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Committee Approves FY 2007 Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary and HUD Spending Bill

WASHINGTON, DC – The Senate Appropriations Committee today approved the Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, HUD, and Related Agencies appropriations bill for fiscal year 2007. This bill funds the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, as well as the Federal Judiciary and Supreme Court, Amtrak and the Federal Election Commission. The bill is within the Subcommittee's 302(b) allocation level of \$69 billion.

Amendments accepted at mark-up:

- Shelby amendment making permanent the prohibition of banks engaging in real estate activities
- Inouye amendment prohibiting the Dept. of Transportation from issuing a rule on foreign ownership of airlines
- Craig/Dorgan amendment that prohibits the Dept. of Treasury from implementing rule that prohibits agriculture exports to Cuba

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Essential Air Service (EAS) Program (funded through the Airport and Airway Trust Fund): \$117 million. The Essential Air Service Program subsidizes scheduled air service to small communities that otherwise would not receive air service.

Federal Aviation Administration: \$14.257 billion; FAA operations are funded at \$8.366 billion, which is \$262 million more than the FY06 enacted level. The bill provides a total of \$14.225 billion in budgetary resources for the FAA, an increase of \$476 million over the Administration's budget request. Of this amount, \$8.36 billion is provided for Operations, which provides critical support for the operation, maintenance, communications, and logistical support for the air traffic control and air navigation system. Also included is \$3.52 billion for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) which funds runway improvements, terminal modifications and other important capacity and safety projects at airports. Also included is \$2.55 billion for facilities and equipment through the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. This fund provides for improvement in the safety, capacity and efficiency of the federal airways system through procurement and installation of new equipment and the construction and modernization of facilities in accordance with the Federal Aviation Administration's comprehensive capital investment plan (CIP) to keep pace with aeronautical activity.

Federal Aid Highways: \$39.1 billion; this amount is the same as the Administration's request. The bill also appropriates \$20 million for the Appalachian Development Highway System and \$20 million for the Delta Region Transportation Development Program.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: \$811 million; this amount is \$5 million above the FY06 level. These funds will maintain current programs and continue the mobilization and paid media initiatives that have proven so effective in increasing safety belt use and impaired driving awareness.

Federal Railroad Administration: \$1.59 billion; this amount is \$84 million above the FY06 enacted level and \$510,000 above the Administration's request. Of these funds, \$1.4 billion is for Amtrak, \$106 million above FY 06.

Federal Transit Administration: \$8.8 billion; this amount is \$342 million above the FY06 enacted level and consistent with the Administration's request. The following programs are funded through the Federal Transit Administration: formula grants, transit planning and research; rural transportation assistance; metropolitan, state, and national planning; capital investment grants; fixed guideway modernization; "new starts" program; buses and bus-related facilities; and job access and reverse commute grants.

Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration: \$517 million. This funding provides for the operating and program expenses of the FMCSA as well as the National Motor Carrier Safety Program.

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation: \$17.425 million; this amount is \$1.3 million above the FY06 level and \$9.4 million above the Administration's request.

Maritime Administration: \$268 million; this amount is \$45 million above the Administration's request. The bill rescinds all funding for the National Defense Tank Vessel Construction Program. In lieu of part of these funds, the bill provides \$30 million for the Title XI program and \$15 million for the Grants to Small Shipyards program.

Office of the Inspector General: \$64.1 million; this is \$2.3 million above the FY06 enacted level and the same as the Administration's budget request.

Surface Transportation Board: \$25.3 million; this amount is \$300,000 above FY06 level and \$3.6 million more than the Administration's request.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

The Department of the Treasury is funded at \$11.7 billion, \$151.3 million above the FY 06 enacted level and \$100 million above the FY 07 budget request. The Department of the Treasury's Departmental Offices account is funded at \$223.9 million, which is \$27.4 million over the FY 06 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI): Included is \$45.7 million for financial crimes activities under departmental offices and \$77.3 million for TFI. This funding will significantly enhance the Treasury's ability to safeguard the U.S. financial system from terrorists and criminals and fight terrorist and illicit financing.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS): \$10.7 billion; \$111 million above the FY 06 level and \$64.1 million above the President's request. The committee has provided \$4.7 billion for enforcement and \$2.1 billion for taxpayer services. The Committee has provided these critical resources to help close the tax gap. The Committee also has provided \$245 million for Business Systems Modernization.

