

The conference agreement provides \$5,000,000 for the northeast home heating oil reserve as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

#### ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement provides \$85,000,000 for the energy information administration as proposed by the House instead of \$84,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The conference agreement retains the House bill language dealing with the use of receipts by the Department of Energy.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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The conference agreement provides \$2,633,072,000 for Indian health services instead of \$2,628,322,000 as proposed by the House and \$2,633,624,000 as proposed by the Senate. The changes described below are to the House recommended funding level.

*Hospital and Health Clinic Programs.* – In hospital and clinic programs, there is a decrease of \$3,750,000 for the Indian health care improvement fund and an increase of \$500,000 for staffing at the King Cove, AK, clinic.

*Contract Health Care.* – There is an increase of \$8,000,000 for contract health care.

*Bill Language.* – The conference agreement earmarks \$487,085,000 for contract health care instead of \$479,085,000 as proposed by the House and \$491,085,000 as proposed by the

Senate. The conference agreement modifies language, proposed by the Senate, earmarking funds for alcohol control, enforcement, prevention, treatment, sobriety and wellness, and education programs in Alaska. The modification provides \$15,000,000 for these programs instead of \$16,000,000 and permits the use of 15 percent of funds for administrative overhead instead of 10 percent. The House had no similar provision. The distribution of funds proposed by the Senate is modified to provide \$8,000,000 to Alaska Native regional organizations, with \$2,000,000 (rather than \$3,000,000) to be divided among the remaining organizations as specified in item (5) in the Senate report. Item (a) in the Senate report is revised as follows: (a) \$2,000,000 shall be provided as a direct lump sum payment to the State of Alaska Department of Public Safety to distribute on a timely basis to Alaska Native non-profit corporations to operate the Village Public Safety Officer Program.

The managers agree to the following:

1. The Service should reprogram the increases provided for pay cost increases so that there is an equitable distribution across all Federal and tribal programs.
2. The Recruitment of American Indians into Nursing program at the University of North Dakota is funded at last year's level, which includes the \$95,000 provided in fiscal year 2003.
3. The Service should provide a report on the use of funds to date for the special alcohol and substance control, enforcement, prevention, treatment, sobriety and wellness, and education programs in Alaska. The report should be provided no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act. This progress report was due to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on January 15, 2004, and the managers find the Service's lack of response totally unacceptable.

4. The Alaska Federal Health Care Access Network is funded at last year's level.

#### INDIAN HEALTH FACILITIES

The conference agreement provides \$394,048,000 for Indian health facilities instead of \$405,048,000 as proposed by the House and \$364,148,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The managers agree to the following distribution of funds:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Barrow Hospital, AK.....	\$3,000,000
Clinton, OK clinic.....	19,300,000
Eagle Butte, SD clinic .....	5,000,000
Fort Belknap, MT staff quarters.....	5,000,000
Joint Ventures (using existing list).....	4,800,000
Mobile dental units.....	1,000,000
New health clinic planning and design.....	1,000,000
Phoenix Indian Medical Center, AZ.....	4,000,000
Red Mesa, AZ health center.....	19,382,000
Sisseton, SD health center.....	17,300,000
Small ambulatory facilities.....	5,000,000
Wagner, SD staff quarters.....	2,538,000
Zuni, NM staff quarters.....	2,525,000
<i>Subtotal</i> .....	<i>89,845,000</i>
Other:	
Maintenance and improvement.....	49,897,000
Sanitation facilities.....	93,158,000
Facilities and environmental health support.....	143,567,000
Equipment.....	17,581,000
Total.....	394,048,000

*Bill Language.* – The conference agreement includes language proposed by the Senate permitting the use of funds for the purchase of land for replacement of the health care facility in Barrow, Alaska. The House had no similar provision.

The conference agreement modifies language proposed by the House permitting the use of funds to purchase land for the northern and southern California youth regional treatment centers for alcohol and substance abuse. The modification specifies that such land should be purchased using prior year unobligated funds. The Senate had no similar provision.

Bill language, proposed by the Senate, authorizing the construction of a replacement health care facility in Nome, Alaska is not included but the managers note that this project should be considered in future budget requests.

The managers agree to the following:

1. The funds provided for the Barrow, AK hospital are for land acquisition and planning. The total estimated cost of the facility is \$125 million.
2. The Service should finalize the site selections for the northern and southern California youth regional treatment centers for alcohol and substance abuse and, after the sites are selected, include funds in the budget request for construction of these facilities.
3. The funds included for the Eagle Butte, SD, clinic are for site preparation.
4. The total estimated cost of the Fort Belknap, MT, staff quarters project is \$8,300,000. The \$5,000,000 provided for fiscal year 2005 should be used to construct staff quarters in Harlem, MT. Funding for staff quarters in Hayes, MT, should be included in the fiscal year 2006 budget request.
5. Funds for the Phoenix Indian Medical Center, AZ, are for the design of a southwest clinic and a southeast clinic.
6. The funds for new health clinic planning and design are to initiate design of the San Carlos, AZ, clinic and the Kayenta, AZ, clinic. The Service recently approved the program justification documents for these two facilities.
7. The Service should move quickly to issue a new solicitation for small ambulatory care facilities. There should be a 30-day tribal comment period prior to issuance of the final solicitation.

*The Service has informed the Committees*  
*that*

8. The funds provided for the Sisseton, SD, clinic should be sufficient to complete this project.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

The conference agreement continues language, included in the fiscal year 2004 appropriation, as proposed by the House, prohibiting the imposition of certain staffing restrictions on the Indian Health Service.

The conference agreement modifies language proposed by the House, permitting the use of third party collections for the purchase of land for expansion of the IHS hospital in Tahlequah, OK subject to advance approval by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations. The modification retains the original text and adds language authorizing permanent service unit status for the Tulsa and Oklahoma City pilot health programs.

#### OTHER RELATED AGENCIES

##### OFFICE OF NAVAJO AND HOPI INDIAN RELOCATION

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$5,000,000 for salaries and expenses of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation as proposed by the Senate instead of \$11,000,000 as proposed by the House. The managers understand that there are large carryover balances in this program that can be used to continue the program in fiscal year 2005.

#### INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

## PAYMENT TO THE INSTITUTE

The conference agreement provides \$6,000,000 for payment to the institute as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

*Bill Language.* - The conference agreement retains Senate language that allows up to \$1,000,000 of the funding to be used for the institute's learning center.

## SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$495,925,000 for salaries and expenses of the Smithsonian Institution instead of \$496,925,000 as proposed by the House and \$490,125,000 as proposed by the Senate. The change to the House level is the result of a reduction to the proposed increase of \$1,000,000 for program support and major scientific instrumentation.

### FACILITIES CAPITAL

The conference agreement provides \$127,900,000 for facilities capital instead of \$122,900,000 as proposed by the House and \$136,900,000 as proposed by the Senate. The change to the House level is the result of an increase of \$5,000,000 for revitalization work at the National Zoological Park. The managers understand that most, if not all, of these funds will be used for the Asia Trail exhibit. Language included in the House bill allowing for the transfer of funds from the former construction and repair, restoration and alteration of facilities accounts to the facilities capital account has been removed in the assumption that all such transfers have been made and the language is no longer necessary.