

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

House Meets At...	Votes Predicted At...
10:00 a.m. For Legislative Business	Last Vote: Evening
Fifteen "One-minutes" Per Side	

**Any anticipated Member absences for votes this week should be reported to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.**

### **Floor Schedule and Procedure**

- **Suspension Bill:** Today, the House will consider one bill on the Suspension calendar. Bills considered on the Suspension calendar are debatable for 40 minutes; may not be amended; and require a two-thirds vote for passage. If a recorded vote is requested, it may be postponed.
  1. H.R. 923-Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act (Rep. Lewis(GA)-Judiciary)
- **Postponed Suspension Votes (4 bills):** At some point today, the House will take recorded votes on the following suspension bills, which were debated on Monday:
  1. H.Con.Res. 21 – Calling on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the United Nations Charter because of his calls for the destruction of the State of Israel (Rep. Rothman – Foreign Affairs)
  2. H.R. 2359 – SBA Entrepreneurial Development Programs Act of 2007 (Rep. Sestak – Small Business)
  3. H.R. 2284 – To amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians (Rep. Udall (NM) – Small Business)
- **Continue consideration of H.R. 2641-Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2008 (Rep. Visclosky-Appropriations):** Pursuant to the rule, debate on the bill will be managed by Appropriations

Committee Chair Rep. David Obey, or his designee, and will proceed in the following order:

- Debate and votes on amendments to the bill.
- **H. Res. 498-Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2764 -FY2008 Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations (Rep. Hastings-Rules):** The open rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Debate on the rule will be managed by Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL) and consideration will proceed in the following order:
  - One hour of debate on the rule.
  - Possible vote on a Democratic motion to move the previous question. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on the motion.**
  - Vote on adoption of the rule. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on adoption of the rule.**
- **H.R. 2764 -FY2008 Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations(Rep. Lowey-Appropriations):** Pursuant to the rule, debate on the bill will be managed by Appropriations Committee Chair Rep. David Obey, or his designee, and will proceed in the following order:
  - One hour of debate on the bill.
  - Debate and votes on amendments to the bill.
  - Possible debate and vote on a Republican motion to recommit the bill.
  - Vote on passage of the bill. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on final passage.**

### **Bill Summary and Key Issues**

#### **H.R. 2641 - 2008 ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS**

##### Bill Total

**2007 Enacted:** \$30.3 billion

**President's Request:** \$30.5 billion

**Committee Mark:** \$31.6 billion

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY:** \$25.243 billion, \$1.150 billion above 2007 and \$480 million above the President's request.

- **Office of Science:** \$4.516 billion, \$116.2 million above President's request and \$716.8 million above 2007 for basic scientific research, supporting 3,500 additional researchers and allowing almost all of the science facilities to operate at maximum capacity.
  - **Climate Change Science:** \$150 million for research into Climate Change.
  - **Basic Energy Research:** \$208 million for research into improving technology for energy storage and generation.
- **Reducing Our Dependence on Foreign Oil in a Way that Cuts Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** \$1.9 billion, \$638 million above President's

request and \$400 million above 2007 for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.

- **Nuclear Energy (Non-GNEP):** \$639.2 million, \$232.5 million above President's request and \$324.5 million above 2007 including funding for a Next Generation Nuclear Power Plant at the Idaho National Lab that will use safer, more efficient technology.
- **Fossil Energy:** \$708.8 million, \$142 million above President's request and \$116.2 million above 2007 for: demonstration of technology that captures carbon exhaust as recommended in the MIT Coal report; improvements to existing coal power plants that were zeroed in the request; and the FutureGen initiative to create the world's first zero-emissions fossil fuel plant.
- **Environmental Clean-up:** \$6.671 billion, \$358.8 million above President's request and \$30.9 million below 2007 to clean up contamination from 60 years of manufacturing nuclear weapons and various cancelled projects for handling spent nuclear fuel.
- **Nuclear Nonproliferation:** \$1.684 billion, \$11 million above President's request and \$.3 million above 2007 bringing total available funding for nonproliferation to \$2.07 billion due to \$387 million available from prior years.
  - **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Nuclear Fuel Bank:** \$100 million to establish an IAEA nuclear fuel bank to create a reliable source of nuclear fuel for countries should their traditional sources be interrupted. This would eliminate the need for countries to develop their own nuclear fuel uranium enrichment programs.
- **Yucca Mountain:** \$494.5 million, \$48.8 million above 2007, matching President's request for nuclear waste disposal.

**ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS:** \$5.584 billion, \$246 million above 2007 and \$713.4 million above the President's request.

- **Operations and Maintenance:** \$2.655 billion to address an over \$1 billion backlog of operations and maintenance needs to sustain the coastal and inland navigation infrastructure critical to the U.S. economy.
- **Construction:** \$2.009 billion for projects including on-going measures to address gaps in flood protection put in the spotlight after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.
- **Hydropower:** \$95 million to repair and update hydropower dams to increase energy production.
- **Management Reforms:** Continues management reforms instituted at the Corps of Engineers, including the requirement for five-year plans and limitations on reprogramming and contracting methods.

•  
**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR** - Bureau of Reclamation and Central Utah Project: \$1.073 billion, \$72 million above President's request and \$13.9 million above 2007 for dams, canals, water treatment and conservation, and rural water projects.

#### **SIGNIFICANT CUTS**

- **Strategic Petroleum Reserve:** \$163.5 million, \$168.1 million below President's request and \$1 million below 2007, rejecting the President's proposal to double the size of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve so as to instead invest in conservation measures and alternative fuels.

- **Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP):** \$120 million, \$285 million below President's request and \$47.5 million below 2007 for the initiative to reprocess spent nuclear fuel and burn long-lived radioactive materials.
- **Weapons Programs:** \$5.9 billion, \$632 million below President's request and \$396 million below 2007 with cuts to 37 specific weapons program accounts.
- **Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility (MOX):** \$167.8 million, cut \$263.5 million below President's request and \$115.1 million below 2007 because the Administration asked for more than could be spent in 2008 and last year's funds are sufficient to continue construction.

## **H.R. 2764 – Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, 2008**

### Bill Total

2007 Enacted: \$31.287 billion

President's request: \$34.943 billion

Committee Mark: \$34.243 billion

### **KEY INVESTMENTS**

**Global Health:** \$6.517 billion, \$994 million above 2007 and \$513 million above the President's request, for critical global health programs to strengthen the global public health infrastructure and surveillance network in order to save lives overseas and to protect the health of the United States.

- **HIV/AIDS:** \$5.082 billion, \$1.249 billion above 2007 and \$585.7 million above the President's request, for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care programs around the world.
  - **Global Fund:** \$550 million, \$76 million below 2007 and \$550 million above the President's request, for the Global Fund to provide grants to countries for AIDS, TB and Malaria prevention, treatment and care programs. With the \$300 million included in the Labor, Health and Education Appropriations bill, the overall contribution to the Global Fund would be \$850 million - \$126 million above 2007.
- **Child Survival and Health Programs Fund:** \$1.955 billion, \$237 million above 2007 and \$391 million above the President's request (includes \$600 million of the HIV/AIDS funding)

**Sudan:** \$949.3 million, \$104 above the President's request. Of this amount, \$210.5 million is for critical humanitarian and peacekeeping programs in Darfur, which is \$100 million above the President's request. The remaining funds are for development assistance to build the economic base and strengthen democratic institutions in Southern Sudan.

**Basic Education:** The bill provides \$750 million for grants to organizations that support basic education programs. This includes \$265 million to help countries that have national education plans, as outlined in Education for All Initiative, the international commitment to provide all children with access to a quality education.

**Improving Access to Safe Drinking Water:** \$300 million for safe water programs, including \$100 million for a new initiative requiring the Administration to develop a strategy to help high priority countries address their water issues, including: help providing sources for safe drinking water (such as pumps and

wells); building water systems; and support for safe hygiene programs.

**Environment:** \$501 million for clean energy and biodiversity programs worldwide, including funding for the Global Environmental Facility and international conservation programs to work with developing nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, preserve parks and protect wildlife.

**World Wide Embassy Security Upgrades:** \$1.772 billion, \$191 million above 2007 and the same as the President's request, for ongoing security upgrades to ensure that our embassies remain safe and secure for the tens of thousands of military and civilian staff serving in roughly 260 posts worldwide.

**International Organizations:** \$333.4 million, \$7.2 million above 2007 and \$44 million above the President's request, to reinvest in multi-lateral programs to confront global challenges. Specifically, the bill includes \$128 million for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and a total of \$40 million for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

**Refugee Assistance:** \$830 million, \$3 million below 2007 and \$56 million above the President's request, to help displaced people around the world with food, water, shelter and other basic needs.

