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FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS SPENDING RISES 6.4 PERCENT H.R. 3170

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The fiscal year 2010 appropriations bill for Financial Services and General Government (H.R. 3170) provides an increase of 6.4 percent in budget authority [BA] over the regular enacted 2009 level as scored. Its \$24.2 billion in discretionary BA is \$1.5 billion over 2009, but \$78 million less than the President’s request. Discretionary outlays from the measure – which provides funding for the Department of the Treasury, the Executive Office of the President, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and various independent agencies – total \$25.7 billion. Also provided is \$20.6 billion in mandatory baseline spending charged to the bill.

Table 1: Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill
 (dollars in millions)

	2009 Enacted ^a	2010 Request	302 (b) for 2010 ^b	H.R. 3170
Discretionary Budget Authority	22,697	24,228	23,550	24,150
Outlays	23,890	25,715	25,200	25,653

^a Excludes emergencies and reflects rebasing.
^b Reflects the 302(b) at the time the bill was reported. An adjustment has been made prior to floor consideration.

As reported, the bill technically exceeds its section 302(b) suballocation and does not comply with section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (see Table 1). Subsequent to the committee’s action, however, the Chairman of the Budget Committee has provided an adjustment of \$600 million in BA and \$564 million in budget year outlays to increase funding for Internal Revenue Service [IRS] tax compliance activities, as permitted by section 422(a)(2) of the fiscal year 2010 budget resolution (S.Con.Res 13). Hence no point of order will lie against the bill when it is considered on the floor.

The bill also includes an eligible fiscal year 2011 advance appropriation of \$89 million in BA to the United States Postal Service Fund, as well as several changes in mandatory programs totaling \$90 million in BA and \$85 million in budget-year outlay savings. H.R. 3170 does not include any new emergency spending or funding for the global war against terrorism.

Key elements of the bill include:

- **Department of the Treasury.** The bill provides the Department \$13.5 billion in BA, an increase of \$760 million above the regular 2009 enacted level, and \$78 million above the President’s 2010 request. Included are \$12.1 billion in overall funding for the IRS; \$186 million for the Bureau of the Public Debt; \$103 million for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; and \$244 million for the Financial Management Service.

- **Judicial Branch.** H.R. 3170 provides the Judicial Branch \$6.5 billion, an increase of \$447 million above the 2009 enacted level, excluding emergencies, and \$100 million below the request. As a co-equal branch of government, the judiciary presents its budget to the President, who transmits it to Congress unaltered. Funding includes \$87 million for the Supreme Court and \$6.2 billion for the Courts of Appeal and District Courts.
- **District of Columbia.** The bill provides \$767 million for Federal payments to the District of Columbia, an increase of \$26 million above the 2009 non-emergency level and \$30 million above the request. A sum of \$324 million is provided for the D.C. Courts and Defender Services, and \$194 million in various special payments, including \$70 million for economic development support; \$35 million for resident tuition support; and \$74 million for school improvement and repair.
- **Terminations and Reductions.** According to the Majority, H.R. 3170 provides \$77 million in savings from the 2009 enacted level due to program terminations, and \$1 million in terminations from the President's request. Moreover, \$522 million savings from reductions below the 2009 enacted level are claimed, as well as \$279 million in funding below the President's request. An additional \$146 million in savings are claimed from reductions to the President's request for new initiatives the subcommittee did not fund or were funded below the requested level. The President proposed two terminations for savings of \$2 million. The bill acts favorably on those terminations for savings of \$1.5 million.

Table 2: Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill

(discretionary budget authority in millions of dollars)

	2009 Enacted ^a	2010 Request	2010 Reported	2010 Rept. minus Reqst.	% Change Reqst./Rept.	% Change 2009/Rept.
Legislative Branch (US Tax Court)	48	49	49	0	0%	2%
Judicial Branch	6,061	6,608	6,508	-100	-2%	7%
Executive Office of the President	315	510	374	-136	-27%	19%
Internal Revenue Service	11,522	12,127	12,131	4	0%	5%
Department of Treasury (less IRS)	1,193	1,245	1,319	74	6%	11%
General Services Administration	578	665	579	-86	-13%	0%
Office of Personnel Management	235	233	237	4	2%	1%
Small Business Administration	612	779	847	68	9%	38%
District of Columbia	741	737	767	30	4%	4%
Other Independent Agencies & Other	1,453	1,275	1,339	64	5%	-8%
Total	22,758	24,228	24,150	-78	0%	6%

^a Excludes emergencies and reflects rebasing.

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