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FY 2001 Appropriations bill Conference Report..."*

GENERAL PROVISIONS--DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The conference agreement includes the following general provisions for the Department of Commerce:

Sec. 201.--The conference agreement includes section 201, included in both the House bill and the Senate-reported amendment, regarding certifications of advanced payments.

Sec. 202.--The conference agreement includes section 202, identical in the House bill and the Senate-reported amendment, allowing funds to be used for hire of passenger motor vehicles.

Sec. 203.--The conference agreement includes section 203, identical in the House bill and the Senate-reported amendment, prohibiting reimbursement to the Air Force for hurricane reconnaissance planes.

Sec. 204.--The conference agreement includes section 204, identical in the House bill and the Senate-reported amendment, prohibiting funds from being used to reimburse the Unemployment Trust Fund for temporary census workers. The Senate-reported amendment included a provision prohibiting reimbursements in relation to the 1990 decennial census.

Sec. 205.--The conference agreement includes section 205, as proposed in the House bill, regarding transfer authority among Commerce Department appropriation accounts. The Senate-reported amendment proposed to increase the percentage of funding available for transfer.

The conference agreement does not include section 206 of the House bill providing for the notification of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of a plan for transferring funds to appropriate successor organizations within 90 days of enactment of any legislation dismantling or reorganizing the Department of Commerce. The Senate bill did not contain a provision on this matter.

Sec. 206.--The conference agreement includes section 206, included in both the House bill and the Senate-reported amendment, requiring that any costs related to personnel actions incurred by a department or agency funded in title II of the accompanying Act be absorbed within the total budgetary resources available to such department or agency, with a modification to include loan collateral and grants protection.

Sec. 207.--The conference agreement includes section 207, as proposed in both the House bill and the Senate-reported amendment, allowing the Secretary to award contracts for certain mapping and charting activities in accordance with the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act.

Sec. 208.--The conference agreement includes section 208, as proposed in both the House bill and the Senate-reported amendment with minor technical changes, allowing the Department of Commerce Franchise Fund to retain a portion of its earnings from services provided.

Sec. 209.--The conference agreement includes section 209, modified from a provision in the Senate-reported amendment, to provide \$14,000,000 within the 'National Institute of Standards and Technology, Construction of Research Facilities' account, for four construction projects. Of this amount, \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Institute at Saint Anselm College, \$4,000,000 is for a cooperative agreement with the Medical University of South Carolina, \$3,000,000 is for the Thayer School of Engineering for the biocommodity and biomass research initiative, and \$3,000,000 is appropriated to establish the Institute for Information Infrastructure Protection at the Institute for Security Technology Studies. In addition, of the amounts provided within the NOAA PAC account, \$5,000,000 is provided for a grant to Pride, Inc.

Sec. 210.--The conference agreement includes a new provision, numbered as section 210, which establishes the Dr. Nancy Foster Memorial Scholarship program for advanced degrees in marine studies, as part of the National Marine Sanctuary Program.