

Summary

2006 Hurricane/Avian Flu Supplemental (P.L. 109-148)

The House adopted the conference report on the 2006 Defense Appropriations bill on December 19, 2005. The bill includes emergency hurricane relief funding, funding for avian flu, and offsets, including an ATB of 1%.

For Interior, the hurricane supplemental includes the following:

FWS Construction, \$30 million of the \$61 million requested. Bill language gives flexibility to use the appropriation for operations, as well as construction.

NPS Construction, \$19 million of the \$38 million requested. Bill language gives flexibility to use the appropriation for operations, as well as construction.

MMS, \$16 million of the \$31.5 million requested.

USGS, \$5.3 million as requested.

For avian flu, the bill provides the full \$11.6 million requested: \$7.4 for FWS, \$3.7 million for USGS and \$525,000 for NPS.

The supplemental adopts only \$3.5 million of the \$306 million in offsets proposed by the President: \$500,000 from BLM MLR, \$2 million from the FWS Landowner Incentive program, \$1 million from the Cooperative Endangered Species program.

The 1% ATB is in the usual form, applying pro rata to the program, project and activity level to all discretionary 2006 appropriations. The only exceptions are for veterans programs and emergency appropriations, including the emergency appropriations above.