



U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

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Senate Gives Approval to FY 2005 Emergency Supplemental Bill

Senate Passed: \$81.04 billion
House Passed: \$81.4 billion
President’s Request: \$82.0 billion

Washington, D.C. – The full Senate voted X-X this afternoon to approve an \$81.04 billion FY 2005 Emergency Supplemental bill, including requests for defense-related activities, the global war on terrorism, and tsunami relief.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Thad Cochran said, “This is a straightforward bill. It meets the needs of our fighting forces overseas, while addressing emergency requirements at home. It provides funding to meet our international responsibilities and offers relief to the victims of the catastrophic tsunami in the Indian Ocean.”

Summary of the bill

[All numbers are in millions]

TITLE I – Defense Related Appropriations

Senate Passed: \$74.6 billion
House Passed: \$76.8 billion
President’s Request: \$74.9 billion

Highlights by Category:

Military Personnel.....	\$17,532
Operation and Maintenance	\$37,439
Procurement	\$15,872
Research, Development, Test and Evaluation.....	\$550
Revolving and Management Funds.....	\$1,344
*Defense Health Program	\$231
Drug Interdiction and Counter-drug Activities	\$227
*Intelligence Community Management Account.....	\$250
Military Construction, Army	\$897
Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps.....	\$107
Military Construction, Air Force.....	\$141

Other Title I Highlights:

Additional funding for increase in Death Gratuity benefits	\$330
Additional funding for Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance	\$59
Additional funding for Army National Guard and Reserve Recruiting	\$151
Additional funding for the Defense Health Program in support of Army military treatment facilities	\$50
Additional funding for electronic jammers used to combat IEDs.....	\$25
Additional authority for the Commander’s Emergency Response Program	\$354

TITLE II – International Security Programs

Senate Passed: \$4.2 billion
House Passed: \$3.2 billion
President’s Request: \$5.59 billion

*Global War on Terror Partners Fund.....	\$19.5
*Diplomatic and Consular Programs	\$357.7
Embassy Security, Construction, and Maintenance	\$592
Migration and Refugee Assistance.....	\$108.4
Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities	\$680
Operating Expenses of the United States AID	\$24.4
*Public Law 480 Title II Grants.....	\$470

TITLE III – Domestic Appropriations for the War on Terror

Senate Passed: \$1.077 billion
House Passed: \$357.8 million
President’s Request: \$418.3 million

Department of Justice	
Office of the Inspector General.....	\$2.5
US Marshals Service.....	\$11.9
Federal Bureau of Investigation.....	\$66.5
Drug Enforcement Administration.....	\$7.6
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.....	\$5.1
National Nuclear Security Administration	
Weapons Activities.....	\$26
Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation.....	\$84
Homeland Security	
ICE, Salaries and Expenses.....	\$665
U.S. Coast Guard, Operating Expenses.....	\$112
U.S. Coast Guard, Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements.....	\$49.2
Legislative Branch Subcommittee	
Capitol Police, Salaries, Emergency.....	\$10
Capitol Police, Expenses, Emergency.....	\$13.3
Architect of the Capitol, Buildings and Grounds.....	\$23

TITLE IV – Indian Ocean Tsunami Relief

Senate Passed: \$907.3 million

House Passed: \$907.6 million

President’s Request: \$949.6 million

Tsunami warning system [NOAA/USGS].....	\$25.34
Tsunami Recovery and Reconstruction Fund.....	\$656

TITLE V – Other Emergency Appropriations

Senate Passed: \$243.4 million

President’s Request: \$101.8 million

CSREES.....	\$3
Natural Resources Conservation Service.....	\$118
Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund.....	\$10
Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services	
Emergency.....	\$60
Forest Service (to repair rain, flood, and landslide damage to National Forest lands).....	\$34.4

***The funding for this account was modified by amendment**

Immigration

The Senate did not include the Real ID Act of 2005, which was included in the House-passed version of the bill. The Senate Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over this legislation. The Senate did vote to include an amendment by Sen. Mikulski to increase the number of H-2B visas available for 2005 and 2006 and require submission of information regarding seasonal workers.

Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance and Death Gratuity

The Senate included a provision that authorizes the Department of Defense to increase to \$500,000 the amount that can be paid to surviving families of deceased servicemen. This \$500,000 is a combination of \$100,000 death gratuity (increased from \$12,420) and \$400,000 of elective coverage under SGL (increased from \$250,000 maximum coverage). An amendment by Sen. Kerry specified that those eligible for SGLI includes any Servicemember killed during active duty.

Department of Homeland Security

The Senate included \$276 million for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, to ensure adequate funding for critical investigative and detention programs. An amendment by Senator Byrd raised total funding for the Department of Homeland Security by \$389 million for: 650 border patrol agents, 250 immigration and customs investigators, 168 enforcement agents and detention officers, and 2,000 detention beds.

Capitol Police

The Senate included \$10 million for Capitol Police salaries, for hiring up to 50 additional officers to ensure adequate coverage of all existing and new posts. It also recommends \$13.3 million in additional expenses for various emergency security requirements.

The Judiciary

The Senate included \$65 million for the Judicial Branch, which had requested \$101.8 million to pay for costs associated with unanticipated increases in workload associated with recently enacted legislation and the Supreme Court’s opinions in *United States v. Booker* and *United States v. Fanfan*. An amendment by Senator Bingaman raised total funding for the Judicial Branch by \$5 million and includes new language stating that this overall total is also for unanticipated increases in immigration-related filings.

Palestinian Authority

Current law restrictions on assistance to the Palestinian Authority are continued.

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