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**OMB Director Bolten Praises U.S. House of Representatives on Completion of FY2006
Appropriations Bills**

WASHINGTON – Today Office of Management and Budget Director Josh Bolten issued this statement after the U.S. House of Representatives passed its final appropriations bill for the 2006 fiscal year:

"I congratulate the House of Representatives, and particularly House Leadership and Chairman Lewis, on completing the 11 appropriations bills needed to fund our Nation's priorities. This important work was accomplished while meeting the Administration's major goals for spending restraint: holding overall discretionary spending growth below the rate of inflation and reducing non-security discretionary spending below last year's level. The Administration looks forward to working with Senate leaders to achieve similar success, so that we have the resources to fight the Global War on Terrorism, defend the homeland, and meet other vital needs."

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