

**Select Earmarks and Non-Emergency Items in the
Senate FY 2002 Supplemental Committee bill**

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Institute of Standards and Technology
Advanced Technology Program (ATP)
\$78 million (multi-year cost)

Description: ATP awards competitive grants to industry to promote applied research on innovative technologies that are unproven, but have great economic potential. The Senate Supplemental bill (general provisions, sec. 201) amends FY02 appropriations (P.L. 107-77) language from "not to exceed \$60,700,000" to "not less than \$60,700,000 shall be used before October 1, 2002." This has the effect of accelerating ATP awards of \$26M in non-emergency spending from FY03 to FY02.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? No. ATP funds projects in a number of technical categories, ranging from biotechnology to automobile manufacturing. While some projects may relate to Homeland Security, this is not a requirement for funding.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. This provision simply accelerates awards planned for FY03 into FY02.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? The FY03 Budget assumes new awards of \$35 million in FY02 and carry-over of \$35 million to support awards in FY03. If NIST is required to award \$60.7 million (an additional \$26 million in new awards) in FY02, the President's FY03 Budget would allow no new awards in FY03 and would have a shortfall of \$20 million just for existing multi-year ATP projects. The total multi-year cost associated with an additional \$26 million in new awards in FY02 is approximately \$78 million.

***Other comments:** Senator Hollings has voiced dissatisfaction at the Administration's plan to carry-over funding from FY02, and will resist compromise on the language in the Supplemental. House Republicans are likely to support striking the language.*

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Economic Assistance to Fishermen and Fishing Communities
\$16 Million

Description: \$11 million would be provided to enable the Secretary of Commerce to provide economic assistance to fishermen and fishing communities affected by Federal closures and fishing restrictions in the New England groundfish fishery. An additional \$5 million would be provided for direct assistance to fishermen and fishing communities affected by Federal Court ordered management measures in the Northeast groundfish fishery. The \$5 million is to be used to support port security and related coastal activities administered by NOAA, the Coast Guard, or an affected state.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? Possibly a small portion. The \$5 million has a proviso, “that these amounts shall be used to support port security and related coastal activities administered by NOAA, the Coast Guard, or an affected state.” However, it’s unclear who would determine the specific uses. The \$11 million in economic assistance is not related to terrorism or homeland security.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. Only \$5 million of the total is potentially related to security and the need has not been identified by DOC or OHS.

What negative impacts, if any, does funding this item create? Funds will not help the sustainability of fisheries in the northeast and could hinder efforts to reduce capacity.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Defense Center of Excellence for Research in Ocean Studies
\$2.5 Million

Description: Coral reef program to conduct coral mapping in the waters of the Hawaiian Islands and the surrounding Exclusive Economic Zone in accordance with the mapping implementation strategy of the United States Coral Reef Task Force

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? No.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? Funding for Hawaiian coral reef studies was requested and enacted. The earmark precludes the issuance of a competitive contract to perform the intended studies.

Other comments: Senator Inouye is the sponsor. He has expressed dissatisfaction that previous contracts were not awarded to Hawaiian firms. The provision directs existing funding for coral reef activities to the Center of Excellence for Research on Ocean Studies.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Water Level Observation Network Enhancement
\$3 Million

Description: Funds would be used to modernize and increase coverage of the National Water Level Observation Network (NWLON) in the top 50 military/strategic and commercial ports, including Norfolk, Charleston, and New York/New Jersey. NWLON provides continuous water level information to assist ship transit in harbors and transportation channels. The information would assist safe transit in the event of forced evacuations or transit detours as well as respond to hazardous materials events.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? Yes. Funding will ensure the capability to provide information that is essential for mariners to make sound decisions in the event of forced evacuations or transit detours as well as respond to hazardous materials events

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. While helpful in an emergency, neither the OHS nor DOC have identified modernization and filling information/data gaps of the National Water Level Observation Network (NWLON) as an emergency priority.

What negative impacts, if any does funding this item create? None directly. However, funds could be used for higher priority OHS identified needs.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Impact Aid Basic Support Payments Formula Change
BA = \$0

Description: Under the Impact Aid program, ED makes formula grants to local education agencies (LEAs) to compensate for a Federal presence, as Federal property is not taxable and nearly half of all elementary and secondary education spending comes from local sources (mostly through property taxes).

