

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The estimates include General Provisions language as follows (new language underscored; deleted matter enclosed in brackets):

Section 701: Provides authority for the purchase, replacement, and hire of passenger motor vehicles.

[Sec. 701. Within the unit limit of cost fixed by law, appropriations and authorizations made for the Department of Agriculture for the current fiscal year under this Act shall be available for the purchase, in addition to those specifically provided for, of not to exceed 71 passenger motor vehicles of which 68 shall be for replacement only, and for the hire of such vehicles.]

This change deletes the entire section 701. This change is requested in order to provide the Secretary the flexibility needed to carry out programs in the most efficient and effective manner.

Section 702: Authorizes the transfer of discretionary, unobligated funds appropriated by this Act or other available unobligated discretionary balances to the Working Capital Fund for the purpose of acquiring plant and capital equipment necessary for the delivery of financial, administrative, and information technology services with approval of the Agency Administrator. Amounts transferred under this authority would not be available for obligation until the Committees on Appropriations of Congress are notified. In addition, language allows up to 4 percent of income for the National Finance Center (NFC) to be reserved for capital equipment or to pay any unforeseen, extraordinary costs of the NFC. Except for emergencies, the amounts reserved are not available for obligation without notification to the Appropriations Committees.

Sec. [702]701. Notwithstanding sections 1535(b) or 1535(d) of Title 31, United States Code, work performed by the Working Capital Fund for other Federal entities on an advance or reimbursable basis shall be charged at rates which will return in full all expenses of operation of the Fund, including accrued leave, amortization of Fund plant and equipment, amortization of information technology (IT) software and systems (either acquired or donated) and an amount necessary to maintain a reasonable operating reserve, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may transfer unobligated balances of discretionary funds appropriated by this Act or any other available unobligated discretionary balances that are remaining available to the Department of Agriculture to the Working Capital Fund for the acquisition of plant and capital equipment necessary for the delivery of financial, administrative, and information technology services of primary benefit to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture, and such transferred funds shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund without the prior approval of the agency administrator: *Provided further*, That none of the funds transferred to the Working Capital Fund pursuant to this section shall be available for obligation without the prior notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That an amount not to exceed four percent of the total annual income to the Working Capital Fund for fiscal year [2018]2019 may be retained in the Fund for fiscal year [2018]2019, to remain available until expended, to be used for the acquisition of capital equipment, and for the improvement and implementation of Department financial management, IT, and other support systems or to pay any unforeseen, extraordinary cost of the National Finance Center: *Provided further*, That none of the amounts reserved shall be available for obligation unless the Secretary submits notification of the obligation to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That the limitation on the obligation of funds pending notification to Congressional Committees shall not apply to any obligation that, as determined by the Secretary, is necessary to respond to a declared state of emergency that significantly impacts the operations of the National Finance Center; or to evacuate employees of the National Finance Center to a safe haven to continue operations of the National Finance Center.

Section 703: Provides that no part of any appropriation in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless otherwise specified.

Sec. [703]702. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

Section 704: Limits the negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative agreements between the Department and nonprofit institutions to 10 percent of the value of the agreement.

Sec. [704]703. No funds appropriated by this Act may be used to pay negotiated indirect cost rates on cooperative agreements or similar arrangements between the United States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit institutions in excess of 10 percent of the total direct cost of the agreement when the purpose of such cooperative arrangements is to carry out programs of mutual interest between the two parties. This does not preclude appropriate payment of indirect costs on grants and contracts with such institutions when such indirect costs are computed on a similar basis for all agencies for which appropriations are provided in this Act.

Section 705: Provides that subsidy authority for Rural Electrification and Telecommunication Loans program account remain available until expended to cover obligations.

Sec. [705]704. Appropriations to the Department of Agriculture for the cost of direct and guaranteed loans made available in the current fiscal year shall remain available until expended to disburse obligations made in the current fiscal year for the Rural Electrification and Telecommunication Loans program account.

