



# The Money Monitor

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## **Week of November 17-21, 2003**

Net five-year cost of House authorizations passed by the House *this week*:

**\$3,047,050,000.00**

H.R. 1367	To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a loan repayment program regarding the provision of veterinary services in shortage situations	\$27.0 million
H.R. 3198	John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2003	\$105.0 million
H.R. 1732	Williamson County Water Recycling Act	\$8.0 million
H.R. 280	National Heritage Areas Act	\$61.0 million
H.R. 2907	Northern Arizona National Forest Land Exchange Act	\$1.0 million
S. 254	Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park Addition Act	\$3.0 million
H.R. 3287	To award congressional gold medals posthumously on behalf of Reverend Joseph A. DeLaine, Harry and Eliza Briggs, and Levi Pearson	\$0.05 million
H.R. 1813	Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act	\$132.0 million
H.R. 1006	Captive Wildlife Safety Act	\$20.0 million
H.R. 3491	National Museum of African-American History and Culture Act	\$303.0 million
S. 1824	Overseas Private Investment Corporation Amendments Act of 2003	\$203.0 million
S. 650	Pediatric Research Equity Act	\$7.0 million
H.R. 2420	Mutual Funds Integrity and Fee Transparency Act	\$2.0 million
S. 1685	Basic Pilot Extension Act of 2003	\$9.0 million
H.R. 421	To reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution	\$20.0 million
S. 286	Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Prevention Act	\$418.0 million
S. 686	Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act Amendments of 2003	\$180.0 million
H.R. 253	Two Floods and You Are Out of the Taxpayers' Pocket Act	\$450.0 million
H.R. 1964	Highlands Stewardship Act	\$44.0 million
H.R. 135	Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act	\$9.0 million
H.R. 3181	Predisaster Mitigation Program Reauthorization Act of 2003	\$312.0 million

S. 1152	United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act	\$335.0 million
S. 1156	Department of Veterans Affairs Long-Term Care and Personnel Authorities Enhancement Act	<u>\$398.0 million*</u>

TOTAL FIVE-YEAR COST OF THIS WEEK'S AUTHORIZATIONS \$3,047.05 million

*Year-to-date total* of net five-year costs of House-passed authorizations:  
**\$726,276,640,000.00**

\*This figure does not include some authorizations in S. 1156 that were already accounted for in H.R. 2357, which passed the House on July 21, 2003.

Net five-year change in House-passed mandatory spending *this week*:  
**\$38,000,000.00**

S. 1189	To increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	\$10.0 million
S. 1156	Department of Veterans Affairs Long-Term Care and Personnel Authorities Enhancement Act	<u>\$28.0 million</u>

THIS WEEK'S NET FIVE-YEAR CHANGE IN MANDATORY SPENDING \$38.0 million

*Note: The Money Monitor does not record the costs of conference reports.*

**Five-year change in mandatory spending in bills passed by the House in earlier weeks for which cost estimates were not previously available:**

H.R. 3232	To reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs for fiscal year 2004	<u>\$7.0 million</u>
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TOTAL FIVE-YEAR SPENDING CHANGE IN EARLIER BILLS \$7.0 million

*Year-to-date* net five-year change in House-passed mandatory spending:  
**\$195,209,940,000.00**

Net one-year cost of appropriations passed by the House *this week*:  
**Fiscal Year 2003: \$0.00**  
**Fiscal Year 2004: \$0.00**

*Note: The Money Monitor does not record the costs of conference reports.*

*Year-to-date total* of net one-year costs of House-passed appropriations:  
**Fiscal Year 2003: \$476,378,900,000.00**  
**Fiscal Year 2004: \$873,990,730,000.00**

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Net five-year revenue change by House bills passed *this week*:  
**-\$6,196,000,000.00**

H.R. 3521      Tax Relief Extension Act of 2003      -\$6,196.0 million

THIS WEEK'S NET FIVE-YEAR CHANGE IN REVENUE      -\$6,196.0 million

*Year-to-date* net five-year revenue change by House-passed bills:  
**-\$438,478,400,000.00**

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An authorization (otherwise known as “discretionary spending”) explicitly allows funding for a certain program and / or directs a federal agency to take a certain action. Authorizations express the House's *intent* to spend, however, actual funding is provided through the annual appropriations process. **Authorizations with no net cost, bills that would result in no significant net change in mandatory spending or federal revenue, and private-sector costs from federal mandates are not reported here.**

Mandatory spending directly establishes an appropriation. No subsequent action is required for the money to be spent.

The figures for revenue changes are from “static” estimates by the Joint Committee on Taxation or the Congressional Budget Office. That is, they do not take into account the stimulative effects that tax cuts and other revenue reductions have on the national economy.

All numbers in “The Money Monitor” are positive unless otherwise indicated.

**The costs of conference reports are not recorded here.** “The Money Monitor” only accounts for the costs of bills as they **first** pass the House (with the exception of bills that contain major cost-related changes upon subsequent House passage—yet BEFORE Senate passage). In short, “The Money Monitor” tracks the House's *original* monetary intent.

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