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## Chapter 1 : Library Resource Finder: Staff View for: An Act Making Appropriations for Agricul

*Agriculture, rural development, and related agencies appropriations for fiscal year hearings before a subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate, One Hundred Fourth Congress, first session, on H.R. , an act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending.*

The bill funds important agricultural and food programs and services, including food and medical product safety, animal and plant health programs, rural development and farm services, agricultural trade, financial marketplace oversight, and nutrition programs. The legislation prioritizes this funding for programs supporting rural communities, farmers, ranchers, food and drug safety, rural infrastructure, and nutrition for those in need. In addition, the bill contains several policy provisions to rein in unnecessary and burdensome regulations that harm U. Yet, these are the people that raise our cattle, work in the factories that dot rural landscapes, and till the land in order to provide food for our plate. This bill today continues to fulfill the commitment President Trump made to invest in rural America. As a country, we cannot allow large sections of our population to be cut off from the rest of the world, and therefore, be cut off from economic opportunities. These programs help create an environment for economic growth by providing business and housing opportunities and building sustainable rural infrastructure for the modern economy. Critical Infrastructure “ The legislation includes responsible investments in infrastructure to help rural areas of the country access basic utilities. Funding is included through loan and grants including the Broadband Loan, Community Connect, Distance Learning and Telemedicine programs and a broadband pilot program. The intent of these funds is to support novel medical technology that will lower costs, provide higher quality, and deliver greater regulatory predictability. This funding will support research at all ARS facilities to help mitigate and stop devastating crop diseases, improve food safety and water quality, increase production, and combat antimicrobial resistance. Continued investment in ARS buildings and facilities is included to ensure researchers have the facilities needed to maintain a safe, stable, and abundant food supply. This funding also includes important research investments in U. This funding will support programs to help control or eradicate plant and animal pests and diseases that can be crippling to U. The funding level provides increases that will help address harmful pests and diseases such as citrus greening disease and spotted lantern fly while maintaining increases over the past two years for feral hogs, Roseau cane activities, low pathogenic avian influenza indemnity, and wildlife damage management. This funding will continue support for various farm, conservation, and emergency loan programs, and will help American farmers and ranchers. It will also ensure customer service through full staffing of local county Farm Service Agency offices, including additional funding for farm loan officers, and meet estimates of demand for farm loan programs. The funding provided will maintain nearly 8, frontline inspection personnel for meat, poultry, and egg products at more than 6, facilities across the country. This targeted increase will support cybersecurity initiatives, financial technology, and systemic risk examinations. This funding level will ensure robust swaps, futures, and options markets while prioritizing resources and giving flexibility for enforcement and market oversight. These programs seek to reduce chronic hunger and increase food security by providing American-grown food, transported by U. Food and Nutrition Programs “ The legislation contains discretionary funding, as well as mandatory funding required by law, for food and nutrition programs within the Department of Agriculture. Because of robust prior-year funding and declining enrollments in the program, WIC has large carryover balances left over from previous years. This funding will provide free or reduced-price school lunches and snacks for 31 million children who qualify for the program. In addition, the bill continues funding for a pilot program that provides additional funds through SNAP or WIC electronic benefit transfer EBT cards to ensure children in underserved communities receive food during the summer months. For the draft bill text, please visit:

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## Chapter 2 : Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year

*Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, , and for other purposes.*

