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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Ag-
5 riculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-

1 tion, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year
2 ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes,
3 namely:

4 TITLE I

5 AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

6 PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND MARKETING

7 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

8 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

9 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary
10 of Agriculture, and not to exceed \$75,000 for employment
11 under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$2,836,000: *Provided*, That not to
12 exceed \$11,000 of this amount, along with any unobli-
13 gated balances of representation funds in the Foreign Ag-
14 ricultural Service shall be available for official reception
15 and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for,
16 as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That
17 none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-
18 able by this Act may be used to detail an individual from
19 an agency funded in this Act to any Under Secretary office
20 or Assistant Secretary office for more than 30 days: *Pro-*
21 *vided further*, That none of the funds made available by
22 this Act may be used to enforce section 793(d) of Public
23 Law 104–127.

1 EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

2 CHIEF ECONOMIST

3 For necessary expenses of the Chief Economist, in-
4 cluding economic analysis, risk assessment, cost-benefit
5 analysis, and the functions of the World Agricultural Out-
6 look Board, as authorized by the Agricultural Marketing
7 Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622g), and including employment
8 pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the
9 Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to
10 exceed \$5,000 is for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109,
11 \$4,231,000.

12 NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION

13 For necessary expenses of the National Appeals Divi-
14 sion, including employment pursuant to the second sen-
15 tence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7
16 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$25,000 is for em-
17 ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$11,718,000.

18 OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

19 For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and
20 Program Analysis, including employment pursuant to the
21 second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of
22 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of which not to exceed \$5,000 is
23 for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$5,986,000.

24 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

25 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Fi-
26 nancial 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
3 employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$4,283,000: *Provided*,
4 That the Chief Financial Officer shall actively market
5 cross-servicing activities of the National Finance Center.

6 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
7 ADMINISTRATION

8 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
9 the Assistant Secretary for Administration to carry out
10 the programs funded in this Act, \$613,000.

11 AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND RENTAL
12 PAYMENTS

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-
15 ant to Public Law 92–313, including authorities pursuant
16 to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Adminis-
17 trator of General Services to the Department of Agri-
18 culture under 40 U.S.C. 486, for programs and activities
19 of the Department which are included in this Act, and for
20 the operation, maintenance, and repair of Agriculture
21 buildings, \$120,548,000: *Provided*, That in the event an
22 agency within the Department should require modification
23 of space needs, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer
24 a share of that agency’s appropriation made available by
25 this Act to this appropriation, or may transfer a share

1 of this appropriation to that agency's appropriation, but
2 such transfers shall not exceed 5 percent of the funds
3 made available for space rental and related costs to or
4 from this account. In addition, for construction, repair,
5 improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed
6 equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the pro-
7 grams of the Department, where not otherwise provided,
8 \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended; making
9 a total appropriation of \$125,548,000.

10 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

11 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

12 For necessary expenses of the Department of Agri-
13 culture, to comply with the requirement of section 107(g)
14 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Com-
15 pensation, and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C.
16 9607(g), and section 6001 of the Resource Conservation
17 and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6961,
18 \$15,700,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*
19 *vided*, That appropriations and funds available herein to
20 the Department for Hazardous Waste Management may
21 be transferred to any agency of the Department for its
22 use in meeting all requirements pursuant to the above
23 Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.

1 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION
2 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

3 For Departmental Administration, \$28,304,000, to
4 provide for necessary expenses for management support
5 services to offices of the Department and for general ad-
6 ministration and disaster management of the Department,
7 repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous supplies
8 and expenses not otherwise provided for and necessary for
9 the practical and efficient work of the Department, includ-
10 ing employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
11 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of
12 which not to exceed \$10,000 is for employment under 5
13 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be
14 reimbursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for
15 travel expenses incident to the holding of hearings as re-
16 quired by 5 U.S.C. 551–558.

17 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
18 CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS
19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
21 the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to
22 carry out the programs funded in this Act, including pro-
23 grams involving intergovernmental affairs and liaison
24 within the executive branch, \$3,728,000: *Provided*, That
25 no other funds appropriated to the Department in this Act

1 shall be available to the Department for support of activi-
2 ties of congressional relations: *Provided further*, That not
3 less than \$2,241,000 shall be transferred to agencies fund-
4 ed in this Act to maintain personnel at the agency level.

5 OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

6 For necessary expenses to carry on services relating
7 to the coordination of programs involving public affairs,
8 for the dissemination of agricultural information, and the
9 coordination of information, work, and programs author-
10 ized by Congress in the Department, \$8,138,000, includ-
11 ing employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
12 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), of
13 which not to exceed \$10,000 shall be available for employ-
14 ment under 5 U.S.C. 3109, and not to exceed \$2,000,000
15 may be used for farmers' bulletins.

16 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
17 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

18 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Inspector
19 General, including employment pursuant to the second
20 sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7
21 U.S.C. 2225), and the Inspector General Act of 1978, as
22 amended, \$63,028,000, including such sums as may be
23 necessary for contracting and other arrangements with
24 public agencies and private persons pursuant to section
25 6(a)(9) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended,

1 including a sum not to exceed \$50,000 for employment
2 under 5 U.S.C. 3109; and including a sum not to exceed
3 \$95,000 for certain confidential operational expenses in-
4 cluding the payment of informants, to be expended under
5 the direction of the Inspector General pursuant to Public
6 Law 95-452 and section 1337 of Public Law 97-98: *Pro-*
7 *vided*, That funds transferred to the Office of the Inspec-
8 tor General through forfeiture proceedings or from the De-
9 partment of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund or the De-
10 partment of the Treasury Forfeiture Fund, as a partici-
11 pating agency, as an equitable share from the forfeiture
12 of property in investigations in which the Office of the In-
13 spector General participates, or through the granting of
14 a Petition for Remission or Mitigation, shall be deposited
15 to the credit of this account for law enforcement activities
16 authorized under the Inspector General Act of 1978, as
17 amended, to remain available until expended.

18 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

19 For necessary expenses of the Office of the General
20 Counsel, \$27,749,000.

21 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH,

22 EDUCATION AND ECONOMICS

23 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
24 the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Eco-
25 nomics to administer the laws enacted by the Congress

1 for the Economic Research Service, the National Agricul-
2 tural Statistics Service, the Agricultural Research Service,
3 and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Ex-
4 tension Service, \$540,000.

5 ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

6 For necessary expenses of the Economic Research
7 Service in conducting economic research and analysis, as
8 authorized by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7
9 U.S.C. 1621–1627) and other laws, \$54,176,000: *Pro-*
10 *vided*, That this appropriation shall be available for em-
11 ployment pursuant to the second sentence of section
12 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225).

13 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

14 For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural
15 Statistics Service in conducting statistical reporting and
16 service work, including crop and livestock estimates, sta-
17 tistical coordination and improvements, marketing sur-
18 veys, and the Census of Agriculture notwithstanding 13
19 U.S.C. 142(a–b), as authorized by the Agricultural Mar-
20 keting Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) and other laws,
21 \$100,221,000, of which up to \$17,500,000 shall be avail-
22 able until expended for the Census of Agriculture: *Pro-*
23 *vided*, That this appropriation shall be available for em-
24 ployment pursuant to the second sentence of section
25 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and

1 not to exceed \$40,000 shall be available for employment
2 under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

3 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

4 For necessary expenses to enable the Agricultural Re-
5 search Service to perform agricultural research and dem-
6 onstration relating to production, utilization, marketing,
7 and distribution (not otherwise provided for); home eco-
8 nomics or nutrition and consumer use including the acqui-
9 sition, preservation, and dissemination of agricultural in-
10 formation; and for acquisition of lands by donation, ex-
11 change, or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100,
12 \$702,831,000: *Provided*, That appropriations hereunder
13 shall be available for temporary employment pursuant to
14 the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act
15 of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$115,000 shall
16 be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Pro-*
17 *vided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be
18 available for the operation and maintenance of aircraft
19 and the purchase of not to exceed one for replacement
20 only: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder
21 shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for the con-
22 struction, alteration, and repair of buildings and improve-
23 ments, but unless otherwise provided the cost of construct-
24 ing any one building shall not exceed \$250,000, except for
25 headhouses or greenhouses which shall each be limited to

1 \$1,000,000, and except for ten buildings to be constructed
2 or improved at a cost not to exceed \$500,000 each, and
3 the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
4 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
5 value of the building or \$250,000, whichever is greater:
6 *Provided further*, That the limitations on alterations con-
7 tained in this Act shall not apply to modernization or re-
8 placement of existing facilities at Beltsville, Maryland:
9 *Provided further*, That the foregoing limitations shall not
10 apply to replacement of buildings needed to carry out the
11 Act of April 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): *Provided further*,
12 That funds may be received from any State, other political
13 subdivision, organization, or individual for the purpose of
14 establishing or operating any research facility or research
15 project of the Agricultural Research Service, as authorized
16 by law.

