



# BUDGET WEEK

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## SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) ***Truth in Caller ID Act of 2006*** (H.R. 5126). 


This bill, an amendment to the Communications

Act of 1934, makes it unlawful for any person in the United States – in connection with any telecommunication service or voiceover Internet protocol [VOIP] service – to cause the transmission of any misleading or inaccurate caller identification information. The bill exempts transmissions in connection with authorized activities of law enforcement agencies. A formal cost estimate was not available, but the bill is expected to only have an insignificant effect on civil fines.

2) ***Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2005*** (S. 193). 

This bill also amends the Communications Act of 1934 with

respect to penalties for the broadcasting of obscene or profane language, and applies to broadcast station licensees and permittees, and any applicant for a broadcast license, permit, or certificate. Under the bill, if any such party is determined by the Federal Communications Commission to have broadcast obscene, indecent, or profane language, the amount of forfeiture penalty shall not exceed \$325,000 for each instance of violation, to a maximum of \$3 million for any single act or failure to act. At the time of publication, a formal cost estimate was not available, but the bill could lead to a significant increase in the collection of civil fines which are recorded in the budget as revenues (these revenues would not be spent without further appropriation).

3) ***Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month*** (H.Res. 265). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

4) ***Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives with Regard to the Importance of National Women's Health Week, Which Promotes Awareness of Diseases that Affect Women and which Encourages Women to Take Preventive Measures to Ensure Good Health*** (H.Res. 833). 

This resolution has no budget implications.


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**PLEASE NOTE:** This document addresses budgetary issues only. It should not be taken to address support or opposition on any other grounds. A green flag indicates no serious budgetary or budget compliance concerns. A yellow flag indicates moderate or potential problems. A red flag indicates serious problems. **Also note:** Floor schedules and legislative details are subject to change after publication.


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5) **To Amend Title 49, United States Code, to Modify Bargaining Requirements for Proposed Changes to the Personnel Management System of the Federal Aviation Administration** (H.R. 5449). 

A formal cost estimate was not available, but enacting the bill is not expected increase direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – or reduce revenue.

6) **Supporting the Goals and Ideals of the Vigil for the Lost Promise Day.**   
The text of the resolution was not available, but the resolution is not expected to have any budget implications.

7) **Supporting the Goals and Ideals of a National Children and Families Day, in Order to Encourage Adults in the United States to Support and Listen to Children and to Help Children Throughout the Nation Achieve Their Hopes and Dreams** (H.Res. 763).   
This resolution has no budget implications.


8) **Commending American Craft Brewers** (H.Res. 753).   
This resolution has no budget implications.

9) **Supporting National Tourism Week** (H.Res. 729).   
This resolution has no budget implications.


10) **To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 1 Marble Street in Fair Haven, Vermont, as the "Matthew Lyon Post Office Building"** (H.R. 5245).   
This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

11) **Recognizing the 30th Anniversary of the Victory of United States Winemakers at the 1976 Paris Wine Tasting** (H.Con.Res. 399).   
This resolution has no budget implications.

12) **Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Passport Month** (H.Res. 327).   
This resolution has no budget implications.

13) **Congratulating Albert Pujols on Being Named the Most Valuable Player for the National League for the 2005 Major League Baseball Season** (H.Res. 626).   
This resolution has no budget implications.

14) **Expressing the Sense of Congress and Support for Greater Opportunities for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (GO-STEM) Programs** (H.Con.Res. 421).   
This resolution has no budget implications.

15) **To Exempt Persons with Disabilities from the Prohibition Against Providing Section 8 Rental Assistance to College Students** (H.R. 5117).   
This bill exempts certain students with disabilities from the current-law prohibition against providing section 8 housing assistance to college students. The bill amends the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 2006, relating to the tenant-based rental assistance program. At the time of publication, a formal cost estimate was not available, but enacting this bill is not expected to increase direct spending or reduce revenue.


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16) ***Commending the People of Mongolia, on the 800th Anniversary of Mongolian Statehood, for Building Strong, Democratic Institutions, and Expressing the Support of the House of Representatives for Efforts by the United States to Continue to Strengthen its Partnership with that Country*** (H.Res. 828). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

17) ***Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Ascension to the Throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand*** (H.Con.Res. 409). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

#### LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

**Bill:** ***Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2007***   
(H.R.5441).

**Committee:** Appropriations

**Summary:** This is a continuation of consideration of this measure, which provides budget authority for a variety of activities, including: border protection; immigration enforcement; research into screening of high-risk cargo coming into the United States; expansion of cargo inspection at foreign ports; improvements to supply chain security; maritime security; first responders, including grants to high threat areas, firefighters, and emergency management; and for the Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Directorate.

