



Democrats Have Voted Repeatedly to Strengthen Port Security **– but Republicans Have Blocked Our Efforts**

2002 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act. House Republicans rejected a Democratic amendment to increase funding for Coast Guard port security operations by \$165 million and for direct grants to ports for security assessments and enhancements by \$200 million. (216-211, 11/28/01)

2003 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act. Republicans blocked consideration of a Democratic amendment to increase funding for port security and infrastructure by \$722 million. (221-200, 4/3/03)

FY04 Homeland Security Appropriations Act. House Republicans rejected a Democratic amendment to increase funding for port and maritime security by \$500 million. (222-200, 6/24/03) The same Democratic amendment was defeated, on a party line vote, in the Appropriations Committee.

FY04 Homeland Security Appropriations Act. Republican conferees rejected, on a party line vote, an amendment offered by Democratic conferees (Obey, Sabo, Byrd) to increase funding for port and maritime security by \$475 million. (9/17/03)

FY05 Homeland Security Appropriations Act. House Republicans refused to allow consideration of a Democratic amendment on the Floor to increase port and container security by \$400 million. The same Democratic amendment was defeated, on a party line vote, in the Appropriations Committee. (6/18/04)

FY05 Homeland Security Appropriations Act. Republicans conferees rejected, on a party line vote, an amendment offered by Democratic conferees (Obey, Sabo, Byrd) to increase funding for port security by \$150 million. (10/7/04)

FY06 Homeland Security Authorization Act. House Republicans rejected a Democratic substitute providing \$400 million more for port security than the Republican bill. (230-196, 5/18/05)

FY06 Homeland Security Appropriations Act. Republicans conferees rejected, on a party line vote, an amendment offered by Democratic conferees (Obey, Sabo, Byrd) to increase funding for port and container security by \$300 million. (9/29/05)

FY06 Supplemental Appropriations Act. House Democrats fought in the Appropriations Committee on Wednesday (3/8/06) to increase funding for homeland security by \$3.4 billion, including \$1.1 billion for port security. But Republicans defeated our Democratic amendment, 34-27.

“My assessment is that the security measures that are currently in place do not provide an effective deterrent for a determined terrorist organization intent on exploiting or targeting the maritime transportation system to strike at the United States. The problem is less with who owns or operates the U.S. container terminals than it is that we simply have not addressed far more serious supply chain, maritime, and port security issues that could dramatically reduce the terrorist risk to our homeland.”

-Steven Flynn (Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and former Commander of the Coast Guard): (CongressDaily, 3/6/06)