



The Money Monitor

The only document that tracks the costs of bills as they pass the House

Week of July 30-August 4, 2007



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

\$1,101,800,000.00*

H.R. 1696	To amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coshatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that Tribe	\$5.0 million
H.R. 31	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wastewater and Recycled Water Facilities Act	\$13.0 million
S. 1099	A bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance	-\$0.2 million
H.R. 2707	To reauthorize the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program	\$15.0 million
H.R. 23	Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act	\$485.0 million
H.R. 1315	To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide specially adaptive housing assistance to certain disabled members of the Armed Forces residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member	\$2.0 million
H.R. 2874	Veterans' Health Care Improvement Act	\$209.0 million
H.R. 2623	To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the collection of co-payments for all hospice care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs	\$2.0 million
H.R. 3184	To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a competitive grant program for the Puget Sound area to	

	provide comprehensive conservation planning to address water quality	\$25.0 million
H.R. 176	United States-Caribbean Educational Exchange Act	\$75.0 million
H.R. 2722	Integrated Deepwater Program Reform Act	\$5.0 million
H.R. 3248	SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act	-\$1.0 million
H.R. 3311	To authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction	\$250.0 million
H.R. 2776	Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act	\$17.0 million
TOTAL FIVE-YEAR COST OF THIS WEEK'S AUTHORIZATIONS		\$1,101.8 million*

Five-year cost of authorizations passed by the House *this year*:
\$832,358,370,000.00**

* This figure does not include the authorizations contained in **H.R. 3221** (New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act), which passed the House the week of July 30th.

** This figure does not include the authorizations contained in:

- **H.R. 1538** (Wounded Warrior Assistance Act), which passed the House the week of March 26th;
- **S. 1701** (A bill to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance and the abstinence education program through the end of fiscal year 2007), **H.R. 2669** (College Cost Reduction Act), or **H.R. 1851** (Section 8 Voucher Reform Act), all of which passed the House the week of July 9th;
- **H.R. 2419** (Farm Bill Extension Act), which passed the House the week of July 23rd; or
- **H.R. 3221** (New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act), which passed the House the week of July 30th.

When final cost estimates become available, the RSC will update *The Money Monitor* accordingly.

Five-year change in mandatory spending passed by the House *this week*:
\$26,483,000,000.00

H.R. 1315	To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide specially adaptive housing assistance to certain disabled members of the Armed Forces residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member	\$8.0 million
H.R. 3162	Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act	\$25,600.0 million
H.R. 3221	New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act	-\$1.0 million
H.R. 2776	Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act	\$876.0 million
TOTAL FIVE-YEAR CHANGE IN MANDATORY SPENDING		\$26,483.0 million

Five-year change in mandatory spending passed by the House *this year*:
\$25,813,250,000.00[#]

[#] This figure does not include the mandatory spending contained in:

- **H.R. 2669** (College Cost Reduction Act), which passed the House the week of July 9th; or

➤ **H.R. 2419** (Farm Bill Extension Act), which passed the House the week of July 23rd.

When final cost estimates become available, the RSC will update *The Money Monitor* accordingly.

One-year cost of appropriations passed by the House *this week*:

Fiscal Year 2006: \$0.00
Fiscal Year 2007: \$0.00
Fiscal Year 2008: \$478,149,000,000.00
Fiscal Year 2009: \$0.00

H.R. 3161	Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008	\$18,817.0 million
H.R. 3222	Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008	\$459,332.0 million
TOTAL ONE-YEAR COST OF THIS WEEK'S APPROPRIATIONS		\$478,149.0 million

One-year cost of appropriations passed by the House *this year*:

Fiscal Year 2006: \$0.00
Fiscal Year 2007: \$587,786,000,000.00
Fiscal Year 2008: \$976,325,000,000.00
Fiscal Year 2009: \$21,300,000,000.00

Five-year change in revenue passed by the House *this week*:

\$29,850,000,000.00

H.R. 3162	Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act	\$28,100.0 million
H.R. 2776	Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act	\$1,750.0 million
TOTAL FIVE-YEAR REVENUE CHANGE IN THIS WEEK'S BILLS		\$29,850.0 million

Five-year change in revenue passed by the House *this year*:

\$29,618,000,000.00[^]

[^] This figure does not include the tax increases and fees contained in **H.R. 2419** (Farm Bill Extension Act), which passed the House the week of July 23rd. When a final cost estimate becomes available, the RSC will update *The Money Monitor* accordingly.

GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS IN THE MONEY MONITOR

Authorization: An authorization (otherwise known as "discretionary spending") explicitly allows, but does not actually provide, 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. Think of an authorization like your credit

card's credit limit. If it's \$10,000, that doesn't mean you've spent \$10,000, but it does mean that you're *allowed* to spend \$10,000. Further action by you is needed for the money to actually be spent.

Mandatory Spending: Mandatory spending (otherwise known as “direct spending”) directly provides for funding. No subsequent action is required for the money to be spent. Think of mandatory spending like signing up for an automatic-bill-payment program. The very act of signing up provides for the payments from your credit card or bank account without further action from you.

Appropriation: An appropriation is an amount of money that Congress orders to be set aside for a certain purpose, function, or entity. The “appropriations process” commonly refers to passing the composite bills that provide discretionary funds to various federal agencies (see “Authorization” above). Think of an appropriation like an individual purchase on your credit card.

Revenue: Revenue refers to the amount of money that the federal government receives in taxes, fees, sales of property, and other sources of *incoming* funds. Think of revenue like the income from your job, the sale of your car, etc.

NOTES ON PROCEDURES & ASSUMPTIONS IN THE MONEY MONITOR

Neither the costs of conference reports nor the costs of bills that have already been recorded under substantively similar House-passed legislation this year are recorded here. “The Money Monitor,” which operates as an annual document, only accounts for the costs of bills as they first pass the House (unless the prior bills related to such reports and bills have not come to the floor during this calendar year or unless they contain significant cost changes BEFORE going to the Senate).

In short, “The Money Monitor” primarily tracks the House’s original monetary intent each calendar year.

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.

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 certain tax cuts and certain other revenue reductions have on the national economy.

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

Most estimates are provided by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), though some are provided by the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT), the referring House committee, or RSC staff calculations.

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