
Amendments to the FY2002 VA-HUD Appropriations Bill (H.R. 2620)

Amendments Printed in the Congressional Record:

Andrews (#1) Transfers \$85 million from HUD salaries and expenses to the EPA for grants for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds.

Andrews (#2) Provides that \$2.5 million in nonsalary expenses for the Consumer Product Safety Commission can not be available for obligation until June 1, 2002.

Kleczka (#3) Allows VA pharmacies to dispense medications to veterans on prescriptions written by private practitioners.

Roemer (#4) *Increases* veterans medical and prosthetic research by \$10 million; VA Department general operating expenses by \$56 million; VA minor projects construction by \$10 million; grants for construction of state extended care facilities by \$30 million; NASA science, aeronautics, and technology by \$21.4 million; National Science Foundation (NSF) research by \$405 million; NSF construction and equipment by \$62 million; NSF education and human resources by \$34.7 million; and NSF salaries and expenses by \$5.9 million. *Reduces* the International Space Station under NASA's human space flight account by \$2.1 billion (the entire appropriation), while reserving \$300 million for closing costs.

Roemer (#5) Prohibits funds from being used in excess of the cost limitations for the International Space Station and from deferring or canceling construction of the Habitation Module, Crew Return Vehicle, or Propulsion Module elements of the International Space Station.

Capps (#6) Makes available \$25 million of the funds for FEMA's emergency planning and assistance account for purposes of predisaster hazard mitigation (pursuant to section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133)).

Capps (#7) Reduces EPA environmental programs and managements by \$7.2 million and increases the EPA's Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund by \$7.2 million.

Davis of IL (#8) Reduces the Public Housing Capital Fund by \$1.27 million and increases the HOPE VI Program by \$100 million.

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Evans (#10) Increases Veterans Health Administration medical care by \$1.2 billion and reduces NASA's human space flight account by \$1.52 billion.

Evans (#11) Prohibits funds from being used to implement any administrative proposal that would require military retirees to choose between VA or military health care under the new TRICARE for Life plan.

Frelinghuysen (#12) Prohibits funds from being used by the VA to implement or administer the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation system.

Gutierrez (#13) Increases veterans medical and prosthetic research by \$24 million and reduces NASA's human space flight account by \$24 million.

Holt (#14) Authorizes the FEMA Director to provide assistance to non-profit emergency medical service units and non-profit ambulance services, even if such units and services are independent and do not fall organizationally under the auspices of fire departments.

LaFalce (#15) *Reduces* the Downpayment Assistance Initiative of the Home Investment Partnerships Program by \$100 million and HUD salaries and expenses by \$22.6 million. *Increases* homeless assistance grants by \$122.6 million.

Menendez (#16) Earmarks \$25 million for the EPA's environmental programs and management account.

Nadler (#17) *Increases* grants for construction of state extended care facilities by \$4.8 million, incremental vouchers for the Housing Certificate Fund by \$195.2 million, fair-share-basis funds of the Housing Certificate Fund by \$144.8 million, and nonelderly disabled families funds of the Housing Certificate Fund by \$50.4 million. *Reduces* the Downpayment Assistance Initiative of the Home Investment Partnerships Program by \$200 million.

Pallone (#19) Reduces the EPA's environmental programs and management account by \$3 million and increases the EPA's state and tribal assistance grants by \$3 million.

Roemer (#20) Deletes the appropriation for the International Space Station (while leaving \$300 million for closing costs) by reducing NASA's human space flight account by \$1.8 billion and the science, aeronautics, and technology account by \$343.6 million

Smith of MI (#21) Provides that not less than \$580,000 of the NSF's salaries and expenses account shall be available for experienced scientific construction management professionals.

Velazquez (#22) Increases the Youthbuild program activities of HUD's Community Development Fund by \$10 million and reduces HUD salaries and expenses by \$10 million.

Walden (#23) Allows for presidentially-determined disaster relief for economic hardships caused by application of the Endangered Species Act.

Other Possible Amendments

Foley Reduces the NSF's Research and Related Activities account (specifically, the polar research and operations support and Antarctic research programs) by \$25 million and increases the VA's General Operating Expenses account by \$25 million to hire and train additional veterans benefits claims officers.

Kaptur Increases \$175 million for HUD's Public Housing Drug Elimination Program and reduces HUD's Downpayment Assistance Initiative program by \$200 million.