17 None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall
18 be available to carry out research related to the produc-
19 tion, processing or marketing of tobacco or tobacco prod-
20 ucts.

21 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

22 For acquisition of land, construction, repair, improve-
23 ment, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equip-
24 ment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural
25 research programs of the Department of Agriculture,

1 where not otherwise provided, \$59,600,000, to remain
2 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): *Provided*, That
3 funds may be received from any State, other political sub-
4 division, organization, or individual for the purpose of es-
5 tablishing any research facility of the Agricultural Re-
6 search Service, as authorized by law.

7 COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND

8 EXTENSION SERVICE

9 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

10 For payments to agricultural experiment stations, for
11 cooperative forestry and other research, for facilities, and
12 for other expenses, including \$163,671,000 to carry into
13 effect the provisions of the Hatch Act (7 U.S.C. 361a–
14 361i); \$19,882,000 for grants for cooperative forestry re-
15 search (16 U.S.C. 582a–582–a7); \$26,902,000 for pay-
16 ments to the 1890 land-grant colleges, including Tuskegee
17 University (7 U.S.C. 3222); \$44,235,000 for special
18 grants for agricultural research (7 U.S.C. 450i(c));
19 \$11,769,000 for special grants for agricultural research
20 on improved pest control (7 U.S.C. 450i(c)); \$96,735,000
21 for competitive research grants (7 U.S.C. 450i(b));
22 \$4,775,000 for the support of animal health and disease
23 programs (7 U.S.C. 3195); \$650,000 for supplemental
24 and alternative crops and products (7 U.S.C. 3319d);
25 \$500,000 for grants for research pursuant to the Critical

1 Agricultural Materials Act of 1984 (7 U.S.C. 178) and
2 section 1472 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977,
3 as amended (7 U.S.C. 3318), to remain available until ex-
4 pended; \$475,000 for rangeland research grants (7 U.S.C.
5 3331–3336); \$3,000,000 for higher education graduate
6 fellowships grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(6)), to remain avail-
7 able until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); \$4,000,000 for
8 higher education challenge grants (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(1));
9 \$1,000,000 for a higher education minority scholars pro-
10 gram (7 U.S.C. 3152(b)(5)), to remain available until ex-
11 pended (7 U.S.C. 2209b); \$2,000,000 for an education
12 grants program for Hispanic-serving Institutions (7
13 U.S.C. 3241); \$4,000,000 for aquaculture grants (7
14 U.S.C. 3322); \$8,000,000 for sustainable agriculture re-
15 search and education (7 U.S.C. 5811); \$9,200,000 for a
16 program of capacity building grants to colleges eligible to
17 receive funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C.
18 321–326 and 328), including Tuskegee University 7
19 U.S.C. 3152(b)(4), to remain available until expended (7
20 U.S.C. 2209b); \$1,450,000 for payments to the 1994 In-
21 stitutions pursuant to section 534(a)(1) of Public Law
22 103–382; and \$9,605,000 for necessary expenses of Re-
23 search and Education Activities, of which not to exceed
24 \$100,000 shall be for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109;
25 in all, \$411,849,000.

1 None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall
2 be available to carry out research related to the produc-
3 tion, processing or marketing of tobacco or tobacco prod-
4 ucts.

5 NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

6 For establishment of a Native American institutions
7 endowment fund, as authorized by Public Law 130–382
8 (7 U.S.C. 301 note), \$4,600,000.

9 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

10 For acquisition of land, construction, repair, improve-
11 ment, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equip-
12 ment or facilities and for grants to States and other eligi-
13 ble recipients for such purposes, as necessary to carry out
14 the agricultural research, extension, and teaching pro-
15 grams of the Department of Agriculture, where not other-
16 wise provided, \$30,449,000, to remain available until ex-
17 pended (7 U.S.C. 2209b).

18 EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

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

1 tive extension agents and State extension directors,
2 \$260,438,000; payments for the nutrition and family edu-
3 cation program for low-income areas under section 3(d)
4 of the Act, \$58,695,000; payments for the pest manage-
5 ment program under section 3(d) of the Act, \$10,783,000;
6 payments for the farm safety program under section 3(d)
7 of the Act, \$2,855,000; payments for the pesticide impact
8 assessment program under section 3(d) of the Act,
9 \$3,214,000; payments to upgrade 1890 land-grant college
10 research, extension, and teaching facilities as authorized
11 by section 1447 of Public Law 95–113, as amended (7
12 U.S.C. 3222b), \$7,549,000, to remain available until ex-
13 pended; payments for the rural development centers under
14 section 3(d) of the Act, \$908,000; payments for a ground-
15 water quality program under section 3(d) of the Act,
16 \$10,733,000; payments for the agricultural telecommuni-
17 cations program, as authorized by Public Law 101–624
18 (7 U.S.C. 5926), \$1,167,000; payments for youth-at-risk
19 programs under section 3(d) of the Act, \$9,554,000; pay-
20 ments for a food safety program under section 3(d) of the
21 Act, \$2,365,000; payments for carrying out the provisions
22 of the Renewable Resources Extension Act of 1978,
23 \$3,192,000; payments for Indian reservation agents under
24 section 3(d) of the Act, \$1,672,000; payments for sustain-
25 able agriculture programs under section 3(d) of the Act,

1 \$3,309,000; payments for rural health and safety edu-
2 cation as authorized by section 2390 of Public Law 101-
3 624 (7 U.S.C. 2661 note, 2662), \$2,628,000; payments
4 for cooperative extension work by the colleges receiving the
5 benefits of the second Morrill Act (7 U.S.C. 321-326,
6 328) and Tuskegee University, \$24,337,000; and for Fed-
7 eral administration and coordination including administra-
8 tion of the Smith-Lever Act, as amended, and the Act of
9 September 29, 1977 (7 U.S.C. 341-349), as amended,
10 and section 1361(c) of the Act of October 3, 1980 (7
11 U.S.C. 301 note), and to coordinate and provide program
12 leadership for the extension work of the Department and
13 the several States and insular possessions, \$6,271,000; in
14 all, \$409,670,000: *Provided*, That funds hereby appro-
15 priated pursuant to section 3(c) of the Act of June 26,
16 1953, and section 506 of the Act of June 23, 1972, as
17 amended, shall not be paid to any State, the District of
18 Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, or the Virgin Islands, Mi-
19 cronesia, 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
23 MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS

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

1 Programs to administer programs under the laws enacted
2 by the Congress for the Animal and Plant Health Inspec-
3 tion Service, Agricultural Marketing Service, and the
4 Grain Inspection, 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
11 amended (21 U.S.C. 114b–c), necessary to prevent, con-
12 trol, and eradicate pests and plant and animal diseases;
13 to carry out inspection, quarantine, and regulatory activi-
14 ties; to discharge the authorities of the Secretary of Agri-
15 culture under the Act of March 2, 1931 (46 Stat. 1468;
16 7 U.S.C. 426–426b); and to protect the environment, as
17 authorized by law, \$435,428,000, of which \$4,500,000
18 shall be available for the control of outbreaks of insects,
19 plant diseases, animal diseases and for control of pest ani-
20 mals and birds to the extent necessary to meet emergency
21 conditions: *Provided*, That no funds shall be used to for-
22 mulate or administer a brucellosis eradication program for
23 the current fiscal year that does not require minimum
24 matching by the States of at least 40 percent: *Provided*
25 *further*, That this appropriation shall be available for field

1 employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
2 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and
3 not to exceed \$40,000 shall be available for employment
4 under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That this appro-
5 priation shall be available for the operation and mainte-
6 nance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed four,
7 of which two shall be for replacement only: *Provided fur-*
8 *ther*, That, in addition, in emergencies which threaten any
9 segment of the agricultural production industry of this
10 country, the Secretary may transfer from other appropria-
11 tions or funds available to the agencies or corporations
12 of the Department such sums as he may deem necessary,
13 to be available only in such emergencies for the arrest and
14 eradication of contagious or infectious disease or pests of
15 animals, poultry, or plants, and for expenses in accordance
16 with the Act of February 28, 1947, as amended, and sec-
17 tion 102 of the Act of September 21, 1944, as amended,
18 and any unexpended balances of funds transferred for
19 such emergency purposes in the next preceding fiscal year
20 shall be merged with such transferred amounts: *Provided*
21 *further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available
22 pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the repair and alter-
23 ation of leased buildings and improvements, but unless
24 otherwise provided the cost of altering any one building

1 during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the
2 current replacement value of the building.

