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MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR JOB PRESERVA-
TION AND CREATION, INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT, ENERGY
EFFICIENCY AND SCIENCE, ASSISTANCE TO THE UNEMPLOYED,
AND STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL STABILIZATION, FOR THE FIS-
CAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, AND FOR OTHER PUR-
POSES

CONFERENCE REPORT

TO ACCOMPANY

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

For an additional amount for “Operation of the National Park System”, for deferred maintenance of facilities and trails and for other critical repair and rehabilitation projects, \$146,000,000.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

For an additional amount for “Historic Preservation Fund”, for historic preservation projects at historically black colleges and universities as authorized by the Historic Preservation Fund Act of 1996 and the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Act of 1996, \$15,000,000: Provided, That any matching requirements otherwise required for such projects are waived.

CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for “Construction”, for repair and restoration of roads; construction of facilities, including energy efficient retrofits of existing facilities; equipment replacement; preservation and repair of historical resources within the National Park System; cleanup of abandoned mine sites on park lands; and other critical infrastructure projects, \$589,000,000.

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND RESEARCH

For an additional amount for “Surveys, Investigations, and Research”, \$140,000,000, for repair, construction and restoration of facilities; equipment replacement and upgrades including stream gages, and seismic and volcano monitoring systems; national map activities; and other critical deferred maintenance and improvement projects.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

OPERATION OF INDIAN PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for “Operation of Indian Programs”, for workforce training programs and the housing improvement program, \$40,000,000.

CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for “Construction”, for repair and restoration of roads; replacement school construction; school improvements and repairs; and detention center maintenance and repairs, \$450,000,000: Provided, That section 1606 of this Act shall not apply to tribal contracts entered into by the Bureau of Indian Affairs with this appropriation.

INDIAN GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For an additional amount for “Indian Guaranteed Loan Program Account”, \$10,000,000.

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OTHER RELATED AGENCIES

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

FACILITIES CAPITAL

For an additional amount for “Facilities Capital”, for repair and revitalization of existing facilities, \$25,000,000.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

GRANTS AND ADMINISTRATION

For an additional amount for “Grants and Administration”, \$50,000,000, to be distributed in direct grants to fund arts projects and activities which preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn: Provided, That 40 percent of such funds shall be distributed to State arts agencies and regional arts organizations in a manner similar to the agency’s current practice and 60 percent of such funds shall be for competitively selected arts projects and activities according to sections 2 and 5(c) of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 951, 954(c)): Provided further, That matching requirements under section 5(e) of such Act shall be waived.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

SEC. 701. (a) Within 30 days of enactment of this Act, each agency receiving funds under this title shall submit a general plan for the expenditure of such funds to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

(b) Within 90 days of enactment of this Act, each agency receiving funds under this title shall submit to the Committees a report containing detailed project level information associated with the general plan submitted pursuant to subsection (a).

SEC. 702. In carrying out the work for which funds in this title are being made available, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall utilize, where practicable, the Public Lands Corps, Youth Conservation Corps, Student Conservation Association, Job Corps and other related partnerships with Federal, State, local, tribal or non-profit groups that serve young adults.

SEC. 703. Each agency receiving funds under this title may transfer up to 10 percent of the funds in any account to other appropriation accounts within the agency, if the head of the agency (1) determines that the transfer will enhance the efficiency or effectiveness of the use of the funds without changing the intended purpose; and (2) notifies the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate 10 days prior to the transfer.

Funding for historically black colleges and universities has been provided under the Historic Preservation Fund account.

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND RESEARCH

The conference agreement provides \$140,000,000 for Surveys, Investigations and Research instead of \$135,000,000 proposed by the Senate and \$200,000,000 proposed by the House. The Survey should consider a wide variety of activities, including repair, construction and restoration of facilities; equipment replacement and upgrades including stream gages, seismic and volcano monitoring systems; national map activities; and other critical deferred maintenance and improvement projects which can maximize jobs and provide lasting improvement to our Nation's science capacity.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

OPERATION OF INDIAN PROGRAMS

The conference agreement includes \$40,000,000 for the operation of Indian programs as proposed by the Senate; there was no House proposal for this account. While maximizing jobs, the Bureau should fund workforce development and training programs and the housing improvement program.

CONSTRUCTION

The conference agreement provides \$450,000,000 for construction instead of \$522,000,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$500,000,000 as proposed by the House. The conference agreement provides flexibility to the agency in determining the allocation of this funding among various program activities and sub-activities. The conferees encourage that selection of individual projects be based on a prioritization process which weighs the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time and which creates lasting value for the American public. While maximizing jobs, the Bureau should consider priority critical facility improvement and repair, repair and restoration of roads, school replacement, school improvement and repair and detention center maintenance and repair.

INDIAN GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM

The conference agreement includes \$10,000,000 for construction as proposed by the Senate; there was no House proposal for this account.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES

INSULAR AFFAIRS

ASSISTANCE TO TERRITORIES

The conference agreement provides no funding for Assistance to Territories as proposed by the House instead of \$62,000,000 proposed the Senate. The managers note that the territories receive