Any reference to a report accompanying this Act contained in division A shall be treated as a reference to Senate Report 467. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division A and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division A. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division B and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division B. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division C and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division C. The effect of such Report shall be limited to division D and shall apply for purposes of determining the allocation of funds provided by, and the implementation of, division D. A Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, , and for other purposes, namely: I Bureau of land management Management of lands and resources For necessary expenses for protection, use, improvement, development, disposal, cadastral surveying, classification, acquisition of easements and other interests in lands, and performance of other functions, including maintenance of facilities, as authorized by law, in the management of lands and their resources under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, including the general administration of the Bureau, and assessment of mineral potential of public lands pursuant to section a of Public Law 96467 16 U. Provided, That 25 percent of the aggregate of all receipts during the current fiscal year from the revested Oregon and California Railroad grant lands is hereby made a charge against the Oregon and California land-grant fund and shall be transferred to the General Fund in the Treasury in accordance with the second paragraph of subsection b of title II of the Act of August 28, 43 U. Range improvements For rehabilitation, protection, and acquisition of lands and interests therein, and improvement of Federal rangelands pursuant to section of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 43 U. Service charges, deposits, and forfeitures For administrative expenses and other costs related to processing application documents and other authorizations for use and disposal of public lands and resources, for costs of providing copies of official public land documents, for monitoring construction, operation, and termination of facilities in conjunction with use authorizations, and for rehabilitation of damaged property, such amounts as may be collected under Public Law 94467 43 U. Provided, That notwithstanding any provision to the contrary of section a of Public Law 94467 43 U. Provided further, That any such moneys that are in excess of amounts needed to repair damage to the exact land for which funds were collected may be used to repair other damaged public lands. Miscellaneous trust funds In addition to amounts authorized to be expended under existing laws, there is hereby appropriated such amounts as may be contributed under section of Public Law 94467 43 U. Administrative provisions The Bureau of Land Management may carry out the operations funded under this Act by direct expenditure, contracts, grants, cooperative agreements and reimbursable agreements with public and private entities, including with States. Provided, That notwithstanding Public Law 90467 44 U. Provided further, That projects to be funded pursuant to a written commitment by a State government to provide an identified amount of money in support of the project may be carried out by the Bureau on a reimbursable basis. Appropriations herein made shall not be available for the destruction of healthy, unadopted, wild horses and burros in the care of the Bureau or its contractors or for the sale of wild horses and burros that results in their destruction for processing into commercial products. Provided, That none of the funds appropriated for specific land acquisition projects may be used to pay for any administrative overhead, planning or other management costs. Cooperative endangered species conservation fund For expenses necessary to carry out section 6 of the Endangered Species Act of 16 U. National wildlife refuge fund For expenses necessary to

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implement the Act of October 17, 16 U. Multinational species conservation fund For expenses necessary to carry out the African Elephant Conservation Act 16 U. Provided further, That the Secretary shall apportion the remaining amount in the following manner: Provided further, That the amounts apportioned under this paragraph shall be adjusted equitably so that no State shall be apportioned a sum which is less than 1 percent of the amount available for apportionment under this paragraph for any fiscal year or more than 5 percent of such amount: Provided further, That the Federal share of planning grants shall not exceed 75 percent of the total costs of such projects and the Federal share of implementation grants shall not exceed 65 percent of the total costs of such projects: Provided further, That the non-Federal share of such projects may not be derived from Federal grant programs: Provided further, That any amount apportioned in to any State, territory, or other jurisdiction that remains unobligated as of September 30, , shall be reapportioned, together with funds appropriated in , in the manner provided herein. Administrative provisions The United States Fish and Wildlife Service may carry out the operations of Service programs by direct expenditure, contracts, grants, cooperative agreements and reimbursable agreements with public and private entities. Provided, That notwithstanding 44 U. Provided further, That the Service may accept donated aircraft as replacements for existing aircraft: Provided further, That notwithstanding 31 U. Provided, That funds appropriated under this heading in this Act are available for the purposes of section 5 of Public Law 95â€” Provided further, That such competitive grants shall be made without imposing the matching requirements in section b 3 of title 54, United States Code, to States and Indian tribes as defined in chapter of such title, Native Hawaiian organizations, local governments, including Certified Local Governments, and non-profit organizations. Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any project initially funded in fiscal year with a future phase indicated in the National Park Service 5-Year Line Item Construction Plan, a single procurement may be issued which includes the full scope of the project: Provided further, That the solicitation and contract shall contain the clause availability of funds found at 48 CFR Provided further, That National Park Service Donations, Park Concessions Franchise Fees, and Recreation Fees may be made available for the cost of adjustments and changes within the original scope of effort for projects funded by the National Park Service Construction appropriation: Provided further, That the Secretary of the Interior shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations, in accordance with current reprogramming thresholds, prior to making any charges authorized by this section. Provided, That not less than 50 percent of the total cost of each project or program shall be derived from non-Federal sources in the form of donated cash, assets, or a pledge of donation guaranteed by an irrevocable letter of credit. Administrative provisions including transfer of funds In addition to other uses set forth in section c 2 of title 54, United States Code, franchise fees credited to a sub-account shall be available for expenditure by the Secretary, without further appropriation, for use at any unit within the National Park System to extinguish or reduce liability for Possessory Interest or leasehold surrender interest. Such funds may only be used for this purpose to the extent that the benefitting unit anticipated franchise fee receipts over the term of the contract at that unit exceed the amount of funds used to extinguish or reduce liability. Franchise fees at the benefitting unit shall be credited to the sub-account of the originating unit over a period not to exceed the term of a single contract at the benefitting unit, in the amount of funds so expended to extinguish or reduce liability. For the costs of administration of the Land and Water Conservation Fund grants authorized by section a 2 B of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of Public Law â€” , the National Park Service may retain up to 3 percent of the amounts which are authorized to be disbursed under such section, such retained amounts to remain available until expended. Transfers may include a reasonable amount for FHWA administrative support costs. United states geological survey Surveys, investigations, and research For expenses necessary for the United States Geological Survey to perform surveys, investigations, and research covering topography, geology, hydrology, biology, and the mineral and water resources of the United States, its territories and possessions, and other areas as authorized by 43 U. Provided, That none of the funds provided for the ecosystem research activity shall be used to conduct new surveys on private property, unless specifically authorized in writing by the property owner: Provided further, That no part of this appropriation

