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GENERAL PROVISIONS--DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Committee has included the following General Provisions for the Department of Commerce that were included in the fiscal year 2000 Appropriations Act:

Section 201 makes Commerce Department funds in the bill available for advanced payments only upon certification of officials designated by the Secretary that such payments are considered to be in the public interest.

Section 202 makes appropriations for the Department in the bill for salaries and expenses available for hire of passenger motor vehicles, and for services, uniforms and allowances as authorized by law.

Section 203 prohibits any of the funds in the bill to be used to support hurricane reconnaissance aircraft and activities that are under the control of the United States Air Force or the United States Air Force Reserve.

Section 204, modified as proposed, prohibits the use of Commerce Department funds in this or any previous Act from being used for the purpose of reimbursing the Unemployment Trust Fund or any other account of the Treasury to pay unemployment compensation for temporary Census workers for services performed in the conduct of the decennial census.

Section 205 provides the authority to transfer funds between Department of Commerce appropriation accounts. The language provides that no account may be decreased by more than 5 percent or increased by more than 10 percent. The language also makes the transfers subject to the Committee's standard reprogramming procedures.

Section 206 provides that should legislation be enacted to reorganize the Department of Commerce, the Secretary shall submit a plan for transferring such functions in accordance with the standard reprogramming procedures in this Act, and such reprogramming will not be subject to the limitations set forth in the standard procedures.

Section 207 provides that any costs incurred by the Department in response to funding reductions shall be absorbed within the total budgetary resources available to the Department and shall not be subject to the reprogramming limitations in this Act.

Section 208, allows the Secretary to award contracts for certain mapping and charting activities in accordance with the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act.

Section 209 allows the Department of Commerce franchise fund to retain a percentage of earnings from services provided for capital investments.