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Appropriations Committee Reports FY 2006 Homeland Security Spending Bill

WASHINGTON – The Senate Appropriations Committee today unanimously approved the fiscal year 2006 Homeland Security Appropriations bill. The bill recommends \$30.8 billion in discretionary spending for the Department of Homeland Security. This is \$1.2 billion more than the President's fiscal year 2006 discretionary spending request and \$1.4 billion more than the fiscal year 2005 enacted level, excluding emergency supplemental appropriations and \$2.5 billion in advance appropriations for Project BioShield made available in fiscal year 2005.

Departmental Management and Operations – A total of \$646,824,000 is recommended to continue the operations of the Office of the Secretary, Office of the Under Secretary for Management, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, and Office of Inspector General. The funding for Departmental Management and Operations in FY05 was \$602.9 million.

Security, Enforcement and Investigations:

US Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US VISIT) – A total of \$340,000,000 is recommended to continue the development of the US VISIT system, which is level funding from the FY05 bill.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection – A total of \$5,989,170,000 is recommended (\$415 million more than the President's request) for securing the Nation's borders, including:

- \$1,750,545,000 for border staffing between the ports of entry; including 1,000 new Border Patrol agents;
- \$138,790,000 for the Container Security Initiative;
- \$51,084,000 for the America's Shield Initiative;
- \$525,111,000 for air and marine operations across U.S. Customs and Border Protection;
- \$458,009,000 for automation modernization; and
- \$302,381,000 for construction along the border; including \$55,000,000 for the California border; and \$55,000,000 for the Arizona border.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement – A total of \$3,832,721,000 (the FY05 level was \$3,536,228,000) is recommended for investigating and enforcing immigration and customs laws, including:

- \$1,343,790,000 for investigations and intelligence, including 300 additional immigration investigators;
- \$1,407,819,000 for detention and removals;
- \$678,994,000 for the Federal Air Marshals;
- \$487,000,000 for the Federal Protective Service; and
- \$50,150,000 for automation modernization.

Transportation Security Administration – A total of \$5,055,187,000 is recommended for securing transportation, including:

- \$2,334,003,000 for passenger and baggage screener workforce;
- \$172,461,000 for checkpoint support;
- \$180,000,000 for the procurement of explosive detection and trace systems;
- \$50,000,000 for the procurement and deployment of next generation in-line explosive detection systems;
- \$50,000,000 for air cargo security;
- \$8,000,000 for the safety and security of the Nation's railways;
- \$4,000,000 for monitoring and tracking trucks carrying hazardous materials;
- \$74,996,000, for transportation vetting and credentialing. The Committee does not fund these activities under the President's proposed Office of Screening Coordination and Operations;
- Research and development funding for next generation explosive detection systems and air cargo have been transferred to Science and Technology, as requested by the President; and
- The Committee does not include a Presidential legislative proposal to generate an estimated \$1,680,000,000 in passenger aviation fees.

United States Coast Guard – A total of \$7,879,426,000 is recommended, including:

- \$5,459,246,000 for operating expenses;
- \$119,000,000, as request in the budget, for Reserve training;
- \$1,141,802,000 for acquisition, construction, and improvements to fund new assets and maintain old assets and facilities. This amount includes \$905,602,000 for the Deepwater recapitalization project;
- \$15,000,000 for alteration of bridges. The President did not request funding for this account;

- \$18,500,000 for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation;
- \$1,014,080,000, as requested in the budget, for retired pay.

United States Secret Service – A total of \$1,192,337,000 is recommended for the operations of the United States Secret Service, which is \$17 million more than the FY05 funding level. This funding includes \$5,000,000 for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and \$2,100,000 for the Service’s forensic support costs associated with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Preparedness and Recovery:

Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness – A total of \$3,492,846,000 is recommended for first responder grants and assistance, including:

- \$1,518,000,000 for state and local assistance grants;
- \$400,000,000 for local law enforcement terrorism prevention grants;
- \$200,000,000 for port security grants;
- \$100,000,000 for rail and transit security grants;
- \$50,000,000 for buffer zone protection plan grants;
- \$50,000,000 for the Commercial Equipment Domestic Assistance Program;
- \$40,000,000 for grants to States to implement the REAL ID Act of 2005;
- \$145,000,000 for the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium;
- \$30,000,000 for demonstration training grants;
- \$615,000,000 for firefighter assistance grants, of which \$65,000,000 is for SAFER Act grants;
- \$180,000,000 for emergency management performance grants;

Counterterrorism Fund -- \$5,000,000 is recommended for the counterterrorism fund to provide for unforeseen emergencies not budgeted for in the regular process.

Emergency Preparedness and Response – A total of \$2,905,547,000 is recommended for emergency preparedness and response (EP&R) activities, including:

- \$203,499,000 for Preparedness, Mitigation, Response and Recovery to fund all operating expenses for FEMA programs including \$30 million for the 28 strategically located Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams;
- \$216,441,000 for administrative and regional operations;
- \$34,000,000 for the National Disaster Medical System; and
- \$2,000,000,000 for Disaster Relief.

Research and Development, Training, Assessment, and Services:

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services – A total of \$80,000,000 is recommended for United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, for the reduction of application processing backlogs.

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center – A total of \$255,743,000, \$31,745,000 above the President’s budget request, is recommended for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection – A total of \$870,562,000 to identify and assess threats, map threat information against current vulnerabilities, issue warnings, and take preventive action, including:

- \$126,592,000 for critical infrastructure outreach and partnerships for data sharing with infrastructure owners and operators;
- \$59,903,000 to identify critical infrastructure and their vulnerabilities, to assess risks identified, and to reduce vulnerabilities;
- \$91,399,000 for developing and implementing protective programs for critical infrastructures;
- \$18,145,000 to rapidly identify and characterize a potential bioterrorist attack;
- \$73,349,000 for cyber security activities; and
- \$142,632,000 for national security and emergency preparedness telecommunications activities.

Science & Technology – A total of \$1,409,498,000 to support basic and applied research, development of prototypes, and procurement of systems to mitigate the effects of weapons of mass destruction including:

- \$384,300,000 for biological countermeasures including \$10,000,000 for the biosurveillance initiative;
- \$226,000,000 for nuclear and radiological countermeasures;
- \$100,000,000 to counter chemical warfare agents toxic industrial chemicals;
- \$33,862,000 for high explosives countermeasures;
- \$20,900,000 for rapid prototyping;
- \$63,600,000 for university programs;
- \$61,000,000 for the counter-MANPADS program;
- \$16,700,000 for cyber threat characterization, detection, and origination; and
- \$15,000,000 for interoperability communications.