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staff to improve the Internal Revenue Service 1-800 help line service.

Sec. 285. Within one hundred and eighty days of enactment, the Secretary of the Treasury shall present to Congress a proposal for legislation which would provide transition relief to employees and former employees of the retired employee supplement to the social security benefits of which will not exceed $1,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2008, for research: Provided, That such sums may be transferred as necessary to the Internal Revenue Service and the Social Security Administration for the cost of implementing section 1010 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-33) for the implementation and administration of such programs.

Sec. 290. Not to exceed 2 percent of any appropriation made available in this Act to the Department of the Treasury shall be used for information systems and operational information systems: Provided, That none of the sums made available under this Act may be used for information systems and related contract costs associated with operations authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, at such rates as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury (Public Law 105-33).

Sec. 291. (A) Not more than $62,400,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2005, for the capital asset acquisition of information technology systems. (B) Not more than $15,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2006, for the capital asset acquisition of information technology systems.

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Sec. 161. requires the Director, Office of Management and Budget to consult with Alaska Native corporations on the same basis as Indian tribes under Executive Order 13175.

Sec. 162. provides a total of $50,000,000 from the highway trust fund for the reconstruction of the Treasure Island Bridge in Florida and for plaza design and road improvements at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Sec. 163 extends the Japanese Imperial Government Disclosure Act for one additional year.

Cash balance plans. The conference agreement on the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004 directs the Secretary of the Treasury to prepare a legislative proposal that would provide transition relief to older and longer service participants affected by conversions from traditional defined benefit plans to cash balance plans. The conference agreement also prohibits the use of funds to complete certain regulations pending at the Treasury Department. The purpose of this prohibition is not to call into question the validity of hybrid pension plan designs (cash balance and pension equity). The purpose of the prohibition is to preserve the status quo with respect to conversions through the entirety of fiscal year 2004 while the applicable committees of jurisdiction review the Treasury Department's legislative proposals.

Sec. 164. The conference agreement includes a provision related to the distribution of certain Department of Housing and Urban Development block grant funds to Alaska Native recipients.

Sec. 165. The conference agreement includes a rescission of $1,800,000,000 funds made available to the Department of Defense and made available in P.L. 107-38 and P.L. 107-117, as well as a 0.59 percent across-the-board rescission to discretionary budgetary resources provided in fiscal year 2004 regular appropriations Acts (except Defense and Military Construction), as well as to any previously enacted fiscal year 2004 advance appropriations.

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