

OBJECTIONABLE PROVISIONS IN S.2168, TITLE I, FY99 VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Committee notes that rural areas in Montana are particularly well suited for telemedicine technology to expand access to health care for veterans unable to visit VA facilities.

Committee provides \$1 million for the VA's first year costs to the Alaska Federal Health Care Partnership's proposal to develop an Alaska-wide telemedicine network to provide access to health services and health education information at VA, IHS, DOD and Coast Guard clinic facilities and linking remote installations and villages with tertiary health facilities in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Committee directs the Department to continue the seven-year demonstration project involving the Clarksburg, West Virginia VAMC and the Ruby Memorial Hospital at West Virginia University. Last year, the Committee approved a plus-up of \$2 million to the Clarksburg VAMC.

Committee urges the VA to develop a plan for providing gerontology services at Fort Howard VAMC in Baltimore County, Maryland.

Committee urges the VA to consider establishing community based outpatient clinics expeditiously in:

St. Johnsbury and Rutland, Vermont Petersburg and Franklin, West Virginia Anne Arundel County, Maryland Beaufort, Sumter, Rock Hill and Orangeburg, South Carolina

Committee urges the VA to continue to support the Depleted Uranium Follow-Up Program at the Baltimore VAMC.

Committee urges the VA to complete testing of a fluidized bed combustor at the Lebanon, Pennsylvania VAMC which will utilize Pennsylvania mined anthracite coal with the safe and economic disposal of infectious hospital wastes. This energy source will provide steam and heat to run the recently closed laundry services at the Lebanon veterans medical facility.

Committee urges VA to provide support for a diabetes prevention research and demonstration pilot to develop a diabetes prevention program targeted at exercise, nutrition, and the latest geriatric expertise. The committee recommends that the pilot be conducted at three VAMC's located near accredited schools of public health, most likely located in South Carolina, Maryland and Missouri.

Committee urges the VA and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism in Rockville, Maryland to establish joint research programs on the epidemiology, cause, prevention and treatment of alcoholism.

Committee encourages collaboration between the VA and the U.S. Army Medical and Material Command in Fort Detrick, Maryland to fund neurofibromatosis research.

NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM

Committee adds \$7.5 million in funding for the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in Missouri gravesite development which will provide 13,200 gravesites for full casket interments.

Committee notes the need for veteran cemeteries in Southeast and north-central Missouri.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Committee adds \$28.3 million in funding for the Cleveland Wade Park ambulatory care renovation project in Ohio.

Committee adds \$9.5 million in funding for the Lebanon, Pennsylvania VAMC for nursing unit renovations including providing patients with increased privacy.

Committee encourages the VA to fund the \$1.8 million modernization project of the Fort Harrison VAMC sewage treatment system and to coordinate efforts with the DOD, the Montana Army National Guard, the State of Montana and the city of Helena.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

Committee notes the need for additional funding for State veterans homes in: St. Louis, Missouri Mount Vernon, Missouri Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Spring City, Pennsylvania (replace the boiler plant) Grand Island, Nebraska (replace the dietary facility)

A. HUD Earmarks Contained in the Bill

I. Section 8 Housing

Earmark of \$4,000,000 in Section 8 Housing assistance for Los Angeles, CA.

Earmark of \$4,000,000 in Section 8 Housing assistance for Cleveland, OH.

Earmark of \$4,000,000 in Section 8 Housing assistance for Kansas City, MO.

Earmark of \$4,000,000 in Section 8 Housing assistance for Charlotte, NC.

Earmark of \$4,000,000 in Section 8 Housing assistance for Miami/Dade County, FL.

Earmark of \$4,000,000 in Section 8 Housing assistance for Prince Georges County, MD.

Earmark of \$4,000,000 in Section 8 Housing assistance New York City, NY.

Earmark of \$4,000,000 in Section 8 Housing assistance for Anchorage, AK.

II. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Earmark of \$1,800,000 for Dillard University in New Orleans.

III. Additional Exemptions or Set Asides in Bill

Sec. 220 HOME funds made available to the city of Bismarck, North Dakota for the purpose of modernizing the Crescent Manor Public Housing project located at 107 East Bowen Avenue in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Sec. 221 CDBG and HOME exemption. Allows the city of Oxnard, CA to use CDBG and HOME funds to reimburse the City for its costs in purchasing 19.89 acres of land, more or less, located at the northwest corner of Lombard Street and Camino del Sol in the City, on the North side of the 2100 block of Camino del Sol for the purpose of providing affordable housing. VI. New Office Created in Bill and Committee Report

Establishment of an office of Rural Housing and Economic Development within the Office of Housing to administer rural housing and economic development program. This unauthorized office is to be funded \$35,000,000 for FY99 and is similar, if not duplicative of the office at USDA.

