

**CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R.1141, 1999 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT
SUMMARY OF RELEVANT PROVISIONS**

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3177 / column 1	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION SERVICE - ENFORCEMENT AND BORDER AFFAIRS <i>... to support increased detention requirements for Central American criminal aliens and to address the expected influx of illegal immigrants from Central America as a result of Hurricane Mitch, \$80,000,000, which shall remain available until expended</i>
3177 / column 2	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE - OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIC AID <i>\$37,500,000</i>
3177 / column 2	NEW HORIZONS EXERCISE TRANSFER FUND <i>For emergency expenses incurred by US. military forces to participate in the New Horizons Exercise programs to undertake relief rehabilitation and restoration operations and training activities in response to disasters within the US. Southern Command area of responsibility, \$46,000,000, to remain available for transfer until September 30, 1999.</i>
3178 / column 1	BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE - AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT -INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE <i>\$25,000,000, to remain available until expended</i>
3178 / column 1	CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN EMERGENCY DISASTER RECOVERY FUND <i>.. for necessary expenses to address the effects of hurricanes in Central America and the Caribbean and the earthquake in Colombia, \$621,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2000</i> <i>...up to \$10,000,000 may be transferred to "Export-Import Bank, Subsidy Appropriation" for the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and insurance</i>
3178 / column 2	<i>...up to \$5,500,000 of the funds appropriated may be transferred to "Operating Expenses of USAID," to remain available until September 30, 2000, to be used for administrative costs of USAID in addressing the effects of those hurricanes, of which</i> <i>...up to \$1,000,000 may be used to contract directly for the personal services of individuals in the United States</i> <i>...up to \$1,500,000 of the funds may be transferred to "Operating Expenses of the AID Office of Inspector General," to remain available until expended, to be used for costs of audits, inspections and other activities</i> <i>...up to \$500,000 shall be made available to the Comptroller General for purposes of monitoring the provision of assistance</i>
3178 / column 2	<i>...funds appropriated under this heading shall be obligated and expended subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriation</i> <i>... of the funds made available under this heading, not less than \$2,000,000 should be made available to support the clearance of landmines and other unexploded ordnance in Nicaragua and Honduras</i> <i>... funds appropriated under this heading may be charged to finance obligations for which appropriations available for other accounts under part I of the FAA were charged after April 30, 1999, to finance obligations to address the effects of the hurricanes in Central America and the Caribbean and the earthquake in Colombia</i> <i>...the provisions of section 110 of the FAA shall not be applicable to any assistance furnished to address the effects of the hurricanes in Central America and the Caribbean and the earthquake in Colombia</i>

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	<p><i>...none of the funds appropriated under this heading may be made available for non-project assistance</i></p> <p><i>... the entire amount shall be available only to the extent an official budget request for a specific dollar amount that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement... is transmitted by the President to Congress</i></p>
3178 / column 3	<p>DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - DEBT RESTRUCTURING</p> <p><i>\$41,000,000, to remain available until expended... up to \$25,000,000 may be used for a contribution to the Central American Emergency Trust Fund, administered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development</i></p>
3179 / column 1	<p>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - FOREST SERVICE - RECONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION</p> <p><i>\$5,611,000, to remain available until expended, to address damages from Hurricane Georges and other natural disasters in Puerto Rico</i></p>
3187 / column 3	<p>TITLE IV - RESCISSIONS AND OFFSETS - ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND</p> <p><i>Of the funds appropriated under this heading in P.L. 105-277 and in prior acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing and related programs, \$5,000,000 are rescinded</i></p>
JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE	
3191 / column 1	<p>DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE - MILITARY PERSONNEL / OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE(see summary table)</p> <p><i>The conferees recommend \$16,300,000... to support National Guard and Reserve participation in the Enhanced New Horizons readiness training exercises in Central America</i></p> <p><i>The conferees agree to provide \$199,600,000 for Operation and Maintenance costs associated with hurricane relief efforts in Central America</i></p>
3191 / column 3	<p>CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN EMERGENCY - DISASTER RECOVERY FUND</p> <p><i>The conferees continue to seek to prevent any misuse of U.S. foreign aid and have, therefore, made available funds from this account for the USAID's OIG and the GAO. In addition, the conferees believe that AID and GAO should help recipient governments play a central role in ensuring that this emergency assistance is utilized properly. The conferees encourage AID to support the efforts of recipient governments to engage independent private sector organizations to help improve institutional capability to resist corrupt practices and to report on the possible misuse of funds.</i></p>
3192 / column 1	<p><i>The managers ...encourage OMB and AID to regularly consult with the Committees on implementation of recommendations and directives contained in the reports</i></p> <p><i>The conference report contains no bill language specifically related to these two issues, but the managers agree on the importance of energy and reforestation and believe that these priorities should be integrated into AID's overall relief and reconstruction efforts in the region. The conferees support funding to promote the critical energy sector through the use of energy-efficient services and technologies and, where feasible, renewable energy. Prompt and full restoration of power generation facilities at the El Cajon Dam in Honduras is of special interest to the Conferees... The managers expect the AID will undertake efforts to promote reforestation, with careful attention to the choice, placement and management of species of trees consistent with watershed management objectives designed to minimize future storm damage. Further, the managers agree on the importance of technology transfers in support of reforestation and agro-forestry.</i></p> <p><i>The managers believe greater access to education is essential to long-term development in Central America and encourage AID to assist Central American</i></p>

