

**Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes.
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Joint Resolution

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units of Government for fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes, namely:
SEC. 101. (a) Such amounts as may be necessary under the authority and conditions provided in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2005 for continuing projects or activities (including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees) that are not otherwise specifically provided for in this joint resolution, that were conducted in fiscal year 2005, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority would be available in the following appropriations Acts:

- (1) The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006.
- (2) The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2006.
- (3) The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2006.
- (4) The Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (in the House of Representatives), or the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (in the Senate).
- (5) The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2006.
- (6) The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006.
- (7) The Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2006 (in the House of Representatives), or the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (in the Senate).

(8) The Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (in the House of Representatives), or the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (in the Senate).

(9) The Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (in the House of Representatives), or the Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (in the Senate) and the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2006 (in the Senate).

(b) Whenever the amount that would be made available or the authority that would be granted for a project or activity under an Act listed in subsection (a) as passed by the House of Representatives as of October 1, 2005, is the same as the amount or authority that would be available or granted under the same or other pertinent Act as passed by the Senate as of October 1, 2005--

(1) the project or activity shall be continued at a rate for operations not exceeding the current rate or the rate permitted by the actions of the House and the Senate, whichever is lower, and under the authority and conditions provided in applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2005; or

(2) if no amount or authority is made available or granted for the project or activity by the actions of the House and the Senate, the project or activity shall not be continued.

(c) Whenever the amount that would be made available or the authority that would be granted for a project or activity under an Act listed in subsection (a) as passed by the House of Representatives as of October 1, 2005, is different from the amount or authority that would be available or granted under the same or other pertinent Act as passed by the Senate as of October 1, 2005--

(1) the project or activity shall be continued at a rate for operations not exceeding the current rate or the rate permitted by the action of the House or the Senate, whichever is lowest, and under the authority and conditions provided in applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2005; or

(2) if the project or activity is included in the pertinent Act of only one of the Houses, the project or activity shall be continued under the appropriation, fund, or authority granted by the one House, but at a rate for operations not exceeding the current rate or the rate permitted by the action of the one House, whichever is lower, and under the authority and conditions provided in applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2005.

(d) Whenever the pertinent Act covering a project or activity has been passed by only the House of Representatives as of October 1, 2005--

(1) the project or activity shall be continued under the appropriation, fund, or authority granted by the House, at a rate for operations not exceeding the current rate or the rate permitted by the action of the House, whichever is lower, and under the authority and conditions provided in applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2005; or

(2) if the project or activity is funded in applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2005 and not included in the pertinent Act of the House as of

October 1, 2005, the project or activity shall be continued under the appropriation, fund, or authority granted by applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2005 at a rate for operations not exceeding the current rate and under the authority and conditions provided in applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2005.

SEC. 102. (a) No appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 for the Department of Defense shall be used for: (1) the new production of items not funded for production in fiscal year 2005 or prior years; (2) the increase in production rates above those sustained with fiscal year 2005 funds; or (3) the initiation, resumption, or continuation of any project, activity, operation, or organization (defined as any project, subproject, activity, budget activity, program element, and subprogram within a program element, and for any investment items defined as a P-1 line item in a budget activity within an appropriation account and an R-1 line item that includes a program element and subprogram element within an appropriation account) for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were not available during fiscal year 2005.

(b) No appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 for the Department of Defense shall be used to initiate multi-year procurements utilizing advance procurement funding for economic order quantity procurement unless specifically appropriated later.

(c) Notwithstanding this section, the Secretary of Defense may, following notification of the congressional defense committees, initiate projects or activities required to be undertaken for force protection purposes using funds made available from the Iraq Freedom Fund.

SEC. 103. Appropriations made by section 101 shall be available to the extent and in the manner that would be provided by the pertinent appropriations Act.

SEC. 104. No appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 shall be used to initiate or resume any project or activity for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were not available during fiscal year 2005.

SEC. 105. Appropriations made and authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution shall cover all obligations or expenditures incurred for any project or activity during the period for which funds or authority for such project or activity are available under this joint resolution.

SEC. 106. Unless otherwise provided for in this joint resolution or in the applicable appropriations Act, appropriations and funds made available and authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution shall be available until whichever of the following first occurs: (1) the enactment into law of an appropriation for any project or activity provided for in this joint resolution; (2) the enactment into law of the applicable appropriations Act by both Houses without any provision for such project or activity; or (3) November 18, 2005.

SEC. 107. Expenditures made pursuant to this joint resolution shall be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization whenever a bill in which such applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization is contained is enacted into law.

SEC. 108. Appropriations and funds made available by or authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution may be used without regard to the time limitations

for submission and approval of apportionments set forth in section 1513 of title 31, United States Code, but nothing in this joint resolution may be construed to waive any other provision of law governing the apportionment of funds.

SEC. 109. Notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution, except section 106, for those programs that had high initial rates of operation or complete distribution of fiscal year 2005 appropriations at the beginning of that fiscal year because of distributions of funding to States, foreign countries, grantees or others, similar distributions of funds for fiscal year 2006 shall not be made and no grants shall be awarded for such programs funded by this joint resolution that would impinge on final funding prerogatives.

SEC. 110. This joint resolution shall be implemented so that only the most limited funding action of that permitted in the joint resolution shall be taken in order to provide for continuation of projects and activities.

SEC. 111. No provision that is included in an appropriations Act listed in section 101(a), but that was not included in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2005 and by its terms is applicable to more than one appropriation, fund, or authority, shall be applicable to any appropriation, fund, or authority provided in this joint resolution.