Earmarks & Set Asides Contained in the Committee Report

I. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Earmark of \$2,500,000 for the University of Alaska Museum, Anchorage, AK

Earmark of \$350,000 for the Nowlien Library in Fairbanks, AK.

Earmark of \$500,000 for the Homer Dock in Homer, AK.

Earmark of \$2,000,000 for the University of Missouri for the Center of Life Sciences.

Earmark of \$700,000 for the Little Sisters of the Poor in Kansas City, MO, for the renovation and reconstruction of affordable housing.

Earmark of \$350,000 for the Guadalupe Center in Kansas City, MO.

Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries for infrastructure repair.

Earmark of \$1,500,000 for Provo, UT, for the revitalization of the historic downtown business center.

Earmark of \$500,000 for Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake City, Utah for the redevelopment of Gateway District.

Earmark of \$500,000 for SHARE House to build a new nonmedical detoxification center in Missoula County, MT.

Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the city of Durango, CO to develop the cultural arts complex of southwest Colorado.

Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the city of Aurora, CO, for the redevelopment of the Fitzsimmons Army base.

Earmark of \$600,000 for the Bethune-Cookman College.

Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the city of Brookhaven, MS, for renovating the historic Whitworth College buildings in Brookhaven, MS.

Earmark of \$500,000 for the city of Jackson, MS, for the creating of the youth entrepreneurship program.

Earmark of \$250,000 for renovation, accessibility and asbestos remediation for the Wellstone Neighborhood Center, Wellstone, MO.

Earmark of \$900,000 to support homeless initiatives with set asides for: -\$300,000 for the Bond Center in Pine Lawn, MO. -\$300,000 for the kitchens in Springfield, MO. -\$300,000 for Rose Brooks in Kansas City, MO.

Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the construction of the science complex at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA.

Earmark of \$1,000,000 for Project Social Care in Brooklyn, NY.

Earmark of \$2,000,000 for the Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, NM.

Earmark of \$1,250,000 for the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Resources for the construction and installation of interactive natural history exhibits.

Earmark of \$900,000 for the city of Rockingham, NC, for a neighborhood level park.

Earmark of \$250,000 for Blue Ridge Community College, NC for the Blue Ridge Environmental Training Center.

Earmark of \$250,000 for the Aycock recreational complex in Henderson, NC.

Earmark of \$250,000 for Edenton, NC for waterfront renovation.

Earmark of \$2,000,000 for the Pacific Science Center in Seattle, WA.

Earmark of \$500,000 for the renovation of the opera house in Enosburg Falls, VT.

Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the King Urban Life Center in Buffalo, NY for an early childhood school and community center.

Earmark of \$1,400,000 for Columbia University for its Audubon III project for New York City.

Earmark of \$1,500,000 for the restoration of Milo Creek in Kellogg and Wardner, ID.

Earmark of \$2,000,000 for Campbell University in Kentucky to implement job training partnership.

Earmark of \$2,000,000 for Jarrell TX, for a public park and a storm shelter.

Earmark of \$1,000,000 for a new science and mathematic facility at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL.

Earmark of \$500,000 for Calhoun County Community College Advance Manufacturing Center in Decatur, AL.

Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the city of Huntsville for the development of the Center of Early Southern life at Alabama Constitution Village.

Earmark of \$2,000,000 for Pittsburgh, PA to redevelopment the Sun Co./LTV Stell site in Hazelwood, PA.

Earmark of \$250,000 for the development of a business development center and a job training center in the under served communities of central and south Philadelphia.

Earmark of \$750,000 for the Wilkes-Barre, PA for a downtown revitalization project.

Earmark of \$1,200,000 for the development of the Riverbend Research and Training Park in Post Falls, ID.

Earmark of \$600,000 for Marguerite's Place, a shelter for battered women in Nashua, NH.

Earmark of \$300,000 for Keystone Hall, a drug and rehabilitation center in Nashua, NH.

Earmark of \$100,000 for Southern New Hampshire Services for homeless outreach in Nashua, NH

Earmark of \$500,000 for the Chabot Observatory and Science Center in California.

