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Appropriations Policy Brief

H.R. 2360 — Homeland Security Appropriations Act for FY 2006 Conference Report

BY THE NUMBERS:

In Millions of Dollars

	FY05 Enacted	FY06 Request	FY06 House Bill	FY06 Senate Bill	FY06 Conf Report
Appropriations	29,428	29,561	30,846	30,846	30,846
<i>Emergency</i>	67,144	0	0	0	0
Total	96,572	29,561	30,846	30,846	30,846

Excluding Emergency Appropriations, the Committee Bill is:

- **\$1.4 billion (4.8%) above last year**
- **\$1.3 billion (4.3%) above the President's request**
- **Equal to the Senate-passed bill**
- **Equal to the House-passed bill**

Budget Compliance: According to CBO, the bill is within the 302(b) allocation of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee and thus complies with the Budget Act.

Earmarks:

- \$35 million, customs and border protection construction at the San Diego sector fence
- \$35 million, customs and border protection construction at the Tucson sector tactical infrastructure
- \$26 million, Advanced Training Center
- \$2.5 million, Chelsea Street Bridge, MA*
- \$2 million, Canadian Pacific Railroad Bridge, WI*
- \$6 million, Fourteen Mile Bridge, AL*
- \$2.5 million, Galveston Railway Bridge, TX*
- \$1 million, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Bridge, IA*

- \$1 million, Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway Bridge, IL*

*These earmarks consume 100% of the appropriations for Alteration of Bridges.

Items of Note:

Aviation Security Fee Increase: The Committee did **NOT** include the Administration's proposal to increase passenger aviation security fees by \$3.00 (from \$2.50 to \$5.50). This proposal would have provided \$1.68 billion.

Nebraska Avenue Complex (Homeland Security D.C. headquarters): Includes \$26 million to complete construction of the Nebraska Avenue Complex, in Washington, D.C., which is at the President's request.

Outsourcing/A-76 Activities: Prohibits funds to be used under OMB Circular A-76 (governing the federal government's outsourcing policies) "to process or approve a competition" with regard to employees of the Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Undocumented Alien Reduction Plan: Requires the Secretary to submit a strategy to the Appropriations Committee within 180 days to reduce the number of undocumented aliens by ten percent each year.

TSA Employee Cap: Maintains the current cap of 45,000 full-time TSA screeners.

Oath of Allegiance: Prohibits funds to be used to amend the oath of allegiance currently required of new citizens.

REAL ID Funds: Includes \$40 million for grants to States to implement the REAL ID Act (\$60 million less than the House-passed bill) and "to assist with the implementation of national standards for drivers' licenses."

FEMA Eligibility Designations: Designates the following communities as eligible "notwithstanding any other provision of law" under the FEMA Public Assistance Program:

- City of Paso Robles, California for the repair and upgrade of all "damaged *and undamaged* elements of the Carnegie Library...which was damaged by the 2003 San Simeon earthquake, so that the library is brought into conformance with all local code requirements for new construction" (emphasis added).
- El Dorado County, California for the costs to repair canals and wooden flumes damaged during a 1996 storm and subsequent mudslide.
- University of Hawaii Manoa, Hawaii for the costs to replace research and education materials, library collections and "other non-covered losses," resulting from an October 2004 flood.

Presidential Terminations:

NOTE: The President did not propose any program terminations within the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee's jurisdiction.

Funding Summaries:

In millions of dollars

	FY 2005 Enacted	FY 2006 Request	FY 2006 House	FY2006 Senate	FY2006 Conf	Conf Vs. Request	Conf Vs. FY 2005	Conf Vs. House
Departmental Operations.....	4,337	4,241	4,154	4,140	4,190	-51	-147	36
Inspector General.....	82	80	120	83	83	3	1	-37
Border and Transportation Security.....	12,199	11,631	13,657	13,504	13,711	2,080	1,512	54
U.S. Coast Guard.....	6,321	6,947	6,444	6,766	6,783	-164	462	339
U.S. Secret Service.....	1,176	1,204	1,233	1,193	1,212	8	36	-21
Emergency Preparedness and Response.....	3,144	3,134	3,013	2,757	2,648	-486	-496	-365
Citizenship and Immigration Services.....	160	80	120	80	115	35	-45	-5
Science and Technology.....	1,116	1,368	1,290	1,453	1,482	114	366	192
Information Analysis and Infrac. Protection.....	894	873	853	871	625	-248	-269	-228