3 In fiscal year 1997 the agency is authorized to collect
4 fees to cover the total costs of providing technical assist-
5 ance, goods, or services requested by States, other political
6 subdivisions, domestic and international organizations,
7 foreign governments, or individuals, provided that such
8 fees are structured such that any entity's liability for such
9 fees is reasonably based on the technical assistance, goods,
10 or services provided to the entity by the agency, and such
11 fees shall be credited to this account, to remain available
12 until expended, without further appropriation, for provid-
13 ing such assistance, goods, or services.

14 Of the total amount available under this heading in
15 fiscal year 1997, \$98,000,000 shall be derived from user
16 fees deposited in the Agricultural Quarantine Inspection
17 User Fee Account.

18 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

19 For plans, construction, repair, preventive mainte-
20 nance, environmental support, improvement, extension, al-
21 teration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities, as
22 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 2250, and acquisition of land as
23 authorized by 7 U.S.C. 428a, \$3,200,000, to remain avail-
24 able until expended.

1 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

2 MARKETING SERVICES

3 For necessary expenses to carry on services related
4 to consumer protection, agricultural marketing and dis-
5 tribution, transportation, and regulatory programs, as au-
6 thorized by law, and for administration and coordination
7 of payments to States; including field employment pursu-
8 ant 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
10 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$37,592,000, including funds for the
11 wholesale market development program for the design and
12 development of wholesale and farmer market facilities for
13 the major metropolitan areas of the country: *Provided,*
14 That this appropriation shall be available pursuant to law
15 (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alteration and repair of buildings
16 and improvements, but the cost of altering any one build-
17 ing during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of
18 the current 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 \$59,012,000 (from fees collected) shall
24 be obligated during the current fiscal year for administra-
25 tive expenses: *Provided,* That if crop size is understated
26 and/or other uncontrollable events occur, the agency may

1 exceed this limitation by up to 10 percent with notification
2 to the 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 Au-
7 gust 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c) shall be used only for com-
8 modity program expenses as authorized therein, and other
9 related operating expenses, except for: (1) transfers to the
10 Department of Commerce as authorized by the Fish and
11 Wildlife Act of August 8, 1956; (2) transfers otherwise
12 provided in this Act; and (3) not more than \$10,576,000
13 for formulation and administration of marketing agree-
14 ments and orders pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing
15 Agreement Act of 1937, as amended, and the Agricultural
16 Act of 1961.

17 PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

18 For payments to departments of agriculture, bureaus
19 and departments of markets, and similar agencies for
20 marketing activities under section 204(b) of the Agricul-
21 tural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1623(b)),
22 \$1,200,000.

1 GRAIN INSPECTION, PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS

2 ADMINISTRATION

3 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

4 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
5 of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended,
6 for the administration of the Packers and Stockyards Act,
7 for certifying procedures used to protect purchasers of
8 farm products, and the standardization activities related
9 to grain under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946,
10 as amended, including field employment pursuant to sec-
11 tion 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225),
12 and not to exceed \$25,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C.
13 3109, \$22,728,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation
14 shall be available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the
15 alteration and repair of buildings and improvements, but
16 the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
17 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
18 value of the building.

19 INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES

20 LIMITATION ON INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICE

21 EXPENSES

22 Not to exceed \$43,207,000 (from fees collected) shall
23 be obligated during the current fiscal year for inspection
24 and weighing services: *Provided*, That if grain export ac-
25 tivities require additional supervision and oversight, or

1 other uncontrollable factors occur, this limitation may be
2 exceeded by up to 10 percent with notification to the Ap-
3 propriations Committees.

4 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY

5 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
6 the Under Secretary for Food Safety to administer the
7 laws enacted by the Congress for the Food Safety and In-
8 spection Service, \$446,000.

9 FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

10 For necessary expenses to carry on services author-
11 ized by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, as amended, the
12 Poultry Products Inspection Act, as amended, and the
13 Egg Products Inspection Act, as amended, \$574,000,000,
14 and in addition, \$1,000,000 may be credited to this ac-
15 count from fees collected for the cost of laboratory accredi-
16 tation as authorized by section 1017 of Public Law 102-
17 237: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall not be avail-
18 able for shell egg surveillance under section 5(d) of the
19 Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1034(d)): *Pro-*
20 *vided further*, That this appropriation shall be available
21 for field employment pursuant to section 706(a) of the Or-
22 ganic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed
23 \$75,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C.
24 3109: *Provided further*, That this appropriation shall be
25 available pursuant to law (7 U.S.C. 2250) for the alter-

1 ation and repair of buildings and improvements, but the
2 cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year
3 shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement
4 value of the building.

5 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FARM AND
6 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

7 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
8 the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural
9 Services to administer the laws enacted by Congress for
10 the Consolidated Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricul-
11 tural Service, and the Commodity Credit Corporation,
12 \$572,000.

13 FARM SERVICE AGENCY
14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
15 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

16 For necessary expenses for carrying out the adminis-
17 tration and implementation of programs administered by
18 the Farm Service Agency, \$746,440,000: *Provided*, That
19 the Secretary is authorized to use the services, facilities,
20 and authorities (but not the funds) of the Commodity
21 Credit Corporation to make program payments for all pro-
22 grams administered by the Agency: *Provided further*, That
23 other funds made available to the Agency for authorized
24 activities may be advanced to and merged with this ac-
25 count: *Provided further*, That these funds shall be avail-

1 able for employment pursuant to the second sentence of
2 section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.
3 2225), and not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall be available for
4 employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

5 DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM

6 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

7 For necessary expenses involved in making indemnity
8 payments to dairy farmers for milk or cows producing
9 such milk and manufacturers of dairy products who have
10 been directed to remove their milk or dairy products from
11 commercial markets because it contained residues of
12 chemicals registered and approved for use by the Federal
13 Government, and in making indemnity payments for milk,
14 or cows producing such milk, at a fair market value to
15 any dairy farmer who is directed to remove his milk from
16 commercial markets because of (1) the presence of prod-
17 ucts of nuclear radiation or fallout if such contamination
18 is not due to the fault of the farmer, or (2) residues of
19 chemicals or toxic substances not included under the first
20 sentence of the Act of August 13, 1968, as amended (7
21 U.S.C. 450j), if such chemicals or toxic substances were
22 not used in a manner contrary to applicable regulations
23 or labeling instructions provided at the time of use and
24 the contamination is not due to the fault of the farmer,
25 \$100,000, to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C.
26 2209b): *Provided*, That none of the funds contained in this

1 Act shall be used to make indemnity payments to any
2 farmer whose milk was removed from commercial markets
3 as a result of his willful failure to follow procedures pre-
4 scribed by the Federal Government: *Provided further*, That
5 this amount shall be transferred to the Commodity Credit
6 Corporation: *Provided further*, That the Secretary is au-
7 thorized to utilize the services, facilities, and authorities
8 of the Commodity Credit Corporation for the purpose of
9 making dairy indemnity disbursements.

10 OUTREACH FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS

11 For grants and contracts pursuant to section 2501
12 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of
13 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279), \$1,000,000, to remain available
14 until expended.

15 AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM

16 ACCOUNT

17 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

18 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
19 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by 7 U.S.C.
20 1928–1929, to be available from funds in the Agricultural
21 Credit Insurance Fund, as follows: farm ownership loans,
22 \$600,000,000, of which \$550,000,000 shall be for guaran-
23 teed loans; operating loans, \$2,345,071,000, of which
24 \$1,700,000,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed
25 loans and \$200,000,000 shall be for subsidized guaranteed
26 loans; Indian tribe land acquisition loans as authorized by

1 25 U.S.C. 488, \$1,000,000; for emergency insured loans,
2 \$25,000,000 to meet the needs resulting from natural dis-
3 asters and for credit sales of acquired property,
4 \$25,000,000.

5 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including
6 the cost of modifying loans as defined in section 502 of
7 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: farm
8 ownership loans, \$27,975,000, of which \$22,055,000 shall
9 be for guaranteed loans; operating loans, \$96,840,000, of
10 which \$19,210,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed
11 loans and \$18,480,000 shall be for subsidized guaranteed
12 loans; Indian tribe land acquisition loans as authorized by
13 25 U.S.C. 488, \$54,000; for emergency insured loans,
14 \$6,365,000 to meet the needs resulting from natural dis-
15 asters; and for credit sales of acquired property,
16 \$2,530,000.

17 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
18 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
19 \$221,046,000, of which \$208,446,000 shall be transferred
20 to and merged with the “Farm Service Agency, Salaries
21 and Expenses” account.

22 OFFICE OF RISK MANAGEMENT

23 For administrative and operating expenses, as au-
24 thorized by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Re-
25 form Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 6933), \$62,198,000: *Provided,*

1 That not to exceed \$700 shall be available for official re-
2 ception and representation expenses, as authorized by 7
3 U.S.C. 1506(i).