Section 706: Prohibits the use of funds to acquire new information technology systems or significant upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), without approval of the Chief Information Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Technology Investment Review Board and Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

Sec. [706]705. None of the funds made available to the Department of Agriculture by this Act may be used to acquire new information technology systems or significant upgrades, as determined by the Office of the Chief Information Officer, without the approval of the Chief Information Officer and the concurrence of the Executive Information Technology Investment Review Board: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be transferred to the Office of the Chief Information Officer unless notification has been transmitted to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding section 11319 of title 40, United States Code, none of the funds available to the Department of Agriculture for information technology shall be obligated for projects, contracts, or other agreements over \$25,000 prior to receipt of written approval by the Chief Information Officer: *Provided further*, That the Chief Information Officer may authorize an agency to obligate funds without written approval from the Chief Information Officer for projects, contracts, or other agreements up to \$250,000 based upon the performance of an agency measured against the performance plan requirements.

Section 707: Prohibits the use of funds for first-class travel that does not comply with Federal regulations on temporary duty travel allowances.

Sec. [707]706. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used for first-class travel by the employees of agencies funded by this Act in contravention of sections 301–10.122 through 301–10.124 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

Section 708: Allows the use of Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds for salaries and related administrative expenses used to implement certain Farm Bill authorized programs that are funded by CCC.

Sec. [708]707. In the case of each program established or amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–79), other than by title I or subtitle A of title III of such Act, or programs for which indefinite amounts were provided in that Act, that is authorized or required to be carried out using funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation—(1) such funds shall be available for salaries and related administrative

expenses, including technical assistance, associated with the implementation of the program, without regard to the limitation on the total amount of allotments and fund transfers contained in section 11 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714i); and (2) the use of such funds for such purpose shall not be considered to be a fund transfer or allotment for purposes of applying the limitation on the total amount of allotments and fund transfers contained in such section.

Section 709: Provides a limitation on the amount of funds that the Department is allowed to spend on advisory committees, panels, commissions, and task forces.

Sec. [709]708. Of the funds made available by this Act, not more than \$2,900,000 shall be used to cover necessary expenses of activities related to all advisory committees, panels, commissions, and task forces of the Department of Agriculture, except for panels used to comply with negotiated rule makings and panels used to evaluate competitively awarded grants.

Section 710: Lowers the cap for indirect costs associated with any agricultural research, education, or extension grant awarded by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture to 10 percent.

Sec. [710]709. None of the funds in this Act shall be available to pay indirect costs charged against any agricultural research, education, or extension grant awards issued by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture that exceed [30]10 percent of total Federal funds provided under each award: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 1462 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3310), funds provided by this Act for grants awarded competitively by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture shall be available to pay full allowable indirect costs for each grant awarded under section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638).

Section 711: Permanently cancels funding available to carry out the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

Sec. [711]710. [None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out the following:]*Of the funds available under section 1241(a)(5)(E) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)(5)(E)), \$136,260,000 are hereby permanently cancelled.*[(1) The Environmental Quality Incentives Program as authorized by sections 1240–1240H of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-3839aa-8) in excess of \$1,425,500,000: *Provided*, That this limitation shall apply only to funds provided by section 1241(a)(5)(E) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)(5)(E)): *Provided further*, That of the funds provided by such section 1241(a)(5)(E), \$209,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled; and (2) The Biomass Crop Assistance Program authorized by section 9011 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8111) in excess of \$3,000,000 in new obligational authority.]

This change permanently cancels funding available to carry out the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and removes the obligational limitation on the Biomass Crop Assistance Program.

Section 712: Lowers the cap on spending for the Section 32 program by deferring \$125,000,000 until October 1, 2019, for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, rescinds an additional \$337 million and allows the agency to retain unobligated balances within the spending cap and use them to help producers or for other purposes authorized under Section 32.

Sec. [712]711. *Notwithstanding subsection (b) of section 14222 of Public Law 110-246 (7 U.S.C. 612c-6; in this section referred to as “section 14222”), [None]none* one of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to carry out a program under [subsection (b)(2)(A)(x) of section 14222 of Public Law 110–246]*section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c; in this section referred to as “section 32”* in excess of [~~\$888,529,000~~]*\$837,600,000 (excluding carryover appropriations from prior fiscal years)*, as follows: Child Nutrition Programs Entitlement Commodities—\$465,000,000; State Option Contracts—\$5,000,000; Removal of Defective Commodities—\$2,500,000; Administration of Section 32 Commodity Purchases—\$35,853,000: *Provided*, That [none] of the *total* funds made available in *the matter preceding this proviso that remain unobligated on October 1, 2019, such unobligated*