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shall be used to pay more than one-half the cost of topographic mapping or water resources data collection and investigations carried on in cooperation with States and municipalities: Administrative provisions From within the amount appropriated for activities of the United States Geological Survey such sums as are necessary shall be available for contracting for the furnishing of topographic maps and for the making of geophysical or other specialized surveys when it is administratively determined that such procedures are in the public interest; construction and maintenance of necessary buildings and appurtenant facilities; acquisition of lands for gauging stations, observation wells, and seismic equipment; expenses of the United States National Committee for Geological Sciences; and payment of compensation and expenses of persons employed by the Survey duly appointed to represent the United States in the negotiation and administration of interstate compacts: Provided, That activities funded by appropriations herein made may be accomplished through the use of contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements as defined in section of title 31, United States Code: Provided further, That the United States Geological Survey may enter into contracts or cooperative agreements directly with individuals or indirectly with institutions or nonprofit organizations, without regard to 41 U. Provided, That this total appropriation shall be reduced by amounts collected by the Secretary and credited to this appropriation from additions to receipts resulting from increases to lease rental rates in effect on August 5, , and from cost recovery fees from activities conducted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, including studies, assessments, analysis, and miscellaneous administrative activities: Provided, That this total appropriation shall be reduced by amounts collected by the Secretary and credited to this appropriation from additions to receipts resulting from increases to lease rental rates in effect on August 5, , and from cost recovery fees from activities conducted by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, including studies, assessments, analysis, and miscellaneous administrative activities: Provided further, That for fiscal year , not less than 50 percent of the inspection fees expended by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement will be used to fund personnel and mission-related costs to expand capacity and expedite the orderly development, subject to environmental safeguards, of the Outer Continental Shelf pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act 43 U. Provided, That appropriations for the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement may provide for the travel and per diem expenses of State and tribal personnel attending Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement sponsored training. In addition, for costs to review, administer, and enforce permits issued by the Office pursuant to section of Public Law 95â€”87 30 U. Provided, That fees assessed and collected by the Office pursuant to such section shall be credited to this account as discretionary offsetting collections, to remain available until expended: Provided, That pursuant to Public Law 97â€”, the Department of the Interior is authorized to use up to 20 percent from the recovery of the delinquent debt owed to the United States Government to pay for contracts to collect these debts: Provided further, That funds made available under title IV of Public Law 95â€”87 may be used for any required non-Federal share of the cost of projects funded by the Federal Government for the purpose of environmental restoration related to treatment or abatement of acid mine drainage from abandoned mines: Provided further, That such projects must be consistent with the purposes and priorities of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act: Provided further, That amounts provided under this heading may be used for the travel and per diem expenses of State and tribal personnel attending Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement sponsored training. Provided, That such additional amount shall be used for economic and community development in conjunction with the priorities in section a of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 30 U. Provided further, That such additional amount shall be allocated to States and Indian Tribes within 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act. Bureau of indian affairs and bureau of indian education Operation of indian programs including transfer of funds For expenses necessary for the operation of Indian programs, as authorized by law, including the Snyder Act of November 2, 25 U. Provided, That in cases of designated Federal disasters, the Secretary may exceed such cap, from the amounts provided herein, to provide for disaster relief to Indian communities affected by the disaster: Provided further, That



