

Public Law 96-536  
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Joint Resolution

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[H.J. Res. 644]

Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1981, and for other purposes.

Further  
Continuing  
appropriations  
for fiscal year  
1981.

*Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units of the Government for the fiscal year 1981, and for other purposes, namely:*

SEC. 101. (a)(1) Such amounts as may be necessary for projects or activities (not otherwise specifically provided for in this joint resolution) for which appropriations, funds, or other authority would be available in the following appropriation Acts:

Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1981; and Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriation Act, 1981.

(2) Appropriations made by this subsection shall be available to the extent and in the manner which would be provided by the pertinent appropriation Act.

(3) Whenever the amount which would be made available or the authority which would be granted under an Act listed in this subsection as passed by the House as of October 1, 1980, is different from that which would be available or granted under such Act as passed by the Senate as of October 1, 1980, the pertinent project or activity shall be continued under the lesser amount or the more restrictive authority: *Provided*, That where an item is included in only one version of an Act as passed by both Houses as of October 1, 1980, the pertinent project or activity shall be continued under the appropriation, fund, or authority granted by the one House, but at a rate for operations not exceeding the current rate or the rate permitted by the action of the one House, whichever is lower, and under the authority and conditions provided in applicable appropriation Acts for the fiscal year 1980.

(4) Whenever an Act listed in this subsection has been passed by only the House as of October 1, 1980, the pertinent project or activity shall be continued under the appropriation, fund, or authority granted by the House, at a rate for operations not exceeding the rate permitted by the action of the House, and under the authority and conditions provided in applicable appropriation Acts for the fiscal year 1980, except section 201 of title II of the Departments of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1980 (H.R. 4389) as adopted by the House of Representatives on August 2, 1979.

(5) No provision which is included in an appropriation Act enumerated in this subsection but which was not included in the applicable appropriation Act of 1980, and which by its terms is applicable to

more than one appropriation, fund, or authority shall be applicable to any appropriation, fund, or authority provided in the joint resolution unless such provision shall have been included in identical form in such bill as enacted by both the House and the Senate.

(b) Notwithstanding section 10 of Public Law 91-672, the amendments made by sections 201 and 501 of Public Law 95-118, and section 15(a) of the Act entitled, "An Act to provide certain basic authority for the Department of State", approved August 1, 1956, as amended, such amounts as are necessary to carry out the rates and terms agreed to in the Conference Report 96-1536 as reported and agreed to December 13, 1980, for section 101(b) of H.J. Res. 637.

22 USC 2412.  
22 USC 286e-1f,  
285s, 285t.  
22 USC 2680.

(c) Such amounts as may be necessary for continuing projects and activities under all the conditions and to the extent and in the manner as provided in H.R. 7593, entitled the "Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1981", as passed the House of Representatives, July 21, 1980, and the provisions of H.R. 7593 shall be effective as if enacted into law; except that the provisions of section 309 of H.R. 7593 shall not apply to the General Accounting Office, and the last proviso under the heading "Government Printing Office, Office of Superintendent of Documents, Salaries and Expenses" in H.R. 7593 shall not apply, and the provisions of section 306 (a), (b), and (d) of H.R. 7593 (providing salary pay cap limitations for executive, legislative, and judicial employees and officials) shall apply to any appropriation, fund, or authority made available for the period October 1, 1980, through June 5, 1981, by this or any other Act. Notwithstanding section 102(c) of this joint resolution, for mileage of Members, as authorized by law, \$210,000.

5 USC 5318 note.

(d) Such amounts as may be necessary for continuing the following activities not otherwise provided for, which were conducted in fiscal year 1980, but at a rate for operations not in excess of the rate for fiscal year 1980: *Provided*, That no appropriation or fund made available or authority granted pursuant to this subsection shall be used to initiate or resume any project or activity for which appropriations, funds, or authority were not available during fiscal year 1980:

activities of the Council on Wage and Price Stability;

activities for which disbursements are made by the Secretary of the Senate, and the Senate items under the Architect of the Capitol;

activities of the National Health Service Corps under section 338(a) of the Public Health Service Act;

activities for support of nursing research under section 301 of the Public Health Service Act;

activities for support of health professions education and nurse training under titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act including authority to guarantee new loans under the Health Education Assistance Loans (HEAL) program;

activities under the Community Mental Health Centers Act; activities of the National Arthritis Advisory Board and the National Diabetes Advisory Board; and

activities under title IV, part A, subparts 2 and 3, and titles VII and VIII of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, except that activities under title VIII shall be conducted at not to exceed an annual rate for new obligations of \$200,000,000.

