

TITLE VI—GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Committee recommends the following general provisions for the departments and agencies funded in the accompanying bill.

Section 601 prohibits any appropriation act from being used for publicity or propaganda purposes not authorized by law.

Section 602 prohibits any appropriation contained in the act from remaining available for obligation beyond the current year unless expressly so provided.

Section 603 provides that the expenditure for any appropriation contained in the act for any consulting service through procurement contracts shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public record and available for public inspection except where otherwise provided under existing law or under existing Executive order issued pursuant to existing law.

Section 604 limits the availability of funds for a memorandum of agreement.

Section 605 stipulates Committee policy concerning the reprogramming of funds. Section 605(a) prohibits the reprogramming of funds which: (1) create new programs; (2) eliminates a program, project, or activity; (3) increases funds or personnel by any means for any project or activity for which funds have been denied or restricted; (4) relocates offices or employees; (5) reorganizes offices, programs, or activities; (6) contracts out or privatizes any function or activity presently performed by Federal employees—unless the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate are notified 15 days in advance.

Section 605(b) prohibits a reprogramming of funds in excess of \$500,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less, that (1) augments existing programs, projects, or activities; (2) reduces by 10 percent funding for any existing program, project, or activity, or numbers of personnel by 10 percent as approved by Congress; or (3) results from any general savings due to a reduction in personnel which would result in a change in existing programs, activities, or projects as approved by Congress unless the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate are notified 15 days in advance.

Section 606 prohibits construction, repair, overhaul, conversion, or modernization of NOAA ships outside of the United States.

Section 607 ties grant eligibility to retired law enforcement disability benefits.

Section 608 limits the availability of funds for tobacco promotion.

Section 609 prohibits funds from being used to issue a visa to any alien involved in extrajudicial and political killings in Haiti.

Section 610 prohibits a user fee from being charged for background checks conducted pursuant to the Brady Handgun Control Act of 1993 and prohibits implementation of a background check system that does not require and result in the immediate destruction of certain information.

Section 611 delays obligation of some receipts deposited into the Crime Victim Fund.

Section 612 ties visa issuance to cooperation on so-called “non-returnables”.

Section 613 limits the placement of maximum or high security prisoners to appropriately secure facilities.

Section 614 restricts Federal prisoner access to certain amenities.

Section 615 makes appropriations for the Small Business Administration.

Section 616 clarifies section 626 of Public Law 107-77 that the Algiers Accord is abrogated for the purposes of providing a cause of action for the Iranian hostages.