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? No. While Impact Aid resources support LEAs that educate dependents of enlisted military personnel, this program is not designed specifically to address Homeland Security or the War on Terrorism.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. This program was first authorized and funded in 1950 and the item in the Senate supplemental bill is designed to hold harmless one school district of the 1,327 LEAs receiving Impact Aid Basic Support payments.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? This item, while adding no additional program costs, would change the formula rules for so-called “Heavily Impacted School Districts” such that the Wagner, South Dakota LEA would receive approximately \$400,000-\$650,000 more than it would otherwise receive under current law. This level would be the same as the payment Wagner received last fiscal year. While this provision would not increase overall program costs, it would effectively redistribute these funds away from other eligible LEAs to Wagner.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Youth Offenders Eligibility and Award Change
BA = \$0

Description: Under the Incarcerated Youth Offenders program, ED makes grants to State correctional agencies to assist incarcerated youth acquire literacy and job skills.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? No. This is a literacy program narrowly targeted to incarcerated youth.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. This is a literacy program narrowly targeted to incarcerated youth.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? The item changes the eligible age limit from 25 to 35 and expands the individual award cap from \$1,500 to \$2,500. This is inconsistent with the President's '03 budget request which terminates the program in light of its redundancy with Federally funded activities in other vocational and adult education programs. The main impact of this item is that 481,000 prisoners between age 25 and 35 will now be eligible for these Federally funded awards.

***Other comments:** The program is funded at \$17 million in 2002 and proposed for termination in the 2003 President's Budget. State grantees are having difficulty spending their allotted monies. Senator Specter (R – PA) proposed this item in the hopes that expanding the eligible pool of recipients and increasing the maximum award will help States spend their total allotments.*

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Winona, MS, Biomass Project
\$0.7 million

Description: Language in the FY 2002 supplemental appropriation bill would circumvent the cost sharing requirements under Section 3002 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Under current law, the non-Federal recipient (Mississippi State University) is required to provide a 20 percent cost share, or about \$690,000 of the estimated \$3.5 million needed to complete the project. MSU claims that it (and/or other involved parties) have already invested \$2.3 million in equipment and facilities related to the project that should count towards its required cost-share. DOE allows such in-kind cost-sharing, but has not verified (and is not likely to for several months) how much, if any, of this prior investment it would allow to be credited as a non-Federal cost-share. Therefore, the "subsidy" provided by the waiver could be as high as \$0.7 million.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? No.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? The provision circumvents current law on R&D cost sharing.

***Other comments:** This project performer (MSU) responded to a DOE RFP in FY 2001 and failed to win an award in DOE's competitive awards process. In FY 2002, EWD appropriations report language, Congress earmarked \$3 million for the project. The goal of the project is to develop a method to gasify biomass (essentially, convert agricultural wastes to hydrogen and methane), and then use the gases to produce heat, steam, and power, and to ferment the gases into petrochemical substitutes (various alcohols, including ethanol).*

Note that the provision does not necessarily have an impact on BA.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Uranium Facilities Maintenance/Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride (DUF6)

Description: Section 503 would require the Secretary of Energy to award a contract for the construction and operation of two DUF6 conversion facilities—one each at the Paducah, Kentucky, and Portsmouth, Ohio, gaseous diffusion plants. (DUF6 is residual material from the enrichment of uranium for defense and commercial uses.) The Department needs only one DUF6 facility.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? No. P.L. 105-204 (the “McConnell Act”) required the Department to submit a plan for the disposal of DUF6 using two DUF6 facilities. This project would basically implement the plan submitted to Congress in July 1999.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. The Department is safely maintaining the canisters storing DUF6 at facilities in Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? One plant is sufficient for converting DUF6 for reuse or disposal. Building and operating two plants rather than one would increase Federal costs by more than \$100 million.

