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Appropriations Policy Brief

H.R. 2829 — Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2008

BY THE NUMBERS:

In Millions of Dollars

	FY07	FY08 Bush Request	FY08 Committee	Cmte v. Request	Cmte v. FY07
Appropriations	19,518	21,678	21,434	-244	1,916
Emergency Approps	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	19,518	21,678	21,434	-244	1,916

Excluding Emergency Appropriations, the Committee Bill is:

- **\$1.9 billion (9.8%) more than last year**
- **\$244 million (1.1%) less than the President requested**

Budget Compliance: According to CBO, the bill is within the 302(b) allocation of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act and thus complies with the Budget Act.

Items of Note:

D.C. Needle Exchange Program: The underlying bill text weakens an existing provision in current law that prohibits all funds (D.C. or federal) from being used for any needle exchange program in the District. Thus, if enacted unchanged, the District of Columbia could (and very likely would, based on statements from past and present D.C. elected officials) use local taxpayer funds to provide hypodermic needles and syringes to drug addicts to engage in illicit drug use. Rep. Souder will offer an amendment to address this problem, and the Administration SAP stated strong reservations about allowing local funds to go toward a needle exchange program.

Domestic Partner Benefits: The underlying bill text weakens an existing provision in current law that prohibits federal funds from being used for the D.C. domestic partner law. Rep. Goode will offer an amendment to address this problem, and the Administration is strongly opposed to the underlying language. The President's senior advisors have recommended a veto if the provision allowing federal funds for domestic partners remains in the bill.

Other Pro-Family and Pro-Life Provisions: The base text keeps intact various other pro-family provisions that have been included in previous year's appropriations bills, including: 1) a ban on funding abortions through the Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) program, except in the instances of rape, incest, or life of the mother, 2) conscience protections for health care personnel and providers (that were expanded in FY 2000 and retained in future years), and 3) a ban on using D.C. or federally appropriated funds for abortion in the District. Under the open rule, the potential for attacks on these or other pro-life and pro-family provisions in this appropriations bill remains possible.

IRS Private Debt Collection: Section 106 of the bill prevents more than \$1 million from being used for this IRS's private debt collection program.

According to the Administration's SAP, this provision would effectively kill the program. The Administration argues the program will yield \$1.5 billion in tax payments that would otherwise not be collected over ten years.

IRS: \$11.1 billion—\$550 million or 5 percent above last year and \$52 million or 0.5 percent more than the budget request.

The Judiciary: \$5.9 billion—\$254 million or 4.5 percent above last year and \$254 million or 4.1 percent less than the President's request.

DC: \$591 million—\$77 million or 13 percent increase from last year and \$71 million or 12 percent above the President's request.

Election Assistance Commission: \$316 million—\$300 million or 1,846 percent above last year.

Earmarks:

The Committee Report, on pages 124 to 128, lists 148 [Member requested earmarks](#).

Funding Summaries:

In thousands

	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 Request	FY 2008 Cmte	Cmte Vs. FY 2007	Cmte Vs. Request	Cmte Vs. FY 2007	Cmte Vs. Request
I. Department of Treasury							
Departmental Offices	469,650	510,078	508,028	38,378	-2,050	8.2%	-0.4%
Financial Management Service	235,381	235,191	234,423	-958	-768	-0.4%	-0.3%
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau	90,618	93,515	93,515	2,897	0	3.3%	0.0%
Community development financial institutions fund	54,506	28,557	100,000	45,494	71,443	83.5%	250.2%
Bureau of the Public Debt	177,623	172,871	172,871	-4,752	0	-2.7%	0.0%
IRS	10,597,066	11,095,499	11,147,410	550,344	51,911	5.2%	0.5%
II. Executive Office of the President							
The White House	172,993	187,370	177,089	4,096	-10,281	2.4%	-5.5%
OMB	76,714	70,866	78,394	1,680	7,528	2.2%	10.6%
Office of the National Drug Control Policy	464,447	473,368	460,436	-4,011	-12,932	-0.9%	-2.7%
Unanticipated Needs	990	1,000	1,000	10	0	1%	0.0%
III. The Judiciary							
Supreme Court of the United States	74,003	78,727	78,727	4,724	0	6.4%	0.0%
US Court of Appeals for Federal Circuit	25,311	28,538	27,976	2,665	-562	10.5%	-1.9%
US Court of International Trade	15,825	16,727	16,544	719	-183	4.5%	-1.1%

Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Offices	5,696,412	6,202,527	5,954,014	257,602	-248,513	4.5%	-4.0%
Administrative Office of the US Courts	72,377	78,536	75,667	3,290	-2,869	4.5%	-3.7%
Federal Judicial Center	22,874	24,835	23,994	1,120	-841	4.9%	-3.4%
Judicial Retirement Funds	58,300	65,400	65,400	7,100	0	12.2%	0.0%
US Sentencing Commission	14,601	16,191	15,477	876	-714	6.0%	-4.4%
Title IV. District of Columbia							
Federal Payment for Resident Tuition Support	32,868	35,100	35,100	2,232	0	6.8%	0.0%
Federal Payment for Emergency Planning and Security	8,533	3,000	3,352	-5,181	352	-60.7%	11.7%
Federal Payment to the District of Columbia Courts	216,723	213,861	276,395	59,672	62,534	27.5%	29.2%
Defender Services in District of Columbia Courts	43,475	43,475	52,475	9,000	9,000	20.7%	20.7%
Federal Payment to Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency	179,603	190,343	190,343	10,740	0	6.0%	0.0%
Federal Payment to the District of Columbia Public Defender Service	31,103	32,710	32,710	1,607	0	5%	0.0%
Federal Payment for the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative	2,970	0	0	-2,970	0	-100.0%	0.0%
Federal Payment to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	1,287	1,300	1,300	13	0	1%	0.0%
Federal Payment for Transportation Assistance	990	0	0	-990	0	-100.0%	0.0%
Federal Payment for Foster Care	1,980	0	0	-1,980	0	-100.0%	0.0%
Federal Payment to CFO	20,000	0	0	-20,000	0	-100.0%	0.0%
Federal Payment School Improvement	39,600	40,800	40,800	1,200	0	3.0%	0.0%
Federal Payment for consolidated laboratory	4,950	10,000	10,000	5,050	0	102%	0.0%
Federal Payment for Central Library	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	-----	0.0%
Federal Payment to Reimburse FBI	0	5,000	4,000	4,000	-1,000	-----	-20.0%
Title V. Other Independent Agencies							
Consumer Product Safety Commission	62,778	63,250	66,838	4,110	3,588	6.5%	5.7%
Election Assistance Commission	16,263	15,467	316,417	300,154	300,950	1846%	1946%
FCC, Direct Appropriation	987	1,000	1,000	13	0	1.3%	0.0%
FEC	54,528	59,224	59,224	4,696	0	8.6%	0.0%
Federal Labor Relation Authority	25,372	23,718	23,641	-1,731	-77	-6.8%	-0.3%
FTC	59,289	82,239	88,489	29,200	6,250	49.3%	7.6%
Federal Buildings Fund	93,586	344,450	186,610	93,024	-157,840	99.4%	-45.8%
Merit Systems Protection Board	38,666	40,086	40,086	1,420	0	3.7%	0.0%
Morris K. Udall Foundation	3,880	750	4,000	120	3,250	3.1%	433.3%
National Archives and Records Administration	331,111	368,669	388,227	57,116	19,558	17.2%	5.3%
Office of Government Ethics	11,115	11,750	11,750	635	0	5.7%	0.0%
Office of Special Counsel	15,524	16,368	16,368	844	0	5.4%	0.0%
SEC	867,560	875,000	867,045	-515	-7,955	0.0%	0.9%
Selective Service System	24,850	22,000	22,000	-2,850	0	-11.5%	0.0%
SBA	571,927	463,517	502,497	-69,430	38,980	-12.1%	8.4%
US Postal Service	108,915	88,864	117,864	8,949	29,000	8.2%	32.6%
US Tax Court	47,625	45,326	45,069	-2,556	-257	-5.4%	-0.6%