

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS  
 BILL, 2004

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Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, from the Committee on Appropriations,  
 submitted the following

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together with

ADDITIONAL VIEWS

[To accompany H.R. 2555]

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in  
 explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the  
 Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending  
 September 30, 2004.

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transfer of \$18,500,000 for the salaries and expenses of federal employees to a separate account.

With the increased focus on the possibility of agricultural terrorism, the Committee expects the Office of Science and Technology to work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to identify high-priority research opportunities. The Department's budget request includes \$14,000,000 within the biological countermeasures program for agro-terrorism research. To ensure appropriate coordination and collaboration between the two agencies, the Department is directed to work with USDA to prepare a comprehensive strategy for combating agro-terrorism. The report should identify ongoing research being conducted by USDA, and any gaps in the current research portfolio that could be funded by the Department. This report is due to the Committee by January 15, 2004.

Funding of \$90,000,000, the same as the budget request, is provided to initiate construction of a National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center that is to be the principal DHS component of the Fort Detrick Interagency Biodefense Campus in Maryland.

#### NUCLEAR AND RADIOLOGICAL COUNTERMEASURES

The Committee recommends \$129,625,000, a reduction of \$7,000,000 from the budget request of \$136,625,000, for Nuclear and Radiological Countermeasures. The Nuclear and Radiological Countermeasures program will focus on providing appropriate and effective detection and interdiction technologies to prohibit the importation or transportation and subsequent detonation of a nuclear or radiological device in the United States. Funding of \$7,000,000 for the salaries and expenses of federal employees has been transferred to a separate account.

#### CHEMICAL AND HIGH EXPLOSIVES COUNTERMEASURES

The Committee recommends \$52,000,000 for Chemical Countermeasures, a reduction of \$3,000,000 from the budget request of \$55,000,000, and \$9,500,000 for High Explosives Countermeasures, a reduction of \$500,000, from the budget request of \$10,000,000. The Chemical and High Explosives Countermeasures programs are responsible for developing an integrated systems approach to reducing the nation's vulnerability to chemical attacks on the civilian population and infrastructure. These programs will address chemical warfare agents, toxic industrial chemicals, and high explosives. Funding of \$3,000,000 from Chemical Countermeasures and \$500,000 from High Explosives Countermeasures for the salaries and expenses of federal employees has been transferred to a separate account.

#### THREAT AND VULNERABILITY, TESTING AND ASSESSMENT

The Committee recommends \$85,500,000, a reduction of \$4,500,000 from the budget request of \$90,000,000, for the Threat and Vulnerability, Testing and Assessment program. This program creates advanced modeling, information, and analysis capabilities that will be used to enhance the Department's ability to evaluate extensive amounts of data and information from diverse sources.