HHS: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
Buildings and Facilities
\$315 Million

Description: The Senate Supplemental bill includes an additional \$315 million for CDC's buildings and facilities and security, which is above the \$250 million appropriated in FY 2002 and exceeds the \$184 million provided in the FY 2003 Budget. CDC has a multi-year plan to renovate and replace its laboratory facilities and to consolidate its 23 leased offices into two main campuses. In FY 2000- FY 2002, CDC has received over \$482 million to replace almost all of its laboratories since these are the most mission-critical facilities. One major laboratory project remains (for a total cost of approximately \$250 million), and CDC has not provided any detailed analysis to OMB for this or the consolidated office buildings, which will require a lease vs. purchase analysis.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? These facilities may have some relationship to Homeland Security and the War on Terrorism when CDC is actively working on bioterrorism activities, but similar to many of CDC's other activities, these facilities will primarily support CDC's day-to-day operations. The laboratories that handle the most pathogenic agents have already been funded. For example, the final proposed laboratory project will be used to take down and replace an existing outdated laboratory facility. CDC also recently changed its plans for one of the proposed office buildings, which was originally to consolidate several program offices. Now, CDC plans to move some of the bioterrorism-related activities (a permanent emergency operations center and a central data center) to this building. CDC will argue that all of its facilities are related to Homeland Security and the War on Terrorism.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. CDC would not be ready to obligate funds in FY 2002 for all of the additional funds included in the Supplemental since they are still developing final detailed cost estimates and specifications for the remaining facilities in their multi-year plan.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? Providing so much additional funding restricts the Administration's ability to properly analyze each project before funding is provided. CDC does not yet have detailed estimates for several of its projects (including its last laboratory project), and the office buildings will require a lease vs. purchase analysis (consistent with Circular A-94), which CDC is in the process of completing, but has not yet been cleared through HHS nor submitted to OMB. The strategy seems to be to try and obtain funding first, then work out the details.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Section 1203: Stafford Apartments

BA: less than \$1 million

Description: This is a General Provision to facilitate the conversion of a specific HUD-subsidized housing property in Baltimore to student housing. The provision exempts the property from statutory “Mark-to-Market” restructuring procedures and mandates continuation of subsidized rents at current levels (i.e., HUD cannot reduce rents) for up to 3 years.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? No. The purpose of this provision is solely to create student housing; there is no connection to security.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. This provision is simply a modification of routine program administration and not in response to any emergency.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? The dollar impact of this provision is small but it is micromanagement that complicates program administration and creates a preferential process for a single property.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
U.S. Geological Survey
Earth Resources Observation Systems (EROS) Data Center
\$6.776 M

Description: \$6.776 M in funding would be provided for data storage and a back-up power system for EROS Data Center in Sioux Falls, SD. EROS is a national data reception, processing, archiving, distribution, and research facility for satellite and other remotely sensed data.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? No, the proposed funding does not relate to the War on Terrorism or Homeland Security. EROS is considered a mission critical site for the Department of the Interior, but it is not considered to be an element of critical infrastructure of national importance.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? The funding for data storage and a back-up power system does not address an emergency need. Funding for these investments should be considered among other priorities during the annual budget process.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? Funding this earmark diverts resources from emergency and high priority programs, including support for the War on Terrorism and Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
Clark R. Bavin National Fish & Wildlife Forensics Laboratory
\$0.765 M

Description: Construction funds will be used for security upgrades at the Bavin Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, OR. Upgrades include renovations to the entrance mylar coating on windows, and improved external camera surveillance system.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? Yes, the project relates to Homeland Security since it ensures improved safety at the only full-service wildlife crime laboratory in the world. The lab has been identified as a mission-essential facility in DOI's Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. The project has already been requested in the FY03 budget process for the exact same amount.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? Since this project has already been identified as a priority construction project for FY03, this earmark diverts funds from more pressing needs in FY02.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)
Border Patrol Stations
\$84 million

Description: The Senate Supplemental Bill provides \$84 million in unrequested funding for 18 border patrol stations (15 new construction and 3 lease acquisitions). These projects would be in addition to the \$112 million and 20 projects requested in the President's FY 2003 Budget. The President's Budget request includes those projects identified as highest priority through the INS capital planning process. While considerable levels of resources have been provided in recent years for construction, Border Patrol agent growth continues to strain the capacity of existing facilities and replacement is needed for some deteriorating facilities.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? Yes, construction of Border Patrol stations is within the border security activities that we consider a part of homeland security. However, these particular projects are not the highest priorities within border security for the Administration.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No, construction of Border Patrol stations is a routine part of the INS capital planning process.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? The ongoing maintenance of these facilities is not assumed in the outyears for the Budget.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Training Grants
[No new BA; earmarks \$11 million of funding already appropriated]

