

Public Law 108–447
108th Congress

An Act

Making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

Dec. 8, 2004
[H.R. 4818]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Consolidated
Appropriations
Act, 2005

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005”.

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SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to “this Act” contained in any division of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

SEC. 4. STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following sums in this Act are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

SEC. 426. (a) WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS.—Subject to subsection (b), the limitation on the release of funds in section 104(g)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304) shall not apply to the Village of Chickasaw Sewer Collection and Treatment System, located in the Village of Chickasaw, Mercer County, Ohio.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) only applies to the grant that was awarded to the Village of Chickasaw (Ohio Small Cities CDBG Grant # C-W-03-283-1), for the period beginning September 1, 2003, and ending October 31, 2005, and in the amount of \$600,000.

(c) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS.—Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Village of Chickasaw must complete all appropriate environment reviews in a timely manner and to the satisfaction of the State of Ohio.

This division may be cited as the “Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005”.

DIVISION J—OTHER MATTERS

TITLE I—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND OFFSETS

SEC. 101. For an additional amount for the Department of Energy for the weatherization assistance program pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6861 et seq. and notwithstanding section 3003(d)(2) of Public Law 99-509, \$230,000,000, to remain available until expended.

SEC. 102. Section 1201(a) of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 108-375) is amended by striking “\$300,000,000” in the matter preceding paragraph (1) and inserting “\$500,000,000”.

SEC. 103. (a) The District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-335) is amended as follows:

(1) The paragraph under the heading “CAPITAL OUTLAY” is amended by striking “For construction projects, an increase of \$1,087,649,000, of which \$839,898,000 shall be from local funds, \$38,542,000 from Highway Trust funds, \$37,000,000 from the Rights-of-way funds, \$172,209,000 from Federal grant funds, and a rescission of \$361,763,000 from local funds appropriated under this heading in prior fiscal years, for a net amount of \$725,886,000, to remain available until expended;” and inserting “For construction projects, an increase of \$1,102,039,000, of which \$839,898,000 shall be from local funds, \$38,542,000 from Highway Trust funds, \$51,390,000 from the Rights-of-way funds, \$172,209,000 from Federal grant funds, and a rescission of \$361,763,000 from local funds appropriated under this heading in prior fiscal years, for a net amount of \$740,276,000, to remain available until expended;”.

(2) Section 340(a) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) Section 603(e)(3)(E) of the Student Loan Marketing Association Reorganization Act of 1996 (20 U.S.C. 1155(e)(3)(E)) is amended—

“(1) by striking ‘and’ at the end of subclause (II);

“(2) by striking the period at the end of subclause (III) and inserting ‘; and’; and

“(3) by adding at the end the following new subclause:

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2005.

Ante, p. 2077.

Ante, p. 1338.

Ante, p. 1348.

“(IV) obtaining lease guarantees (in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Office of Public Charter School Financing).”.

Ante, p. 1348.

(3) Section 342 is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 342. PUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. Section 2209(b) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 (sec. 38-1802.09(b), D.C. Official Code) is amended as follows:

“(1) In paragraph (1)—

“(A) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, regulation, or order relating to the disposition of a facility or property described in subparagraph (B), the Mayor and the District of Columbia government shall give a right of first offer with respect to any facility or property described in subparagraph (B) not previously purchased, leased, or transferred, or under contract to be purchased, leased, or transferred, or the subject of a previously proposed resolution submitted by the Mayor on or before December 1, 2004, to the Council of the District of Columbia seeking authority for disposition of such facility or property, or under an Exclusive Rights Agreement executed on or before December 1, 2004, to an eligible applicant whose petition to establish a public charter school has been conditionally approved under section 2203(d)(2), or a Board of Trustees, with respect to the purchase, lease, transfer, or use of a facility or property described in subparagraph (B).”;

“(B) by amending subparagraph (B)(iii) to read as follows:

“(iii) with respect to which—

“(I) the Board of Education has transferred jurisdiction to the Mayor and over which the Mayor has jurisdiction on the effective date of this subclause; or