**Cost:** The bill provides \$32.08 billion in budget authority for operations and activities of the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2007. This is equal to the amount provided for the measure by the full Appropriations Committee. It is \$1.822 billion more than fiscal year 2006, and \$1.065 billion above the President's request.

**Budget Act:** The bill's fiscal year 2007 BA does not exceed the amount allocated for it under section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act, and it does not violate the Budget Act.  
(See the Budget Committee's *Appropriations Update*, Volume 6, No. 5, of 24 May 2006.)

**Bill:** ***Legislative Appropriations Act, 2007*** (H.R. 5521). 

**Committee:** Appropriations

**Summary:** The Legislative appropriations measure provides funding for various congressional functions and support agencies, including the Architect of the Capitol, the U.S. Capitol Police, the Congressional Budget Office, the Library of Congress, the Government Printing Office, and the General Accounting Office.

As reported – and as it will be considered on the floor – the act excludes funding for the Senate. Those amounts will be included as part of a conference report.

**Cost:** This measure provides discretionary budget authority of \$3.027 billion in fiscal year 2007. This level is below with the level set by the Appropriations Committee pursuant to section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act.

**Budget Act:** The measure will not violate section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits a subcommittee from breaching its suballocation.  
(See *Appropriations Update*, Volume 6, Number 6, 6 June 2006.)

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**Bill:** *Refinery Permit Process Schedule Act* (H.R. 5254).

**Committee:** Energy and Commerce; Armed Services

**Summary:** This bill authorizes the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, upon the request of a State governor, to provide financial assistance to hire additional personnel to assist the State with expertise in fields relevant to the consideration of Federal refinery authorizations. The Administrator is also authorized, if requested, to provide technical, legal, or other nonfinancial assistance to facilitate State consideration of refinery authorizations. The President is directed to appoint a Federal coordinator who is to establish memoranda of agreement with applicants seeking Federal refinery authorizations. Further, the President must designate at least three closed military installations as potentially suitable for the construction of refineries (one of which must be potentially suitable for construction of a facility to refine biomass to produce biofuel). The bill also amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to repeal certain requirements regarding refinery revitalization.

**Cost:** A formal cost estimate was not available. If enacted, H.R. 5254 is not expected to increase direct spending or reduce revenues.

**Budget Act:** Enacting this bill is not expected to violate the Congressional Budget Act.

**Bill:** *The Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2007* (H.R. 5522). 

**Committee:** Appropriations

**Summary:** This measure includes appropriations for a variety of international programs. Among the agencies that receive budget authority are the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and the Trade and Development Agency. The bill also provides resources for the Child Survival and Health Programs Fund, Development Assistance, International Disaster and Famine Assistance, Transition Initiatives, Development Credit Authority, the Payment to the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability Fund, and the Operating Expenses of the United States Agency for International Development.

Other agencies or programs receiving funds are the Peace Corps; the Millennium Challenge Corporation; the Global HIV/AIDS Initiative; International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement; the Andean Counterdrug Initiative; Migration and Refugee Assistance; the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund; Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining; Debt Restructuring; International Military Education and Training; the Foreign Military Financing Program; and Peacekeeping Operations.

**Cost:** This measure provides discretionary budget authority of \$21.299 billion in fiscal year 2007, which complies with the level set by the Appropriations Committee pursuant to section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act.

**Budget Act:** This measure does not violate the Congressional Budget Act.  
(See the Budget Committee's forthcoming *Appropriations Update*.)

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**Bill:** *Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006* (H.R. 5252). 

**Committee:** Energy and Commerce

**Summary:** The bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to allow an eligible person or group to obtain a national franchise to provide cable service in a franchise area in lieu of any other authority under Federal, State, or local law, and provides for Federal Communications Commission [FCC] enforcement of franchising requirements. It requires each VOIP (voice over Internet protocol) service provider to ensure that 911 and E-911 services are provided to subscribers of VOIP services and outlines rights and obligations of VOIP service providers.

**Cost:** Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5252 would cost less than \$500,000 in 2006 and about \$7 million over the 2006-11 period. Enacting the bill would not have a significant effect on direct spending or revenue. Nevertheless, the bill contains several intergovernmental mandates. CBO estimates that the net direct costs of these mandates on State and local governments would grow over time, and would likely fall between \$100 million and \$350 million by 2011. Such losses would exceed the threshold established in Unfunded Mandate Reform Act in at least one of the first 5 years the mandates are in effect (the threshold is \$64 million in 2006 and is adjusted annually for inflation).

**Budget Act:** Consideration of this bill would violate section 425 of the Congressional Budget Act which requires that any bill reported by a committee have published a statement from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office on the direct costs of Federal mandates in accordance with section 423(f) of the Budget Act and further requires that such direct costs not exceed current threshold amounts except as prescribed by section 425.