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Bill Text and Background for the Week of June 18, 2007

- H.R. 2641 - 2008 Energy and Water Appropriations
- H.R. ___ – State, Foreign Operations, and related programs appropriations bill, 2008
- H.R. ___ - 2008 Legislative Branch Appropriations

Background Documents and Links:

[FY2008 Subcommittee Allocations – 302\(b\)s](#), Committee on Appropriations, June 5, 2007

[CRS FY 2008 Status Table of Appropriations](#)

[The Congressional Appropriations Process: An Introduction](#)

	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 President	FY 2008 Allocation	Compared to FY 2007	
				Dollar	Percent
Military Construction, Veterans	49,752	60,745	64,745	14,993	30.1%
Homeland Security	31,905	34,191	36,254	4,349	13.6%
State, Foreign Operations	31,277	34,943	34,243	2,966	9.5%
Defense	419,612	462,879	459,332	39,720	9.5%
Total Security Funding	532,546	592,758	594,574	62,028	11.6%
Financial Services & Gen Gov't	19,518	21,678	21,028	1,510	7.7%
Transportation, HUD	47,538	47,963	50,738	3,200	6.7%
Legislative Branch	3,773	4,331	4,024	251	6.7%
Commerce, Justice, Science	50,344	51,241	53,551	3,206	6.4%
Agriculture	17,774	17,835	18,825	1,051	5.9%
Labor, HHS, Education	144,522	140,920	151,112	6,590	4.6%
Interior, Environment	26,405	25,650	27,598	1,193	4.5%
Energy & Water	30,298	30,473	31,603	1,305	4.3%
Total Non-Security Domestic Funding	340,172	340,091	358,478	18,306	5.4%
Total Discretionary Spending	872,718	932,849	953,053	80,334	9.2%

H.R. 2641 - 2008 ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS (Rep. Visclosky - Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule)

Bill Text: [HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

[Bill Summary and Status](#)

Rule Committee Meeting: [H.RES.481](#), [Rule](#), [Committee Report](#), and [roll call votes](#)

Committee: [Committee on Appropriations](#)

Committee Staff Contact: 5-2771

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

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.

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.

Committee Documents:

[Summary: FY 2008 Energy and Water Bill](#)

House Report 110-185:

[HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

Full Committee Mark-up:

Full Committee Meeting, Energy and Water Markup – FY 2008 Appropriations, June 6, 2007

[National Journal Report](#)

[Webcast of Hearing](#)

Summary of Committee Votes:

- [Hinchey, 2005 Energy Law Streamlining Amendment](#) – would have prevented funds in the 2005 energy law from use by the secretary of Energy to designate any area as a national interest electric transmission corridor. It also would have prevented funds from use by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for eminent domain claims. **Rejected 30-35: R 6-22; D 24-13.**
- [Rep. Peterson Clean Coal Technology Amendment](#) – would have provided an additional \$14 million for clean coal technology research through the Department of Energy. It would have amended the committee report to specify that \$11.5 million of the increase be used for research grants to universities and \$2.5 million of the increase be used for oil and gas technology transfer. **Rejected by Voice Vote.**
- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the House of Representatives, by **Voice Vote.**

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development Mark-up:

Subcommittee Markup, May 23, 3007



[National Journal Report](#)

Opening Statement: [Chairman Visclosky](#)

Summary of Committee Votes:

- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the House of Representatives by **Voice Vote**.

CRS Reports:

[RL34009](#): Energy and Water Development: FY2008 Appropriations

GAO Reports:

[GAO-07-310](#): High Risk Series: An Update, January, 2007

Organization Statements:

(TBA)

Administration Position:

The Administration strongly opposes H.R. 2641. [Statement of Administration Policy](#).

Fact Sheets & Talking Points:

(TBA)

Press Releases, News Articles & Related Information:

[The Future of Coal Report](#), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2007

[FutureGen initiative](#), Department of Energy

[Energy Department budget site](#)

[Army Corps of Engineers proposal](#)

[Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation budget site](#)

[Appalachian Regional Commission budget summary](#)

[Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board budget summary](#)

[Nuclear Regulatory Commission budget site](#)

[Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board budget proposal](#)

H.R. ___ – STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2008 (*Rep. Lowey – Appropriations*) (*Subject to a Rule*)

Bill Text: [HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

[Bill Summary and Status](#)

Rule Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in H-313 the Capitol

Committee: [Committee on Appropriations](#)

Committee Staff Contact: 5-2771

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

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.

