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TALKING POINTS

DEMOCRAT SUPPLEMENTAL IS A BUDGET BUSTER

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- **The Supplemental Busts the Budget.** By loading \$21 billion in nonemergency spending onto the supplemental – *intended to support U.S. troops fighting overseas* – Democrats demolish any pretense of budget restraint, and violate fundamental budget disciplines currently in force.
 - *Shreds ‘Emergency’ Rules.* The measure illegitimately designates a range of additions as “emergencies,” letting them escape spending limits. It also ignores the requirement that the Budget Committee raise the current \$6.45-billion limit on true domestic emergencies to cover the excess funding.
 - *Breaching Overall Spending Limits.* By violating the emergency limits, the measure breaks through the \$873-billion overall cap on appropriations, and is therefore subject to a point of order – which has been waived by the rule.
- **It’s Part of a Democrat Scheme to Raid Defense.** Democrats add \$3.1 billion for Base Realignment and Closure [BRAC] after deliberately underfunding BRAC in the recent fiscal year 2007 omnibus, despite a request of \$5.6 billion in the President’s 2007 budget. Instead, the Democrat omnibus diverted BRAC funding to other favored domestic programs.
- **The Democrats Finance Phony Emergencies.** Among the phony emergencies funded in the measure are the following: \$3.7 billion in agriculture disaster assistance for crop years 2005, 2006, and part of 2007; \$25 million for spinach growers who suffered losses as a result of last year’s E.coli breakout; a \$74-million budget gimmick essentially to extend the Peanut Storage Costs Program. The supplemental makes the budget authority available on the last day of fiscal year 2007, ensuring that the program will be extended to the 2007 crop year of peanuts, whose costs fall entirely into fiscal year 2008.
- **It Feeds the Democrats’ Addiction to Higher Spending.** The Democrat spending plus-ups are *in addition* to the \$6 billion they added to the recent fiscal year 2007 omnibus appropriation. Thus, they are using *every opportunity* to *add* to Federal spending.