balances shall carryover into fiscal year 2020 and shall remain available until expended for any of the purposes of section 32, except that such carryover funds used in accordance with clause 3 of section 32 may not exceed \$75,000,000 and may not be obligated until the Secretary of Agriculture provides written notification of the expenditures to the Committees on Appropriations of both House of Congress at least two weeks in advance: Provided further, That none of the funds made available in this Act or any other Act shall be used for salaries and expenses to carry out in this fiscal year [section 19]subsection (i)(1)(E) of section 19 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769a), [as amended,]except in an amount that excludes the transfer of \$125,000,000 of the funds to be transferred under subsection (c) of section 14222[of Public Law 110–246], until October 1, [2018]2019: Provided further, That \$125,000,000 made available on October 1, [2018]2019, to carry out such section 19[(i)(1)(E) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended,] shall be excluded from the limitation described in subsection (b)(2)(A)(x) of section 14222[of Public Law 110–246]: Provided further, That, with the exception of any available carryover funds authorized in prior appropriations Acts to be used for the purposes of clause 3 of section 32, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries or expenses of any employee of the Department of Agriculture or officer of the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out clause 3 of section 32 [of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1935 (Public Law 74–320, 7 U.S.C. 612c, as amended)], or for any surplus removal activities or price support activities under section 5 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c): Provided further, That the available unobligated balances from amounts first made available for fiscal year 2019 under (b)(2)(A)(x)[(ix)] of section 14222[of Public Law 110–246] in excess of the limitation set forth in this section, [except for]excluding the amounts to be transferred pursuant to the second[first] proviso of this section, are hereby permanently cancelled.

The first and second changes updates the legal references in the 2014 Farm Bill.

The third change reflects the amount of budget authority available under the spending cap for section 32.

The fourth change allows the agency to retain unobligated balances within the spending cap and use them to help producers (up to a maximum of \$75,000,000) or for other purposes authorized under Section 32.

The fifth change defers the amount available for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program until October 1, 2019.

The sixth change excludes carryover funds from the spending limitation for clause 3.

The seventh change excludes the amount to be transferred for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program on October 1, 2019 from the unobligated balances to be permanently cancelled.

Section 713: Allows the Secretary to increase the program level by not more than 25 percent for loans and loan guarantees that do not require budget authority. Prior to implementing the increase, the Secretary is required to provide written notification at least 15 days in advance.

Sec. [713]712. For loans and loan guarantees that do not require budget authority and the program level has been established in this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may increase the program level for such loans and loan guarantees by not more than 25 percent: *Provided*, That prior to the Secretary implementing such an increase, the Secretary notifies, in writing, the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 15 days in advance.

Section 714: Continues language maintaining matching requirements for AFRI funds in effect before changes in the 2014 Farm Bill.

Sec. [714]713. Funds provided by this or any prior Appropriations Act for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative under 7 U.S.C. 450i(b) shall be made available without regard to section 7128 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 3371 note), under the matching requirements in laws in effect on the date before the date of enactment of such section: *Provided*, That the requirements of 7 U.S.C. 450i(b)(9) shall continue to apply.

Section 715: Continues language allowing States to grant schools an exemption from the whole grain requirements from the date of enactment through the 2018-2019 school year and prohibiting implementation of any regulations that would require a reduction in the quantity of sodium contained in federally reimbursed meals and snacks below the first of three targets over 10 years until scientific research establishes the reduction is beneficial for children.

[Sec. 715. (a) For the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act through school year 2016–2017, with respect to the school lunch program established under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) or the school breakfast program established under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.) and final regulations published by the Department of Agriculture in the Federal Register on January 26, 2012 (77 Fed. Reg. 4088 et seq.), the Secretary shall allow States to grant an exemption from the whole grain requirements that took effect on or after July 1, 2014, and the States shall establish a process for evaluating and responding, in a reasonable amount of time, to requests for an exemption: *Provided*, That school food authorities demonstrate hardship, including financial hardship, in procuring specific whole grain products which are acceptable to the students and compliant with the whole grain-rich requirements: *Provided further*, That school food authorities shall comply with the applicable grain component or standard with respect to the school lunch or school breakfast program that was in effect prior to July 1, 2014.

