



Bills Signed into Law **December 2004**

Total number of bills and resolutions signed into law in December 2004: 70

Total costs of bills signed into law in December 2004:

- **Authorizations over five years: At least \$96.06 billion**
- **Net change in mandatory spending over five years: +\$2.18 billion**
- **Appropriations for fiscal year 2004: \$0**
- **Appropriations for fiscal year 2005: \$388.8 billion**
- **Net change in federal revenue over five years: -\$372.5 million**

H.R. 1047

Public Law 108-429

Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act Conference Report

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: Reduces federal revenues by \$363.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill: <http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB3503.pdf>

H.R. 1630

Public Law 108-430

Petrified Forest National Park Expansion Act

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$20.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2010-04-04--suspensions.doc>

H.R. 2912

Public Law 108-431

To reaffirm the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%20060104.pdf>

H.J.Res. 110

Public Law 108-432

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-16-04.pdf>

H.J.Res. 111

Public Law 108-433

Appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress (noon on 1/4/05)

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

H.J.Res. 115

Public Law 108-434

Making Further Continuing Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2005 (thru Dec. 8, 2004)

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: No new costs above the baseline

S. 150

Public Law 108-435

Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-19-04.pdf>

S. 434

Public Law 108-436

Idaho Panhandle National Forest Improvement Act

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-17-04--suspensions.pdf>

S. 1146

Public Law 108-437

Three Affiliated Tribes Health Facility Compensation Act

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$57.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-17-04--suspensions.pdf>

S. 1241

Public Law 108-438

Kate Mullany National Historic Site Act

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$2.5 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-17-04--suspensions.pdf>

S. 1727

Public Law 108-439

To authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$185.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-17-04--suspensions.pdf>

S. 2214

Public Law 108-440

Mike Mansfield Post Office Building Designation Act

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-16-04.pdf>

S. 2302

Public Law 108-441

To improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-17-04--suspensions.pdf>

S. 2640

Public Law 108-442

Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building Designation Act

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-16-04.pdf>

S. 2693

Public Law 108-443

Lieutenant John F. Finn Post Office Building Designation Act

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-16-04.pdf>

S. 2965

Public Law 108-444

To amend the Livestock Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 1999 to modify the termination date for mandatory price reporting

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-17-04--suspensions.pdf>

S. 2484

Public Law 108-445

Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Enhancement Act

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$786.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-17-04--suspensions.pdf>

H.R. 1350

Public Law 108-446

Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act

Signed into law: December 3, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$91.25 billion (low estimate) over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-19-04--IDEA.pdf>

H.R. 4818

Public Law 108-447

Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY2005

Signed into law: December 8, 2004

Cost: Appropriates \$388.81 billion for fiscal year 2005

RSC Legislative Bulletins on this bill:

[http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-20-04--](http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-20-04--FY05%20Omnibus%20part%201.pdf)

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<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2012-06-04--suspensions,%20IRS%20fix.pdf>

S. 2618

Public Law 108-448

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend Medicare cost-sharing for the Medicare part B premium for qualifying individuals through September 2005

Signed into law: December 8, 2004

Cost: Increases mandatory spending by \$400.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-19-04.pdf>

H.R. 2655

Public Law 108-449

To amend and extend the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998

Signed into law: December 10, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$8.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB10703.pdf>

H.R. 4302

Public Law 108-450

District of Columbia Civil Commitment Modernization Act

Signed into law: December 10, 2004

Cost: Increases mandatory spending by \$2.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2010-06-04--suspensions-1.doc>

S. 437

Public Law 108-451

Arizona Water Settlements Act

Signed into law: December 10, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$5.6 million over five years and increases mandatory spending by \$10.0 million over the same period

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-17-04--suspensions.pdf>

S. 1466

Public Law 108-452

Alaska Land Transfer Acceleration Act

Signed into law: December 10, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-17-04--suspensions.pdf>