**Disaster Assistance:** \$322 million, after accounting for a transfer of \$51.5 million to the Development Assistance account, this amount is \$12.5 million above 2007 and \$25 million above the President's request to avert famines and provide life-saving assistance during natural disasters.

**Eastern Europe and Former Soviet Countries:** \$695 million, \$31 million below 2007 and \$54 million above the President's request, to slow the President's cuts to assistance for young democracies, specifically Kosovo and Macedonia, and to continue civil society assistance in Russia and Central Asia.

**Broadcasting:** \$682.3 million, \$35.6 million above 2007 and \$14 million above the President's request, for radio programs critical to the nation's overall public diplomacy efforts.

#### **Peacekeeping Activities**

- **Dues for U.N. Peacekeeping Missions:** \$1.3 billion, \$167 million above 2007 and \$195 million above the President's request, for Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities (CIPA). These funds help support peacekeeping operations throughout the world, including Liberia, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Haiti, Timor-Leste, the Middle East, and Kosovo.
- **Targeted Peacekeeping Operations:** \$293.2 million, \$69.9 million above 2007 and \$72 million above the President's request for Peacekeeping Operations (PKO), targeted missions that are of particular interest to the United States. An additional \$100 million is included to provide critical support to the African Union Peacekeepers in Darfur.

**Educational and Cultural Exchanges:** \$501.4 million, \$55.7 million above 2007 and \$15 million above the President's request, to fund the participation of over 42,000 individuals in educational, cultural and professional exchange programs worldwide. Includes Fulbright student and scholar exchanges and the International Visitors Program. These exchanges are critical to improving our

nation's security by rebuilding our status overseas through diplomacy.

**Peace Corps:** \$333.5 million, \$13.9 million above 2007 and matching the President's request, for the program that has 7,749 volunteers in 67 posts serving 73 countries.

#### **SIGNIFICANT CUTS**

**Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC):** \$1.8 billion, nearly \$50 million above 2007 and \$1.2 billion below the President's request to develop country-driven compacts that will have the greatest overall impact on poverty reduction and economic growth. This program is cut below the President's request because there is roughly \$2 billion in unobligated balances, making funds provided in this bill sufficient to move forward on new compacts.

**Funding for Iraq:** The bill does not fund \$456 million requested by the President for Iraq as the Administration has not provided sufficient justification on how it will spend the \$2.862 billion recently provided in the 2007 emergency supplemental appropriations.

**Diplomatic and Consular Programs:** \$4.78 billion, \$446.3 million above 2007 and \$157.9 million below the President's request for non-security operations.

**Promoting Development and Fighting Drugs in Colombia:** \$530.6 million, \$59 million below the President's request, and \$86.5 million below 2007 for drug interdiction and eradication efforts coupled with economic development assistance for drug-affected communities, realizing the drug war cannot be won without addressing the economic pressures that feed into it. Cuts were made to restore funding levels for other Latin American countries.

#### **OTHER IMPORTANT POLICY ITEMS**

**Shift from Economic Support Funds to Development Assistance:** Shifts \$365 million in requested Economic Support Fund and International Disaster and Famine Assistance accounts to the Development Assistance account to reassert the role of USAID as the primary development agency of the U.S. Government.

**Increasing Green Exports:** The bill includes a provision to encourage the Export-Import Bank to seek out investments in renewable energy and other environmentally beneficial products. This initiative could result in an estimated \$1 billion in additional green exports in 2008 and will encourage the use of renewable energy worldwide while helping to support U.S. producers of renewable energy and green products.

**HIV/AIDS Prevention Programs:** Gives the President the flexibility to determine the levels and types of prevention programs funded under the HIV/AIDS funds in this bill.

**Egypt:** \$200 million of the foreign military financing for Egypt provided in the bill is withheld until the Secretary of State certifies that Egypt is taking steps to address human rights concerns by reforming its judiciary and training its police as well as addressing concerns about the smuggling of weapons from Egypt to Gaza.

**Modifying Existing Policy Related to Contraceptives:** Modifies existing policy to allow the provision of contraceptives to international NGOs otherwise denied

U.S. Government funding in order to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies, abortions, and the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases.

“It's wonderful what we can do if we're always doing.” -George Washington

The Office of the House Majority Whip | H-329 The Capitol |  
Washington, DC 20515 | p. (202)226-3210 | f. (202)226-1115