

OBJECTIONABLE PROVISIONS IN CONFERENCE AGREEMENT ON H.R. 2107, FY 1998 INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS ACT BILL LANGUAGE

Earmarks of construction funds, as follows: - \$500,000 for the Rutherford B. Hayes Home - \$600,000 for Sotterly Plantation House - \$500,000 for Darwin Martin House in Buffalo, New York - \$500,000 for Penn Center, South Carolina

Earmark of \$1 million for the Vietnam Veterans Museum in Chicago, to be derived from the Historic Preservation Fund.

Earmark of \$3 million for the Hispanic Cultural Center in New Mexico (subject to authorization).

Prohibition on funding relocation of the Brooks River Lodge in Katmai National Park and Preserve from its current location.

Sec. 115 - Directed conveyance of the Bowden National Fish Hatchery in Randolph County, without reimbursement, to the State of West Virginia for its fish culture program.

Sec. 135 - Adds new section directing National Park Service to provide land in D.C. to the Corrections Corporation of America in exchange for land in Prince Georges County, Maryland.

Sec. 133 - Directs conveyance of BLM lands to Lander County, Nevada, without compensation.

Sec. 136 - Directs Army to provide, without compensation, two 6x6 vehicles, "in excellent operating condition", to the University of Alaska Fairbanks and to construct a bridge across the Bull River to the Golden Zone Mine Site to allow access by the School of Mineral Engineering of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Earmark of \$800,000 for the World Forestry Center for continuing scientific research on land exchange efforts in the Umpqua River Basin region.

Sec. 307 - Buy America restrictions.

Sec. 313 - Prohibition on expending funds to demolish the bridge between Ellis Island and Jersey City, New Jersey.

Sec. 343 - Prohibits recreational residence special use permit fee increases in Sawtooth National Forest prior to January 1, 1999.

Title V - Earmarks \$337 million of \$699 million provided for land acquisitions and exchanges for four specific projects, and eliminates specific criteria for determining priority land acquisitions and exchanges as added by Senate.

REPORT LANGUAGE

[NOTE: Statement of managers language endorses all Senate or House report language that is not specifically addressed in the conference report. Therefore, following list of objectionable items is not all-inclusive; other items in either the House or Senate reports are considered direction of the conferees.]

Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT: Management of Lands and Resources:

\$100,000 for the Alaska Gold Rush Centennial \$500,000 for DoD mapping project in Alaska \$200,000 for the Virgin River Basin Recovery plan \$500,000 for recreation resources management \$2.1 million for the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. \$700,000 for the Alaska resources library \$2.3 million for the Alaska conveyance \$1 million for the ALMRS \$200,000 for the Lewis and Clark Trail \$100,000 for the Iditarod National Historic Trail \$100,000 for the De Anza, California, Mormon Pioneer, Nez Perce, Oregon and Pony Express National Historic Trails and the Pacific Crest and Continental Divide National Scenic Trails. Wildland Fire Management:

\$700,000 to fund a type I hot-shot crew in Alaska \$1.925 million for redevelopment of the obsolete fire center in Billings, MT.

Land Acquisition:

\$11.2 million total. \$800,000 less than House. \$2.6 million more than Senate. All but \$3.75 million earmarked. Conference Report page 53

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:

Resource Management:

\$549.8 million (\$3.8 million more than House. \$9.8 million more than Senate). \$400,000 for the Alabama sturgeon. \$400,000 for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse. \$300,000 for a wolf reintroduction study in WA. \$1 million in habitat conservation: -\$50,000 for the Middle Rio Grande/Bosque program. -\$50,000 for Platte River studies. -\$100,000 for a Cedar City ecological services office. -\$750,000 for Washington salmon enhancement. -\$50,000 for the Vermont partners program. \$1 million for Salton Sea recovery planning in California. \$250,000 for migratory bird management. \$500,000 for hatchery operations and endangered species recovery. \$750,000 for fish and wildlife management: -\$100,000 for Yukon River monitoring. -\$300,000 for Atlantic Salmon conservation. -\$50,000 for the regional park processing center. -\$300,000 for whirling disease research. \$200,000 for the Caddo Lake Institute scholars program. \$1 million for the National Conservation Training Center of which \$560,000 should be used for the Iron County habitat conservation plan.