Committee Documents:

[Summary: FY 2008 State and Foreign Operations Bill](#)

House Report:

HTML Version, PDF Version

Full Committee Mark-up:

Full Committee Meeting, State, Foreign Operations Markup – FY 2008 Appropriations, June 12, 2007

[Webcast](#)

[National Journal Report](#)

Summary of Committee Votes:

- [Rep. Lowey Manager's Amendment](#) – made technical and substantive changes to the report. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- [Rep. LaHood Open World Program Amendment](#) – transferred \$6 million from the bill to the Legislative Branch appropriations bill for the Library of Congress' Open World program. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- [Rep. Knollenberg Millennium Challenge Corporation Amendment](#) – would have added \$200 million to the \$1.8 billion provided for the Millennium Challenge Corporation. **Withdrawn.**
- [Rep D. Price Property for Haitian Government Amendment](#) – added language to the report directing the secretary of State to consider allowing a portion of the \$23.9 million provided to improve governance in Haiti be used to purchase the U.S. embassy property adjacent to the Haitian Parliament. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- [Rep Wolf Democracy Programs in Iraq Amendment](#) – would have earmarked \$133 million of the funds in the bill for programs in Iraq to improve democracy, the rule of law, governance, and for nonproliferation, anti-terrorism, clearing land mines or other related programs and to carry out military education and training. **Rejected 27-35: R 27-0; D 0-35.**
- [Rep Crenshaw Assistance for Iran Amendment](#) – specified \$50 million of the funds appropriated in the bill should be made available for programs to improve democracy, the rule of law and governance in Iran. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- [Rep Kirk Religious Minorities in Iraq Amendment](#) – added language to the report stating that the committee is concerned about religious minorities in Iraq and would intend to provide at least \$10 million to assist religious minorities in the Ninevah Plain region, of which \$8 million would be for internally-displaced families and \$2 million would be for micro-finance programs. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- [Rep D. Weldon Report on Coercive Abortion or Sterilization Amendment](#) – accelerated the timetable for reports to Congress on whether any funds appropriated in the bill were made available to a program that supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the House of Representatives, as Amended, by **Voice Vote.**

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Mark-up:

Subcommittee Markup, June 5, 2007

[National Journal Report](#)

[Lowey Statement: FY 2008 Appropriations Subcommittee Markup](#)

Summary of Committee Votes:

- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the House of Representatives by **Voice Vote.**

CRS Reports:

(TBA)

GAO Reports:

(TBA)

Organization Statements:
(TBA)

Administration Position:
(TBA)

Fact Sheets & Talking Points:
(TBA)

Press Releases, News Articles & Related Information:
(TBA)

H.R.____ - 2008 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS (*Rep. Wasserman Schultz – Appropriations*)
(Subject to a Rule)

Bill Text: HTML Version, PDF Version
Bill Summary and Status
Rule Committee Meeting: TBA
Committee: [Committee on Appropriations](#)
Committee Staff Contact: 5-2771

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

Bill Total

2007 Enacted: \$ 2.981 billion (without \$50 million in rescissions)

Request: \$ 3.374 billion

Committee Mark: \$ 3.104 billion

KEY INVESTMENTS

Special Needs for 2008: Funding for the Legislative Branch is always at its highest in years of Presidential elections. Roughly, \$30 million of the total increase for the bill is due to costs associated with the Presidential Elections in 2008. This includes \$3.6 million for construction of inaugural facilities for the new President's swearing in and \$5 million for security costs incurred by the Capitol Police.

Capitol Police: \$286 million, \$30.4 million above 2007 and \$13 million below the request, for 10 new Library Police Officers, new employees to improve financial and administrative management, and \$5 million for a new radio system.

Architect of the Capitol: \$348 million, \$15.7 million above 2007 and \$46 million below the request with a special emphasis on funding health, safety and security improvements. This includes:

- **Inspector General:** Creates a much-needed Inspector General with seven full time staff, to oversee the Architect of the Capitol to improve financial and management practices.
- **Green the Capitol Initiative:** \$3.9 million for new initiatives for the House including: \$2.7 million to shift from coal to cleaner burning natural gas for heating needs, \$520,000 to switch to 100% renewable wind power for electrical needs, \$500,000 for an ethanol gas station for House automobiles, and \$100,000 for energy efficient compact florescent light bulbs.
- **Security Enhancements for Additional Office Space:** \$16 million for security enhancements to the FDA building to allow required improvements to historic House Office Buildings.

House of Representatives: \$1.2 billion, \$61 million above 2007 and \$36.5 million below the request including:

- **Members Representation Allowance:** \$581 million, \$26 million above 2007, for the annual budgets for Members Offices.
- **House Child Care Center:** \$1 million, to expand the center to meet growing demand.
- **Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:** \$2 million for the new panel as part of the Congress's commitment to address global climate change.

Library of Congress: \$572.5 million, \$64 million above 2007 and \$89 million below the request.

- **National Digital Information Infrastructure Program (NDIIP):** \$7.5 million to preserve digital maps, movies, sound recordings and data for future generations.
- **Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped:** \$68 million to provide services to 500,000 blind and physically handicapped patrons including the production and distribution of books and magazines in Braille and electronic media. This includes \$12.5 million for conversion to new digital talking books.

Office of Compliance: \$3.8 million, \$700,000 above 2007 and \$300,000 below the request, allowing them to conduct oversight of efforts to improve utility tunnel health and safety issues and to carry out the initial health and safety inspection of the Capitol Visitors Center.

- Includes a provision requiring agencies to reimburse the Treasury for any awards or settlements paid out for failure to comply with health and safety standards.
- Includes a provision allowing the Office to email congressional employees on their rights and responsibilities.

