

H.R. Conf. Rep. No. 401, 108TH Cong., 1ST Sess. 2003, 2003 WL 22906957 (Leg.Hist.)  
MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG  
ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,  
2004, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HOUSE CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 108-401  
November 25, 2003

Mr. Young of Florida, from the Committee on conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2673]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2673) "making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Table of contents.
- Sec. 3. References.

DIVISION A-AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND  
RELATED AGENCIES PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS, 2004

- Title I-Agricultural Programs
- Title II-Conservation Programs
- Title III-Rural Development Programs
- Title IV-Domestic Food Programs
- Title V-Foreign Assistance and Related Programs
- Title VI-Related Agencies and Food and Drug Administration
- Title VII-General Provisions

DIVISION B-COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS, 2004

- Title I-Department of Justice
- Title II-Department of Commerce and Related Agencies
- Title III-The Judiciary
- Title IV-Department of State and Related Agency
- Title V-Related Agencies
- Title VI-General Provisions
- Title VII-Rescissions
- Title VIII-Alaskan Fisheries

The agreement includes bill language on reimbursements as proposed by both the House and the Senate and identical to language carried in fiscal year 2003.

#### WHITE HOUSE REPAIR AND RESTORATION

The conference agreement provides \$4,225,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

#### COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$4,502,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$4,000,000 as proposed by the House.

#### OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$4,109,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$10,551,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$9,000,000 as proposed by the House.

#### HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The bill deletes the separate appropriation for this council proposed by the Senate. Instead, the conference agreement provides funding under "White House Office", as proposed by the House but at a modified level.

#### OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$82,826,000 as proposed by the House instead of \$77,164,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement reflects reductions proposed by the House for information technology services (-\$1,500,000) and security services for the Office of Science and Technology Policy (-\$1,096,000) as well as a transfer back to this account for the core enterprise pilot program (+\$8,258,000). The conferees encourage the Administration to include all EOP funds for the core enterprise pilot program under this appropriation in the fiscal year 2005 budget request. The bill specifies that, of the total funding provided, \$20,578,000 is for capital investment plan activities as proposed by the Senate instead of \$17,470,000 as proposed by the House.

#### OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$67,159,000 instead of \$62,272,000 as proposed by the House and \$75,417,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Reception and representation expenses.-The bill includes \$3,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$1,500 as proposed by the House.

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.-The conferees direct that \$1,000,000 of the total funding provided in this appropriation be withheld from obligation until resolution of existing programmatic concerns by House conferees are addressed and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations approve of such obligation.

**Implementation of the Federal Data Quality Act.**-The conferees are concerned that agencies are not

complying fully with the requirements of the Federal Data Quality Act (FDQA). The conferees agree that data endorsed by the Federal Government should be of the highest quality, and that the public should have the opportunity to review the data disseminated by the Federal Government for its accuracy and have available to it a streamlined procedure for correcting inaccuracies. The Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) is directed to submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by June 1, 2004 on whether agencies have been properly responsive to public requests for correction of information pursuant to the FDQA, and suggest changes that should be made to the FDQA or OMB guidelines to improve the accuracy and transparency of agency science.

#### OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conferees agree to provide \$27,996,500 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$28,790,000 as proposed by the House. Of this amount, \$1,500,000 is provided as a grant to the National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws, as proposed by the House and Senate.

#### COUNTERDRUG TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT CENTER

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The conferees agree to provide \$42,000,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$40,000,000 as proposed by the House. Of this amount, the conferees agree to provide \$24,000,000 for the technology transfer program as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$22,000,000 as proposed by the House. The conferees direct ONDCP to report to the Committees on Appropriations, no later than December 31, 2003, on CTAC funding allocations, specifically providing a detailed spending plan for both the research and development program and the technology transfer program for fiscal years 2001-2003. In addition, the conferees direct the chief scientist to notify the Committees on Appropriations on how fiscal year 2004 funds will be spent, as well as to provide biannual reports on priority counterdrug enforcement research and development requirements and the status of projects funded by CTAC. Finally, the conferees direct ONDCP to include in the fiscal year 2005 budget request a specific accounting of the total number of grant applications received and the number awarded in the previous fiscal year.

#### FEDERAL DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMS

##### HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS PROGRAM

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The conferees agree to provide \$226,350,000 as proposed by the House and Senate. The conferees agree to provide that HIDTAs designated as of September 30, 2003 shall be funded at no less than the fiscal year 2003 initial allocation levels. The conferees provide that no funds in excess of the fiscal year 2004 budget request shall be obligated without prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations. Approval for the expenditure of these funds must be sought according to reprogramming guidelines.

#### OTHER FEDERAL DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMS

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The conferees agree to provide \$229,000,000 instead of \$230,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$174,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agree to provide \$145,000,000 for the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. In addition, the conferees agree to provide \$70,000,000 for Drug-Free Communities Support, of which \$1,000,000 is provided as a directed grant to the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America; \$7,200,000 for the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency; \$3,000,000 for the Counterdrug Intelligence Executive Secretariat; \$1,000,000 for the National Drug Court Institute; \$2,000,000 for Performance Measures Development; and \$800,000 for United States dues to the World Anti-Doping Agency.