“(II) over which the Mayor or any successor agency gains jurisdiction after the effective date of this subclause.”; and

“(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) TERMS OF PURCHASE OR LEASE.—The terms of purchase or lease of a facility or property described in subparagraph (B) shall—

“(i) be negotiated by the Mayor in accordance with written rules or regulations as determined by the Mayor, and published in the District of Columbia Register;

“(ii) include rent or an acquisition price, as applicable, that is at the appraised value of the property based on use of the property for school purposes; and

“(iii) include a lease period, if the property is to be leased, of not less than 25 years, and renewable for additional 25-year periods as long as the eligible applicant or Board of Trustees maintains its charter.”.

“(2) In paragraph (2)(A), by striking ‘first preference’ and inserting ‘a right of first offer’.

“(3) By adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) CONVERSION PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.—Any District of Columbia public school that was approved to become a conversion public charter school under section 2201 before the effective date of this subsection or is approved to become a conversion public charter school after the effective date of this subsection, shall have the right to exclusively occupy the facilities the school occupied as a District of Columbia public school under a lease for a period of not less than 25 years, renewable for additional 25-year periods as long as the school maintains its charter at the appraised value of the property based on use of the property for school purposes.’”.

(4) Section 347 is amended by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following: *Ante*, p. 1352.

“(1) by striking subsection (f) and inserting the following:

“(f) AUDIT.—The Board shall maintain its accounts according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The Board shall provide for an audit of the financial statements of the Board by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with Government auditing standards for financial audits issued by the Comptroller General. The findings and recommendations of any such audit shall be forwarded to the Mayor, the Council of the District of Columbia, and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia.’; and

“(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(h) CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT.—The Board shall have the authority to solicit, award, and execute contracts independently of the Office of Contracting and Procurement and the Chief Procurement Officer.’”.

(b) The amendments made by this section shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2005. *Effective date.*
20 USC 1155
note.

SEC. 104. The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security shall transfer up to \$40,000,000 from funds appropriated to the Coast Guard’s “Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements” account in fiscal year 2005 from the Rescue 21 project to the HH-65 re-engining project, subject to 15-day advance notification to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

SEC. 105. Section 203(m) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133(m)) is amended by striking “December 31, 2004” and inserting “December 31, 2005”. *42 USC 5133.*

SEC. 106. Notwithstanding the amounts in the detailed funding table included in House Report 108-774, the appropriation for “Transportation Security Administration, Maritime and Land Security” shall include the following: “Credentialing, \$5,000,000; TWIC, \$15,000,000; Hazardous materials truck tracking, \$2,000,000; Hazardous materials safety, \$17,000,000; Enterprise staffing, \$24,000,000; Rail security, \$12,000,000; Offsetting collections, —\$27,000,000”.

SEC. 107. The matter under the heading “Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps” in the Military Construction Appropriations Act, 2005 (division A of Public Law 108-324), is amended by striking “\$1,069,947,000” and inserting “\$1,065,597,000” and the matter under the heading “Military Construction, Naval Reserve” in such Act is amended by striking “\$44,246,000” and inserting “\$48,596,000”. *Ante*, p. 1221.
Ante, p. 1222.

SEC. 108. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in addition to amounts otherwise made available in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-287), an additional \$2,000,000 is hereby appropriated and shall be made available under the heading “Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy”, only for the Secretary of the Navy for the purpose of acquiring a vessel with the Coast Guard registration number 225115: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Navy shall provide for the transportation of the vessel from its present location: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Navy may lend, give, or otherwise dispose of the vessel at his election pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2572, 7545, or 7306, or using such procedures as the Secretary deems appropriate, and to such recipient as the Secretary deems appropriate, without regard to these provisions.