Construction:

\$45 million total. \$4.7 million more than House. \$3 million more than Senate. All but \$6.9 million earmarked. Conference Report page 56.

Land Acquisition:

\$62.6 million total. \$9.6 more than House. \$5.4 million more than Senate. All but \$11.5 million earmarked. Conference Report page 58.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE:

Operation of the Park System:

An increase of \$100,000 for the Northwest ecosystem office. An increase of \$920,000 for the Gettysburg NMP. \$2 million for special needs parks. \$250,000 for structure stabilization at Dry Tortugas National Park. \$50,000 for the Lewis and Clark Trail office. \$200,000 for technical assistance to the Lewis and Clark Trail. \$50,000 for the California and Pony Express trails. \$50,000 for the North Country Trail.

National Recreation and Preservation:

\$250,000 for the Lake Champlain program. \$150,000 for the Connecticut River Conservation partnership. \$100,000 for the Aleutian World War II National Historic Area. \$325,000 for the Delaware and Lehigh Navigational Canal \$65,000 for the Lower Mississippi Delta. \$285,000 for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. \$300,000 for the Wheeling National Heritage Area.

Construction:

\$215 million total. \$66.7 million more than the House. \$41.6 million more than the Senate. All but \$58.3 million earmarked. Conference Report page 64.

Land Acquisition:

\$143 million total. \$14 million more than the House. \$16.4 million more than the Senate. All but \$5.5 million earmarked. Conference Report page 67.

#### UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY:

##### Surveys, Investigations, and Research:

\$3 million for the global seismographic network. \$1 million for the volcano hazards study in Alaska and Hawaii. \$2 million for the Alaska minerals at risk project. \$500,000 for Great Lakes Research. \$2 million for an Alaska mineral and geological data base.

##### Department of Agriculture

#### FOREST SERVICE:

##### Forest and Rangeland Research:

\$700,000 for the Rocky Mountain station forest health project. \$450,000 for the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry in Hawaii. \$500,000 for the fine hardwoods tree improvement project at Purdue University in Indiana. \$1.5 million additional funding for research at the Pacific Northwest station. \$300,000 for the Rocky Mountain Research Station.

##### State and Private Forestry:

\$500,000 for the Alaska Spruce Bark Beetle task force. \$2 million for stewardship incentives. \$2 million for the Mountains to Sound Greenway project in Washington State.

##### International Forestry:

\$230,000 for the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry.

##### National Forest System:

\$1 million for inventory and monitoring. \$500,000 for anadromous fish habitat management. \$2 million for grazing management. \$100,000 for Alaska gold rush centennial exhibits. \$100,000 for trail maintenance in the Pacific Northwest region. \$4 million for exotic and noxious plant management.

##### Reconstruction and Construction:

\$166 million total. \$11.5 million more than the House. \$10.4 million more than the Senate. All but \$88 million earmarked. Conference Report page 82.

##### Land Acquisition:

\$53 million total. \$8 million more than the House. \$4 million more than the Senate. All but \$11.3 million earmarked. Conference Report page 84.

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY:

##### Fossil Energy Research and Development:

\$650,000 for coal research to complete a hospital waste project at the veterans hospital in Lebanon, PA \$48.6 million for natural gas research: -\$45 million for advanced turbine systems. -\$1 million for the gas to liquids programs. -\$650,000 for technology development. -\$2 million for fuel cell systems. \$350,000 for oil technology. \$800,000 for cooperative research and development.

Energy Conservation:

\$1.5 million for the home energy rating system. \$100,000 for advanced desiccant technology. \$500,000 for Energy Star. \$100,000 for highly reflective surfaces. \$750,000 for codes and standards. \$1 million for the weatherization assistance program. \$250,000 for State energy program grants. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

Indian Health Facilities:

\$100,000 for the Montezuma Health Clinic in Utah. \$40,000 for sanitation facilities. \$588,000 for environmental health and support.

INST. OF AM. INDIAN AND AK NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT:

Construction:

\$4 million for the Dulles extension of the National Air and Space Museum. \$29 million just to begin construction of the National Museum of the American Indian Mall Museum.