

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY MR. ROGERS OF
KENTUCKY, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS REGARDING HOUSE AMENDMENT #1 TO THE
SENATE AMENDMENT ON H.R. 2029

CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

The following is an explanation of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016.

This Act includes twelve regular appropriations bills for fiscal year 2016. The divisions contained in the Act are as follows:

- Division A – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016;
- Division B – Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016;
- Division C – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2016;
- Division D – Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016;
- Division E – Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2016;

- Division F – Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2016;
- Division G – Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016;
- Division H – Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016;
- Division I – Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2016;
- Division J – Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016;
- Division K – Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2016;
- Division L – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016;
- Division M – Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016;
- Division N – Cybersecurity Act of 2015;
- Division O – Other Matters; and
- Division P – Tax-Related Provisions.

Section 3 of the Act states that, unless expressly provided otherwise, any reference to “this Act” contained in any division shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

Section 4 of the Act specifies that this explanatory statement shall have the same effect with respect to the allocation of funds and implementation of this legislation as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference.

Section 5 of the Act provides a statement of appropriations.

Section 6 of the Act states that each amount designated by Congress as being for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism (OCO/GWOT) is contingent on the President so designating all such OCO/GWOT amounts and transmitting such designations to Congress. The provision is consistent with the requirements in the Budget Control Act of 2011 for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism designations by the President.

Section 7 of the Act addresses possible technical scorekeeping differences for fiscal year 2016 between the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office.

Section 8 of the Act makes technical corrections to the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016.

Section 9 of the Act prohibits cost-of-living adjustments for Members of Congress under the Legislative Reorganization Act during fiscal year 2016.

The Act does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined by clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.