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## **Senate Appropriations Committee Clears Fiscal 2009 CJS Funding Legislation**

Washington, D.C. . The Senate Appropriations Committee approved on Thursday the Fiscal Year 2009 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies legislation. The bill makes critical investments in the nation's law enforcement, research, and technology agencies.

The Fiscal Year 2009 CJS bill provides a total of \$57.9 billion for discretionary programs of the Departments of Commerce and Justice, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Science Foundation, and eight related independent agencies. The recommendation is \$4.2 billion above President Bush's Fiscal Year 2009 budget request and \$6.1 billion above the 2008 enacted level.

CJS Subcommittee Chair Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., has continuously recognized the additional responsibilities placed on the FBI since the terrorist attacks on 9/11. Since then, the agency has been stretched thin with too few resources to fulfill its duties. The Fiscal Year 2009 CJS bill supports the FBI's mission and provides the agency with the resources it needs to fulfill its new duties while protecting communities across the nation.

"This time next year, we will have a new President. This year's appropriation will carry agencies through the first year of a new administration, regardless of who will become President. As chairwoman this year, I want to make sure our agencies have the funding to carry out their missions and mandates for continuity of government," said CJS Subcommittee Chair Mikulski.

"I applaud Senator Mikulski and the members of the Committee for supporting this important legislation," Senate Appropriations Chairman Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., said. "Reversing the President's misguided budget request for this bill is in the best interests of the nation. We are taking steps to provide our state and local law enforcement agencies with the tools they need to fight crime and ensure the public safety. I am also pleased to see key investments in science, technology, and education that are vital to the growth of our nation's economy."

Highlights of the Fiscal Year 2009 Senate Appropriations Committee Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies funding bill:

### **Department of Commerce**

- The bill provides a total of **\$9.4 billion** for the Department of Commerce, which is \$1.19 billion above the President's original budget request and \$2.55 billion above the Fiscal Year 2008 level.

## Department of Commerce Highlights

- **Bureau of the Census** – The bill provides **\$3.15 billion** for the Census Bureau, \$1.9 billion above the Fiscal Year 2008 level and \$546 million above the President's original budget request.
- **Economic Development Administration (EDA)** – The bill provides **\$233 million** for the EDA, \$100 million above the President's budget request. This doubles the funding proposed by the President for economic development assistance grants, for a total of \$200 million.
- **Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee Program (ESLGP)** – The Committee bill does not approve the President's request to terminate the Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee Program.
- **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)** – The bill provides **\$809 million** for NIST, which is \$54 million above the Fiscal Year 2008 level enacted level and \$171 million above the President's request. The Committee bill provides \$65 million for the **Technology Innovation Program (TIP)**, which the President's budget eliminated. The bill also includes \$106 million for the **Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program**, \$102 million above the President's request. Funding TIP and MEP are consistent with the recommendations of the America COMPETES Act.
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** . The bill provides more than **\$4 billion** for NOAA, \$549 million above the Fiscal Year 2008 level and \$342 million above the President's budget request. The Committee bill includes: \$556 million for the **National Ocean Service**; \$953 million for the **National Weather Service**; \$778 million for the **National Marine Fisheries Service**; \$1.1 billion for satellite programs; and \$421 million for research. In addition, the bill provides \$50 million for the creation of a fisheries disaster mitigation fund. This fund will be used by the Secretary of Commerce to provide economic assistance to fishermen and related businesses when fishing is reduced due to natural disasters or regulatory actions.
- **Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)** – The bill continues the policy of providing PTO with full access to fees collected from inventors, estimated at \$2 billion for Fiscal Year 2009.
- **National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)** . The bill provides **\$59 million** for NTIA, including \$20 million for the **Public Television Facilities Planning and Construction (PTFPC)** grant program, which the President eliminated, as well as \$20 million in grant funding for the construction of broadband in underserved areas.

## Department of Justice

The bill provides a total of **\$25.8 billion** for the Department of Justice, which is \$2.2 billion above the enacted level and \$2.7 billion above the President's budget request.

## Department of Justice Highlights

- **State and Local Law Enforcement** – The Committee provides a total of \$3.1 billion for state and local law enforcement, which is \$439 million above the enacted level and \$2 billion above the President's budget request. This restoration of funding fills a major gap in the President's request, and includes the following:

- \$581 million for **Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)**, state formula grants to assist local law enforcement
  - \$600 million for **Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS)** grants, including \$50 million for a COPS hiring program
  - \$400 million for **juvenile justice and delinquency prevention**
  - \$400 million to **prevent violence against women**
- **Bureau of Prisons (BOP)** – BOP is provided **\$5.974 billion**, which is \$548 million above the enacted level and \$440 million above the President's budget request. The Committee provides the full budget request for salaries and expenses for the Bureau of Prisons.
  - **Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)** – The FBI is provided **\$7.27 billion**, which is \$612 million above the enacted level and \$162 million above the President's budget request. Of that total, \$10 million is provided to hire at least 25 new special agents to investigate mortgage fraud, and \$47 million, a \$9 million increase, to address internet crimes against children.
  - **U.S. Marshals Service** – The U.S. Marshals Service is provided **\$968 million**, which is \$101 million above the enacted level and \$35 million above the President's budget request. This includes \$25 million above the request to support 100 new Deputy U.S. Marshals to implement the **Adam Walsh Act**, and \$10 million to establish an additional Regional Fugitive Task Force to address the increased workload associated with implementation of the Adam Walsh Act.
  - **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)** – The DEA is provided **\$1.95 billion**, \$97 million above the enacted level and \$18 million above the President's request.
  - **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)** – ATF is provided **\$1.04 billion**, which is \$35 million above the enacted level and \$15 million above the request.
  - **Crime Victims Fund (CVF)** – The bill permits the expenditure of **\$635 million** from the CVF for grants to assist victims of crime. This is \$45 million above the enacted level and the President's request.

### Science

- **Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)** - The bill provides **\$5.184 million** for OSTP, equal to the budget request.
- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** - The bill provides **\$17.8 billion** for NASA, \$505 million above the Fiscal Year 2008 level and \$200 million above the President's request. The total funding includes \$3 billion for Space Shuttle operations; \$2 billion for Space Station operations; \$2.9 billion for development of the next generation Crew Launch Vehicle and Crew Exploration Vehicle; \$4.5 billion for science; and \$500 million for aeronautics research.
- **National Science Foundation (NSF)** - The bill provides **\$6.854 billion** for NSF, \$789 million above the Fiscal Year 2008 enacted level and equal to the President's budget request. The total includes \$152 million for research equipment and facilities; \$300 million for agency operations; and \$790 million for education activities.

### Related Agencies

- **Commission on Civil Rights** – The Committee provides \$8.8 million, equal to the President's request and \$300,000 above the enacted level.
- **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission** – The Committee provides \$342 million, \$13 million above the enacted level and equal to the President's request.
- **International Trade Commission** – The Committee provides \$75 million, \$6.6 million above the enacted level and \$1.4 million above the request.
- **Legal Services Corporation** – The Committee provides \$390 million, a \$40 million increase above the enacted level and \$79 million above the President's request.
- **Marine Mammal Commission** – The Committee provides \$2.4 million, which is equal to the President's request.
- **Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)** – The Committee provides \$46.3 million, \$2.2 million above the enacted level and equal to the President's request.
- **State Justice Institute (SJI)** – The Committee provides \$5 million, \$1.2 million above the enacted level. The President requested no funding for SJI.

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