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Emergency Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 Summary

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Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) said:

“We have the responsibility to take care of the Capitol Police in the wake of their incredible service on January 6th, and to reimburse our National Guard for costs incurred protecting the Capitol. We have the responsibility to pay for costs we have already incurred as a result of the pandemic. And we have the moral responsibility to stand with our Afghan partners who stood with us through two decades of war. This bipartisan agreement addresses these critical needs, and it addresses them now because they cannot wait. I want to thank my dear friend Vice Chairman Shelby for his diligent work throughout this process.”

Responding to the January 6 Insurrection and Protecting the U.S. Capitol and Congress

Legislative Branch Agencies—\$406 million to support the Capitol Police and to secure the United States Capitol, including:

- **U.S. Capitol Police** – \$70.7 million in Salaries and General Expenses for the Capitol Police response to the January 6 attack and to meet urgent gaps and demands to protect the U.S. Capitol Complex, Members of Congress, congressional employees, and visitors, including:
 - \$31.1 million to backfill overtime expected until the Department can hire, train, and deploy more officers and benefits to retain current officers, including \$6.9 million for hazard pay, \$3.6 million for retention bonuses, and \$2.5 million for tuition credits to help with retention;
 - \$4.4 million for Wellness and Trauma Support, including 6 new mental health counselors and wellness resilience specialists, and \$2.5 million to reimburse the U.S. Marshals Service for peer-to-peer trauma support;
 - \$3.3 million for the Intelligence Division for intelligence analysts and technical resources;
 - \$5.8 million for protective details for Members of Congress due to increased threats and risk assessments;
 - \$5 million for Equipment and Services, including \$2.7 million for reimbursement for equipment since the January 6 insurrection, \$1.3 million for gas masks,

tactical vests, body armor and other equipment, \$900,000 for cellular phone capability, and \$100,000 for legal support;

- \$2.6 million to procure basic riot control equipment to outfit all officers with ballistic helmets, batons, and body shields; and
 - \$6.8 million for Capitol Police specialized training, including \$3.3 million for collective threat, cyber, intelligence, and counter assault training; \$2.6 million for physical protection barriers and Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) equipment; and \$880,000 for specialized vehicles and tactics training for the CDU.
- **Mutual Aid Reimbursements to Law Enforcement Partners** – \$35.4 million for mutual aid reimbursements and related training for existing mutual aid agreements between the Capitol Police and Federal, State and local law enforcement partners.
 - **Architect of the Capitol (AOC)** – \$300 million, including:
 - \$283 million to upgrade accessible windows and doors of the Capitol Building and Senate and House office buildings; and
 - \$17 million to install new cameras around the Capitol Building and House office buildings for safety and security purposes.

National Guard Reimbursement—\$521 million is provided to fully fund the cost of the National Guard deployment to Capitol Hill, which is urgently needed to prevent cancellation of summer drills for members of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard.

Providing for Safe and Healthy Congressional Operations in Response to COVID-19

Legislative Branch Agencies—\$42.1 million to assist in the response to COVID-19, including:

- **Architect of the Capitol** – \$22 million for reimbursements and other costs of the response to COVID-19. This includes enhanced cleaning, personal protective equipment, telework equipment, essential overtime pay, and salaries of employees of impacted contractors subject to furloughs and/or layoffs.
- **Senate Sergeant at Arms** – \$7.8 million for reimbursements and other costs of the response to COVID-19. This includes personal protective equipment, telework equipment, contractor support costs, and emergency supplies.
- **U.S. Capitol Police** – \$800,000 for reimbursements and other costs of the response to COVID-19. This includes personal protective equipment and hotel rooms for officers and civilian staff who were unable to return home to due COVID-19-positive cohabitants.

Humanitarian Support and Assistance for Afghan Refugees

Department of Defense—\$500 million in Department of Defense Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid to provide emergency transportation, housing, and other essential services to Afghan partners leaving the country. The Departments of Defense and State are currently coordinating on efforts to support these Afghans and their families, and additional funds are provided to State for similar purposes.

Department of Health and Human Services—\$25 million for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide assistance to Afghans granted special immigration status once they have arrived in the United States. This funding will support transitional financial, medical, and social services, such as medical screenings and housing assistance, to help this population resettle in the United States.

Department of State—\$600 million for refugee and migration assistance and to improve and strengthen the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program, specifically:

- **Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance** – \$500 million to provide emergency transport, temporary housing, and other basic services for Afghans who qualify for Special Immigrant Visas after serving as translators and in other capacities for the U.S. military.
- **Migration and Refugees** – \$100 million for assistance for Afghan refugees in neighboring countries and for other humanitarian needs in Afghanistan. The UN currently estimates that 500,000 Afghans will flee their homes in the coming months, and potentially many more. While Special Immigrant Visas offer safety to a portion of those whose lives are at risk, others – including teachers, scholars, female students, judges, and soldiers, and civil society leaders – are in jeopardy after participating in U.S. government programs, and can only seek asylum if they are refugees in a third country.
- **Afghan Special Immigrant Visas** – The legislation would provide immediate improvements and strengthen efficiency of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program by:
 - Increasing the number of authorized visas by 8,000;
 - Changing the employment requirement for eligibility from two years to one year;
 - Postponing the required medical exam until the applicant and their family have arrived safely in the United States;
 - Removing the “sensitive and trusted” requirement for International Security Assistance Force and Resolute Support employment; and
 - Providing for Special Immigrant status for certain surviving spouses and children of murdered applicants.

Miscellaneous

President-Elect Security—\$1.1 million is provided to reimburse state and local governments in providing security for the President-elect between the election and the inauguration.

Death Gratuities—\$348,000 for customary death gratuities for the families of the late Representatives Ron Wright, Republican of Texas, and Alcee L. Hastings, Democrat of Florida. These death gratuities are consistent with the traditional Congressional practice of providing a payment to the families of Members who die in office.

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