Description: Earmarks the full \$11 million amount provided in the FY 2002 appropriations act for OSHA Training Grants to continue non-competitively the previous year's grantees. The Department of Labor had planned to award more than half of the program funding to new grantees on a competitive basis.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? The OSHA Training Grants finance the provision of workplace safety and health training by non-profit organizations, and is not directly related to homeland security. However, OSHA had planned in FY 2002 to award some of its new grants to address homeland-security-related topics, such as emergency preparedness and response, biological hazards, chemical hazards, and workplace violence. If the Senate language is enacted, this will not be possible.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. The grants are awarded annually and are intended to provide training, with the ultimate goal of improving workplace safety.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? If this language is enacted, OSHA would not be able to fund any new projects. These earmarks limit OSHA's ability to select the most qualified grantees to respond to the evolving training needs of workers and employers, locking in the same set of grantees and activities at the same funding level for another year.

Other comments: *The President's FY 2002 Budget proposed eliminating the OSHA Training Grants. Congress denied the request and fully funded Training Grants at the previous year's level. The FY 2003 Budget proposes a more effective training approach, providing short-term assistance in targeted areas and using technology to disseminate the training products developed by grantees.*

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Railroad Administration
Grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation - Amtrak
[\$55 million]

Description: The Senate Supplemental Bill provides \$20 million to repair damaged Amtrak equipment, \$12 for Amtrak security, and \$23 million to do heavy overhaul of the Corporation's rail fleet.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? No. Two of the earmarked projects in the Senate bill are for routine fleet repair and overhaul and are not related at all to the War on Terrorism or Homeland Security.

Amtrak, similar to freight rail or public transit, face some terrorism-related risks. The Association of American Railroads has conducted a security assessment for rail assets and rail entities will need to take appropriate steps to increase security. The \$12 million provided by the Senate bill could be used to improve Amtrak's security but is not part of the Administration's Homeland Security proposal.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. Amtrak has not demonstrated emergency safety or security needs for the projects earmarked by the Senate. However, the Corporation overall is in a dire financial situation and there is a danger that it may need additional federal subsidies to survive this year.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? Amtrak was mandated to achieve operational self-sufficiency (without federal subsidies) by December 2002 but will not be able to do so due to very poor financial conditions. Because Amtrak has not been able to make politically difficult choices to improve operational efficiency, it will continue to require substantial federal assistance every year. Repairs and overhauls are routine Amtrak capital expenditures and should not be viewed as emergency costs. These Senate earmarked project funds are subsidies for a failing corporation that could be better used elsewhere.

Other comments: *Major reform is need to improve Amtrak's operating and financial conditions. The Administration will likely announce its Amtrak reform proposal in the very near future.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
U.S. Customs Service
Forced Labor
\$2 Million

Description: To monitor and investigate the importation of products made with forced, prison, or indentured labor.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? No. Customs' effort to enforce current laws prohibiting the importation of products made by forced labor is based on its authority to oversee trade compliance and is not related to homeland security. The Senate supplemental report cites China's failure to fulfill its obligations under existing bilateral agreements with the U.S to allow inspection of suspected forced labor facilities by US officials.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. Customs has received an additional \$5 million for special agents to investigate importation of products made with forced child labor in each of the last three years. FY 2003 Budget includes \$12 million (32 positions) in base resources to investigate and monitor the importation into the US of products made from forced child labor.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? No significant negative impacts.

