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Fiscal 2008 Homeland Security Bill Now Available Online

WASHINGTON, D.C.... Senate legislation aimed at strengthening the protections against terrorist attack on American soil is now available for review online. The legislation, S.1644, invests \$37.6 billion in measures that are the nation's highest-priority security projects.

The Senate legislation invests funds in border security, immigration enforcement, port security, and aviation security, and responds to irresponsible cuts proposed by the White House for first responder grants.

"The success of the Department of Homeland Security to fulfill its mission, and the nation's ability to secure its borders, ports, and airways, and enforce its immigration laws, is reliant upon Congress to thoroughly provide the tools and technology needed to meet these crucial objectives," Senate Appropriations Committee and Homeland Security Subcommittee Chairman Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., said. "For far too long, the Bush Administration has funded the Department with spare change rather than real dollars. We must invest in the technology and personnel that will make the Department second to none. The Committee has worked hard to craft legislation that has allocated the limited funds we have to work with this year in a fiscally responsible and effective manner. I am proud of this bill and believe that it sets us on course to fill significant gaps in our national security and protect us from future terrorist attack."

Link to the Senate homeland security legislation, through the Library of Congress:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:S.1644>:

Link to the committee report to accompany the legislation, through the Library of Congress:

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/cpquery/R?cp110:FLD010:@1\(sr084\)](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/cpquery/R?cp110:FLD010:@1(sr084))

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