SEC. 112. No provision that is included in an appropriations Act listed in section 101(a), and that makes the availability of any appropriation provided therein dependent upon the enactment of additional authorizing or other legislation, shall be effective before the date set forth in section 106(3).

SEC. 113. Funds appropriated by this joint resolution may be obligated and expended notwithstanding section 10 of Public Law 91-672 (22 U.S.C. 2412), section 15 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2680), section 313 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (22 U.S.C. 6212), and section 504(a)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 414(a)(1)).

SEC. 114. (a) For entitlements and other mandatory payments whose budget authority was provided in appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2005, and for activities under the Food Stamp Act of 1977, activities shall be continued at the rate to maintain program levels under current law, under the authority and conditions provided in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2005, to be continued through the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution. (b) Notwithstanding section 106 of this joint resolution, funds shall be available and obligations for mandatory payments due on or about November 1, 2005, and December 1, 2005, may continue to be made.

SEC. 115. The provisions of, and amendments made by, sections 1011, 1012, 1013, 1023, and 1026 of Public Law 109-13 shall continue in effect, notwithstanding the fiscal year limitation in section 1011 and the provisions of sections 1012(i), 1013(e), 1023(c), and 1026(e) of that Public Law, through the earlier of: (1) the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution; or (2) with respect to any such section of Public Law 109-13, the date of the enactment into law of legislation that supersedes the provisions of, or the amendments made by, that section.

SEC. 116. The authorities provided by section 1306 of Public Law 107-314 shall continue in effect through the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution or the date of the enactment into law of a defense authorization Act for fiscal year 2006, whichever is earlier.

SEC. 117. Section 6 of Public Law 107-57, as amended, shall be applied by substituting the date specified in section 106 of this joint resolution for 'October 1, 2005', and sections 508 and 512 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-447, division D), as made applicable to fiscal year 2006 by the provisions of this joint resolution, shall not apply with respect to Pakistan through the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution.

SEC. 118. (a) Funds provided in section 101 of this joint resolution for 'Social Security Administration, Limitation on Administrative Expenses' may be used to complete the processing of appeals received prior to July 1, 2005, under sections 1852 and 1869 of the Social Security Act, notwithstanding section 931(b) of Public Law 108-173.

(b) The Commissioner of Social Security may enter into a reimbursable agreement with the Secretary of Health and Human Services to process, during fiscal year 2006, appeals received after June 30, 2005, and prior to October 1, 2005.

SEC. 119. For the purposes of section 101 of this joint resolution, amounts obligated in fiscal year 2005 from funding provided in section 1015 of Public Law 108-173 shall be deemed to have been provided in an applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2005.

SEC. 120. Notwithstanding section 101 of this joint resolution, amounts are provided for 'Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Medicare Appeals' at a rate for operations not exceeding the rate set forth for such account in title II of H.R. 3010 of the 109th Congress, as passed by the House of Representatives.

SEC. 121. Section 1015(b) of Public Law 108-173 is amended by striking '2005' and inserting '2006'.

SEC. 122. The authority provided by section 2011 of title 38, United States Code, shall continue in effect through the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution.

SEC. 123. The authority provided by section 2808 of Public Law 108-136, as amended by section 2810 of Public Law 108-375, shall continue in effect through the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution.

SEC. 124. The amendment made by section 1022 of Public Law 109-13 shall continue in effect through the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution.

SEC. 125. Funds appropriated by section 101 of this joint resolution for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration may be obligated in the account and budget structure set forth in the pertinent Acts specified in section 101(a)(8).

SEC. 126. Funds appropriated by section 101 of this joint resolution for 'National Science Foundation, Research and Related Activities' may be used for Arctic and Antarctic icebreaking maintenance and operations.

SEC. 127. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution, except section 106, the District of Columbia may expend local funds for programs and activities under the heading 'District of Columbia Funds' at the rate set forth for such programs and activities under title V of H.R. 3058, One Hundred Ninth Congress, as passed by the House of Representatives, and in addition, funds under 'District of Columbia Funds, Enterprise and Other Funds, Capital Outlay' as included in the Fiscal Year 2006 Proposed Budget and Financial Plan submitted to the Congress by the District of Columbia on June 6, 2005.

(b) Section 2302 of Public Law 108-11, as amended by section 336 of Public Law 108-335 shall be applied by substituting the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution for 'September 30, 2005'.

SEC. 128. The provisions of title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11311 et seq.) shall continue in effect, notwithstanding section 209 of such Act, through the earlier of: (1) the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution; or (2) the date of the enactment into law of an authorization Act relating to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

SEC. 129. Notwithstanding section 101 of this joint resolution, amounts are provided for 'Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Administrative Expenses' at a rate for operations not exceeding the total of budgetary resources made available for obligation for fiscal year 2005.

SEC. 130. Section 403(f) of Public Law 103-356 (31 U.S.C. 501 note) shall be applied by substituting the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution for 'October 1, 2005'.

SEC. 131. Amounts made available by this joint resolution for the Department of Defense that are related to amounts provided in title IX of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2006, as passed by the House, or related to amounts designated as emergency requirements in previous defense appropriations Acts or supplemental appropriations Acts, are designated as appropriations for contingency operations related to the global war on terrorism pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, except that amounts so designated under this section shall not exceed \$50,000,000,000.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and

President of the Senate.