4 CORPORATION

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

15 FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION FUND

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

20 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUND

21 REIMBURSEMENT FOR NET REALIZED LOSSES

22 For fiscal year 1997, such sums as may be necessary
23 to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for net
24 realized losses sustained, but not previously reimbursed
25 (estimated to be \$1,500,000,000 in the President's fiscal

1 year 1997 Budget Request (H. Doc. 104–162)), but not
2 to exceed \$1,500,000,000, pursuant to section 2 of the
3 Act of August 17, 1961, as amended (15 U.S.C. 713a–
4 11).

5 OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE
6 MANAGEMENT

7 For fiscal year 1997, the Commodity Credit Corpora-
8 tion shall not expend more than \$5,000,000 for expenses
9 to comply with the requirement of section 107(g) of the
10 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,
11 and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9607(g), and
12 section 6001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery
13 Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6961: *Provided*, That ex-
14 penses shall be for operations and maintenance costs only
15 and that other hazardous waste management costs shall
16 be paid for by the USDA Hazardous Waste Management
17 appropriation in this Act.

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

22 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
23 the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environ-
24 ment to administer the laws enacted by the Congress for
25 the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conserva-
26 tion Service, \$693,000.

1 NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

2 CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

3 For necessary expenses for carrying out the provi-
4 sions of the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–590f)
5 including preparation of conservation plans and establish-
6 ment of measures to conserve soil and water (including
7 farm irrigation and land drainage and such special meas-
8 ures for soil and water management as may be necessary
9 to prevent floods and the siltation of reservoirs and to con-
10 trol agricultural related pollutants); operation of conserva-
11 tion plant materials centers; classification and mapping of
12 soil; dissemination of information; acquisition of lands,
13 water, and interests therein for use in the plant materials
14 program by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal
15 cost not to exceed \$100 pursuant to the Act of August
16 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 428a); purchase and erection or alter-
17 ation or improvement of permanent and temporary build-
18 ings; and operation and maintenance of aircraft,
19 \$619,392,000, to remain available until expended (7
20 U.S.C. 2209b), of which not less than \$5,835,000 is for
21 snow survey and water forecasting and not less than
22 \$8,825,000 is for operation and establishment of the plant
23 materials centers: *Provided*, That appropriations here-
24 under shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for
25 construction and improvement of buildings and public im-

1 improvements at plant materials centers, except that the cost
2 of alterations and improvements to other buildings and
3 other public improvements shall not exceed \$250,000: *Pro-*
4 *vided further*, That when buildings or other structures are
5 erected on non-Federal land, that the right to use such
6 land is obtained as provided in 7 U.S.C. 2250a: *Provided*
7 *further*, That this appropriation shall be available for tech-
8 nical assistance and related expenses to carry out pro-
9 grams authorized by section 202(c) of title II of the Colo-
10 rado River Basin Salinity Control Act of 1974, as amend-
11 ed (43 U.S.C. 1592(c)): *Provided further*, That no part
12 of this appropriation may be expended for soil and water
13 conservation operations under the Act of April 27, 1935
14 (16 U.S.C. 590a–590f) in demonstration projects: *Pro-*
15 *vided further*, That this appropriation shall be available
16 for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
17 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225) and
18 not to exceed \$25,000 shall be available for employment
19 under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That qualified
20 local engineers may be temporarily employed at per diem
21 rates to perform the technical planning work of the Service
22 (16 U.S.C. 590e–2).

23 WATERSHED SURVEYS AND PLANNING

24 For necessary expenses to conduct research, inves-
25 tigation, and surveys of watersheds of rivers and other wa-

1 terways, and for small watershed investigations and plan-
2 ning, in accordance with the Watershed Protection and
3 Flood Prevention Act approved August 4, 1954, as
4 amended (16 U.S.C. 1001–1009), \$10,762,000: *Provided*,
5 That this appropriation shall be available for employment
6 pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the
7 Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed
8 \$110,000 shall be available for employment under 5
9 U.S.C. 3109.

10 WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

11 For necessary expenses to carry out preventive meas-
12 ures, including but not limited to research, engineering op-
13 erations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation,
14 rehabilitation of existing works and changes in use of land,
15 in accordance with the Watershed Protection and Flood
16 Prevention Act approved August 4, 1954, as amended (16
17 U.S.C. 1001–1005, 1007–1009), the provisions of the Act
18 of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f), and in accordance
19 with the provisions of laws relating to the activities of the
20 Department, \$101,036,000, to remain available until ex-
21 pended (7 U.S.C. 2209b) (of which up to \$15,000,000
22 may be available for the watersheds authorized under the
23 Flood Control Act approved June 22, 1936 (33 U.S.C.
24 701, 16 U.S.C. 1006a), as amended and supplemented:
25 *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for

1 employment pursuant to the second sentence of section
2 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and
3 not to exceed \$200,000 shall be available for employment
4 under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That not to exceed
5 \$1,000,000 of this appropriation is available to carry out
6 the purposes of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Pub-
7 lic Law 93–205), as amended, including cooperative ef-
8 forts as contemplated by that Act to relocate endangered
9 or threatened species to other suitable habitats as may be
10 necessary to expedite project construction.

11 RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

12 For necessary expenses in planning and carrying out
13 projects for resource conservation and development and
14 for sound land use pursuant to the provisions of section
15 32(e) of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant
16 Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1010–1011; 76 Stat. 607), the
17 Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a–f), and the Agri-
18 culture and Food Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3451–3461),
19 \$29,377,000, to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C.
20 2209b): *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be avail-
21 able for employment pursuant to the second sentence of
22 section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C.
23 2225), and not to exceed \$50,000 shall be available for
24 employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

1 FORESTRY INCENTIVES PROGRAM

2 For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for,
3 to carry out the program of forestry incentives, as author-
4 ized in the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978
5 (16 U.S.C. 2101), including technical assistance and relat-
6 ed expenses, \$6,325,000, to remain available until ex-
7 pended, as authorized by that Act.

8 TITLE III

9 RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY

10 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

11 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL

12 DEVELOPMENT

13 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
14 the Under Secretary for Rural Development to administer
15 programs under the laws enacted by the Congress for the
16 Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Serv-
17 ice, and the Rural Utilities Service of the Department of
18 Agriculture, \$588,000.

19 RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

20 RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

21 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

22 For gross obligations for the principal amount of di-
23 rect and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the
24 Housing Act of 1949, as amended, to be available from
25 funds in the rural housing insurance fund, as follows:

1 \$3,300,000,000 for loans to section 502 borrowers, as de-
2 termined by the Secretary, of which \$2,300,000,000 shall
3 be for unsubsidized guaranteed loans; \$35,000,000 for
4 section 504 housing repair loans; \$15,000,000 for section
5 514 farm labor housing; \$58,654,000 for section 515 rent-
6 al housing; \$600,000 for section 524 site loans;
7 \$50,000,000 for credit sales of acquired property; and
8 \$600,000 for section 523 self-help housing land develop-
9 ment loans.

10 For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including
11 the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of
12 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section
13 502 loans, \$89,210,000, of which \$6,210,000 shall be for
14 unsubsidized guaranteed loans; section 504 housing repair
15 loans, \$11,081,000; section 514 farm labor housing,
16 \$6,885,000; section 515 rental housing, \$28,987,000: *Pro-*
17 *vided*, That no funds for new construction for section 515
18 rental housing may be available for fiscal year 1997; credit
19 sales of acquired property, \$4,050,000; and section 523
20 self-help housing land development loans, \$17,000.

21 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
22 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
23 \$366,205,000, which shall be transferred to and merged
24 with the appropriation for “Rural Housing Service, Sala-
25 ries and Expenses”.

1 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2 For rental assistance agreements entered into or re-
3 newed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2)
4 or agreements entered into in lieu of debt forgiveness or
5 payments for eligible households as authorized by section
6 502(c)(5)(D) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended,
7 \$493,870,000; and in addition such sums as may be nec-
8 essary, as authorized by section 521(c) of the Act, to liq-
9 uidate debt incurred prior to fiscal year 1992 to carry out
10 the rental assistance program under section 521(a)(2) of
11 the Act: *Provided*, That of this amount not more than
12 \$5,900,000 shall be available for debt forgiveness or pay-
13 ments for eligible households as authorized by section
14 502(c)(5)(D) of the Act, and not to exceed \$10,000 per
15 project for advances to nonprofit organizations or public
16 agencies to cover direct costs (other than purchase price)
17 incurred in purchasing projects pursuant to section
18 502(c)(5)(C) of the Act: *Provided further*, That agree-
19 ments entered into or renewed during fiscal year 1997
20 shall be funded for a five-year period, although the life
21 of any such agreement may be extended to fully utilize
22 amounts obligated.

23 MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

24 For grants and contracts pursuant to section
25 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.

1 1490c), \$26,000,000, to remain available until expended
2 (7 U.S.C. 2209b).