(b) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel to implement any regulations under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–296), or any other law that would require a reduction in the quantity of sodium contained in federally reimbursed meals, foods, and snacks sold in schools below Target 1 (as described in section 220.8(f)(3) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations)) until the latest scientific research establishes the reduction is beneficial for children.]

This change deletes the entire section 715. This provision is no longer needed since the interim final rule on meals flexibilities is in effect for School Year 2018-2019.

Section 716: Allows the section 502 single family housing guaranteed loan program to be a direct endorsement program similar to FHA guarantees and VA home loan guarantees. This provision will allow lenders to issue the loan guarantees on behalf of the Federal government.

[Sec. 716. In carrying out subsection (h) of section 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472), the Secretary of Agriculture shall have the same authority with respect to loans guaranteed under such section and eligible lenders for such loans as the Secretary has under subsections (h) and (j) of section 538 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1490p-2) with respect to loans guaranteed under such section 538 and eligible lenders for such loans.]

This change deletes the entire section 716. This Program is authorized in the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (P.L. 114-201). This section is no longer needed in 2019.

Section 717: Restricts funding for the Food and Drug Administration from conducting research on a human embryo that is intentionally created or modified to include a heritable genetic modification.

Sec. [717]714. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to notify a sponsor or otherwise acknowledge receipt of a submission for an exemption for investigational use of a drug or biological product under section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(i)) or section 351(a)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262(a)(3)) in research in which a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to include a heritable genetic modification. Any such submission shall be deemed to have not been received by the Secretary, and the exemption may not go into effect.

Section 718: Prohibits partially hydrogenated oils as defined by the Food and Drug Administration as being deemed unsafe or adulterated until the compliance date is specified in the order published by the Food and Drug Administration.

Sec. [718]~~715~~. No partially hydrogenated oils as defined in the order published by the Food and Drug Administration in the Federal Register on June 17, 2015 (80 Fed. Reg. 34650 et seq.) shall be deemed unsafe within the meaning of section 409(a) and no food that is introduced or delivered for introduction into interstate commerce that bears or contains a partially hydrogenated oil shall be deemed adulterated under sections 402(a)(1) or 402(a)(2)(C)(i) by virtue of bearing or containing a partially hydrogenated oil until the compliance date as specified in such order (June 18, 2018).

Section 719: Allows the Secretary to charge a fee for lenders to access the Guaranteed Underwriting System in connection with the lenders' participation in loan guarantee programs of the Rural Housing Service. The fees may be used for administrative expenses of the Rural Housing Service Loan Guarantee Programs and cannot exceed \$50 per loan.

[Sec. 719. The Secretary may charge a fee for lenders to access Department loan guarantee systems in connection with such lenders' participation in loan guarantee programs of the Rural Housing Service: *Provided*, That the funds collected from such fees shall be made available to the Secretary without further appropriation and such funds shall be deposited into the Rural Development Salaries and Expenses account and shall remain available until expended for obligation and expenditure by the Secretary for administrative expenses of the Rural Housing Service Loan Guarantee Program in addition to other available funds: *Provided further*, That such fees collected shall not exceed \$50 per loan.]

This change deletes the entire section 719. This Program is authorized in the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (P.L. 114-201). This section is no longer needed in 2019.

Section 720: Prohibits any funds from being used to prohibit the transportation, processing, sale, or use in industrial hemp research as authorized by Section 7606 of the 2014 Farm Bill.

Sec. [720]~~716~~. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used—(1) in contravention of section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5940); or (2) to prohibit the transportation, processing, sale, or use of industrial hemp that is grown or cultivated in accordance with subsection section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, within or outside the State in which the industrial hemp is grown or cultivated.

Section 721: Allows unobligated balances from the Farm Service Agency and Rural Development Salaries and Expenses accounts, to remain available through September 30, 2020, for information technology expenses.

Sec. [721]~~717~~. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, unobligated balances from appropriations made available for salaries and expenses in this Act for the Farm Service Agency and the Rural Development mission area shall remain available through September 30, [2019]~~2020~~, for information technology expenses.

Section 722: Rescinds \$192 million of unobligated balances in the Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities Program account.

Sec. [722]~~718~~. Of the unobligated balances available in the "Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities" account, [\$211,697,000]~~\$192,000,000~~ are hereby permanently cancelled.