Earmark of \$250,000 for the city of Oceanside, CA for activities with economic redevelopment.

Earmark of \$250,000 for Alameda County, CA homeless base conversion.

Earmark of \$500,000 for Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA for the Agricultural Business Resource Center project.

Earmark of \$500,000 for the San Bernardino International Airport in California activities associated with the base conversion project.

Earmark of \$500,000 to the city of Los Angeles, CA for the activities associated with economic redevelopment of Santa Barbara Plaza.

Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Lake Champlain Science Center in Vermont.

Earmark of \$1,000,000 to the City of Barer, VT for downtown development.

Earmark of \$300,000 for Bennington, VT, for regional affordable housing.

Earmark of \$200,000 for Burlington, VT for a multi- generational center.

Earmark of \$800,000 for work associated with the development of the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge Interpretive Center in Dubuque, IA.

Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the restoration of the Warrior Hotel in Sioux City, IA to be used for adult day care and other direct services.

Earmark of \$700,000 for revitalization in the Cedar Rapids, IA southside neighborhood development project.

Earmark of \$750,000 for the New Jersey Community Development Corp. to rehabilitate a site in Paterson, NJ, to establish an employment opportunity center.

Earmark of \$750,000 for Cumberland County, NJ for the city of Bridgeton redevelopment project.

Earmark of \$500,000 for Covenant House to construct residential and community service center in Newark, NJ.

Earmark of \$500,000 for New Community Corp. to develop abandoned property in Newark, NJ.

Earmark of \$2,500,00 for the construction of a science/ computer teaching center at Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia.

Earmark of \$2,000,000 for the work associated with the construction of the Community Resource Center at Kuhio Homes/Kuhio Park Terrace in Hawaii.

Earmark of \$500,000 to the city of Ozark, AR for the economic development of its downtown area.

Earmark of \$500,000 to the Turtle Mountain Chippewa educational complex in North Dakota.

Earmark of \$250,000 to the Atlantic Beach Community Development Corp. in Horry county, SC, for activities associated with economic development in Horry County.

Earmark of \$250,000 to the School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina to consolidate its programs in a new central location.

Earmark of \$1,500,000 to the city of Milwaukee for the second phase of the riverwalk development in Milwaukee's historic third ward.

Earmark of \$1,000,000 to the city of Sioux Falls, SD, for the downtown restoration and redevelopment purposes.

Earmark of \$400,000 to the Greater Huron Development Corp. for economic development efforts in the Huron, SD, community.

Earmark of \$400,000 to the Northern Hills Community Development Corp, for economic development efforts in Lead, South Dakota community.

Earmark of \$350,000 to the city of Woonsocket, SD, for infrastructure improvements at the city's industrial park.

Earmark of \$200,000 to the city of Mobridge, SD, for economic development expansion and development purposes.

Earmark of \$200,000 to the Mitchell Economic Development Corp. to construct an access road and make improvements at the Railroad Industrial Park in Mitchell, SD.

Earmark of \$500,000 for the restoration of the Boston Symphony Hall.

Earmark of \$250,000 to the Antelope Valley for the redevelopment of east downtown Lincoln, NE.

Earmark of \$250,000 for phase two of the Portland central city streetcar project in Portland, OR.

Earmark of \$200,000 for the development of biotechnology facility at the University of Connecticut.

Earmark of \$200,000 to the Inner City Education and Recreation Foundation in Chicago, IL, to rehabilitate vacant inner city parcel.

Earmark of \$200,000 for development efforts in the Scottsdale subdivision north of Harrisburg, LA.

Earmark of \$200,000 for development of the Wing Luke Museum in the international district of Seattle, WA.

Earmark of \$100,000 for renovation and development of John Carroll University's Bahannon Science Center in Cleveland, OH.

Earmark of \$100,000 to the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development for economic development activities in Kentucky.

Earmark of \$250,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Las Vegas, NV for activities associated with the renovation and expansion of existing education and recreation facility.

Earmark of \$1,350,000 to Prince George's County, MD, for work associated with the Manchester Square Redevelopment Project in Suitland, MD.

Earmark of \$1,350,000 for economic development and revitalization in the southern Silver Spring business district.

Earmark of \$1,500,000 to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to establish a National Pediatric Functional Imaging Center, to serve as a job training site for individuals with neurological impairments, located in a federally designated empowerment zone.