SEC. 109. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL TREE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—Chapter 3 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 305. National tree

“The tree genus *Quercus*, commonly known as the oak tree, is the national tree.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such title is amended—

(1) in the table of contents for part A of subtitle I, by striking “, **and March**” and inserting “**March, and Tree**”;

(2) in the chapter heading for chapter 3, by striking “, **AND MARCH**” and inserting “**MARCH, AND TREE**”; and

(3) in the table of sections for chapter 3, by adding at the end the following:

“305. National tree.”.

SEC. 110. Section 204(g) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (29 U.S.C. 1054(g)) shall not apply at any time, whether before or after the enactment of this section, to an amendment adopted prior to June 7, 2004, by a (multiemployer) pension plan covering primarily employees working in the State of Alaska, to the extent that such amendment—

(1) provides for the suspension of the payment of benefits, modifies the conditions under which the payment of benefits is suspended, or suspends actuarial adjustments in benefit payments in accordance with section 203(a)(3)(B) of said Act (29 U.S.C. 1053(a)(3)(B)) and applicable regulations; and

(2) applies to participants who have not retired before the adoption of such amendment.

SEC. 111. (a) The head of each Federal agency or department shall—

(1) provide each new employee of the agency or department with educational and training materials concerning the United States Constitution as part of the orientation materials provided to the new employee; and

(2) provide educational and training materials concerning the United States Constitution to each employee of the agency or department on September 17 of each year.

(b) Each educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of such year for the students served by the educational institution.

(c) Title 36 of the United States Code, is amended—

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employees.
36 USC 106 note.

(1) in section 106—

(A) in the heading, by inserting “Constitution Day and” before “Citizenship Day”;

(B) in subsection (a), by striking “is Citizenship Day.” and inserting “is designated as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day.”;

(C) in subsection (b)—

(i) by inserting “Constitution Day and” before “Citizenship Day”;

(ii) by striking “commemorates” and inserting “commemorate”; and

(iii) by striking “recognizes” and inserting “recognize”;

(D) in subsection (c), by inserting “Constitution Day and” before “Citizenship Day” both places such term appears; and

(E) in subsection (d), by inserting “Constitution Day and” before “Citizenship Day”; and

(2) in the item relating to section 106 of the table of contents, by inserting “Constitution Day and” before “Citizenship Day”.

(d) This section shall be without fiscal year limitation.

SEC. 112. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any contract: (1) the rates in effect on November 15, 2004, under the tariff (the “tariff”) required by FCC 94-116 (reduced three percent annually starting January 1, 2006) shall apply beginning 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act through December 31, 2009, to the sale and purchase of interstate switched wholesale service elements offered by any provider originating or terminating anywhere in the area (the “market”) described in section 4.7 of the tariff (collectively the “covered services”); (2) beginning April 1, 2005, through December 31, 2009, no provider of covered services may provide, and no purchaser of such services may obtain, covered services in the same contract with services other than those that originate or terminate in the market, if the covered services in the contract represent more than 5 percent of such contract’s total value; and (3) revenues collected hereunder (less costs) for calendar years 2005 through 2009 shall be used to support and expand the network in the market.

Applicability.
Deadline.

(b) Effective on the date of enactment of this Act: (1) the conditions described in FCC 95-334 and the related conditions imposed in FCC 94-116, FCC 95-427, and FCC 96-485; and (2) all pending proceedings relating to the tariff, shall terminate. Thereafter, the State regulatory commission with jurisdiction over the market shall treat all interexchange carriers serving the market the same with respect to the provision of intrastate services, with the goal of reducing regulation, and shall not require such carriers to file reports based on the Uniform System of Accounts.

Effective date.

(c) Any provider may file to enforce this section (including damages and injunctive relief) before the FCC (whose final order may be appealed under 47 U.S.C. 402(a)) or under 47 U.S.C. 207 if the FCC fails to issue a final order within 90 days of a filing. Nothing herein shall affect rate integration, carrier-of-last-resort obligations of any carrier or its successor, or the purchase of covered services by any rural telephone company (as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153(37)), or an affiliate under its control, for its provision of retail interstate interexchange services originating in the market.