for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) for the military departments, other DOD agencies, the

Reserve Components, and the Army and Air National Guard.

Provides appropriations for:

- the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces;
- Environmental Restoration for the military departments, DOD, and at Formerly Used Defense Sites;
- Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid; and
- the Cooperative Threat Reduction Account.

TITLE III--PROCUREMENT

Provides appropriations for Procurement by the military departments, including:

- Aircraft;
- Missiles;
- Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles;
- Ammunition;
- Spacecraft, Rockets, and Related Equipment; and
- Shipbuilding and Conversion by the Navy.

Provides appropriations for Defense-Wide Procurement and Defense Production Act Purchases.

TITLE IV--RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION

Provides appropriations for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) by the military departments and defense agencies.

Provides appropriations for Operational Test and Evaluation.

TITLE V--REVOLVING AND MANAGEMENT FUNDS

Provides appropriations for the Defense Working Capital Funds.

TITLE VI--OTHER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS

Provides appropriations for other DOD programs, including:

- the Defense Health Program,
- Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction,
- Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, and
- the Office of the Inspector General.

TITLE VII--RELATED AGENCIES

Provides appropriations for the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System Fund and the Intelligence Community Management Account.

TITLE VIII--GENERAL PROVISIONS

(Sec. 8001) Prohibits appropriations provided by this division from being used for publicity or propaganda purposes not

authorized by Congress.

(Sec. 8002) Exempts DOD from laws prohibiting the compensation or employment of foreign nationals if specified conditions are met.

(Sec. 8003) Prohibits funding provided by this division from remaining available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless this division expressly provides otherwise.

(Sec. 8004) Prohibits more than 20% of the appropriations provided by this division for the current fiscal year from being obligated during the last two months of the fiscal year, with an exception for support of active duty training of reserve components or summer camp training of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

(Sec. 8005) Permits specified Working Capital Funds provided by this division for military functions (except military construction) to be transferred between appropriations or funds available for the same purposes, subject to specified restrictions and the approval of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Requires DOD to notify Congress of all transfers made pursuant to this section.

(Sec. 8006) Requires tables included in the report accompanying this division to be treated as if they were included in the text of this division.

(Sec. 8007) Requires DOD to submit a report to Congress to establish the baseline for application of reprogramming and transfer authorities for FY2017. Prohibits funds provided by this division from being reprogrammed or transferred until the report is provided or DOD certifies to Congress that the reprogramming or transfer is necessary as an emergency requirement. Includes exceptions for: (1) the Environmental Restoration accounts, and (2) Drug Interdiction and Counter-drug activities.

(Sec. 8008) Prohibits cash balances in DOD Working Capital Funds from exceeding the level necessary for cash disbursements to be made from the funds. Sets forth requirements and limitations for transfers of balances in the funds to specified accounts.

(Sec. 8009) Prohibits the initiation of a special access program without notifying Congress in advance.

(Sec. 8010) Establishes limitations and conditions on the use of funds provided by this division to initiate or terminate certain multi-year contracts.

Permits funds provided by title III of this division to be used for a multiyear procurement contract for the AH-64E Apache Helicopter and the UH-60M Blackhawk Helicopter.

(Sec. 8011) Appropriates O&M funds for the costs of humanitarian and civic assistance provided in conjunction with military operations.

(Sec. 8012) Prohibits DOD from managing civilian personnel on the basis of any end-strength or subjecting civilian personnel to any end-strength limitations.

(Sec. 8013) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used to support the procurement of malt beverages and wine with nonappropriated funds for resale on a military installation located in the United States unless the beverages are procured within the state in which the installation is located and specified conditions are met.

(Sec. 8014) Prohibits funds made available by this division from being used to directly or indirectly influence

congressional action on legislation or appropriation matters pending before Congress.

(Sec. 8015) Prohibits compensation from being paid to any member of the Army participating as a full-time student and receiving benefits paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs from the DOD Education Benefits Fund if the time spent as a student is counted toward the member's service commitment. Applies the restriction only to active components of the Army and exempts members that have reenlisted with this option prior to October 1, 1987.

(Sec. 8016) Permits funds appropriated in title III of this division for the Department of Defense Pilot Mentor-Protege Program to be transferred to any other account to implement a developmental assistance agreement under the program.

(Sec. 8017) Prohibits DOD from purchasing certain anchor and mooring chains unless they are manufactured in the United States.

(Sec. 8018) Requires specified appropriations for the Working Capital Fund--Army account to be used to maintain competitive rates at the arsenals.

(Sec. 8019) Prohibits funds from being used to demilitarize or dispose of certain small firearms, small arms ammunition, or ammunition components that are not otherwise prohibited from commercial sale under federal law, unless the Army has certified that the small arms, ammunition, or components are unserviceable or unsafe for further use.

(Sec. 8020) Limits funding for the relocation of any DOD entity into or within the National Capital Region. Permits DOD to waive the limitation by certifying to Congress that a relocation is required in the best interest of the government.

