MAKING EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

[TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 1591]

together with

MINORITY VIEWS

MARCH 20, 2007.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

The recommendation includes an additional $100,000,000 for wildland fire management for emergency wildland fire suppression activities of the Department of the Interior. These funds are available if funds previously provided for wildland fire suppression will be exhausted imminently and the Secretary of the Interior notifies the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations in writing of the need for these additional funds. In addition, the Committee directs that wildfire suppression cost containment measures continue to be implemented, and the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit a joint report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives on such cost containment measures by December 31, 2007.

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The recommendation provides an additional $7,398,000 for resource management for the detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds, including the investigation of morbidity and mortality events, targeted surveillance in live wild birds, and targeted surveillance in hunter-taken birds.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

The recommendation provides an additional $525,000 for operation of the national park system for the detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds, including the investigation of morbidity and mortality events.

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND RESEARCH

The recommendation provides an additional $5,270,000 for survey, investigations and research for the detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds, including the investigation of morbidity and mortality events.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

The recommendation includes an additional $400,000,000 for wildland fire management for emergency wildland fire suppression activities. These funds are only available if funds provided previously for wildland fire suppression will be exhausted imminently and the Secretary of Agriculture notifies the House and Senate
Committees on Appropriations in writing of the need for these additional funds. The Committee directs that wildfire suppression cost containment measures must continue to be implemented and the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall submit a joint report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives on such cost containment measures by December 31, 2007. In addition, the Secretary of Agriculture is directed to continue the independent cost-control review panel process to examine and report on fire suppression costs for individual wildfire incidents that exceed $10,000,000 in cost.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS CHAPTER

Sec. 4501. The recommendation includes one-time funding of not to exceed $400,000,000 for the Department of Agriculture to make payments in a manner and in amounts similar to those made in 2006 under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

Section 4502 is a technical correction to the Bureau of Indian Affairs language in P.L. 110–5 so the Bureau may pay certain contract support costs.

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Section 4503 is a technical correction to P.L. 110–5 to allow the Indian Health Service to pay certain contract support costs and to allow the Service to transfer up to $7,300,000 from the operations account into the facilities account to allow for repair and rehabilitation of certain health care facilities.

Section 4504 is a technical correction to P.L. 110–5 designating the funding level for the Save America’s Treasures program of the National Park Service, Historic Preservation Fund.

CHAPTER 6

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The Committee recommends transferring $49,500,000 from the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, to the Office of the Secretary, Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, to support advanced research and development of biodefense countermeasures. This work is to be conducted by the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, consistent with the authority provided in the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act.

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The Committee recommends $400,000,000 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance State grants, including $200,000,000 for
notifying the congressional defense committees of any purchase described in this section, including the cost, purposes, and quantities of vehicles purchased.

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SEC. 9010. (a) Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and every 90 days thereafter through the end of fiscal year [2007] 2008, the Secretary of Defense shall set forth in a report to Congress a comprehensive set of performance indicators and measures for progress toward military and political stability in Iraq.

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(c) In specific, the report requires, at a minimum, the following:

(1) * * *

(2) With respect to the training and performance of security forces in Iraq, the following:

(A) * * *

(J) An assessment, in a classified annex if necessary, of United States military requirements, including planned force rotations, through the end of calendar year [2007] 2008.

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CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2007

(Public Law 109–289, Division B)

DIVISION B—CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2007

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CHAPTER 5—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

SEC. 20501. Notwithstanding section 101, the level for each of the following accounts shall be as follows: “Bureau of Land Management, Management of Lands and Resources”, $862,632,000; “United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Resource Management”, $1,009,037,000; “National Park Service, Historic Preservation Fund”, $55,663,000 of which $13,000,000 shall be for Save America’s Treasures; “United States Geological Survey, Surveys, Investigations, and Research”, $977,675,000; and “Environmental Protection Agency, Hazardous Substance Superfund”, $1,251,574,000.

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SEC. 20512. Notwithstanding section 101, the level for “Indian Health Service, Indian Health Services”, shall be $2,817,099,000, of which, not to exceed $5,000,000 shall be available, in addition to amounts otherwise available, for contract support costs; and of which, not to exceed $7,300,000 may be transferred to the “Indian Health Facilities” account, and the $15,000,000 allocation of funding under the eleventh proviso shall not be required.
SEC. 20515. Notwithstanding section 101, the level for “Bureau of Indian Affairs, Operation of Indian Programs” shall be $1,984,190,000, of which not less than $75,477,000 is for post-secondary education programs; and of which, not to exceed $9,019,000 shall be available, in addition to amounts otherwise available, for contract support costs.

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CHAPTER 6—DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

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SEC. 20602. Notwithstanding section 101, the level for “Employee Benefits Security Administration, Salaries and Expenses” shall be $140,834,000, of which no less than $5,000,000 shall be of which $7,500,000 (together with an additional $7,000,000 which shall be transferred by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation as an authorized administrative cost) shall be available when needed through September 30, 2008, for the development of an electronic Form 5500 filing system (EFAST2).

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SEC. 20608. (a) Notwithstanding section 101, the level for “Veterans Employment and Training, Salaries and Expenses” shall not exceed $193,753,000 which may be derived from the Employment Security Administration Account in the Unemployment Trust Fund to carry out the provisions of sections 4100 through 4113, 4211 through 4215, and 4321 through 4327 of title 38, United States Code, and Public Law 103–353, and which shall be available for obligation by the States through December 31, 2007, of which $1,967,000 is for the National Veterans Employment and Training Services Institute.

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SEC. 20625. (a) * * *

(b) Of the amount provided in subsection (a)—

(1) $7,172,994,000 shall become available on July 1, 2007, and shall remain available through September 30, 2008, of which: [(A) $5,451,387,000 shall be for basic grants under section 1124 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA);] (A) $5,454,824,000 shall be for basic grants under section 1124 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), of which up to $3,437,000 shall be available to the Secretary of Education on October 1, 2006, to obtain annually updated educational-agency-level census poverty data from the Bureau of the Census; (B) $125,000,000 shall be for school improvement grants authorized under section 1603(g) of the ESEA; and [(C) not to exceed $2,352,000 shall be available for section 1608 of the ESEA;] (C) not to exceed $2,352,000 may be available for section 1608 of the ESEA and for a clearinghouse on comprehensive school reform under part D of title V of the ESEA; and

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