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ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS – SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT **\$5.6 BILLION IN EARMARKS IDENTIFIED** (H.R. 2641)

The earmark projects in the Energy and Water appropriations bill for fiscal year 2008 are scheduled for floor consideration Tuesday, in the form of a supplemental report on the bill (H-Report 110-185). The procedure is expected to give Members an opportunity to discuss and amend specific earmarks, and will allow the House to complete action on the bill.

Consistent with the earmark rules adopted at the beginning of the current, 110th Congress, the report specifies approximately \$5.6 billion in Member-requested projects by the Army Corp of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Department of Energy. These projects were not identified when the bill was first considered in June. But final passage has been delayed until these earmarks could be considered by the House.

Although the earmarks were not identified previously, the amount was assumed in the measure's \$31.6 billion of total budget authority. That figure does not change with the supplemental report.

Under the unanimous consent agreement governing the earmark process this year, the Energy and Water earmarks are expected to be subject to amendment, individually, when the report is called up. After conclusion of the amendment process, a vote on the bill's final passage will occur.

The bill is part of an overall Democratic plan to increase annually appropriated spending next year by about \$21 billion more than the President requested. Because the Energy and Water bill is about \$1.1 billion above the President's request, the President has said he would veto it.

The report identifying the earmarks can be found on the Government Printing Office website at: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=110_cong_reports&docid=f:hr185p2.110.pdf