S. 2192

Public Law 108-453

Cooperative Research and Technology Enhancement (CREATE) Act

Signed into law: December 10, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

S. 2486

Public Law 108-454

Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act

Signed into law: December 10, 2004

Cost: Reduces mandatory spending by \$20.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-17-04--suspensions.pdf>

S. 2873

Public Law 108-455

To extend the authority of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa to hold court in Rock Island, Illinois

Signed into law: December 10, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

S. 3014

Public Law 108-456

Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research Amendments Act

Signed into law: December 10, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$197.0 million over five years

H.R. 4012

Public Law 108-457

To amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permanently authorize the public school and private school tuition assistance programs established under the Act

Signed into law: December 17, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$50.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2012-06-04--suspensions,%20IRS%20fix.pdf>

S. 2845

Public Law 108-458

9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act

Signed into law: December 17, 2004

Cost: Reduces mandatory spending by \$1.0 million over five years. CBO staff indicated that they will not be doing a cost estimate of the authorizations contained in this bill.

RSC Legislative Bulletins related to this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2012-03-04--9-11%20Commission%20Act%20Differences.pdf>

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2010-07-04--9-11%20intelligence%20reform.doc>

H.R. 480

Public Law 108-459

United States Postal Service Henry Johnson Annex Redesignation Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2009-22-04.pdf>

H.R. 2119

Public Law 108-460

To provide for the use by the State of North Carolina of Federal lands, improvements, equipment, and resource materials at the Oxford Research Station in Granville County, North Carolina

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2010-05-04--suspensions%20part%202.doc>

H.R. 2523

Public Law 108-461

Tomochichi United States Courthouse Designation Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2005-11-04.pdf>

H.R. 3124

Public Law 108-462

F.H. Newell Building Designation Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2009-29-04--suspensions%20and%20DC%20guns.pdf>

H.R. 3147

Public Law 108-463

James V. Hansen Federal Building Designation Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2004-21-04.pdf>

H.R. 3204

Public Law 108-464

Benjamin Franklin Commemorative Coin Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

H.R. 3242

Public Law 108-465

Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$325.0 million over five years

H.R. 3734

Public Law 108-466

Joe Skeen Federal Building Designation Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2009-22-04.pdf>

H.R. 3884

Public Law 108-467

Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse Building Designation Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2007-21-04.pdf>

H.R. 4232

Public Law 108-468

Congressman Jack Fields Post Office Redesignation Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2010-06-04--suspensions-1.doc>

H.R. 4324

Public Law 108-469

To amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate the provisions limiting certain election opportunities available to individuals participating in the Thrift Savings Plan

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$13.0 million over five years and reduces revenues by \$9.0 million over the same period

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:
<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-19-04.pdf>

H.R. 4620

Public Law 108-470

To confirm the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commodity Credit Corporation to enter into memorandums of understanding with a State regarding the collection of approved State commodity assessments on behalf of the State from the proceeds of marketing assistance loans

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:
<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2010-05-04--suspensions%20part%202.doc>

H.R. 4807

Public Law 108-471

Adam G. Kinser Post Office Building Designation Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:
<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2010-06-04--suspensions-1.doc>

H.R. 4847

Public Law 108-472

Lieutenant General James V. Edmundson Post Office Building Designation Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:
<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2010-06-04--suspensions-1.doc>

H.R. 4968

Public Law 108-473

Bill Monroe Post Office Designation Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2010-06-04--suspensions-1.doc>

H.R. 5360

Public Law 108-474

American History and Civics Education Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-19-04.pdf>

H.R. 5364

Public Law 108-475

Earl B. Gilliam/Imperial Avenue Post Office Building Designation Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

H.R. 5365

Public Law 108-476

To treat certain arrangements maintained by the YMCA Retirement Fund as church plans for the purposes of certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:
<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-19-04.pdf>

H.R. 5370

Public Law 108-477

Donald G. Brotzman Post Office Building Designation Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