3 RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

4 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

5 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, agree-
6 ments, and grants, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926, 42
7 U.S.C. 1472, 1474, 1479, 1486, and 1490(a), except for
8 sections 381E, 381H, 381N of the Consolidated Farm and
9 Rural Development Act, \$73,190,000, to remain available
10 until expended, for direct loans and loan guarantees for
11 community facilities, community facilities grant program,
12 rural housing for domestic farm labor grants, supervisory
13 and technical assistance grants, very low-income housing
14 repair grants, rural community fire protection grants,
15 rural housing preservation grants, and compensation for
16 construction defects of the Rural Housing Service: *Pro-*
17 *vided*, That the cost of direct loans and loan guarantees
18 shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional
19 Budget Act of 1974, as amended: *Provided further*, That
20 the amounts appropriated shall be transferred to loan pro-
21 gram and grant accounts as determined by the Secretary:
22 *Provided further*, That no funds for new construction re-
23 lating to 515 rental housing may be available for fiscal
24 year 1997: *Provided further*, That of the funds made avail-
25 able in this paragraph not more than \$1,200,000 shall be
26 available for the multi-family rural housing loan guarantee

1 program as authorized by section 5 of Public Law 104–
2 120: *Provided further*, That if such funds are not obligated
3 for multi-family rural housing loan guarantees by June
4 30, 1997, they remain available for other authorized pur-
5 poses under this head: *Provided further*, That of the total
6 amount appropriated, not to exceed \$1,200,000 shall be
7 available for the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, and
8 grants to be made available for empowerment zones and
9 enterprise communities as authorized by Public Law 103–
10 66: *Provided further*, That if such funds are not obligated
11 for empowerment zones and enterprise communities by
12 June 30, 1997, they remain available for other authorized
13 purposes under this head.

14 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

15 For necessary expenses of the Rural Housing Service,
16 including administering the programs authorized by the
17 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as
18 amended, title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended,
19 and cooperative agreements, \$53,889,000: *Provided*, That
20 this appropriation shall be available for employment pur-
21 suant to the second sentence of 706(a) of the Organic Act
22 of 1944, and not to exceed \$520,000 may be used for em-
23 ployment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

1 RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE
2 RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For the cost of direct loans, \$18,400,000, as author-
5 ized by the Rural Development Loan Fund (42 U.S.C.
6 9812(a)): *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost of
7 modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502
8 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided fur-*
9 *ther*, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obli-
10 gations for the principal amount of direct loans of
11 \$40,000,000: *Provided further*, That through June 30,
12 1997, of the total amount appropriated \$3,345,000 shall
13 be available for the cost of direct loans, for empowerment
14 zones and enterprise communities, as authorized by title
15 XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993,
16 to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of
17 direct loans, \$7,246,000.

18 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM
19 ACCOUNT
20 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

21 For the principal amount of direct loans, as author-
22 ized under section 313 of the Rural Electrification Act,
23 for the purpose of promoting rural economic development
24 and job creation projects, \$12,865,000.

25 For the cost of direct loans, including the cost of
26 modifying loans as defined in section 502 of the Congres-

1 sional Budget Act of 1974, \$2,830,000. In addition, for
 2 administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct
 3 loan program, \$654,000, which shall be transferred to and
 4 merged with the appropriation for “Salaries and Ex-
 5 penses.”

6 ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND

7 COMMERCIALIZATION REVOLVING FUND

8 For necessary expenses to carry out the Alternative
 9 Agricultural Research and Commercialization Act of 1990
 10 (7 U.S.C. 5901–5908), \$6,000,000 is appropriated to the
 11 alternative agricultural research and commercialization re-
 12 volving fund.

13 RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, and
 16 grants, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926, 1928, and 1932,
 17 except for 381E, 381H, 381N of the Consolidated Farm
 18 and Rural Development Act, \$51,400,000, to remain
 19 available until expended, for direct loans and loan guaran-
 20 tees for business and industry assistance, rural business
 21 grants, rural cooperative development grants, and rural
 22 business opportunity grants of the Rural Business—Coop-
 23 erative Service: *Provided*, That the cost of direct loans and
 24 loan guarantees shall be as defined in section 502 of the
 25 Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: *Provided*
 26 *further*, That \$500,000 shall be available for grants to

1 qualified nonprofit organizations as authorized under sec-
2 tion 310B(c)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
3 velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 1932): *Provided further*, That the
4 amounts appropriated shall be transferred to loan pro-
5 gram and grant accounts as determined by the Secretary:
6 *Provided further*, That, of the total amount appropriated,
7 not to exceed \$3,000,000 shall be available for cooperative
8 development: *Provided further*, That, of the total amount
9 appropriated, not to exceed \$148,000 shall be available for
10 the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, and grants to
11 be made available for business and industry loans for
12 empowerment zones and enterprise communities as au-
13 thorized by Public Law 103-66 and rural development
14 loans for empowerment zones and enterprise communities
15 as authorized by title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Rec-
16 onciliation Act of 1993: *Provided further*, That if such
17 funds are not obligated for empowerment zones and enter-
18 prise communities by June 30, 1997, they remain avail-
19 able for other authorized purposes under this head.

20 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

21 For necessary expenses of the Rural Business-Coop-
22 erative Service, including administering the programs au-
23 thorized by the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
24 ment Act, as amended; section 1323 of the Food Security
25 Act of 1985; the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926; for

1 activities relating to the marketing aspects of cooperatives,
2 including economic research findings, as authorized by the
3 Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946; for activities with in-
4 stitutions concerning the development and operation of ag-
5 ricultural cooperatives; and cooperative agreements;
6 \$25,680,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be
7 available for employment pursuant to the second sentence
8 of 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944, and not to exceed
9 \$260,000 may be used for employment under 5 U.S.C.
10 3109.

11 RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

12 RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

13 LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

14 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

15 Insured loans pursuant to the authority of section
16 305 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended
17 (7 U.S.C. 935), shall be made as follows: 5 percent rural
18 electrification loans, \$125,000,000, 5 percent rural tele-
19 communications loans, \$75,000,000; cost of money rural
20 telecommunications loans, \$300,000,000; municipal rate
21 rural electric loans, \$525,000,000; and loans made pursu-
22 ant to section 306 of that Act, rural electric,
23 \$300,000,000, and rural telecommunications,
24 \$120,000,000, to remain available until expended.

1 For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Con-
2 gressional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modi-
3 fying loans, of direct and guaranteed loans authorized by
4 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7
5 U.S.C. 935), as follows: cost of direct loans, \$4,818,000;
6 cost of municipal rate loans, \$28,245,000; cost of money
7 rural telecommunications loans, \$60,000; cost of loans
8 guaranteed pursuant to section 306, \$2,790,000: *Pro-*
9 *vided*, That notwithstanding section 305(d)(2) of the
10 Rural Electrification Act of 1936, borrower interest rates
11 may exceed 7 percent per year.

12 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
13 carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs,
14 \$29,982,000, which shall be transferred to and merged
15 with the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses."

16 RURAL TELEPHONE BANK PROGRAM ACCOUNT

17 The Rural Telephone Bank is hereby authorized to
18 make such expenditures, within the limits of funds avail-
19 able to such corporation in accord with law, and to make
20 such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal
21 year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Govern-
22 ment Corporation Control Act, as amended, as may be
23 necessary in carrying out its authorized programs for the
24 current fiscal year. During fiscal year 1997 and within
25 the resources and authority available, gross obligations for

1 the principal amount of direct loans shall be
2 \$175,000,000.

3 For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Con-
4 gressional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modi-
5 fying loans, of direct loans authorized by the Rural Elec-
6 trification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 935),
7 \$2,328,000.

8 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
9 carry out the loan programs, \$3,500,000.

10 DISTANCE LEARNING AND MEDICAL LINK PROGRAM

11 For the cost of direct loans and grants, as authorized
12 by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa et seq., as amended, \$7,500,000, to
13 remain available until expended, to be available for loans
14 and grants for telemedicine and distance learning services
15 in rural areas: *Provided*, That the costs of direct loans
16 shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional
17 Budget Act of 1974.

