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*Conference Report*

**House Rpt.108-010 - MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2003, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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**SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION**

**SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

**(INCLUDING RESCISSION)**

The conference agreement provides \$449,105,000 for salaries and expenses at the Smithsonian Institution, instead of \$436,660,000 as proposed by the House and the Senate. This total includes a rescission of \$14,100,000 as proposed in the budget.

Changes to the House proposed funding level include increases of \$750,000 for the National Museum of American History's 9/11 initiative, \$11,000,000 for additional security improvements at the National Zoo and the Office of Protection Services, and \$945,000 to restore in full the general offsetting reduction of \$12,795,000 proposed in the budget request. The House had provided the bulk of these funds, \$11,850,000, in its initial recommendations. The Senate, in agreement with the Administration, had accepted the reduction in full. There is a decrease of \$250,000 for research activities at the Tropical Research Institute, which still provides an increase of \$500,000 above the budget request for those programs.

The managers are aware that there has been confusion in recent years regarding the Smithsonian Institution's eligibility to compete for grants at the National Science Foundation. This problem was recently identified as a significant issue in the National Academy of Public Administration's review of Smithsonian science programs released in October 2002. The Appropriations Committees are concerned that this confusion has persisted despite recent internal NSF policy directives clarifying that the Smithsonian is fully eligible to compete for National Science Foundation grants. The managers urge the Secretary of the Smithsonian to work with the Director of the National Science Foundation to make sure that Smithsonian grant applications are welcomed by all programs at the Foundation and given fair consideration with all other applications based on the merits of the proposals.

**REPAIR, RESTORATION AND ALTERATION OF FACILITIES**

The conference agreement provides \$83,425,000 for repair, restoration and alteration of facilities instead



of \$81,300,000 as proposed by the House and \$78,300,000 as proposed by the Senate. The changes are detailed below.

The managers have provided an additional \$2,125,000 for critical repairs at the National Zoological Park including \$500,000 to complete roof construction planning for the Elephant and Reptile Houses, \$625,000 for critical structural repairs at the Seal/Sea Lion area and \$1,000,000 for electrical repairs.

## **CONSTRUCTION**

The conference agreement provides \$16,000,000 for construction as proposed by the Senate instead of \$10,000,000 as proposed by the House. This completes the Federal commitment to the National Museum of the American Indian.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION**

The conference agreements includes language proposed by the Senate prohibiting the reprogramming of funds without prior approval of the Committees.

## **NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART**

### **SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

The conference agreement provides \$77,219,000 for salaries and expenses of the National Gallery of Art as proposed by the Senate instead of \$78,219,000 as proposed by the House.

## **REPAIR, RESTORATION AND RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS**

The conference agreement provides \$16,230,000 for repair, restoration and renovation of buildings as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

## **JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

### **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

The conference agreement provides \$16,310,000 for operations and maintenance of the Kennedy Center as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

## **CONSTRUCTION**

The conference agreement provides \$17,600,000 for construction as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

## **WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SCHOLARS**

### **SALARIES AND EXPENSES**



The conference agreement provides \$8,488,000 for salaries and expenses of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars as proposed by both the House and the Senate. Funds should be distributed as follows:

Fellowship program	\$1,259,000
Scholar support	659,000
Public service	2,261,000
General administration	1,968,000
Smithsonian fee	208,000
Conference planning	1,968,000
Space	165,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,488,000</b>

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The conference agreement includes \$116,489,000 for grants and administration of the National Endowment for the Arts as proposed by the Senate instead of \$99,489,000 as proposed by the House. The increase above the House level is due to merging the funding for the Challenge America Arts Fund into this account as proposed by the Senate. This merger will increase efficiency and management of this relatively new arts program. The managers agree to the House proposed funding levels for direct grants, State partnerships, program support and administration. The conference agreement also includes, within the administrative provisions for the National Foundation, the bill language proposed by the House increasing efficiency for grants less than \$10,000.

## NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

### GRANTS AND ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement provides \$109,532,000 for grants and administration of the National Endowment of the Humanities as proposed by the Senate instead of \$114,932,000 as proposed by the House. In addition to funds provided in this account, further appropriations for the NEH are included in the matching grants category below.

### MATCHING GRANTS

The conference agreement provides \$16,122,000 for matching grants as proposed by the House and the Senate.

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TITLE VI  
OFFSETS

The conference agreement includes a 0.65 percent across-the-board rescission to discretionary budgetary resources provided in divisions A through K of this Act, as well as to any previously enacted fiscal year 2003 advance appropriation. This rescission does not apply to the Head Start program, the Veterans' Medical Care program, the Women, Infants, and Children nutrition program, or the space shuttle program. Specific exemptions for these programs are also included in the respective sections of this joint resolution.

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