In lieu of House report language regarding the Bureau’s anticipated report on the feasibility of including Puerto Rico in additional surveys and Bureau of Justice Statistics data requested to the Census Bureau, the agreement directs the Census Bureau to provide a supplement to this report, not later than 90 days after enactment containing an overall cost estimate and implementation plan for Puerto Rico’s inclusion in these surveys and products. The Census Bureau is further directed to work with states and stakeholders in Puerto Rico, while conducting the Puerto Rico Community Survey, to better understand Puerto Rico’s data needs.

CURRENT SURVEYS AND PROGRAMS

The agreement includes $574,000,000 for the Current Surveys and Programs account of the Bureau of the Census, to include funds to continue the level of effort for the Survey of Income and Program Participation, as described in the House report. The agreement does not adopt House report language on the division of funds within the appropriation.

PERIODIC CENSUSES AND PROGRAMS

(Including Transfer of Funds)

The bill provides $7,284,319,000 for the Periodic Censuses and Programs account of the Bureau of the Census. The agreement does not adopt the House report language on the division of funds at the Program, Project, and Activity (PPA) level.

2020 Decennial Census.—In July 2019, the Census Bureau provided an update to the Committees on its 2020 Census Life-Cycle Cost Estimate. While the total estimates for the overall Decennial costs remain unchanged, the Census Bureau assumes efficiency gains in the program. The agreement allows for a larger contingency reserve to support potential risks. The agreement provides $6,966,000,000 for the Decennial Census and does not adopt House recommendations for the key operational frames, as described in the House report. The agreement includes $696,000,000 dedicated towards Secretarial contingency needs that may arise during the Census operation such as major disasters or other unforeseen risks realized, and $383,000,000 in additional sensitivity risks to support additional work and any resolution in self-response rates beyond the current projections of the Census Bureau. The agreement clarifies a previous requirement regarding continuation to the Committees on the obligation of funds within the Bureau’s contingency reserve and directs the Census Bureau to report to the Committees no later than 90 days after any obligation of such funds. Such report shall include a description of the work funded from this reserve during the fiscal year. The agreement also states that no less than the level of effort for outreach and communications that was utilized in preparation for the 2010 Decennial Census, adjusted for inflation.

Mobile Questionnaire Assistance Centers.—Within funds provided, the agreement directs the Census Bureau to support this new initiative aimed at increasing response in historically hard to count communities. As part of the report on outreach activities in hard to count communities as directed by the House, the Census Bureau shall include details on how the Mobile Questionnaire Assistance Centers will be utilized as a part of these efforts.

Quarterly Briefings.—The agreement continues the requirement for quarterly updates from the Census Bureau to ensure the Committees are regularly apprised of the status of the 2020 Decennial operations, Census systems readiness, Census Enterprise Data Collection and Processing, implementation of GAO recommendations, and the American Community Survey. As part of these briefings, the Census Bureau should also include updates on actions it is taking, along with the Department of Homeland Security, to secure survey and census data, as described in the House report, as well as work the agency has done to mitigate risks identified by GAO, as referenced in the Senate report.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

(SALARIES AND EXPENSES)

The agreement includes $60,441,000 for the salaries and expenses of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The allocation of funding provided in the table in the House report is not adopted. The agreement directs NTIA to report, not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act, regarding NTIA’s current and planned efforts to improve the accuracy of broadband coverage in communities, including the sources of data used to help generate broadband coverage maps.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(SALARIES AND EXPENSES)

(Including Transfer of Funds)

The agreement includes language making available to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) $3,450,881,000, the full amount of offsetting fee collections estimated for fiscal year 2020 by the Congressional Budget Office. The agreement transfers $2,000,000 to the Office of Inspector General to continue oversight and audits of USPTO operations and budget transparency.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

The agreement includes $1,034,000,000 for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The agreement provides $754,000,000 for NIST’s Scientific and Technical Research and Services account (SASH).—

SCMMR...—The agreement includes $40,441,000 for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). This total funding level includes $3,763,939,000 in direct appropriations; a transfer of $174,774,000 from balances in the “Promote and Develop Fishery Products and Research Pertaining to American Fisheries” fund; and $17,500,000 derived from recoveries of prior year obligations.

The following narrative descriptions and tables identify the specific activities and funding levels included in this Act.

NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE

Operations, Research, and Facilities

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