Earmark of \$100,000 to Payne Memorial Outreach Inc. in Baltimore, MD, for economic development efforts related to the 1701 Madison Avenue Redevelopment Project.

Earmark of \$400,000 for Garrett County, MD for activities associated with the Highview Apartments redevelopment project in Oakland, MD.

II. 202/ Sec. 8 Public Housing

HUD is directed to provide \$1,000,000 to the Maryland Department of Housing and Urban Development for work associated with the building of Caritas House and expansion of the St. Ann Adult Medical Day care facility.

III. Other -- Committee Recommendations

Committee supports efforts by the University of San Francisco as it works to complete construction for its center for International Business Education.

Committee notes that a project at the University of San Diego related to scientific education and outreach is eligible for funding under the EDI program.

Committee encourages HUD to provide CDBG funding to Visitacion Valley in San Francisco for the development of a senior center and four child care centers as part of their revitalization efforts.

From the title V program funding the committee urges HUD to collaborate with Swope Parkway Health center in Kansas City and other community health centers to develop systems of urban community health care.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

BILL LANGUAGE

STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

- \$75,000,000 for architectural, engineering, planning, design, construction and related activities in connection with the construction of high priority water and wastewater facilities in the area of the United States-Mexico Border.

- \$30,000,000 for grants to the State of Alaska to address drinking water and wastewater infrastructure needs of rural and Alaska Native Villages.

- Language which restricts the EPA from entering into, or implementing, agreements that enable the export of government owned ships to be dismantled in foreign countries unless the EPA Administrator certifies to Congress that the country's environmental standards are comparable to the environmental standards imposed and enforced under United States law.

REPORT LANGUAGE

I. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Earmark of \$1,750,000 for the National Jewish Medical and Research Center located in Denver, Colorado for research on the relationship between indoor and outdoor pollution and the development of respiratory diseases.

- Earmark of \$2,000,000 for the National Environmental Respiratory Center at the Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

- Earmark of \$2,500,000 for the Gulf Coast Hazardous Substance Research Center, Beaumont, Texas.

- Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Texas Regional Institute for Environmental Studies to test cost-effective environmental restoration technologies.

- Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Institute for Environmental and Industrial Science at Southwest Texas State University.

- Earmark of \$1,000,000 for research on perchlorate treatment technologies, managed by the American Water Works Association Research Foundation in Denver, Colorado on behalf of the East Valley Water District.

- Earmark of \$1,250,000 for continuation of the California PM-10/PM-2.5 air quality study.

- Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Alabama Center for Estuarine Studies.

- Earmark of \$2,000,000 for the Center for Environmental Research, Education, and Training at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County for research on watershed science, ecological and environmental impacts of urban and suburban development, fate and transport of contaminants from urban and rural land use, and analysis of large spatial data sets vital to EPA's mission.

- Earmark of \$6,000,000 for the Mine Waste Technology Program and the Heavy Metal Water Program at the National Environmental Waste Technology, Testing and Evaluation Center located in Butte, Montana.

- Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Water Environment Research Foundation in Alexandria, Virginia.

- Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the American Water Works Association Research Foundation located in Denver, Colorado.
- Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center in Houston, Texas.
- EPA urged to fund a study at the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources in conjunction with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, of the malformation of frogs.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

- Earmark of \$8,000,000 for the National Rural Water Association.
- Earmark of \$400,000 for the Groundwater Protection Council.
- Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the National Environmental Training Center and West Virginia University.
- Earmark of \$1,550,000 for the Small Flows Clearinghouse located in West Virginia.
- Earmark of \$1,250,000 for the national onsite wastewater treatment demonstration project through the Small Flows Clearinghouse in West Virginia.
- Earmark of \$ 3,000,000 for the demonstration project involving leaking storage tanks in Alaska.
- Earmark of \$3,000,000 for the Southwest center for Environmental Research and Policy.
- Earmark of \$500,000 for the continuation of the small water system cooperative initiative at Montana State University.
- Earmark of \$500,000 for the Small Public Water System Technology Center at Western Kentucky University.
- Earmark of \$500,000 for the Small Public Water System Technology Center at the University of Missouri-Columbia.
- Earmark of \$500,000 for the small public water system technology center at the University of New Hampshire.
- Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the water quality monitoring in the Tennessee River basin through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.
- Earmark of \$500,000 to conduct demonstration projects to aid communities on the islands of Molokai and Maui to meet successfully the water quality permitting requirements for rehabilitating native Hawaiian fishponds.
- Earmark of \$5,000,000 under section 104(b) of the Clean Water Act for America's Clean Water Foundation located in Washington, DC for implementation of onfarm environmental assessments for hog production operations.
- Earmark of \$500,000 for the Coordinated Tribal Water Quality Program through the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission in Olympia, Washington.
- Earmark of \$550,000 for the continuation of the Idaho water initiative to reduce waste and improve quality in water affecting aquaculture and confined animals industries.
- Earmark of \$500,000 for the dioxin in the Ohio River basin.
- Earmark of \$3,000,000 to continue the sediment decontamination technology demonstration in the New York-New Jersey Harbor.

