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The Money Monitor

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Week of May 23-27, 2005



Net five-year cost of House authorizations passed by the House *this week*: \$485,410,300,000.00

H.R. 606	Angel Island Immigration Station Restoration and	
	Preservation Act	\$15.0 million
H.R. 744	Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act	\$40.0 million
H.R. 29	Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act	\$7.0 million
H.R. 2520	Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act	\$218.0 million
H.R. 1815	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal	
	Year 2006	\$485,116.0 million
H.R. 2566	Surface Transportation Extension Act VI	
	(one month of additional transit contract authority)	\$14.3 million

TOTAL FIVE-YEAR COST OF THIS WEEK'S AUTHORIZATIONS \$485,410.3 million

Year-to-date total of net five-year costs of House-passed authorizations: \$718,760,790,000.00*

Net five-year change in House-passed mandatory spending *this week*: -\$64,000,000.00

H.R. 2520 Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act

\$20.0 million

^{*}Excludes the authorizations contained in the Energy Policy Act (**H.R. 6**), which passed the House on April 21, 2005. CBO is not likely to do a cost estimate for the authorizations in H.R. 6.

H.R. 1815 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006

-\$84.0 million

TOTAL FIVE-YEAR CHANGE IN MANDATORY SPENDING

-\$64.0 million

Year-to-date net five-year change in House-passed mandatory spending: -\$1,514,000,000.00

Net one-year cost of appropriations passed by the House *this week*:

Fiscal Year 2004: \$0.00
Fiscal Year 2005: \$0.00

Fiscal Year 2006: \$114,904,000,000.00

H.R. 2419 Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006 \$29,746.0 million

H.R. 2528 Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and

Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006 \$85,158.0 million

TOTAL ONE-YEAR COST OF FY2006 APPROPRIATIONS \$114,904.0 million

Year-to-date total of net one-year costs of appropriations passed during the 1st Session of the 109th Congress:

Fiscal Year 2004: \$0.00

Fiscal Year 2005: \$81,370,000,000.00

Fiscal Year 2006: \$171,857,000,000.00

Net five-year revenue change by House bills passed *this week*: -\$10,000,000.00

H.R. 1499 Heroes Earned Retirement Opportunities Act -\$10.0 million

TOTAL FIVE-YEAR CHANGE IN REVENUES THIS WEEK -\$10.0 million

Year-to-date net five-year revenue change by House-passed bills: -\$12,974,000,000.00

An authorization (otherwise known as "discretionary spending") explicitly allows funding for a certain program and / or directs a federal agency to take a certain action. Authorizations express the House's *intent* to spend, however, actual funding is provided through the annual appropriations process. Authorizations with no <u>net</u> cost, bills that would result in no significant <u>net</u> change in mandatory spending or federal revenue, and private-sector costs from federal mandates are not reported here.

Mandatory spending directly establishes an appropriation. No subsequent action is required for the money to be spent. The figures for revenue changes are from "static" estimates by the Joint Committee on Taxation or the Congressional Budget Office. That is, they do not take into account the stimulative effects that tax cuts and certain other revenue reductions have on the national economy.

All numbers in "The Money Monitor" are positive unless otherwise indicated.

Neither the costs of conference reports nor the costs of bills that have already been recorded under substantively similar House-passed legislation are recorded here. "The Money Monitor" only accounts for the costs of bills as they <u>first</u> pass the House (unless the prior bills related to such reports and bills have not come to the floor during this calendar year or unless they contain significant cost changes BEFORE going to the Senate). <u>In short, "The Money Monitor" primarily tracks the House's original monetary intent each calendar year</u>.

Most estimates are provided by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), though some are provided by the Joint Committee on Taxation, the referring House committee, or RSC staff calculations.

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