

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 6, 2006


Dear Mr. Speaker:

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed FY 2007 Budget amendments for the Departments of Agriculture, and State and Other International Programs; the Federal Communications Commission; and the Smithsonian Institution. Overall, the discretionary budget authority in my FY 2007 Budget would not be increased by these requests.

This transmittal also contains FY 2007 Budget amendments for the Legislative Branch. As a matter of comity, appropriations requests for the Legislative Branch are commonly transmitted without change.

The details of these proposals are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Dennis Hastert". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and "H".

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Enclosure



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

April 5, 2006

The President
The White House

Submitted for your consideration are requests for the Departments of Agriculture, and State and Other International Programs; the Federal Communications Commission; and the Smithsonian Institution. These amendments are technical in nature and are necessary to correctly reflect policies assumed in your FY 2007 Budget. Overall, the discretionary budget authority proposed in your Budget would not be increased by these requests.

This transmittal also contains FY 2007 Budget amendments for the Legislative Branch. As a matter of comity, appropriations requests for the Legislative Branch are commonly transmitted without change. In total, these amendments would increase net discretionary resources in the FY 2007 Budget by \$8.3 million.

The Mid-Session Review of the FY 2007 Budget, due to the Congress on July 15, 2006, will adjust the Budget to reflect necessary corrections and updates to the FY 2007 Budget.

Recommendation

I have reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of the affected Departments and agencies in recommending that you transmit the proposals to the Congress.

Sincerely,

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Joshua B. Bolten
Director

Enclosures

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Bureau: AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
Heading: Marketing Services
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FY 2007
Pending Request: ---
Proposed Amendment: Language
Revised Request: ---

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "Promotion Board Oversight" and substitute Marketing Agreements and Orders.)

This amendment is necessary to reflect correctly the fee account in which certain marketing service collections can be deposited.

The proposed budget totals would not be affected by this amendment.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Bureau: FARM SERVICE AGENCY
Heading: Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program Account
FY 2007 Budget
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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$425,817,000
Proposed Amendment: Language
Revised Request: \$433,569,000

(In the appropriations language in the second paragraph under the above heading, delete "\$102,780,000" and substitute \$102,612,000; delete "\$2,154,000" and substitute \$2,667,000; delete "\$25,401,000" and substitute \$24,720,000. In the third paragraph, delete "\$311,737,000" and substitute \$319,657,000; and delete "\$319,657,000" and substitute \$311,737,000.)

This proposal would amend the pending appropriations language to reflect correctly the budget authority for unsubsidized guaranteed and subsidized guaranteed loans. In addition, the proposal would correct the administrative expenses total and associated transfer amount, which were inadvertently reversed.

The proposed budget totals would not be affected by this amendment.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Heading: TITLE VII—GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 708

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FY 2007
Pending Request: ---

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: ---

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, amend section 708 by deleting the phrase "determined by the Office of the Chief Information Officer, without the notification of the Chief Information Officer", and inserting the phrase determined by the Office of the Chief Information Officer, without the approval of the Chief Information Officer.)

This amendment is necessary to reflect correctly existing Administration policy and the appropriations language used in previous years that requires approval by the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for acquisition of new information technology systems or significant upgrades. The pending request erroneously instructs that the CIO be notified only of such actions.

The proposed budget totals would not be affected by this amendment.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Heading: TITLE VII—GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 712
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FY 2007 Pending Request: ---
Proposed Amendment: Language
Revised Request: ---

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, amend section 712 as follows:)

- 1) in subsection (d), delete "7 U.S.C. 950bb" and substitute 7 U.S.C. 950bb (j)(1);
- 2) in subsection (e), delete "7 U.S.C. 1621 note" and substitute section 231(b)(4) of Public Law 106-224, as amended by section 6401 of Public Law 107-171 (7 U.S.C. 1621 note); and
- 3) in subsection (j), delete "section 9006" and substitute section 9006(f).

This amendment would correct inadvertent errors in referencing the authorizing citations associated with proposed cancellations of mandatory funding.

The proposed budget totals would not be affected by this amendment.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Heading: TITLE V— GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 540

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FY 2007
Pending Request: ---

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: ---

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, amend section 540 (c) by deleting the opening and closing brackets. Re-letter all subsequent subsections under the above heading as appropriate.)