- Earmark of \$2,500,000 for the King County, WA, molten carbonate fuel cell demonstration project.
- Earmark of \$800,000 for the National Center for Vehicle Emissions Control and Safety located in Ft. Collins, Colorado for onboard diagnostic research.
- Earmark of \$250,000 for the pilot program to evaluate the most cost effective technologies for treating nonpoint sources of phosphorus in the Lake Sammamish, WA, watershed.
- Earmark of \$250,000 to work with farmers and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Vermont to adopt best management practices to reduce phosphorus runoff into Lake Memphremagog.
- Earmark of \$2,000,000 for the New York City Watershed Protection Program.
- Earmark of \$750,000 for the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program.
- Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Lake Champlain management plan.
- Earmark of \$2,000,000 for the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute's Missouri watershed initiative project.
- Earmark of \$500,000 for the Small Business Pollution Prevention Center at the University of Northern Iowa.
- Earmark of \$750,000 for the painting and coating compliance enhancement project through the Iowa Waste Reduction Center.
- Earmark of \$300,000 for the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management.
- Earmark of \$2,500,000 for the Michigan Biotechnology Institute for development and demonstration of environmental cleanup technologies.
- Earmark of \$500,000 for the Ala Wai Canal watershed improvement project in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Earmark of \$200,000 for the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to develop agriculturally based remediation technologies.
- Earmark of \$100,000 for the city of Philadelphia to study the impact on the Delaware River watershed of vacant and abandoned land in Philadelphia.
- Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Animal Waste Management Consortium through the University of Missouri, acting with Iowa State University, North Carolina University, Michigan State University, Oklahoma State University and Purdue University to supplement ongoing research, demonstration, and outreach projects associated with animal waste management.
- Earmark of \$2,000,000 for the University of Missouri Agroforestry Center to support the agroforestry floodplain initiative on nonpoint source pollution.
- Earmark of \$300,000 for the Dry Creek Channel project in Sandy, UT, to design and implement a nonpoint source project in conjunction with the ongoing Jordan River nonpoint source project.
- Earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Columbia basin ground water management assessment.
- Earmark of \$1,500,000 for the city of West Palm Beach, FL, for its wetlands-based potable water reuse program including storm water and wastewater recycling.
- Earmark of \$500,000 for the Urban Rivers Awareness Program at the Academy of Natural Science in Philadelphia to develop a new environmental science program.

- Earmark of \$200,000 to develop a technical guidance manual for use by permit reviewers and product specifiers to ensure appropriate uses of preserved wood in applications including housing, piers, docks, bridges, utility poles, and railroad ties.

- Earmark of \$2,000,000 for the State of Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a clandestine metamphetamine lab cleanup project.

- Earmark of \$100,000 to continue the Design for the Environment for Farmers Program to address the environmental concerns of the American Pacific Area and the need to develop and adopt sustainable agricultural practices for fragile tropical ecosystems.

- Earmark of \$200,000 for the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for environmental education activities.

- EPA encouraged to consider favorably the application for sustainable development challenge grant submitted by Envision Utah.

- EPA encouraged to support the efforts of Brazos River Authority and Tarleton State University.

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE-SUPERFUND

- EPA encouraged to review favorably a request from the city of Charlotte, NC for a brownfields demonstration pilot.

- EPA directed to consider the city of Renton, WA request for federal cost-sharing.

- EPA encouraged to review favorably a brownfields grant request from the city of St. Louis, MO.

LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND

Increase of \$3,790,000 above the Budget Request.

STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

- \$100,000,000 for special needs infrastructure grants, earmarked for 39 specified projects.

- An earmark of \$3,000,000 from the border infrastructure funds to be allocated to Brownsville, TX for use in its initial environmental assessment and planning.