H.R. 4829

Public Law 108-478

Irma Rangel Post Office Building Designation Act

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:
<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2010-06-04--suspensions-1.doc>

H.J.Res. 102

Public Law 108-479

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Peleliu and the end of Imperial Japanese control of Palau during World War II and urging the Secretary of the Interior to work to protect the historic sites of the Peleliu Battlefield National Historic Landmark and to establish commemorative programs honoring the Americans who fought there

Signed into law: December 21, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:
<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2009-28-04--suspensions.pdf>

H.R. 2457

Public Law 108-480

Castillo de San Marcos National Monument Preservation and Education Act

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$5.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2009-13-04.pdf>

H.R. 2619

Public Law 108-481

Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$18.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2007-19-04.pdf>

H.R. 3632

Public Law 108-482

Anti-Counterfeiting Amendments of 2003

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2009-21-04--suspensions.pdf>

H.R. 3785

Public Law 108-483

To authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$3.5 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2007-19-04.pdf>

H.R. 3818

Public Law 108-484

Microenterprise Results and Accountability Act

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$1.0 billion over five years

H.R. 4027

Public Law 108-485

To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2009-13-04.pdf>

H.R. 4116

Public Law 108-486

American Bald Eagle Recovery and National Emblem Commemorative Coin Act

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

H.R. 4548

Public Law 108-487

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (unclassified portion)

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$310.47 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill: <http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2006-23-04-Intell%20Auth%20and%20suspensions.pdf>

H.R. 4569

Public Law 108-488

To provide for the development of a national plan for the control and management of Sudden Oak Death

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$75.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2010-05-04--suspensions%20part%202.doc>

H.R. 4657

Public Law 108-489

District of Columbia Retirement Protection Improvement Act

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2009-28-04--suspensions.pdf>

H.R. 5204

Public Law 108-490

To amend section 340E of the Public Health Service Act (relating to children's hospitals) to modify provisions regarding the determination of the amount of payments for indirect expenses associated with operating approved graduate medical residency training programs

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2010-06-04--suspensions-1.doc>

H.R. 5363

Public Law 108-491

To authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2005

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: Increases mandatory spending by \$29.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-17-04--suspensions.pdf>

H.R. 5382

Public Law 108-492

Commercial Space Launch Amendments Act

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-19-04.pdf>

H.R. 5394

Public Law 108-493

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the taxation of arrow components

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: Reduces revenues by \$500,000 over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2012-06-04--suspensions,%20IRS%20fix.pdf>

H.R. 5419

Public Law 108-494

To amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users; to improve, enhance, and promote the Nation's homeland security, public safety, and citizen activated emergency response capabilities through the use of enhanced 911 services, to further upgrade Public Safety Answering Point capabilities and related functions in receiving E-911 calls, and to support in the construction and operation of a ubiquitous and reliable citizen activated system; and to provide that funds received as universal service contributions under section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 and the universal service support programs established pursuant thereto are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act, for a period of time

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$1.25 billion over five years and increases mandatory spending by \$1.19 billion over the same period

S. 1301

Public Law 108-495

Video Voyeurism Prevention Act

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: No significant cost to taxpayers

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2009-21-04--suspensions.pdf>

S. 2657

Public Law 108-496

Federal Employee Dental and Vision Benefits Enhancement Act

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: Increases mandatory spending by \$1.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2012-06-04--suspensions,%20IRS%20fix.pdf>

S. 2781

Public Law 108-497

Comprehensive Peace in Sudan Act

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: Authorizes \$500.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2011-19-04.pdf>

S. 2856

Public Law 108-498

A bill to limit the transfer of certain Commodity Credit Corporation funds between conservation programs for technical assistance for the programs

Signed into law: December 23, 2004

Cost: Increases mandatory spending by \$570.0 million over five years

RSC Legislative Bulletin on this bill:

<http://johnshadegg.house.gov/rsc/LB%2012-06-04--suspensions,%20IRS%20fix.pdf>

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