This amendment would maintain subsection (c) which was inadvertently deleted. This subsection contains language that requires that personal services contractors be reduced on a one-to-one basis as the hiring authorized in section 540 is utilized, consistent with Administration policy.

The proposed budget totals would not be affected by this amendment.

Agency: FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Heading: Salaries and Expenses

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FY 2007 Request: \$302,542,000 (gross spending authority)
\$301,500,000 (offsetting collections)
\$1,042,000 (net budget authority)

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: \$302,542,000 (gross spending authority)
\$301,500,000 (offsetting collections)
\$1,042,000 (net budget authority)

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete the first proviso and substitute the following: Provided, That offsetting collections shall be assessed and collected pursuant to section 9 of title I of the Communications Act of 1934, of which \$301,500,000 shall be retained and used for necessary expenses in this appropriation, and shall remain available until expended: and delete the third proviso and substitute the following: Provided further, That any offsetting collections received in excess of \$301,500,000 in fiscal year 2007 shall not be available for obligation: Provided further, That remaining offsetting collections from prior years collected in excess of the amount specified for collection in each such year and otherwise becoming available on October 1, 2006, shall not be available for obligation:)

This amendment would make all prior and future regulatory fee collections in excess of specified collections targets unavailable for obligation to correctly reflect existing policy. This balance would remain in the Salaries and Expenses account and an appropriation would be required before such funds become available for obligation. This action will not affect the Federal Communications Commission's planned expenditures or activities.

The proposed budget totals would not be affected by this amendment.

Agency: SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Heading: Salaries and Expenses

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FY 2007 Request: \$530,394,000

Proposed Amendment: \$7,000,000

Revised Request: \$537,394,000

This amendment is necessary to reflect correctly the FY 2007 request for the Smithsonian Institution's Salaries and Expenses account, which inadvertently requested \$7 million less than Administration policy. The Smithsonian Institution's congressional justification materials submitted to the Congress includes the correct request amount. The increase in budget authority is fully offset by a corresponding reduction in the Facilities Capital account, as proposed in an accompanying amendment.

Taken together with the accompanying amendment, the proposed budget totals would not be affected by this amendment.

Agency: SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Heading: Facilities Capital

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$114,000,000

Proposed Amendment: -\$7,000,000

Revised Request: \$107,000,000

This amendment is necessary to reflect correctly the FY 2007 request for the Smithsonian Institution's Facilities Capital account, which inadvertently requested \$7 million more than Administration policy. The Smithsonian Institution's congressional justification materials submitted to the Congress includes the correct request amount. The decrease in budget authority is fully offset by a corresponding increase in the Salaries and Expenses account, as proposed in an accompanying amendment.

Taken together with the accompanying amendment, the proposed budget totals would not be affected by this amendment.

Agency:	SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
Heading:	John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Operations and Maintenance
FY 2007 Budget Appendix Pages:	1210
FY 2007 Pending Request:	\$19,100,000
Proposed Amendment:	-\$191,000
Revised Request:	\$18,909,000

This amendment is necessary to reflect correctly the FY 2007 request for the Smithsonian Institution's John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Operation and Maintenance account. The \$191,000 reduction is consistent with Administration policy and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts' budget justification submitted to the Congress.

The proposed budget totals would not be affected by this amendment.

Agency:	SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE
Heading:	John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Construction
FY 2007 Budget Appendix Pages:	1211
FY 2007 Pending Request:	\$20,000,000
Proposed Amendment:	-\$200,000
Revised Request:	\$19,800,000

This amendment is necessary to reflect correctly the FY 2007 request for the Smithsonian Institution's John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Construction account. The \$200,000 reduction is consistent with Administration policy and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts' budget justification submitted to the Congress.

The proposed budget totals would not be affected by this amendment.

Agency: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Bureau: SENATE

Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$160,434,000

Proposed Amendment: \$559,000

Revised Request: \$160,993,000

This proposal would increase the pending request by \$559,000 for the Salaries, Officers and Employees of the Senate account, as well as subaccounts Office of the Vice President, Office of the President Pro Tempore, Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus, Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders, Offices of the Majority and Minority Whips, Committee on Appropriations, Conference Committees, Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority, Policy Committees, Office of the Chaplain, Office of the Secretary, Offices of the Secretaries for the Majority and Minority, and Agency Contributions and Related Expenses.

