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Subject: Senate Floor Action on the 2006 Interior, Environment and Related
Agencies Appropriations Bill

The Senate completed action on the 2006 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bill on June 29, 2005.

The attached summary provides information on the amendments that were considered and adopted in Senate floor action.

Conference on the bill is expected to take place in late July.

Attachment

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**SUMMARY: SENATE FLOOR ACTION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2006
INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

The Senate passed the 2006 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies bill (HR 2361) on Wednesday, June 29 by a vote of 94 to zero.

During consideration of the bill, the Senate adopted several amendments affecting Interior programs, including the following:

- An amendment offered by Senator Feinstein, which authorizes charging of overnight use fees at Ft. Baker properties. The amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent.
- An amendment offered by Senator Frist, which provides for the retention of user fees at Great Smoky Mountain National Park. The amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent.
- An amendment offered by Mr. Bond which would earmark \$200,000 in USGS for the University of Missouri-Columbia to establish a wetland ecology center of excellence. The amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent.
- An amendment offered by Mr. Byrd, which would earmark \$350,000 in FWS for the mussel program at the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery. The amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent.
- An amendment offered by Mr. Byrd and Mr. Cochran to provide \$10 million for MLK, Jr. Memorial to be offset from DOI-wide administrative savings. Adopted by a voice vote.
- An amendment offered by Ms. Landrieu to fund grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities at \$2.0 million with an offset from a reduction to DOI-wide administrative expenses. The amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent.
- An amendment offered by Mr. Bingaman that requires that increases for SIPI and Haskell Tribal College be distributed in accordance with the needs based formula, that requires that the 2007 budget bring the amount of funding for these schools up to the need based on the formula, and that authorizes additional funds for SIPI. The amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent.
- An amendment offered by Mr. Bingaman that increases funding for Youth Conservation Corps funding, within overall totals, to the following amounts: BLM \$1.25 million, FWS \$2.5 million, NPS \$2.5 million. The amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent.

- An amendment offered by Senator Coburn that provides the sense of the Senate that the armed forces deserve support of the Senate, that activities relating to national defense and the war on terror should be fully funded, and that emergency appropriations should be fully offset with reductions in discretionary spending. The amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent.
- An amendment offered by Mr. Conrad to authorize the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail and direction to conduct a study of the trail. The amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following amendments were defeated by roll call vote:

- Motion to waive a point of order against an amendment offered by Mr. Coburn to cut \$121 million from federal land acquisition and move it to the Indian Health Service for diabetes and substance abuse programs. The motion to waive a point of order was defeated by a vote of 17 to 77.
- An amendment offered by Mr. Sununu to prohibit the use of funds to plan, design, study or construct certain forest development roads in the Tongass National Forest. Defeated by a roll call vote of 39-59.
- An amendment offered by Mr. Coburn that requires that all directives, earmarks and limitations are identified in the conference report. The amendment was defeated.

A number of amendments were withdrawn, including:

- An amendment by Mr. Voinovich to place a one-year moratorium on taking land into trust for Indian gaming. Senator McCain agreed to hold a hearing after the break and Senator Voinovich agreed to withdraw the amendment.
- An amendment by Mr. Coburn to reduce NEA and NEH by \$5 million each and increase BLM wildland fire by \$10 million.
- An amendment by Mr. Salazar to provide additional funds for PILT.
- An amendment by Mr. Coburn to reduce total appropriations in the bill by 1.7 percent for the purpose of fully funding the Department of Defense.

