

CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019 (H.J.Res.31) – MISSISSIPPI

Agriculture

- **Cotton Ginning Research** – \$500,000 to expand cotton ginning research at Stoneville to improve fiber quality, ginning efficiency, cotton seed and other byproducts.
- **Warmwater Aquaculture Research** – \$600,000 for warmwater research at Stoneville to facilitate the advancement of technologies that improve the efficiency, profitability and sustainability of aquaculture production.
- **Unmanned Aerial Systems** – \$3.0 million to expand efforts utilizing unmanned aerial systems (UAS) in crop production operations and to address the challenges associated with data capture, transfer and analysis. This program involves a partnership with Mississippi State University and other universities.
- **High Performance Computing** – \$2.0 million to support high performance computing capability to address scientific needs and directs ARS to collaborate with appropriate partners, such as Mississippi State, with the technical capacity and scientific synergy.
- **Catfish Inspections** – Language directing the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service to continue the catfish inspection program and to ensure foreign imports meet the U.S. food safety standards.
- **ARS Extramural Research** – Continues funding for ARS research projects involving Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and other state institutions.

Commerce, Justice, Science

- **Department of Justice/Law Enforcement** – Makes investments in federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, including \$468 million to combat the opioid epidemic and \$77 million for drug courts. It also maintains current law gun-related issues and rejects poison pill gun riders that would infringe on Americans' Second Amendment rights.
- **NASA Space Grant**: \$44 million, a \$4.0 million increase, for the Space Grant program, which promotes long-term improvements in research capabilities of institutions, which includes the University of Mississippi.
- **National Sea Grant College Program** – \$68 million, which will support the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium.
- **NOAA Supercomputing Center** – \$15 million to continue work to on a dedicated high-performance computing facility, for which Mississippi State is well positioned to receive funding.
- **National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS)**: \$27 million for NERRS, an increase of \$2.0 million above the FY2018 enacted level. A portion of funding goes to the Grand Bay NERRS site in Pascagoula.
- **NOAA Fisheries Service (NMFS) Aquaculture** – \$15 million for aquaculture activities under NMFS, which would involve the Fisheries Science Center in Pascagoula.
- **NASA Space Launch System (SLS)** – \$2.15 billion to continue SLS development. This funding would allow all facets of the launch vehicle to maintain their schedules for its upcoming launch. Within this program, main engine testing for SLS will be conducted at the Stennis Space Center.

Financial Services and General Government

- **Rural Wireless Broadband** – Provisions are included to protect Federal Communications Commission programs that provide wireless broadband access in poor and rural areas. This benefits Mississippi's effort to expand telehealth services, education programs, precision agriculture, and weather monitoring.
- **Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Bank Enterprise Awards Program** – \$25 million to support this program, which is used by financial institutions in Mississippi to benefit distressed communities. Bill provides that not less than 10 percent of CDFI funding support investments in persistent poverty counties. It also includes language supporting CDFI Fund grants for non-metropolitan and rural areas.

Homeland Security

- **Border Security** – \$22.54 billion, including unprecedented investments in physical barriers, law enforcement personnel, custody enhancements, humanitarian needs, and counter-narcotics and counter-weapons technology.
- **Customs and Border Protection** – Includes support for 200 border patrol agents above current law, in addition to \$615 million for new equipment at ports of entry and the hiring of 600 new customs officers.
- **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)** – Supports record ICE detention capacity with no limitations on interior enforcement operations
- **E-Verify** – \$120 million to fully fund E-Verify, a program that helps companies verify that employees may legally work in the United States.
- **U.S. Coast Guard** – \$12.0 billion for Coast Guard personnel, operations, maintenance, and acquisition of new ships.
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** – \$16.6 billion, of which \$12.6 billion is for the Disaster Relief Fund. The bill includes strong support for state and local first responders and emergency management personnel.

Interior and Environment

- **Forest Products Laboratory** – \$1.0 million in U.S. Forest Service funding to support the Forest Products Laboratory to advance ongoing research work and collaborative partnerships for innovative research on commercialization of wood and fiber biomass.
- **Coastal Conservation** – \$12.5 million for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Landscape Conservation Cooperatives, \$1.0 million of which will support conservation on the Gulf Coast.
- **U.S. Geological Survey Aquifer Study** – \$4.0 million for the USGS aquifer research, including language regarding the Mississippi Embayment Aquifer Study.
- **National Park Service (NPS) Historic Preservation** – \$14.5 million for historic civil right sites.
- **Ammunition Regulations** – Continues a provision prohibiting EPA from regulating certain types of ammunition and fishing tackle.

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development

- **Unmanned Aerial Systems** – \$12 million for the FAA UAS Center of Excellence led by Mississippi State University.
- **FAA Contract Towers** – \$168 million to fully fund FAA Contract Towers program, which affects facilities at the Golden Triangle Regional, Greenville Municipal, Hawkins Field (Jackson), Meridian/Key Field, Olive Branch, Stennis International Airport, Tupelo Regional airports.
- **Essential Air Service (EAS)** – \$175 million for the EAS program, which will benefit four Mississippi airports: Greenville, Hattiesburg/Laurel, Meridian, and Tupelo.
- **Small Community Air Service Development Program:** \$10 million, equal to current levels. Mississippi rural airports have been recipients of these awards.

State, Foreign Operations

- **Safeguarding the Right to Life** – The bill maintains the “Helms Amendment,” banning the use of foreign aid funding for abortions; ensures family planning programs funded through the bill are voluntary; and prohibits funding of organizations the President determines to support coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization.
- **Reforms, Savings, and Reducing Government Waste** – The bill provides significant funding for the Inspectors General (IG), including the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, and directs implementation of key IG and Government Accountability Office recommendations; continues a prohibition on funding for private email accounts or servers; and continues limitations on conference expenses.

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