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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY MR. FRELINGHUYSEN,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
REGARDING THE HOUSE AMENDMENT TO  
SENATE AMENDMENT NUMBERED 1 TO H.R. 244  
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

The following is an explanation of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017.

This Act includes 11 regular appropriations bills for fiscal year 2017. The divisions contained in the Act are as follows:

- Division A – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017
- Division B – Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017
- Division C – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017
- Division D – Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017
- Division E – Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017

- Division F – Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2017
- Division G – Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017
- Division H – Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017
- Division I – Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017
- Division J – Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2017
- Division K – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017
- Division L – Military Construction and Veterans Affairs—Additional Appropriations Act, 2017
- Division M – Other Matters
- Division N – Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act of 2017 (This is the original subject matter of H.R. 244.)

Section 1 of the Act is the short title of the bill.

Section 2 of the Act displays a table of contents.

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 states 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 an emergency requirement is contingent on the President so designating all such emergency amounts and transmitting such designations to Congress. The section further 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.

Section 7 of the Act addresses possible technical scorekeeping differences for fiscal year 2017 between the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office.

Section 8 of the Act makes a technical correction to the long title of the Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017.

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.