18 RURAL UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

19 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

20 For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, and
21 grants, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926, 1928, and 1932,
22 except for 381E, 381H, 381N of the Consolidated Farm
23 and Rural Development Act, \$496,868,000, to remain
24 available until expended, for direct loans and loan guaran-
25 tees and grants for rural water and waste disposal, and
26 solid waste management grants of the Rural Utilities

1 Service: *Provided*, That the cost of direct loans and loan
2 guarantees shall be as defined in section 502 of the Con-
3 gressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: *Provided fur-*
4 *ther*, That the amounts appropriated shall be transferred
5 to loan program and grant accounts as determined by the
6 Secretary: *Provided further*, That, through June 30, 1997,
7 of the total amount appropriated, \$18,700,000 shall be
8 available for the costs of direct loans, loan guarantees, and
9 grants to be made available for empowerment zones and
10 enterprise communities, as authorized by Public Law 103-
11 66: *Provided further*, That, of the total amount appro-
12 priated, not to exceed \$18,700,000 shall be for water and
13 waste disposal systems to benefit the Colonias along the
14 United States/Mexico border, including grants pursuant to
15 section 306C of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Devel-
16 opment Act, as amended: *Provided further*, That, of the
17 total amount appropriated, not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall
18 be available for contracting with qualified national organi-
19 zations for a circuit rider program to provide technical as-
20 sistance for rural water systems: *Provided further*, That
21 an amount not less than that available in fiscal year 1996
22 be set aside and made available for ongoing technical as-
23 sistance under sections 306(a)(14) (7 U.S.C. 1926) and
24 310(B)(b) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
25 ment Act (7 U.S.C. 1932).

1 SALARIES AND EXPENSES

2 For necessary expenses of the Rural Utilities Service,
3 including administering the programs authorized by the
4 Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, and the
5 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as
6 amended, and cooperative agreements, \$33,195,000: *Pro-*
7 *vided*, That this appropriation shall be available for em-
8 ployment pursuant to the second sentence of 706(a) of the
9 Organic Act of 1944, and not to exceed \$105,000 may
10 be used for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

11 TITLE IV

12 DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS

13 OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD,

14 NUTRITION AND CONSUMER SERVICES

15 For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of
16 the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer
17 Services to administer the laws enacted by the Congress
18 for the Food and Consumer Service, \$454,000.

19 CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

20 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

21 For necessary expenses to carry out the National
22 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751–1769b), except section
23 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1772–
24 1785, and 1789); except sections 17 and 19;
25 \$8,652,597,000, to remain available through September
26 30, 1998, of which \$3,218,844,000 is hereby appropriated

1 and \$5,433,753,000 shall be derived by transfer from
2 funds available under section 32 of the Act of August 24,
3 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c): *Provided*, That none of the funds
4 made available under this heading shall be used for studies
5 and evaluations: *Provided further*, That up to \$4,031,000
6 shall be available for independent verification of school
7 food service claims.

8 SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR
9 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

10 For necessary expenses to carry out the special sup-
11 plemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17
12 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786),
13 \$3,729,807,000, to remain available through September
14 30, 1998: *Provided*, That none of the funds made available
15 under this heading may be used to begin more than two
16 studies and evaluations: *Provided further*, That up to
17 \$6,750,000 may be used to carry out the farmers' market
18 nutrition program from any funds not needed to maintain
19 current caseload levels: *Provided further*, That, of the total
20 amount of fiscal year 1996 carryover funds that cannot
21 be spent in fiscal year 1997, any funds in excess of
22 \$100,000,000 may be transferred by the Secretary to
23 other programs in the Department of Agriculture, exclud-
24 ing the Forest Service, with prior notification to the House
25 and Senate Appropriations Committees: *Provided further*,
26 That none of the funds in this Act shall be available to

1 pay administrative expenses of WIC clinics except those
2 that have an announced policy of prohibiting smoking
3 within the space used to carry out the program: *Provided*
4 *further*, That none of the funds provided in this account
5 shall be available for the purchase of infant formula except
6 in accordance with the cost containment and competitive
7 bidding requirements specified in section 17 of the Child
8 Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786).

9 **FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

10 For necessary expenses to carry out the Food Stamp
11 Act (7 U.S.C. 2011–2029), \$27,615,029,000: *Provided*,
12 That funds provided herein shall remain available through
13 September 30, 1997, in accordance with section 18(a) of
14 the Food Stamp Act: *Provided further*, That \$100,000,000
15 of the foregoing amount shall be placed in reserve for use
16 only in such amounts and at such times as may become
17 necessary to carry out program operations: *Provided fur-*
18 *ther*, That none of the funds made available under this
19 heading shall be used for studies and evaluations: *Provided*
20 *further*, That funds provided herein shall be expended in
21 accordance with section 16 of the Food Stamp Act: *Pro-*
22 *vided further*, That this appropriation shall be subject to
23 any work registration or workfare requirements as may
24 be required by law: *Provided further*, That \$1,174,000,000
25 of the foregoing amount shall be available for nutrition

1 assistance for Puerto Rico as authorized by 7 U.S.C.
2 2028.

3 COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

4 For necessary expenses to carry out the commodity
5 supplemental food program as authorized by section 4(a)
6 of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973
7 (7 U.S.C. 612c (note)), the Emergency Food Assistance
8 Act of 1983, as amended, and section 110 of the Hunger
9 Prevention Act of 1988, \$166,000,000, to remain avail-
10 able through September 30, 1998: *Provided*, That none
11 of these funds shall be available to reimburse the Com-
12 modity Credit Corporation for commodities donated to the
13 program.

14 FOOD DONATIONS PROGRAMS FOR SELECTED GROUPS

15 For necessary expenses to carry out section 4(a) of
16 the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7
17 U.S.C. 612c (note)), section 4(b) of the Food Stamp Act
18 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)), and section 311 of the Older Ameri-
19 cans Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3030a),
20 \$205,000,000, to remain available through September 30,
21 1998.

22 FOOD PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

23 For necessary administrative expenses of the domes-
24 tic food programs funded under this Act, \$104,487,000,
25 of which \$5,000,000 shall be available only for simplifying
26 procedures, reducing overhead costs, tightening regula-

1 tions, improving food stamp coupon handling, and assist-
2 ance in the prevention, identification, and prosecution of
3 fraud and other violations of law: *Provided*, That this ap-
4 propriation shall be available for employment pursuant to
5 the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act
6 of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$150,000 shall
7 be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109.

8 TITLE V

9 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED

10 PROGRAMS

11 FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SALES

12 MANAGER

13 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

14 For necessary expenses of the Foreign Agricultural
15 Service, including carrying out title VI of the Agricultural
16 Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1761–1768), market
17 development activities abroad, and for enabling the Sec-
18 retary to coordinate and integrate activities of the Depart-
19 ment in connection with foreign agricultural work, includ-
20 ing not to exceed \$128,000 for representation allowances
21 and for expenses pursuant to section 8 of the Act approved
22 August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1766), \$128,005,000, of which
23 \$2,792,000 may be transferred from the Export Loan
24 Program account in this Act, and \$1,005,000 may be
25 transferred from the Public Law 480 program account in

1 this Act: *Provided*, That the Service may utilize advances
2 of funds, or reimburse this appropriation for expenditures
3 made on behalf of Federal agencies, public and private or-
4 ganizations and institutions under agreements executed
5 pursuant to the agricultural food production assistance
6 programs (7 U.S.C. 1736) and the foreign assistance pro-
7 grams of the International Development Cooperation Ad-
8 ministration (22 U.S.C. 2392): *Provided further*, That
9 funds provided for foreign market development to trade
10 associations, cooperatives and small businesses shall be al-
11 located only after a competitive bidding process to target
12 funds to those entities most likely to generate additional
13 U.S. exports as a result of the expenditure.

14 None of the funds in the foregoing paragraph shall
15 be available to promote the sale or export of tobacco or
16 tobacco products.

17 PUBLIC LAW 480 PROGRAM AND GRANT ACCOUNTS
18 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

19 For expenses during the current fiscal year, not oth-
20 erwise recoverable, and unrecovered prior years' costs, in-
21 cluding interest thereon, under the Agricultural Trade De-
22 velopment and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (7
23 U.S.C. 1691, 1701–1715, 1721–1726, 1727–1727f,
24 1731–1736g), as follows: (1) \$216,400,000 for Public
25 Law 480 title I credit, including Food for Progress pro-

1 grams; (2) \$13,905,000 is hereby appropriated for ocean
2 freight differential costs for the shipment of agricultural
3 commodities pursuant to title I of said Act and the Food
4 for Progress Act of 1985, as amended; (3) \$837,000,000
5 is hereby appropriated for commodities supplied in connec-
6 tion with dispositions abroad pursuant to title II of said
7 Act; and (4) \$29,500,000 is hereby appropriated for com-
8 modities supplied in connection with dispositions abroad
9 pursuant to title III of said Act: *Provided*, That not to
10 exceed 15 percent of the funds made available to carry
11 out any title of said Act may be used to carry out any
12 other title of said Act: *Provided further*, That such sums
13 shall remain available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b).

14 For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Con-
15 gressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct credit agreements
16 as authorized by the Agricultural Trade Development and
17 Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, and the Food for
18 Progress Act of 1985, as amended, including the cost of
19 modifying credit agreements under said Act,
20 \$177,000,000.

21 In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out
22 the Public Law 480 title I credit program, and the Food
23 for Progress Act of 1985, as amended, to the extent funds
24 appropriated for Public Law 480 are utilized, \$1,750,000.