Congressional Budget Office: \$37.8 million, \$2.6 million above 2007, including funding to increase CBO's ability to analyze health care spending trends.

Government Printing Office: \$131 million, \$9 million above 2007 and \$51 million below the request for elevator repairs, fire alarm systems, and workforce retraining.

Government Accountability Office: \$503 million, \$22.5 million above 2007 and \$20 million below the request to help rebuild the agency's personnel levels and allow GAO to provide better support for Congressional oversight efforts.

Open World: \$6 million and directs that the program be transferred to the Department of State. An additional \$6 million is provided through the State Foreign Operations Subcommittee.

SIGNIFICANT CUTS

Joint Items: \$21.1 million, \$3 million below 2007 and equal to the request, for the Office of the Attending Physician, the Joint Economic Committee and the Joint Committee on Taxation, and the Capitol Guide Service - cut as delays in opening the Capitol Visitor Center mean additional staffing will not be required.

Capitol Visitors Center: \$27.5 million, \$16.3 million below 2007 for ongoing construction and operations.

House of Representatives: \$3.8 million is cut from four House administrative accounts.

Committee Documents:

[Summary: FY 2008 Legislative Branch Bill](#)

House Report:

HTML Version, PDF Version

Full Committee Mark-up:

Full Committee Meeting, Legislative Branch Markup – FY 2008 Appropriations, June 12, 2007

[Webcast](#)

[National Journal Report](#)



Summary of Committee Votes:

- Rep. Wasserman-Schultz Naming Hall at Visitor Center Amendment – as amended, renamed the great hall at the Capitol Visitor Center "Emancipation Hall." **Adopted, as Amended, by Voice Vote.**
 - Rep. Wamp Substitute Amendment to the Wasserman-Schultz Amendment – renamed the great hall at the Capitol Visitor Center "Emancipation Hall." The Wasserman-Schultz amendment would have postponed the renaming of the great hall in the visitor center. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- Rep. Moran Library of Congress Books Amendment – states in the report that the committee supports the goal of bringing the Library of Congress' collection of 3,000 texts of American books translated into Arabic, Persian, Pashtu and Indonesian online in a digital format. It would encourage the library to secure copyright permission for the initial digitization of 150-300 books. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- Rep. Moran Tuition Reimbursement Amendment – makes tuition assistance available for legislative branch employees under the same allowances as for the executive branch. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- Rep. Kirk Carbon Footprint Amendment – inserted language into the report accompanying the bill stating the committee believes it important to offset greenhouse gases generated by the House. It requests the chief administrative officer to purchase carbon financial instruments to offset carbon produced by House operations. The offsets are American, project-based offset credits. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- Rep. Serrano Plaques in House Office Buildings Amendment – added language to the report directing the architect of the Capitol to review options for preparing at the request of a member a suitable plaque to install in the member's office. The plaque will delineate the history of previous members who have occupied the office. The architect will report to the House Appropriations Committee no later than 30 days after the bill's enactment. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- Rep. J. Kingston Books for the Blind Amendment – as amended, increased the amount appropriated for the Library of Congress' Books for the Blind program by \$5 million. It offset that amount through a \$5 million cut in funding for the Government Printing Office. **Adopted, as Amended, by Voice Vote.**
 - Rep. Wasserman-Schultz Amendment to the Kingston Amendment – increased the amount appropriated for the Library of Congress' Books for the Blind program by \$5 million. It offset that amount through a \$5 million cut in funding for the Government Printing Office. The Kingston amendment would have redirected \$12.9 million that the bill would provide for security upgrades to a Food and Drug Administration building on Capitol Hill into the Books for the Blind program. **Adopted 34-26; R 1-26; D 33-0.**
- Rep. J. Peterson Capitol Power Plant Amendment – includes report language directing the Government Accountability Office, within 90 days of the bill's enactment, to submit a report to the Appropriations Committee detailing the expected percent increase in natural gas usage and costs of usage at the Capitol Power Plant resulting from the Greening of the Capitol Initiative. The report also includes the impact on natural gas prices paid by consumers. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- Rep. Wasserman-Schultz Open World Program Amendment – transfers the Open World Leadership Center to the State Department on Oct. 1, 2008. It provides \$6 million for the Open World Leadership Trust Fund. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the House of Representatives, as Amended, by **Voice Vote**.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch Mark-up:

Subcommittee Markup, June 6, 2007

[National Journal Report](#)

[Wasserman Schultz Statement: FY 2008 Appropriations Subcommittee Markup](#)

Summary of Committee Votes:

- Rep. Wamp Emancipation Hall Amendment – would have renamed a large hall at the Capitol Visitor Center "Emancipation Hall." It had been named the "Great Hall." **Withdrawn.**
- Rep. LaHood Open World Program Amendment – would have transferred \$12.86 million to the Open World Program from \$16 million in funds designated for upgrades of a Food and Drug Administration building. The remaining \$3.14 million would have been distributed to Books for the Blind and a program for the physically handicapped. **Rejected 3-7: R 3-0; D 0-7.**
- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the House of Representatives, by **Voice Vote**.

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