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau: \$92.6 million; this amount is \$2.4 million above the FY 06 level and \$28.6 million above the budget request. The Administration's proposed user fees are not included. These funds will be used for the enforcement of federal laws and regulations relating to alcohol and tobacco by working directly and in cooperation with others to: maintain a sound revenue management and regulatory system that continues reducing taxpayer burden, improve service, collect revenue due, prevent tax evasion and other criminal conduct, and protect the public and prevent consumer deception in regulated commodities.

THE JUDICIARY

The Federal Judiciary is funded at \$6.1 billion, which is a 6.5% increase over the FY06 level.

Supreme Court: \$76.4 million, which is equal to the President's request and House funding.

Court of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services: \$5.8 billion, which is \$340 million above the FY 06 level.

Defender Services: \$761 million, which is \$51 million above the FY 06 level.

Court Security: \$398 million, which is approximately \$29 million above the FY 06 level.

Administrative Office: \$74.3 million, which is \$4.8 million above the FY06 level.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

HUD is funded at \$36.6 billion, an increase of \$2.5 billion above the budget request.

Section 8 tenant-based assistance is funded at \$15.9 billion, the same as the budget request and \$502 million over the FY06 level. Section 8 project-based assistance is funded at \$5.7 billion, about \$638 million above the FY 06 level and the same as the budget request.

Public Housing Capital Fund – The bill includes \$2.5 billion for the Public Housing Capital Fund for FY 07, an increase of \$21 million over the FY 06 level and \$282 million above the budget request.

Public Housing Operating Fund – The bill includes \$3.66 billion for the Public Housing Operating Fund, an increase of \$96 million above the FY 06 level and \$96 million above the budget request.

Revitalization of Distressed Public Housing (HOPE VI) – The bill includes \$100 million for HOPE VI, approximately the same as the FY 06 level and an increase of \$100 million over the budget request which recommended elimination of the program. The bill also extends the authorization of the program through FY 07.

Native American Housing Block Grant program (NAHASDA) – The bill includes \$625.7 million for NAHASDA, which is \$2 million above FY 06 and the same as the budget request.

Community Development Fund (CDF) – The bill includes \$4.2 billion for the CDF, an increase of \$37.2 million above the FY 06 level and \$1.2 billion over the budget request. The bill includes \$4.1 billion for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

HOME Program – The bill includes \$1.9 billion for HOME, which is \$184 million over the FY06 level and an increase of \$25 million above the budget request. The account includes \$25 million for the American Dream Downpayment program.

Homeless Assistance Grants – The bill includes \$1.5 billion for homeless assistance which is \$185 million more than the FY06 level and \$25 million below than the budget request.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) – The bill includes \$295 million for HOPWA, about \$8.8 million above the FY06 level and \$5.1 million below the budget request.

Housing for the Elderly (Section 202 Housing) – The bill includes \$750 million for Section 202 Elderly Housing, approximately \$15.4 million over the FY06 level and \$204 million over the budget request.

Section 811 Disabled Housing – The bill includes \$240 million for Section 811 Disabled Housing, about \$3 million above the FY06 level and \$121 million above the budget request.

Office of Lead Hazard Control – The bill includes \$152 million for the Office of Lead Hazard Control, which is about the same as the FY06 level and \$37 million more than the budget request. The bill includes \$48 million for the Bond-Mikulski Lead Hazard Elimination program, which was proposed for elimination.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Executive Office of the President: \$729.6 million. Funding is provided for the compensation of the President, White House office staff, Homeland Security Council, the Council of Economic Advisors, the Office of Policy Development, the National Security Council, the White House, and the Office of Management and Budget. The bill also funds compensation for the Vice President, his staff and his residence at the Naval Observatory.

Office of National Drug Control Policy and federal drug control programs: \$473 million. The bill includes \$20 million for the counter drug technology assessment program; \$227 million for high-intensity drug trafficking areas, which is \$227 million more than the budget request; and \$214.5 million for other Federal drug control programs.

RELATED AGENCIES

Election Assistance Commission: \$17 million.

General Services Administration: Construction and Acquisition (site design, construction management and inspection of new federal facilities) is funded at \$708 million. The total Federal Building Fund for GSA is \$8.1 billion.

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): \$348 million. NARA provides for basic operations dealing with management of the Federal Governments archives and records, operation of Presidential Libraries, and for the review of declassified security information.

Office of Personnel Management: \$19.6 billion; this amount is \$867 million above the FY06 level.

Federal Election Commission: \$57.1 million.

National Transportation Safety Board: \$79.6 million. This amount is same as the budget request and will ensure that NTSB has a sufficient number of accident investigators.

Neighborhood Reinvestment: \$119.8 million, which is \$3 million above FY06.

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