1 COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION EXPORT LOANS
2 PROGRAM ACCOUNT
3 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

4 For administrative expenses to carry out the Com-
5 modity Credit Corporation's export guarantee program,
6 GSM 102 and GSM 103, \$3,381,000; to cover common
7 overhead expenses as permitted by section 11 of the Com-
8 modity Credit Corporation Charter Act and in conformity
9 with the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, of which not
10 to exceed \$2,792,000 may be transferred to and merged
11 with the appropriation for the salaries and expenses of the
12 Foreign Agricultural Service, and of which not to exceed
13 \$589,000 may be transferred to and merged with the ap-
14 propriation for the salaries and expenses of the Farm
15 Service Agency.

16 EXPORT CREDIT

17 The Commodity Credit Corporation shall make avail-
18 able not less than \$5,500,000,000 in credit guarantees
19 under its export credit guarantee program extended to fi-
20 nance the export sales of United States agricultural com-
21 modities and the products thereof, as authorized by sec-
22 tion 202 (a) and (b) of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978
23 (7 U.S.C. 5641).

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 Ad-
9 ministration, including hire and purchase of passenger
10 motor vehicles; for rental of special purpose space in the
11 District of Columbia or elsewhere; and for miscellaneous
12 and emergency expenses of enforcement activities, author-
13 ized and approved by the Secretary and to be accounted
14 for solely on the Secretary's certificate, not to exceed
15 \$25,000; \$907,499,000, of which not to exceed
16 \$87,528,000 in fees pursuant to section 736 of the Fed-
17 eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act may be credited to
18 this appropriation and remain available until expended:
19 *Provided*, That fees derived from applications received
20 during fiscal year 1997 shall be subject to the fiscal year
21 1997 limitation: *Provided further*, That none of these
22 funds shall be used to develop, establish, or operate any
23 program of user fees authorized by 31 U.S.C. 9701.

1 In addition, fees pursuant to section 354 of the Pub-
2 lic Health Service Act may be credited to this account,
3 to remain available until expended.

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

7 None of the funds appropriated or made available to
8 the Federal Food and Drug Administration shall be used
9 to implement any rule finalizing the August 25, 1995 pro-
10 posed rule entitled “The Prescription Drug Product La-
11 beling; Medication Guide Requirements,” except as to any
12 specific drug or biological product where the FDA deter-
13 mines that without approved patient information there
14 would be a serious and significant public health risk.

15 Section 3 of the Saccharin Study and Labeling Act
16 (21 U.S.C 348 nt.) is amended by striking out “May 1,
17 1997” and inserting in lieu thereof “May 1, 2002”.

18 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

19 For plans, construction, repair, improvement, exten-
20 sion, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facili-
21 ties of or used by the Food and Drug Administration,
22 where not otherwise provided, \$21,350,000, to remain
23 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b).

1 RENTAL PAYMENTS (FDA)

2 (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

3 For payment of space rental and related costs pursu-
4 ant to Public Law 92–313 for programs and activities of
5 the Food and Drug Administration which are included in
6 this Act, \$46,294,000: *Provided*, That in the event the
7 Food and Drug Administration should require modifica-
8 tion of space needs, a share of the salaries and expenses
9 appropriation may be transferred to this appropriation, or
10 a share of this appropriation may be transferred to the
11 salaries and expenses appropriation, but such transfers
12 shall not exceed 5 percent of the funds made available for
13 rental payments (FDA) to or from this account.

14 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

15 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE

16 PAYMENTS TO THE FARM CREDIT SYSTEM FINANCIAL

17 ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

18 For necessary payments to the Farm Credit System
19 Financial Assistance Corporation by the Secretary of the
20 Treasury, as authorized by section 6.28(c) of the Farm
21 Credit Act of 1971, as amended, for reimbursement of in-
22 terest expenses incurred by the Financial Assistance Cor-
23 poration on obligations issued through 1994, as author-
24 ized \$10,290,000.

1 INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

2 COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

3 For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions
4 of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (7 U.S.C.
5 1 et seq.), including the purchase and hire of passenger
6 motor vehicles; the rental of space (to include multiple
7 year leases) in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; and
8 not to exceed \$25,000 for employment under 5 U.S.C.
9 3109; \$55,101,000, including not to exceed \$1,000 for of-
10 ficial reception and representation expenses: *Provided*,
11 That the Commission is authorized to charge reasonable
12 fees to attendees of Commission sponsored educational
13 events and symposia to cover the Commission's costs of
14 providing those events and symposia, and notwithstanding
15 31 U.S.C. 3302, said fees shall be credited to this account,
16 to be available without further appropriation.

17 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

18 LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

19 Not to exceed \$37,478,000 (from assessments col-
20 lected from farm credit institutions and from the Federal
21 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation) shall be obligated
22 during the current fiscal year for administrative expenses
23 as authorized under 12 U.S.C. 2249.

1 TITLE VII—GENERAL PROVISIONS

2 SEC. 701. Within the unit limit of cost fixed by law,
3 appropriations and authorizations made for the Depart-
4 ment of Agriculture for the fiscal year 1997 under this
5 Act shall be available for the purchase, in addition to those
6 specifically provided for, of not to exceed 667 passenger
7 motor vehicles, of which 643 shall be for replacement only,
8 and for the hire of such vehicles.

9 SEC. 702. Funds in this Act available to the Depart-
10 ment of Agriculture shall be available for uniforms or al-
11 lowances therefor as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901–
12 5902).

13 SEC. 703. Not less than \$1,500,000 of the appropria-
14 tions of the Department of Agriculture in this Act for re-
15 search and service work authorized by the Acts of August
16 14, 1946, and July 28, 1954 (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621–1629),
17 and by chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code, shall
18 be available for contracting in accordance with said Acts
19 and chapter.

20 SEC. 704. The cumulative total of transfers to the
21 Working Capital Fund for the purpose of accumulating
22 growth capital for data services and National Finance
23 Center operations shall not exceed \$2,000,000: *Provided,*
24 That no funds in this Act appropriated to an agency of
25 the Department shall be transferred to the Working Cap-

1 ital Fund without the approval of the agency adminis-
2 trator.

3 SEC. 705. New obligational authority provided for the
4 following appropriation items in this Act shall remain
5 available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): Animal and
6 Plant Health Inspection Service, the contingency fund to
7 meet emergency conditions, fruit fly program, and inte-
8 grated systems acquisition project; Farm Service Agency,
9 salaries and expenses funds made available to county com-
10 mittees; and Foreign Agricultural Service, middle-income
11 country training program.

12 New obligational authority for the boll weevil pro-
13 gram; up to 10 percent of the screwworm program of the
14 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; Food Safety
15 and Inspection Service, field automation and information
16 management project; funds appropriated for rental pay-
17 ments; funds for the Native American institutions endow-
18 ment fund in the Cooperative State Research, Education,
19 and Extension Service, and funds for the competitive re-
20 search grants (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)), shall remain available
21 until expended.

22 SEC. 706. No part of any appropriation contained in
23 this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the
24 current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

1 SEC. 707. Not to exceed \$50,000 of the appropria-
2 tions available to the Department of Agriculture in this
3 Act shall be available to provide appropriate orientation
4 and language training pursuant to Public Law 94-449.

5 SEC. 708. No funds appropriated by this Act may be
6 used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative
7 agreements or similar arrangements between the United
8 States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institu-
9 tions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of
10 the agreement when the purpose of such cooperative ar-
11 rangements is to carry out programs of mutual interest
12 between the two parties. This does not preclude appro-
13 priate payment of indirect costs on grants and contracts
14 with such institutions when such indirect costs are com-
15 puted on a similar basis for all agencies for which appro-
16 priations are provided in this Act.

17 SEC. 709. Notwithstanding any other provision of
18 this Act, commodities acquired by the Department in con-
19 nection with Commodity Credit Corporation and section
20 32 price support operations may be used, as authorized
21 by law (15 U.S.C. 714c and 7 U.S.C. 612c), to provide
22 commodities to individuals in cases of hardship as deter-
23 mined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

24 SEC. 710. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-
25 able to reimburse the General Services Administration for

1 payment of space rental and related costs in excess of the
2 amounts specified in this Act; nor shall this or any other
3 provision of law require a reduction in the level of rental
4 space or services below that of fiscal year 1996 or prohibit
5 an expansion of rental space or services with the use of
6 funds otherwise appropriated in this Act. Further, no
7 agency of the Department of Agriculture, from funds oth-
8 erwise available, shall reimburse the General Services Ad-
9 ministration for payment of space rental and related costs
10 provided to such agency at a percentage rate which is
11 greater than is available in the case of funds appropriated
12 in this Act.