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federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations of federally recognized Indian tribes may use their tribal priority allocations for unmet welfare assistance costs: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, including but not limited to the Indian Self-Determination Act of 25 U. Provided further, That any such unobligated balances not so transferred shall expire on September 30, Provided further, That in order to enhance the safety of Bureau field employees, the Bureau may use funds to purchase uniforms or other identifying articles of clothing for personnel. Contract support costs For payments to tribes and tribal organizations for contract support costs associated with Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act agreements with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for fiscal year , such sums as may be necessary, which shall be available for obligation through September 30, Provided, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, no amounts made available under this heading shall be available for transfer to another budget account. Provided, That such amounts as may be available for the construction of the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project may be transferred to the Bureau of Reclamation: Provided further, That not to exceed 6 percent of contract authority available to the Bureau of Indian Affairs from the Federal Highway Trust Fund may be used to cover the road program management costs of the Bureau: Provided further, That any funds provided for the Safety of Dams program pursuant to the Act of November 2, 25 U. Provided further, That such grants shall not be subject to section Provided further, That in considering grant applications, the Secretary shall consider whether such grantee would be deficient in assuring that the construction projects conform to applicable building standards and codes and Federal, tribal, or State health and safety standards as required by section b of title XI of Public Law 95â€” 25 U. Provided further, That if the Secretary declines a grant application, the Secretary shall follow the requirements contained in section f of Public Law â€” 25 U. Provided further, That any disputes between the Secretary and any grantee concerning a grant shall be subject to the disputes provision in section e of Public Law â€” 25 U. Provided further, That in order to ensure timely completion of construction projects, the Secretary may assume control of a project and all funds related to the project, if, within 18 months of the date of enactment of this Act, any grantee receiving funds appropriated in this Act or in any prior Act, has not completed the planning and design phase of the project and commenced construction: Provided further, That this appropriation may be reimbursed from the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians appropriation for the appropriate share of construction costs for space expansion needed in agency offices to meet trust reform implementation: Provided, That the Secretary shall make payments in such amounts as necessary to satisfy the total authorized amount for the Navajo Nation Water Rights Trust Fund. Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section of the Congressional Budget Act of Administrative provisions The Bureau of Indian Affairs may carry out the operation of Indian programs by direct expenditure, contracts, cooperative agreements, compacts, and grants, either directly or in cooperation with States and other organizations. Notwithstanding Public Law 87â€” 25 U. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds available to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for central office oversight and Executive Direction and Administrative Services except executive direction and administrative services funding for Tribal Priority Allocations, regional offices, and facilities operations and maintenance shall be available for contracts, grants, compacts, or cooperative agreements with the Bureau of Indian Affairs under the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination Act or the Tribal Self-Governance Act of Public Law â€” Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds available to the Bureau of Indian Education, other than the amounts provided herein for assistance to public schools under 25 U. No funds available to the Bureau of Indian Education shall be used to support expanded grades for any school or dormitory beyond the grade structure in place or approved by the Secretary of the Interior at each school in the Bureau of Indian Education school system as of October 1, , except that the Secretary of the Interior may waive this prohibition to support expansion of up to one additional grade when the Secretary determines such waiver is needed to support accomplishment of the mission of the Bureau of Indian Education, or more than one grade to expand the elementary grade structure for Bureau-funded schools with a Kâ€”2 grade structure on October 1, Funds made available under this Act may not be used to establish a charter school at a

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Bureau-funded school as that term is defined in section of the Education Amendments of 25 U. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including section of title I of appendix C of Public Law 101-508, if in fiscal year or a grantee received indirect and administrative costs pursuant to a distribution formula based on section 5 f of Public Law 101-508, the Secretary shall continue to distribute indirect and administrative cost funds to such grantee using the section 5 f distribution formula. Funds available under this Act may not be used to establish satellite locations of schools in the Bureau school system as of September 1, 1997, except that the Secretary may waive this prohibition in order for an Indian tribe to provide language and cultural immersion educational programs for non-public schools located within the jurisdictional area of the tribal government which exclusively serve tribal members, do not include grades beyond those currently served at the existing Bureau-funded school, provide an educational environment with educator presence and academic facilities comparable to the Bureau-funded school, comply with all applicable Tribal, Federal, or State health and safety standards, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, and demonstrate the benefits of establishing operations at a satellite location in lieu of incurring extraordinary costs, such as for transportation or other impacts to students such as those caused by busing students extended distances: Provided, That no funds available under this Act may be used to fund operations, maintenance, rehabilitation, construction or other facilities-related costs for such assets that are not owned by the Bureau: Provided further, That the term satellite school means a school location physically separated from the existing Bureau school by more than 50 miles but that forms part of the existing school in all other respects. Provided further, That funds made available through contracts or grants obligated during fiscal year 1997, as authorized by the Indian Self-Determination Act of 25 U. Webster III Memorial Area and any reference in a law, map regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the rest area shall be deemed to be a reference to the Peter B. Webster III Memorial Area ; Provided further, That the Secretary of the Interior shall accept and expend private contributions for the design, procurement, preparation, and installation of a plaque honoring Peter B. Webster III. Provided, That the amounts provided under this Act specifically for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program are the only amounts available for payments authorized under chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code: Provided further, That in the event the sums appropriated for any fiscal year for payments pursuant to this chapter are insufficient to make the full payments authorized by that chapter to all units of local government, then the payment to each local government shall be made proportionally: Provided further, That the Secretary may make adjustments to payment to individual units of local government to correct for prior overpayments or underpayments:

### Chapter 3 : Agriculture | Committee on Appropriations - Democrats

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