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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY MR. COLE, CHAIRMAN OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, REGARDING  
H.R. \_\_\_\_, CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

The following is an explanation of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026.

This Act includes 4 regular appropriations bills for fiscal year 2026. The divisions contained in the Act are as follows:

- Division A – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2026
- Division B – Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026
- Division C – Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026
- Division D – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026
- Division E – Authorizing Extenders and Technical Corrections
- Division F – Health Care Extenders

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.