42 USC 254k.

42 USC 241.

42 USC 292, 296.

42 USC 2689 *et seq.*

29 USC 891, 893, 899, 907, 981, 991.

(e) Such amounts as may be necessary to permit payments and assistance mandated by law for the following activities under the terms, conditions and limitations included in the applicable appropriation Act for 1980:

30 USC 901.  
42 USC 1305.

20 USC 1071.  
Effective date.  
*Ante*, p. 1504.  
*Ante*, p. 1442.

activities under title IV of the Federal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1977;

activities under the Social Security Act;  
retirement pay and medical benefits for commissioned officers of the Public Health Service;

activities under title IV, part B, of the Higher Education Act; Notwithstanding paragraph 1393(a) of the Education Amendments of 1980, paragraph 446 of such amendments shall be effective on July 1, 1981;

notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution except section 102, activities of the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration for "Federal unemployment benefits and allowances" and "Advances to the unemployment trust fund and other funds"; and

activities of the Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration for "Special benefits" and "Black Lung Disability Trust Fund".

(f) Such amounts as may be necessary for Department of Energy, Operating Expenses, Energy Supply, Research and Development Activities, to continue the breeder reactor demonstration project, or such project alternative as may be approved by Congress in authorizing legislation, at the current rate of operations notwithstanding the provisions of section 102 (a) and (b) of this joint resolution.

(g) Activities of the Department of Health and Human Services to process, maintain, return or resettle Cuban and Haitian entrants shall be funded at not to exceed an annual rate provided in the budget estimate.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts appropriated to the State and Local Government Fiscal Assistance Trust Fund shall be available for payments to units of local government in accordance with the provisions and conditions set forth in the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972, as amended and as further amended by H.R. 7112 as enacted by the Congress, for a one-year entitlement period beginning October 1, 1980, but at not to exceed an annual rate for operations of \$4,566,700,000.

31 USC 1221  
note.  
*Post*, p. 3516.

Appropriation  
authorization.

(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution: There is appropriated an additional amount of \$46,700,000, to remain available until expended, for Department of Energy, Operating Expenses, Atomic Energy Defense Activities, and an additional amount of \$65,300,000, to remain available until expended, for Department of Energy, Plant and Capital Equipment, Atomic Energy Defense Activities, such amounts to be merged with and subject to the same provisions as amounts previously provided for such Activities in Public Law 96-367, Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act, 1981; section 120(b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2924) is amended by striking out "for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1978, and September 30, 1979,"; and appropriations and funds made available to the Appalachian Regional Commission, including the Appalachian Regional Development Programs, by this or any other Act shall be used by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the applicable appropriation Act and pursuant to the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, as amended, notwithstanding the provisions of section 405 of said Act.

*Ante*, p. 1331.  
42 USC  
1962d-5d.

40 USC app. 1.  
40 USC app. 405.

(j) Notwithstanding section 101(a) of this joint resolution, not to exceed \$1,850,000,000 shall be available for an annual rate for operations to continue the low-income energy assistance program under the State allocations provided for in H.R. 7998 as passed the House of Representatives August 27, 1980, and in House Report



96-1244, except that the sum of \$50,000,000 shall be reserved for payments to any State which would receive under the above formula an amount less than 75 per centum of the amount it would have received under the State allocation formula for low-income energy assistance as provided in the regulations published on May 30, 1980, in volume 45, numbered 106, Federal Register, pages 36810-36838, such payments to be, to the maximum extent possible, the amount necessary for the allocations to those States to be equal to 75 per centum of their allocation under such regulations; the energy assistance program shall be continued under the terms and conditions of such regulations and any nonformula amendments thereto, except that an eligible household shall also include any single person household at or below 125 per centum of poverty: *Provided*, That none of the funds appropriated in this paragraph shall be used to provide assistance either in cash or in kind to any household during fiscal year 1981 which exceeds a value of \$750, except this \$750 limitation may be waived by the Secretary of Health and Human Services upon request of a State.

Waiver.

(k) Notwithstanding section 102(c) of this joint resolution, such amounts as may be necessary for programs, projects, and activities provided for in the Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1981 (H.R. 7591), to the extent and in the manner provided for in such Act as enacted by the Congress.