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	<p><i>governments in increasing lower income student enrollment in the region's colleges and universities, especially at Zamorano University.</i></p> <p><i>The conferees encourage the use of the Pan American Health Organization for the implementation and coordination of regional infectious disease prevention programs funded in this account.</i></p> <p><i>The conference agreement includes language waiving certain laws relating to expenditure of funds by AID... While the conference agreement contains no waiver for AID contracting authority, the conferees believe that existing AID contracting and procurement regulations already permit AID to exercise significant latitude in making and amending contracts in urgent and compelling situations. The assistance provided in this account is to respond to urgent and compelling needs in the region and, therefore, AID should exercise its contracting waivers to help reduce delays in AID's procurement processes so that these supplemental funds can reach those in need more rapidly. The managers expect AID to keep the Committees on Appropriations informed of the use of contract and procurement waivers for projects funded from CACEDRF funds. The conference agreement allows AID to charge to the CACEDRF certain financial obligations made from other AID development accounts after April 30, 1999.</i></p>
3192 / column 2	<p><i>The managers expect that, to the extent practicable, contracts and grants should be awarded to U.S. private organizations and individuals, including those linked with indigenous Central American counterparts, provided that such a preference does not delay or hinder the delivery of assistance. The conferees encourage the use of the private sector, especially in such technical areas as mapping, to the maximum extent possible. New base maps that identify future flood hazards are urgently needed to help mitigate risks associated with proposed reconstruction efforts.</i></p> <p><i>At the request of the Administration, the agreement also includes bill language making inapplicable section 110 of the FAA regarding host country contributions to certain U.S. development projects. The managers are aware that the governments of the affected nations bear the primary responsibility for their nations' reconstruction and have already dedicated enormous resources to relief and reconstruction efforts. These nations are expected to spend a considerable percentage of their annual government budget on reconstruction projects in upcoming years, making the need for section 110 cost sharing requirements unnecessary.</i></p> <p><i>The conference agreement reiterates that all funds ...be subject to section 580 of the 1999 Foreign Operations Act, regarding the ceiling on overall population planning assistance</i></p> <p><i>The conferees encourage AID to consider Costa Rica among those nations eligible for funds from this account as a result of the costs assumed by Costa Rica in providing refuge to hurricane victims from neighboring Central American nations.</i></p>
3192 / column 3	<p>CHAPTER 5</p> <p><i>The managers understand that the estimates, which form the basis for the emergency construction appropriations herein, are based on preliminary damage determinations. Refinements and re-estimates, that result in allocations different from preliminary projections, may be necessary. The managers expect funds to be provided consistent with established priorities. Before proceeding with final allocations to the field, the managers expect the agencies to provide a report that identifies all of the projects considered for funding, including any changes from earlier estimates.</i></p>