(Sec. 8021) Provides specified funds for incentive payments for federal contracts involving contractors, subcontractors, or suppliers that are Indian organizations or Indian-owned economic enterprises.

(Sec. 8022) Prohibits funds provided by this division for the Defense Media Activity from being used for national or international political or psychological activities.

(Sec. 8023) Permits DOD to incur obligations of up to \$350 million for DOD military compensation, construction projects, and supplies and services in anticipation of contributions from the government of Kuwait.

(Sec. 8024) Provides appropriations from specified accounts for the Civil Air Patrol Corporation to support operation and maintenance, procurement, readiness, counterdrug activities, and drug demand reduction activities involving youth programs.

(Sec. 8025) Prohibits funds provided by this division from being used to establish a new DOD federally-funded research and development center (FFRDC). Limits compensation for FFRDC members or consultants.

Prohibits a defense FFRDC from using FY2017 DOD funds for new building construction, cost-sharing payments for projects funded by government grants, absorption of contract o

Actions Timeline

- **May 5, 2017:** Signed by President.
- **May 5, 2017:** Became Public Law No: 115-31.
- **May 4, 2017:** Considered by Senate (Message from the House considered). (consideration: CR S2735-2737, S2738, S2740-2744, S2746-2761)
- **May 4, 2017:** Motion by Senator McConnell to refer to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions the House message to accompany the bill (H.R. 244) with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment (SA 212) withdrawn in Senate. (consideration: CR S2735, S2741)
- **May 4, 2017:** McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment numbered 1 with an amendment (SA 210) withdrawn in Senate. (consideration: CR S2735, S2741)
- **May 4, 2017:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment numbered 1 to the bill (H.R. 244) by Yea-Nay Vote. 79 - 18. Record Vote Number: 121.(consideration: CR S2761)
- **May 4, 2017:** Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment numbered 1 to the bill (H.R. 244) by Yea-Nay Vote. 79 - 18. Record Vote Number: 121. (consideration: CR S2761)
- **May 4, 2017:** Cloture motion on the motion to agree to the House amendment to the Senate amendment numbered 1 rendered moot in Senate.
- **May 4, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 4, 2017:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 53, enrollment corrections on H.R. 244 have been made.
- **May 4, 2017:** Presented to President.
- **May 3, 2017:** Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 305, the Chair recognized Mr. Frelinghuysen for a motion.
- **May 3, 2017:** Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 305, the House moved to concur in the Senate amendments numbered 2 and 3, and concur in Senate amendment numbered 1 with an amendment. (consideration: CR H3089-3307)
- **May 3, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the motion that the House concur in the Senate amendments numbered 2 and 3, and concur in Senate amendment numbered 1 with an amendment.
- **May 3, 2017:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **May 3, 2017:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion to agree in the Senate amendments numbered 2 and 3, and agree in Senate amendment numbered 1 with an amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 309 - 118 (Roll no. 249).(text as House agreed to Senate amendments: CR H3090-3305)
- **May 3, 2017:** On motion to agree in the Senate amendments numbered 2 and 3, and agree in Senate amendment numbered 1 with an amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 309 - 118 (Roll no. 249). (text as House agreed to Senate amendments: CR H3090-3305)
- **May 3, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 3, 2017:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate amendment numbered 1.
- **May 3, 2017:** Considered by Senate (Message from the House considered). (consideration: CR S2715-2716)
- **May 3, 2017:** McConnell motion to agree to the House amendment to Senate amendment numbered 1 made in Senate. (consideration: CR S2715-2716)
- **May 3, 2017:** Cloture motion on the motion to agree to the House amendment to the Senate amendment numbered 1 presented in Senate. (CR S2715-2716)
- **May 3, 2017:** McConnell motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment numbered 1 with an amendment (SA 210) made in Senate. (consideration: CR S2716)
- **May 3, 2017:** Motion by Senator McConnell to refer to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions the House message to accompany the bill (H.R. 244) with instructions to report back forthwith with amendment SA 212 made in Senate. (consideration: CR S2716)
- **May 2, 2017:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 305 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 244 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read.
- **Mar 22, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 21, 2017:** Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 21, 2017:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S1897)
- **Mar 21, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.

- Mar 21, 2017:** Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 14, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
 - **Feb 13, 2017:** Mr. Bilirakis moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
 - **Feb 13, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1109-1111)
 - **Feb 13, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 244.
 - **Feb 13, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
 - **Feb 13, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1113-1114)
 - **Feb 13, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 409 - 1 (Roll no. 86).(text: CR H1109-1110)
 - **Feb 13, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 409 - 1 (Roll no. 86). (text: CR H1109-1110)
 - **Feb 13, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
 - **Feb 13, 2017:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
 - **Jan 19, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
 - **Jan 4, 2017:** Introduced in House
 - **Jan 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.