Other comments: *Customs will be unable to obligate these funds in FY 2002. The \$2 million provided will allow Customs to add no more than 10 special agents to its overseas field offices.*

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Flood Damage Rehabilitation
\$10 million

Description: In response to May 2002, flooding in Southern West Virginia, Eastern Kentucky, and Southwestern Virginia, the Corps is directed to (1) repair and restore its own facilities and (2) restore other crucial public infrastructure, including non-Federal sewer and water facilities. The second directive represents authority and funding for new work in the area of environmental infrastructure, which is outside the Corps' mission. The Corps has already used available FY 2002 funds to repair damage to its own facilities, and does not need – nor has it requested - additional funding.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? No.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. Work on non-Federal environmental infrastructure is not a response to an emergency, but work desired by the local communities.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? Funding this requires the agency to engage in activities outside its mission area.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Cerro Grande Funding
\$80 million

Description: FEMA operates the Office of Cerro Grande Fire Claims to compensate victims of the wildfire that burned the Los Alamos, New Mexico area in the summer of 2000. In response to the fire, Congress provided \$455 million for liability claims of homeowners, businesses, and local governments. In March of this year, FEMA publicly reported that it would need another \$80 million to satisfy all remaining claims. However, the Administration believes that FEMA does not need additional funds. The agency can control costs by better managing its claims processing policies and by paying for some projects with Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) resources.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? No. This program was created in response to a particular wildfire.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. Neither FEMA nor Congress have indicated that additional funding is needed for emergency projects. Rather, funds are to “cover the remaining liability claims resulting from the fire,” according to the Senate bill report. In fact, much of the program’s escalating costs are being driven by questionable mitigation activities that go beyond returning the community to its preexisting condition. The Administration believes that the \$455 million originally provided to FEMA’s Office of Cerro Grande Fire Claims can satisfy the essential needs of individual fire victims and local governments.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? Funding allocated for this non-emergency purpose contributes to raising the overall cost of the supplemental beyond the amount requested by the Administration.

Other comments: Director Allbaugh has recently pledged to offset some Cerro Grande expenses using DRF resources. By using the DRF to offset costs and by more critically reviewing projects currently under consideration, FEMA can avoid the need for additional appropriations for this program.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (IAP)
Professional Training for Journalists from Egypt and
Other Countries in the Middle East
\$3.5 million

Description: The funds are earmarked for programs and activities that provide professional training for journalists from Egypt and other countries in the Middle East. The draft report language states that "the Committee expects that funds will be provided to those organizations with ongoing and successful foreign journalists training programs."

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? Yes and No. The program does not relate directly to Homeland Security or to the prosecution of the War on Terrorism. However, since the events of September 11th, there has been an emphasis on U.S. public diplomacy in the Arab and Muslim worlds. This includes efforts to improve the quality and content of reported information. For this reason, the Administration specifically requested \$1 million in the FY 2002 supplemental in State's Educational and Cultural Exchanges (ECE) account for media training exchange programs with the Islamic world. The Senate bill contains \$9 million in ECE, and the draft report language earmarks the entire amount, none of which is for this program.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? Yes. As indicated above, \$1 million was requested for this activity in the Educational and Cultural Exchanges account. However, the Senate bill contains \$9 million in ECE, and the draft report language earmarks the entire amount, none of which is for this program. Therefore, of the \$3.5 million earmarked for this program in ESF, \$1 million addresses an emergency need.

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? This earmark will marginally reduce the amount of ESF available for other countries.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
Design of Storage Facility (“Pod 5”)
\$2 million

Description: Funds would be used to plan and design a storage facility, to be located in Suitland, MD, for long-term storage of the Smithsonian’s collections of preserved animal species.

Does this project/program relate to the War on Terrorism or to Homeland Security? Maybe. Long-term storage of the Smithsonian’s collections of preserved animal species (many of which are preserved in large quantities of flammable solvents such as alcohol) has been an issue for the Smithsonian for many years. However, the Smithsonian notes that the project is more urgent in light of the potential for terrorist activities directed at high-profile national icons such as the Smithsonian Institution on the Mall.

Does this project/program address an emergency need? No. Funds for the design of the storage facility were included in the FY 2003 budget as a non-emergency request

What negative impacts, if any, are created by funding this item? None. Funds for this project are included in the FY 2003 Budget request. However, providing funds on an emergency basis is inconsistent with the request.

Other comments: The Smithsonian has a history of attempting to use emergency funding for long-term needs. For example, the Smithsonian attempted to obtain emergency Y2K funds to replace its aging security system.