*Ante*, p. 3095.

(l) Notwithstanding section 102(c) of this joint resolution, such amounts as may be necessary for programs, projects, and activities provided for in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1981 (H.R. 8061), to the extent and in the manner provided for in such Act as enacted by the Congress.

*Ante*, p. 3121.

(m) Notwithstanding section 102(c) of this joint resolution, such amounts as may be necessary for programs, projects, and activities provided for in the Department of Housing and Urban Development-Independent Agencies Appropriation Act, 1981 (H.R. 7631), to the extent and in the manner provided for in such Act as enacted by the Congress.

*Ante*, p. 3044.

(n) Notwithstanding section 102(c) of this joint resolution, such amounts as may be necessary for programs, projects, and activities provided for in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1981 (H.R. 7724) to the extent and in the manner provided for in such Act as enacted by the Congress.

*Ante*, p. 2957.

(o) Notwithstanding section 102(c) of this joint resolution, such amounts as may be necessary for programs, projects, and activities provided for in the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1981 (H.R. 7584), to the extent and in the manner provided for in such Act as enacted by the Congress, except section 606 of such Act.

(p) Notwithstanding section 102(c) of this joint resolution, such amounts as may be necessary for programs, projects, and activities provided for in the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1981 (H.R. 8105) to the extent and in the manner provided for in such Act as enacted by the Congress.

*Ante*, p. 3068.

SEC. 102. Appropriations and funds made available and authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution shall be available from December 15, 1980, and shall remain available until (a) enactment into law of an appropriation for any project or activity provided for in this joint resolution, or (b) enactment of the applicable appropriation Act by both Houses without any provision for such project or activity, or (c) June 5, 1981, whichever first occurs.

Funding  
availability.

SEC. 103. Appropriations and funds made available or authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution may be used without regard to the time limitations for submission and approval of apportionments set forth in section 665(d)(2) of title 31, United States Code, but nothing herein shall be construed to waive any other provision of law governing the apportionment of funds.

SEC. 104. Appropriations made and authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution shall cover all obligations or expenditures incurred for any project or activity during the period for which funds or authority for such projects or activity are available under this joint resolution.

SEC. 105. Expenditures made pursuant to this joint resolution shall be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization whenever a bill in which such applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization is contained is enacted into law.

SEC. 106. All obligations incurred in anticipation of the appropriations and authority provided in this joint resolution for the purposes of maintaining the minimum level of essential activities necessary to protect life and property and bringing about orderly termination of other functions are hereby ratified and confirmed if otherwise in accordance with the provisions of this joint resolution.

SEC. 107. No provision in any appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1981 that makes the availability of any appropriation provided therein dependent upon the enactment of additional authorizing or other legislation shall be effective before the date set forth in section 102(c) of this joint resolution.

Prayer and  
meditation in  
public schools.

SEC. 108. Notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution except section 102, none of the funds made available by this joint resolution for programs and activities for which appropriations would be available in H.R. 7998, entitled the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1981, as passed the House of Representatives on August 27, 1980, shall be used to prevent the implementation of programs of voluntary prayer and meditation in the public schools.

Abortions.

SEC. 109. Notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution except section 102, none of the funds made available by this joint resolution for programs and activities for which appropriations would be available in H.R. 7998, entitled the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1981, as passed the House of Representatives on August 27, 1980, shall be used to perform abortions except where the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term; or except for such medical procedures necessary for the victims or rape or incest when such rape has been reported within seventy-two hours to a law enforcement agency or public health service; nor are payments prohibited for drugs or devices to prevent implantation of the fertilized ovum, or for medical procedures necessary for the termination of an ectopic pregnancy; *Provided, however,* That the several States are and shall remain free not to fund abortions to the extent that they in their sole discretion deem appropriate.

91 Stat. 1460.  
20 USC 2565.

SEC. 110. Funds contained in Public Law 95-205 for carrying out section 525 of the Education Amendments of 1976 shall remain available through September 30, 1982.

SEC. 111. Notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution, there is appropriated such amounts as are required for allowances and office staff for the former President pursuant to 3 U.S.C. 102 note: *Provided,* That the aggregate amount to be expended for the Allowances and Office Staff for Former Presidents account

shall not exceed \$823,000: *Provided further*, That such amounts as are necessary may be expended under Operating Expenses, National Archives and Records Service for the provision of a temporary repository and essential archival processing of Presidential materials.

