

Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH), Chairman

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CJS Bill Increases Spending by 11.6%

Today, the House will resume consideration of the FY 2010 CJS Appropriations bill under a structured rule. The legislation provides a total spending level of \$64.3 billion, a **\$6.7 billion** or **11.6%** increase compared to last year. And compared to FY 2008—subtracting out the large spending increase provided by the FY 2009 Omnibus Congress enacted earlier this year—the bill is a \$12.5 billion or 24% increase. In addition, the programs under the CJS Appropriations bill have already received \$16 billion of emergency-designated spending during the current fiscal year.

Notable examples of spending choices in the bill: \$4.2 billion (135%) increase for the **Census Bureau**, and a \$50 million or 12.8% increase for the **Legal Services Corporation**. The legislation also provides \$5 million to renovate the **Department of Commerce’s headquarters**, and \$44 million for the **National Drug Intelligence Center**.

Virtually every account in the bill receives an increase compared to last year—no effort was made to prioritize spending even with our current fiscal challenges. And the CJS bill is just one part of the Majority’s overall spending plan for FY 2010, which provides a spending increase for each of the 12 appropriations bills, and proposes an overall spending increase of \$77 billion (or 7.6%) compared to last year.

Quote of the Week: *"I think that by now we are well aware of what people’s philosophical ideas are about this bill, and I would appreciate it if Members could extend enough courtesy to their colleagues so that our colleagues especially those on the west coast, will be able to make their planes without staying in town overnight.*

-David Obey, 07/19/07, on the necessity of limiting deliberation of the FY 2008 Labor-HHS bill (the House ended up finishing its work week at 6:17 P.M... on a *Thursday*).

FY 2010 Appropriations Subcommittee 302(b) Allocations
In Millions of Dollars

	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10 Spending Allocation	% Increase from FY 08	% Increase from FY 09
Agriculture	18,093	20,456	22,900	26.6%	11.9%
CJS	51,803	57,652	64,314	24.2%	11.6%
Defense	459,332	487,737	508,040	10.6%	4.2%
Energy and Water	30,888	33,261	33,300	7.8%	0.1%
Financial Services	20,559	22,697	24,150	17.5%	6.4%
Honeland Security	34,852	42,164	42,384	21.6%	0.5%
Interior	26,555	27,579	32,300	21.6%	17.1%
Labor-HHS	144,841	152,255	163,400	12.8%	7.3%
Legislative Branch	3,970	4,402	4,700	18.4%	6.8%
Military Constr-VA	60,213	72,863	76,500	27.0%	5.0%
State-Foreign Ops	32,800	36,620	48,843	48.9%	33.4%
THUD	48,821	55,000	68,870	41.1%	25.2%
Total	932,767	1,101,686	1,089,652	16.8%	7.6%

FY 2008 Appropriations Deliberation in Perspective

In shutting down the normal process for consideration of amendments on appropriations bills, House Democrats claim that [Republicans](#) forced the House to spend an unreasonable amount of time on the floor considering the FY 2008 [appropriations](#) bills. That year [the House spent 135 hours](#) on the [12 appropriations bills](#), to [spend \\$940 billion](#), and to approve [12,810 earmarks](#). That comes to [95 earmarks](#), and [\\$7 billion](#) of spending, [for every hour of](#) amendment debate [during the FY 2008 appropriations process](#).

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