13 SEC. 711. None of the funds in this Act shall be avail-
14 able to restrict the authority of the Commodity Credit
15 Corporation to lease space for its own use or to lease space
16 on behalf of other agencies of the Department of Agri-
17 culture when such space will be jointly occupied.

18 SEC. 712. With the exception of grants awarded
19 under the Small Business Innovation Development Act of
20 1982, Public Law 97–219, as amended (15 U.S.C. 638),
21 none of the funds in this Act shall be available to pay
22 indirect costs on research grants awarded competitively by
23 the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension
24 Service that exceed 14 percent of total Federal funds pro-
25 vided under each award.

1 SEC. 713. Notwithstanding any other provisions of
2 this Act, all loan levels provided in this Act shall be consid-
3 ered estimates, not limitations.

4 SEC. 714. Appropriations to the Department of Agri-
5 culture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made
6 available in fiscal year 1997 shall remain available until
7 expended to cover obligations made in fiscal year 1997 for
8 the following accounts: the rural development loan fund
9 program account; the Rural Telephone Bank program ac-
10 count; the rural electrification and telecommunications
11 loans program account; and the rural economic develop-
12 ment loans program account.

13 SEC. 715. Such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
14 year 1997 pay raises for programs funded by this Act shall
15 be absorbed within the levels appropriated in this Act.

16 SEC. 716. (a) COMPLIANCE WITH BUY AMERICAN
17 ACT.—None of the funds made available in this Act may
18 be expended by an entity unless the entity agrees that in
19 expending the funds the entity will comply with sections
20 2 through 4 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (41 U.S.C. 10a–
21 10c; popularly known as the “Buy American Act”).

22 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS; REQUIREMENT REGARD-
23 ING NOTICE.—

24 (1) PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT
25 AND PRODUCTS.—In the case of any equipment or

1 product that may be authorized to be purchased
2 with financial assistance provided using funds made
3 available in this Act, it is the sense of the Congress
4 that entities receiving the assistance should, in ex-
5 pending the assistance, purchase only American-
6 made equipment and products.

7 (2) NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE.—
8 In providing financial assistance using funds made
9 available in this Act, the head of each Federal agen-
10 cy shall provide to each recipient of the assistance
11 a notice describing the statement made in paragraph
12 (1) by the Congress.

13 (c) PROHIBITION OF CONTRACTS WITH PERSONS
14 FALSELY LABELING PRODUCTS AS MADE IN AMERICA.—
15 If it has been finally determined by a court or Federal
16 agency that any person intentionally affixed a label bear-
17 ing a “Made in America” inscription, or any inscription
18 with the same meaning, to any product sold in or shipped
19 to the United States that is not made in the United
20 States, the person shall be ineligible to receive any con-
21 tract or subcontract made with funds made available in
22 this Act, pursuant to the debarment, suspension, and ineli-
23 gibility procedures described in sections 9.400 through
24 9.409 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations.

1 SEC. 717. Notwithstanding the Federal Grant and
2 Cooperative Agreement Act, marketing services of the Ag-
3 ricultural Marketing Service and the Animal and Plant
4 Health Inspection Service may use cooperative agreements
5 to reflect a relationship between Agricultural Marketing
6 Service or the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
7 and a State or Cooperator to carry out agricultural mar-
8 keting programs or to carry out programs to protect the
9 Nation's animal and plant resources.

10 SEC. 718. None of the funds in this Act may be used
11 to retire more than 5% of the Class A stock of the Rural
12 Telephone Bank or to maintain any account or subaccount
13 within the accounting records of the Rural Telephone
14 Bank the creation of which has not specifically been au-
15 thorized by statute.

16 SEC. 719. None of the funds appropriated or other-
17 wise made available by this Act may be used to provide
18 food stamp benefits to households whose benefits are cal-
19 culated using a standard deduction greater than the
20 standard deduction in effect for fiscal year 1995.

21 SEC. 720. None of the funds made available in this
22 Act may be used to provide assistance to, or to pay the
23 salaries of personnel who carry out a market promotion/
24 market access program pursuant to section 203 of the Ag-
25 ricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5623) that pro-

1 vides assistance to the U.S. Mink Export Development
2 Council or any mink industry trade association.

3 SEC. 721. None of the funds appropriated or other-
4 wise made available by this Act shall be used to enroll
5 in excess of 130,000 acres in the fiscal year 1997 wetlands
6 reserve program, as authorized by 16 U.S.C. 3837.

7 SEC. 722. Of the funds made available by this Act,
8 not more than \$1,000,000 shall be used to cover necessary
9 expenses of activities related to all advisory committees,
10 panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department
11 of Agriculture except for panels used to comply with nego-
12 tiated rule makings.

13 SEC. 723. None of the funds appropriated or other-
14 wise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the
15 salaries and expenses of personnel who carry out an export
16 enhancement program if the aggregate amount of funds
17 and/or commodities under such program exceeds
18 \$100,000,000.

19 SEC. 724. None of the funds appropriated or other-
20 wise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the
21 salaries and expenses of personnel who carry out a farm-
22 land protection program in excess of \$2,000,000 author-
23 ized by section 388 of Public Law 104–127.

24 SEC. 725. None of the funds appropriated or other-
25 wise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the

1 salaries and expenses of personnel who carry out a wildlife
2 habitat incentives program authorized by section 387 of
3 Public Law 104–127.

4 SEC. 726. None of the funds appropriated or other-
5 wise made available by this Act shall be used to pay the
6 salaries and expenses of personnel who carry out a con-
7 servation farm option program in excess of \$2,000,000 au-
8 thorized by section 335 of Public Law 104–127.

9 SEC. 727. None of the funds appropriated or other-
10 wise made available to the Department of Agriculture
11 shall be used to transmit or otherwise make available to
12 any non-Department of Agriculture employee questions or
13 responses to questions that are a result of information re-
14 quested for the appropriations hearing process.

15 SEC. 728. None of the funds made available in this
16 Act may be used to pay the salaries of employees of the
17 Department of Agriculture who make payments pursuant
18 to a production flexibility contract entered into under sec-
19 tion 111 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Re-
20 form Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–127; 7 U.S.C. 7211)
21 when it is made known to the Federal official having au-
22 thority to obligate or expend such funds that the land cov-
23 ered by that production flexibility contract is not being
24 used for the production of an agricultural commodity or
25 is not devoted to a conserving use, unless it is also made

1 known to that Federal official that the lack of agricultural
2 production or the lack of a conserving use is a consequence
3 of drought, flood, or other natural disaster.

4 SEC. 729. None of the funds appropriated or other-
5 wise made available by this Act shall be used to extend
6 any existing or expiring contract in the Conservation Re-
7 serve Program authorized by 16 U.S.C. 3831–3845.

8 SEC. 730. None of the funds made available in this
9 Act may be used to maintain the price of raw cane sugar
10 (as reported for an appropriate preceding month for appli-
11 cable sugar futures contracts of the Coffee, Sugar, and
12 Cocoa Exchange, New York) at more than 117½ percent
13 of the statutory loan rate under section 158 of the Federal
14 Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (title 1 of Pub-
15 lic Law 104–127).

16 SEC. 731. None of the funds appropriated in this Act
17 may be used to carry out the provisions of section 918
18 of Public Law 104–127, the Federal Agriculture Improve-
19 ment and Reform Act.

20 SEC. 732. (a) IN GENERAL.—Any owner on the date
21 of enactment of this Act of the right to market a non-
22 steroidal anti-inflammatory drug that—

23 (1) contains a patented active agent;

1 (2) has been reviewed by the Federal Food and
2 Drug Administration for a period of more than 96
3 months as a new drug application; and

4 (3) was approved as safe and effective by the
5 Federal Food and Drug Administration on January
6 31, 1991, shall be entitled, for the 2-year period be-
7 ginning on February 28, 1997, to exclude others
8 from making, using, offering for sale, selling, or im-
9 porting into the United States such active agent, in
10 accordance with section 154(a)(1) of title 35, United
11 States Code.

12 (b) INFRINGEMENT.—Section 271 of title 35, United
13 States Code shall apply to the infringement of the entitle-
14 ment provide under subsection (a).

15 (c) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after the
16 date of the enactment of this section, any owner granted
17 an entitlement under subsection (a) shall notify the Com-
18 missioner of Patents and Trademarks and the Secretary
19 for Health and Human Services of such entitlement. Not
20 later than 7 days after the receipt of such notice, the Com-
21 mission and the Secretary shall publish an appropriate no-
22 tice of the receipt of such notice.

23 SEC. 733. Funds appropriated to the Department of
24 Agriculture may be used for incidental expenses such as
25 transportation, uniforms, lodging, and subsistence for vol-

1 unteers serving under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2272,
2 when such volunteers are engaged in the work of the U.S.
3 Department of Agriculture; and for promotional items of
4 nominal value relating to the U.S. Department of Agri-
5 culture Volunteer Programs.