



# U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

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## **Senate Gives Approval to FY 2006 State, Foreign Operations Bill**

Washington, D.C. – The full Senate voted today to approve the fiscal year 2006 State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Highlights of the \$31.8 billion bill are below.

### **Bill Highlights:**

FY05 Enacted: \$33.0 billion including supplemental appropriations

FY06 President's Request: \$32.8 billion

FY06 Senate Approved: \$31.8 billion

### **DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND RELATED AGENCIES**

Included is a total of \$9.7 billion, a \$1.1 billion decrease from the FY 2005 enacted level, a \$228 million decrease from the request, and a \$124 million increase over House-passed legislation.

- \$4.4 billion for Diplomatic and Consular Programs, \$461 million below the FY 2005 enacted level and \$28 million below the budget request.
- \$440 million for educational and cultural exchange programs, \$84 million above the FY 2005 enacted level and \$10 million above the request.
- \$1.5 billion for embassy security, construction, and maintenance, an amount equal to the FY 2005 enacted level, excluding supplemental appropriations.
- \$89 million for National Endowment for Democracy (NED), \$21 million above the FY 2005 enacted level and \$9 million above the request. Funding for NED programs is included under a new account "Democracy Fund."
- \$652 million for international broadcasting activities, an amount equal to the budget request.

### **HIV/AIDS**

\$3.0 billion for the President's initiative to combat HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria from all accounts in the bill, including \$2 billion for the Global HIV/AIDS Initiative and \$500 million for a U.S. contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The total is \$303 million above the budget request.

### **COUNTERTERRORISM/COUNTERNARCOTICS**

Robust funding of programs to combat international terrorism and narcotics, including \$445 million for the Nonproliferation, Anti-Terrorism, Demining and Related Programs (NADR) account, \$734 million for the Andean Counterdrug Initiative, and \$196 million for Peacekeeping Operations.

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\$524 million for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement, \$198 million above the FY 2005 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

Full funding of the budget request for assistance for Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Indonesia, and Pakistan.

\$24 million for the Conflict Response Fund to assist in stabilizing and reconstructing countries impacted by conflict or civil strife. \$24 million is provided for the Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization to administer these funds, an amount equal to the budget request.

### **REFUGEES/DISASTER AND FAMINE ASSISTANCE**

\$900 million for Migration and Refugee Assistance and \$40 million for the Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund.

\$400 million for disaster and famine assistance, an increase of \$33 million above the FY 2005 enacted level.

### **MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION (MCC)**

\$1.8 billion for the Millennium Challenge Corporation, an increase of \$312 million above the FY 2005 enacted level.

### **HEALTH PROGRAMS**

\$1.6 billion for the Child Survival and Health Programs Fund, which includes:

- \$375 million for child survival and maternal health, an increase of \$49 million above last year's level;
- \$30 million for vulnerable children; and
- \$285 million for infectious diseases.

### **OTHER PROGRAMS**

\$1.7 billion for Development Assistance, an increase of \$227 million above the FY 2005 enacted level and \$571 million above the budget request. This includes \$350 million for basic education.

\$395 million for Assistance for the Eastern Europe and Baltic States, \$2 million above the FY 2005 enacted level and \$13 million above the budget request.

\$565 million for Assistance for the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union, \$9 million above the Fiscal Year 2005 enacted level and \$83 million above the budget request. \$95 million is provided for Ukraine, \$70.5 million for Georgia, \$85 million for Russia and \$75 million for Armenia.

\$320 million for Peace Corps, \$3 million above the FY 2005 enacted level.

\$87 million for International Military Training and Education programs, the same as the budget request.

\$164 million for the Export-Import Bank, \$64 million above the FY 2005 enacted level and \$61 million below the request.

\$51 million for the Trade and Development Agency, which is \$2 million above the request.