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HIGHLIGHTS OF FY 2007 ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

FUNDING LEVELS:

The Chairman's mark provides a total of \$30 billion in budget authority for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Civil, the Department of Interior including the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy, and several Independent Agencies. This bill is \$172 million below last year's level and \$546 million above the President's request.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS:

The Chairman's mark supports a vigorous Civil Works program while focusing limited resources on completing high priority projects. The recommendation of \$5 billion, \$251 million above the President's request and \$345 million below last year's level when adjusted for emergency supplementals. The bill continues a number of significant reforms to improve project execution and financial management, including more responsible use of reprogrammings, continuing contracts, and implementation of long-term financial planning.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION:

The budget request for Department of Interior activities funded in our bill — primarily for the Bureau of Reclamation — is \$924 million and our Subcommittee recommendation is \$941 million. This is an increase of \$17 million over the request, and is \$114 million below the fiscal year 2006 funding level. This includes \$6 million to assess existing and future flood risks in the California Bay-Delta area near Sacramento and a five-year budget planning requirement for the Bureau.

ENERGY INITIATIVES:

The bill provides \$24.373 billion for the Department of Energy, \$327 million above the FY2006 level and \$299 million above the request.

- The bill fully funds the **American Competitiveness Initiative** which would strengthen basic research by increasing funding for the DOE Office of Science, for a total of \$4.132 billion. In addition, the bill supports the **Advanced Energy Initiative** by increasing funding for a variety of clean energy technologies, including biomass, hydrogen, solar, wind, and clean coal.

- The bill provides \$150 million for the **Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP)**, the administration's initiative on recycling spent nuclear fuel, \$96 million below the request but at the level authorized in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.
- **Energy Supply and Conservation** programs are funded at \$2.0 billion, \$102 million above FY06. The bill restores reductions in other essential energy programs, such as support for university nuclear energy education (funded at \$27 million) and weatherization assistance (restoring \$78 million cut for a total of \$242.5 million).
- **Fossil Energy** research and development programs are funded at \$558 million, an increase of \$88.5 over the request, to include \$54 million for **FutureGen**, and \$36.4 million for the **Clean Coal Power Initiative**.
- The Bill funds the **Yucca Mountain** repository at \$544.5 million. This includes \$156.4 million for Nuclear Waste Disposal and \$388 million for Defense Nuclear Waste Disposal. In addition, the Committee provides another \$30 million for interim storage of spent fuel, subject to authorization.
- The **National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)**, which includes the nuclear weapons program, defense nuclear nonproliferation, naval reactors and the Office of the Administrator, is funded at \$9.2 billion, an increase of \$95 million over last year and \$116 million below the President's request. **Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation** activities are funded at \$1.6 billion, \$22 million below FY06 and \$133 million below the request. The bill provides \$105 million for container screening at foreign ports, \$65 million above the request. Weapons activities are funded at \$6.4 billion, \$42 million above FY06 and \$4 million above the request. Within the Weapons Activities account, the bill targets \$140 million for weapons complex reform and consolidation activities.
- **Defense Environmental Cleanup** programs are funded at \$5.55 billion, an increase of \$161.5 million over the request. The Chairman's mark provides \$600 million for the **Hanford Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant**. Non-defense Environmental Cleanup activities are funded at \$309.9 million, a decrease of \$0.4 million below the request.
- The **Power Marketing Administrations** are funded at \$252 million, \$18 million below last year and the same as the request.
- The **Denali Commission** total funding is \$7.5 million. Appalachian Regional Commission is reduced by \$30 million, total funding is \$35.5 million. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is funded at \$808.4 million, an increase of \$40 million to provide for the anticipated growth in reactor license applications.
- The bill **terminates** the following programs:
 - State energy program grants: \$49.5 million
 - Geothermal R&D technology: \$23 million
 - Natural gas R&D technologies: \$20 million
 - Construction of the Mixed Oxide Fuel Plant and the Pit Disassembly and Conversion Facility at the Savannah Site: \$368 million
- The bill reduces total earmarks by \$200 million, or 16 percent, compared to last year's House bill.

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