SEC. 112. Notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution, there is appropriated for settlement of claims against the Coast Guard pursuant to section 646 of title 14, United States Code, \$198,523.41 and for settlement of claims by the Seneca Nation of Indians pursuant to section 10 of the Act of August 31, 1964 (78 Stat. 738), \$19,774.95.

SEC. 113. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 101(a) of this joint resolution, the maximum amount allowable during the current fiscal year in accordance with section 16 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (60 Stat. 810), for the purchase of any passenger motor vehicle (exclusive of buses and ambulances), is hereby fixed at \$6,000, except station wagons, for which the maximum shall be \$6,400: *Provided*, That these limits may be exceeded by not to exceed \$1,700 for police-type vehicles, and by not to exceed \$3,600 for special heavy duty vehicles: *Provided further*, That preference should be given for the purchase of American made vehicles.

31 USC 638c.

SEC. 114. The Administrator of the Small Business Administration, pursuant to section 4(c)(5)(A) of the Small Business Act, as amended, is authorized to issue notes to the Secretary of the Treasury in an amount not to exceed \$600,000,000 for the purpose of providing Disaster Loans in addition to the amount provided for such purpose in H.R. 7584 as adopted by the House of Representatives on November 21, 1980, and to transfer an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 to "Salaries and Expenses".

Ante, p. 842.

SEC. 115. Notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution, there is hereby appropriated an additional amount for capital outlay, Panama Canal Commission, of \$10,210,000 for navigation projects to be derived from the Panama Canal Commission Fund and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That all such funds be derived solely from tolls and other charges for services provided by the Panama Canal Commission.

Appropriation authorization.

SEC. 116. None of the funds appropriated by this joint resolution may be used to disqualify, pursuant to section 411(d)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, any plan which has vesting requirements or provides for nonforfeitable rights to benefits, equal to or more stringent than 4/40.

26 USC 411.

None of the funds appropriated by this joint resolution may be used to issue an unfavorable advance determination letter, pursuant to section 411(d)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, with respect to any plan which has vesting requirements or provides for nonforfeitable rights to benefits, equal to or more stringent than 4/40.

SEC. 117. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds available to the Secretary of Education shall be used to adopt or enforce any final regulations which replace the current "Lau remedies" for use as a guideline concerning the scope or adequacy of services to be provided to students of limited English-language proficiency, or for defining entry and exit criteria for such services, before June 1, 1981.

SEC. 118. Notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution, or Public Law 96-369: For temporary employment assistance under title VI of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, no more than \$729,000,000 of new budget authority shall be available during fiscal year 1981; notwithstanding subpart (4) of part A of title

Ante, p. 1351.  
29 USC 961.

29 USC 893.

IV of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, new budget authority for the youth employment and training program under subpart (3) of part A of title IV of that Act shall be at the annual rate of \$746,000,000.

Publication in Federal Register, use of funds.

SEC. 119. None of these funds may be used for the purpose of publishing in the Federal Register, implementing or enforcing the proposed Conditions of Participation for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF's) or Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF's) which were first published as proposed in the Federal Register on July 14, 1980, prior to receipt of revised cost estimates by the Department and the final draft of a General Accounting Office evaluation of the impact of the proposed regulations, and in no case, prior to January 12, 1981.

Approved December 16, 1980.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**HOUSE REPORTS:** No. 96-1484 accompanying H.J. Res. 637 (Comm. on Appropriations) and No. 96-1536 accompanying H.J. Res. 637 (Comm. of Conference).

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 126 (1980):**

- Dec. 3, H.J. Res. 637 considered and passed House.
- Dec. 10, 11, H.J. Res. 637 considered and passed Senate, amended.
- Dec. 12, House disagreed to Senate amendments.
- Dec. 13, House agreed to conference report; concurred in certain Senate amendments and in others with amendments; Senate agreed to conference report, and insisted on its amendment No. 7; House agreed to further conference; H.J. Res. 644 considered and passed House.
- Dec. 15, Senate further insisted on its amendment No. 7 to H.J. Res. 637; H.J. Res. 644 considered and passed Senate, amended; House agreed to Senate amendment with an amendment.
- Dec. 16, Senate agreed to House amendment.