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GENERAL PROVISIONS--DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Committee includes the following general provisions for the Department of Commerce that were included in the fiscal year 1999 appropriations act. Sections 201 through 208 are continuations of language included in previous appropriations acts.

Section 201 makes Commerce Department funds available for advanced payments only upon certification of officials designated by the Secretary that such payments are considered to be in the public interest.

Section 202 makes appropriations for salaries and expenses available for the hire of passenger motor vehicles, and for services, uniforms, and allowances as authorized by law.

Section 203 prohibits any funds to be used to support hurricane reconnaissance aircraft and activities that are under the control of the U.S. Air Force or the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

Section 204 prohibits the use of Commerce Department funds in this or any previous act from being used for the purpose of reimbursing the unemployment trust fund or any other account of the Treasury to pay unemployment compensation for temporary census workers for services performed after April 20, 1990.

Section 205 provides the authority to transfer funds between Department of Commerce accounts. The language provides that no account may be decreased by more than 5 percent or increased by more than 10 percent. The language also makes the transfers subject to the Committee's standard reprogramming procedures.

Section 206 requires that any costs related to personnel actions incurred by a department or agency funded in title II of the accompanying act be absorbed within the total budgetary resources available to such department or agency.

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Section 207 allows the Secretary to award contracts for certain mapping and charting activities in accordance with the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act.

Section 208 allows the Department of Commerce franchise fund to retain a percentage of earnings from services provided for capital investments.