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Mr. YOUNG of Florida, from the committee of conference,
submitted the following

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The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 2), "making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This joint resolution may be cited as the "Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this joint resolution is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents.

Sec. 3. References.

DIVISION A—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS, 2003

Title I—Agricultural Programs

Title II—Conservation Programs

Title III—Rural Development Programs

Title IV—Domestic Food Programs

Title V—Foreign Assistance and Related Programs

Title VI—Related Agencies and Food and Drug Administration

Title VII—General Provisions

Retains language proposed by the Senate amending the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 by recognizing Alaska Village Initiatives as an eligible grantee for assistance.

Retains language proposed by the Senate authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to acquire 178.5 acres in Clarke and Loudoun Counties, Virginia.

Deletes language proposed by the Senate directing a long-term health study of emergency service personnel. The conferees have instead included a similar provision as an administrative provision under FEMA.

Deletes language proposed by the Senate amending permanent law to expand eligibility for Federal housing assistance to certain groups of aliens. The conferees direct the Department to work with the Department of Justice to develop any necessary technical corrections to applicable housing statutes with respect to qualified aliens who are the victims of domestic violence and Cuban and Haitian immigrants to ensure that such statutes are consistent with the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 and the Illegal Immigration Reform and Personal Responsibility Act of 1996.

A provision was included in the Senate bill under Division I, Transportation and Related Agencies, directing EPA to contract with the National Academy of Sciences. The conferees have included an identical provision as an administrative provision under EPA.

Includes new language amending title 31 of the United States Code regarding passenger carrier use by the NASA Administrator.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2003 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 2002 amount, the 2003 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2003 follow:

| [In thousands of dollars] | |
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| New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2002 | \$123,820,208 |
| Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2003 | 124,979,700 |
| House bill, fiscal year 2003 | 122,596,881 |
| Senate bill, fiscal year 2003 | 121,925,545 |
| Conference agreement, fiscal year 2003 | 121,927,337 |
| Conference agreement compared with: | |
| New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2002 | - 1,892,871 |
| Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2003 | - 3,052,363 |
| House bill, fiscal year 2003 | - 669,544 |
| Senate bill, fiscal year 2003 | + 1,792 |

DIVISION L—HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002 AMENDMENTS

In implementing this agreement, the departments and agencies affected in this division shall comply with the language and instructions set forth in the Senate explanatory statement as delineated in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 15, 2003, page S838, that are not otherwise contradicted by the committee of conference.