Section 723: Rescinds \$215 million in unobligated balances from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program account.

Sec. [723]~~719~~. Of the unobligated balances of amounts made available in fiscal year [2017]~~2018~~ for the supplemental nutrition program as authorized by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), [\$1,000,000,000]~~\$215,000,000~~ are hereby permanently cancelled.

Section 724: Rescinds unobligated balances from the Rural Business Program, the Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program, Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants, Rural Rental Assistance Payments and the Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program account.

[Sec. 724. Of the unobligated balances identified by the Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbols 12X1902, 12X1980, 12X2006, 12X2002, and 12X2081, \$108,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: *Provided*, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency or disaster relief requirement pursuant to the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.]

This change deletes the entire section 724. This provision proposed one-time rescissions for the accounts listed above and is no longer needed in 2019.

Section 725: Transfers authority of the Catfish Inspection Program from USDA to the Food and Drug Administration.

Sec. [725]720. For fiscal year [2018]2019, section 11016 of Public Law 110–246 and section 12106 of Public Law 113–79 shall not apply, and inspection of all fish under the order *Siluriformes* shall be done pursuant to the authority for such inspections in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Section 726: Rescinds \$225 million in balances from the Cushion of Credit account.

Sec. [726]721. Of the funds derived from interest on the cushion of credit payments, as authorized by section 313 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, [~~\$176,000,000~~]\$225,000,000 shall not be obligated and [~~\$176,000,000~~]\$225,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled.

Section 727: Cancels \$51 million from the Watershed Rehabilitation Program.

Sec. [727]722. Of the funds available under sections 14(h)(1)(A) through 14(h)(1)(G) of the Watershed and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1012(h)(1)(A)-(G)) for fiscal year [2018]2019, [~~\$61,000,000~~]\$46,150,000 are hereby permanently cancelled.

Section 728: Cancels \$175 million from the Biorefinery Assistance Program.

[Sec. 728. Of the funds available under sections 9003(g)(1)(A)(i) and 9003(g)(1)(A)(ii) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8103(g)(1)(A)) for the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance program, \$175,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled.]

This change deletes entire section 728. The authority for these funds expired in 2016. This provision is no longer needed in 2019.

Section 729: Cancels \$9 million from the Agricultural Management Assistance Program.

Sec. [729]723. Of the funds made available under section 524(b)(4)(B)(i) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(b)(4)(B)(i)) for fiscal year [2018, \$9,340,000]2019, \$9,380,000 are hereby permanently cancelled.

Section 730: Increases the export certification fees for the Food and Drug Administration.

Sec. [730]724. INCREASE IN EXPORT CERTIFICATION FEES.— Section 801(e)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 381(e)(4)) is amended—(a) in subparagraph (B) by striking "but shall not exceed \$175 for each certification" and inserting "in an amount specified in subparagraph (E)"; and (b) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs: "(E) The fee for each written export

certification issued by the Secretary under this paragraph shall not exceed—(i) \$600 for fiscal year [2018]2019; and (ii) for each subsequent fiscal year, the prior fiscal year maximum amount multiplied by the inflation adjustment under section 738(c)(2)(C), applied without regard to the limitation in clause (ii)(II) of such subparagraph. (F) The Secretary shall, for each fiscal year, publish in the Federal Register a notice of the export certification fee under this paragraph for such year, not later than 60 days before such fee takes effect.”.

Section 731: Establishes a Working Capital Fund account for the Food and Drug Administration.

Sec. [731]725. (a) There is hereby established in the Treasury of the United States a Working Capital Fund (the Fund) to be administered by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), without fiscal year limitation, for the payment of salaries, travel, and other expenses necessary to the maintenance and operation of (1) a supply service for the purchase, storage, handling, issuance, packing, or shipping of stationery, supplies, materials, equipment, and blank forms, for which stocks may be maintained to meet, in whole or in part, the needs of the FDA and requisitions of other Government Offices, and (2) such other services as the Commissioner of the FDA, subject to review by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, determines may be performed more advantageously as central services. The Fund shall be reimbursed from applicable discretionary resources, notwithstanding any otherwise applicable purpose limitations, available when services are performed or stock furnished, or in advance, on a basis of rates which shall include estimated or actual charges for personal services, materials, equipment, information technology, and other expenses. Charges for equipment and information technology shall include costs associated with maintenance, repair, and depreciation (including improvement and replacement). (b) Of any discretionary resources appropriated in this Act for fiscal year [2018]2019 for "Department of Health and Human Services - Food and Drug Administration - Salaries and Expenses", not to exceed \$5,000,000 of available amounts [as of September 30] may be transferred to and merged with the Fund established under subsection (a), notwithstanding any otherwise applicable purpose limitations. (c) No amounts may be transferred pursuant to this section that are designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Section 726: Rescinds unobligated balances from the Rural Water and Waste Disposal Loans Program.

