

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING
 AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGEN-
 CIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2005

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Mr. WALSH, from the Committee on Appropriations,
 submitted the following

R E P O R T

together with

MINORITY VIEWS

[To accompany H.R. 5041]

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in
 explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the
 Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Develop-
 ment, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions,
 corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30,
 2005, and for other purposes.

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acts, the Secretary is authorized under the Housing and Community Development Amendment of 1978 to transfer excess rent collections received after 1978 to the Troubled Projects Operating Subsidy program, renamed the Flexible Subsidy Fund.

The Committee recommends that the account continue to serve as a repository of excess rental charges appropriated from the Rental Housing Assistance Fund. Although these resources will not be used for new reservations, they will continue to offset Flexible Subsidy outlays and other discretionary expenditures to support affordable housing projects.

The recommendation includes language identical to language carried in prior years, to allow surplus funds derived from rental collections which were in excess of allowable rents levels to be returned to project owners only for the purposes of rehabilitating and renovating those properties.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING FEES TRUST FUND

Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	\$13,000,000
Offsetting collections	- 13,000,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	12,923,000
Offsetting collections	- 12,923,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	13,000,000
Offsetting collections	- 13,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	+77,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0

The National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, as amended by the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000, authorized the Secretary to establish Federal manufactured home construction and safety standards for the construction, design, and performance of manufactured homes.

All manufactured homes are required to meet the Federal standards, and fees are charged to producers to cover the costs of administering the Act.

The Committee recommends up to \$13,000,000 for the manufactured housing standards programs to be derived from fees collected and deposited in the Manufactured Housing Fees Trust Fund established pursuant to the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000. The amount recommended is an increase of \$77,000 above the fiscal year 2004 level and equal to the fiscal year 2005 request.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

	Limitation of direct loans	Limitation of guaran- teed loans	Administrative ex- penses
Fiscal year 2005 recommendation	\$50,000,000	\$185,000,000,000	\$356,882,000
Fiscal year 2004 appropriation	50,000,000	185,000,000,000	356,882,000
Fiscal year 2005 budget request	50,000,000	185,000,000,000	366,000,000
Comparison with fiscal year 2004 appropriation	0	0	0
Comparison with fiscal year 2005 budget request	0	0	- 9,118,000

The FHA mutual mortgage insurance program account includes the mutual mortgage insurance (MMI) and cooperative management housing insurance (CMHI) funds. This program account covers unsubsidized programs, primarily the single-family home mort-