FY 2007 outlays would increase by the same amount. The details of the subaccount proposals follow.

Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees, Office of the Vice President

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$2,233,000

Proposed Amendment: \$17,000

Revised Request: \$2,250,000

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Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees, Office of the President Pro Tempore

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$597,000

Proposed Amendment: \$5,000

Revised Request: \$602,000

Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees, Office of the President Pro Tempore Emeritus

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$298,000

Proposed Amendment: \$2,000

Revised Request: \$300,000

Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees, Offices of the Majority and Minority Leaders

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$4,624,000

Proposed Amendment: \$34,000

Revised Request: \$4,658,000

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Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees, Offices of the Majority and
Minority Whips

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$2,768,000

Proposed Amendment: \$20,000

Revised Request: \$2,788,000

Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees, Committee on
Appropriations

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$14,386,000

Proposed Amendment: \$104,000

Revised Request: \$14,490,000

Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees, Conference Committees

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$3,060,000

Proposed Amendment: \$22,000

Revised Request: \$3,082,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "\$1,530,000" and substitute \$1,541,000; delete "\$3,060,000" and substitute \$3,082,000.)

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Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees, Offices of the Secretaries of the Conference of the Majority and the Conference of the Minority

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$748,000

Proposed Amendment: \$6,000

Revised Request: \$754,000

Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees, Policy Committees

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$3,124,000

Proposed Amendment: \$22,000

Revised Request: \$3,146,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "\$1,562,000" and substitute \$1,573,000; delete "\$3,124,000" and substitute \$3,146,000.)

Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees, Office of the Chaplain

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$364,000

Proposed Amendment: \$3,000

Revised Request: \$367,000

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Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees, Office of the Secretary

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$22,003,000

Proposed Amendment: \$163,000

Revised Request: \$22,166,000

Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees, Offices of the Secretaries
for the Majority and Minority

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$1,622,000

Proposed Amendment: \$12,000

Revised Request: \$1,634,000

Heading: Salaries, Officers and Employees, Agency Contributions and
Related Expenses

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$42,003,000

Proposed Amendment: \$149,000

Revised Request: \$42,152,000

Agency: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
Bureau: SENATE
Heading: Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate
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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$5,939,000
Proposed Amendment: \$43,000
Revised Request: \$5,982,000

This proposal would increase the pending request by \$43,000 for the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate. FY 2007 outlays would increase by the same amount.

Agency: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
Bureau: SENATE
Heading: Office of Senate Legal Counsel
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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$1,391,000
Proposed Amendment: \$9,000
Revised Request: \$1,391,000

This proposal would increase the pending request by \$9,000 for the Office of Senate Legal Counsel. FY 2007 outlays would increase by the same amount.

Agency: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
Bureau: SENATE
Heading: Contingent Expenses of the Senate, Inquiries and Investigations
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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$136,989,000
Proposed Amendment: \$699,000
Revised Request: \$137,688,000

This proposal would increase the pending request by \$699,000 for Inquiries and Investigations of the Senate. FY 2007 outlays would increase by the same amount.

Agency: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Bureau: SENATE

Heading: Contingent Expenses of the Senate, Senators' Official Personnel
and Office Expense Account

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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$384,654,000

Proposed Amendment: \$2,868,000

Revised Request: \$387,522,000

This proposal would increase the pending request by \$2.9 million for the Senators' Office Personnel and Office Expense Account. FY 2007 outlays would increase by the same amount.

Agency: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
Bureau: JOINT ITEMS
Heading: Joint Economic Committee
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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$4,375,000
Proposed Amendment: \$31,000
Revised Request: \$4,406,000

This proposal would increase the pending request by \$31,000 for the Joint Economic Committee. FY 2007 outlays would increase by the same amount.

Agency: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
Bureau: JOINT ITEMS
Heading: Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office
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FY 2007
Pending Request: \$4,420,000
Proposed Amendment: \$4,069,000
Revised Request: \$8,489,500

This proposal would increase the pending request by \$4.1 million for the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office. FY 2007 outlays would increase by the same amount.