

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 (S.1234) DIRECTIVE LANGUAGE AND EARMARKS

Report Language Provisions Overseas Private Investment Corporation: Directs the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) to support establishment of a new \$200 million

Maritime Fund using United States commercial maritime expertise. Earmark is included as Section 539 in the bill text.

University Development Assistance Programs: The Committee annually earmarks or "recommends" funding for specific universities around the United States without benefit of competitive analytical processes to determine the value of the activity and whether it can best be done in an alternate manner.

The following universities are expected to continue to receive such funds:

University of Hawaii, to train health care and social workers;

University of Northern Iowa, to incorporate democratic concepts and practices into schools and teachers education programs;

Washington State University for water research in the Middle East;

Purdue University, for water research in the Middle East;

South Carolina University, for water research in the Middle East;

Mississippi State University, at least \$500,000 for water research in Turkey;

George Mason University, for health care in developing countries;

San Diego University Foundation Middle East Development Program, to promote dialogue among Middle Eastern experts on water planning;

Boise State University, \$3 million to establish a business school in Vietnam;

University of Idaho, \$300,000, to train engineers in Guatemala in water management;

Utah State University, to establish, with \$2.1 million, a World Irrigation Training Center;

University of South Alabama, \$1 million to monitor birth defects in Ukraine;

Auburn University, \$450,000 to continue its relationship with Osmania University in India;

University of Louisville, Spalding University, University of Indiana/Purdue, University of Wisconsin, University of Maine and Notre Dame, to continue to support the establishment of an American University in Jordan;

St. Thomas University, Miami, Florida, \$5 million to continue to encourage and promote democratic principles in Africa;

University of Idaho, at least \$485,000 for the university's Post Harvest Institute for Perishables under the Collaborative Agribusiness Support Program;

Montana State University-Bozeman: \$1 million for soil management, recommended to be conducted at MSU-Bozeman;

Washington State University: AID is expected to work with WSU to establish small business development centers in Romania and Russia;

Maintenance of Protea Germplasm: Directs AID to consider and fund if meritorious a joint proposal from the South Africa and United States protea industries;

Tropical Plant and Animal Research Initiative: AID is urged to consider a joint application from Israel and Hawaii to collaborate on research regarding the competitiveness of the tropical fish and plant global market.

International Fertilizer Development Center: "at least" \$4 million is earmarked for the center.

Pacific Islands Renewable Energy Demonstration: AID is urged to allocate \$500,000 for the Pacific International Center for High Technology Research.

Soils Management Collaborative Research Support Program: The Committee recommends that AID fund the program for as much as is necessary for the achievement of the goals of all approved projects.

Opportunities Industrialization Centers, International: at least \$1 million is earmarked to enable OIC International in Minnesota to continue its transition to private sector funding. U.S. Telecommunications Training Institute: earmarks \$500,000 for the USTTI.

Mitch McConnell Conservation Fund: earmarks \$500,000 for the Charles Darwin Research Station and the Charles Darwin Foundation to support research on the Galapagos Islands.

Johns Hopkins University's centers in Bologna, Italy, and Nanjing, China [the Committee directs that at least \$600,000 be provided the Nanjing center, noting its disappointment with AID for not being sufficiently attentive to that institution's funding.

Medical Relief: \$7 million is earmarked for Carelift International, Philadelphia, to continue and expand its operations in needy countries.

Orphanages: \$4 million is recommended for improving orphanage facilities in Russia, the funding to be provided through Rotary International, the Anchorage Interfaith Council, and the Municipality of Anchorage.

Bill Language:

International Law Enforcement Academy for the Western Hemisphere, Roswell, New Mexico: The bill earmarks \$5 million for establishment of an International Law Enforcement Academy for the Western Hemisphere, to be located at the deBremmond Training Center in Roswell, NM. Global Environment Facility: the bill earmarks \$25 million as the U.S. contribution to the Global Environment Facility. Bilateral Economic Assistance:

Note: The report accompanying S.1234 uses the influence of the Appropriations Committee to ensure that funds go to specified organizations without regard for alternative means of accomplishing desired objectives, which in most cases are inarguably worthwhile:

Tuberculosis: Specifies the American Lung Association and the American Thoracic Society as nongovernmental organizations that should be supported.

Maternal Health: Encourages AID to provide \$4 million to Maternal Life International to reduce maternal mortality and provide health care for HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Iodine Deficiency: Recommends that AID provide \$2 million in Child Survival funds to Kiwanis International via UNICEF.

Polio Eradication: Provides \$25 million and encourages the provision by AID of funds for Rotary International.
Vitamins for At-Risk Women, Infants and Children: Encourages provision by AID of \$2.8 million to Magee Womancare International to develop a program for children in orphanages.

Hepatitis: Encourages AID to support the Ramses Foundation in its work in Egypt.

Orphans, Displaced, and Blind Children: Recommends AID provide at least \$1 million through Helen Keller International for its work with displaced children and orphans.

American Schools and Hospitals Abroad: The Appropriations Committee regularly allocates funds for specific institutions, usually the same institutions every year, under the American Schools and Hospitals Abroad program. The following are specified as deserving of further support:

American University in Beirut;

The Lebanese American University (formerly Beirut University College)

Hadassah Medical Organization Feinberg Graduate School of the Weizmann Institute of Science,

Israel University College Dublin: AID is requested to consider funding the establishment of a Center of American Studies at the Dublin center.

Lebanon: earmarks minimum of \$4 million for the American University of Beirut, Lebanese American University and International College and recognizes the "commendable efforts" of the YMCA of Lebanon.

India: \$250,000 for healthcare in the Sringeri region of India should be administered by the Sharada Dhanvantari Charitable Hospital.

Tibet: AID is urged to support development projects sponsored by the Bridge Fund.

Promoting Economic Growth: Supports \$9 million to fund the International Center for Economic Growth's Global Stability Project to implement a "third generation" macroeconomic model.

Patrick Leahy War Victims Fund: Recommends that \$10 million be allocated for activities carried out by the Patrick Leahy Fund.

Palestinian-Israeli Cooperation Program: The Committee recommends \$600,000 for the program, which seeks to facilitate the establishment of cooperative projects in medicine, science, the arts, and children's activities.

Distance Learning Technology: AID is urged to maintain funding for programs oriented toward legal reform in Central and Eastern Europe, including through the Central and Eastern European Law Institute.