Sec. 726. Of the unobligated balances identified by the Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbol 12X1980, \$51,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: Provided, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency or disaster relief requirement pursuant to the concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Section 727: Rescinds unobligated balances from the Rural Community Facilities Program.

Sec. 727. Of the unobligated balances identified by the Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbol 12X1951, \$3,046,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: Provided, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency or disaster relief requirement pursuant to the concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Section 728: Provides authority to temporarily make rural communities with populations up to 20,000 persons eligible for water and waste disposal direct and guaranteed loan programs.

Sec. 728. Notwithstanding section 343(a)(13)(C) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, for the purpose of water and waste disposal direct and guaranteed loans provided under paragraphs (1) and (24) of section 306(a) of such Act, the terms "rural" and "rural areas" mean a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of no more than 20,000 inhabitants.

Section 729: Rescinds unobligated balances from the Borlaug and Cochran Program from the Foreign Agricultural Service Salaries and Expenses Account.

Sec. 729. Of the unobligated balances identified by the Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbol 12X2900, \$18,000,000 are hereby permanently cancelled: Provided, That no amounts may be cancelled from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency or disaster relief requirement pursuant to the concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Section 730: Places limitations on the amount of funds available to carry out certain mandatory conservation programs that receive funding from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

Sec. 730. None of the funds appropriated to carry out the Conservation Stewardship Program as authorized by Chapter 2 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended (16 U.S.C. 3838d–3838g), shall be available to enroll additional acres in fiscal year 2019: Provided, That such program shall be permanently reduced by 10,000,000 acres.

Section 731: Authorizes the Department of Agriculture access to the new hire database from the Housing and Urban Development and the Internal Revenue Service.

SEC. 731. The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary's designees are hereby granted the same access to information and subject to the same requirements applicable to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development as provided in section 453 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 653) and section 6103(1)(7)(D)(ix) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1603(1)(7)(D)(ix)) to verify the income for individuals participating in sections 502, 504, 521, and 524 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1972, 1474, 1490a, and 1490r), notwithstanding section 453(l)(1) of the Social Security Act.

Section 732: Corrects language for the title/position of Undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation.

Sec. 732. Establishment of the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation. — (a) The Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6931) is amended—(1) by striking “Subtitle B—Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services” and inserting “Subtitle B—Farm Production and Conservation”; and (2) by revising section 225 to read as follows: “Sec. 225. Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation. (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary is authorized to establish in the Department the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation. (b) CONFIRMATION REQUIRED.—If the Secretary establishes the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation authorized under subsection (a), the Under Secretary shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. (c) FUNCTIONS OF UNDERSECRETARY.—The Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation shall perform such functions and duties as the Secretary shall prescribe. (d) SUCCESSION.—Any official who is serving as Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services on the date of the enactment of this Act and who was appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall not be required to be reappointed under subsection (b) to the successor position authorized under subsection (a).”. (b) Section 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.” and inserting “Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm Production and Conservation.” and “Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.”.

Section 733: Allows the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to collect fees for certain Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection predeparture services between Hawaii or Puerto Rico and the mainland United States.

Sec. 733. In addition to amounts otherwise made available for Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection activities, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is authorized to collect fees for the Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection predeparture services for traveler baggage and means of conveyance (as

defined in 7 U.S.C. 7702) between Hawaii or Puerto Rico and the mainland United States: Provided, That such fees shall be deposited in the "Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—Salaries and Expenses" account, and shall remain available until expended for the Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection predeparture services described in the matter preceding this proviso: Provided further, That funds made available to the "Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—Salaries and Expenses" account in fiscal year 2019 shall also be available for such services.