



COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FY 2008 OMNIBUS SUMMARY: HOMELAND SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

Bill Total

2007 Enacted:	\$31.9 billion (does not include supplemental) \$1.8 billion – Emergency Funds: Border Security
President's Request:	\$34.3 billion
Omnibus:	\$34.85 billion – Base Bill \$2.7 billion – Emergency Funds: Border Security

KEY INVESTMENTS

First Responder Grant Programs: \$4.1 billion, \$1.8 billion above the President's request and \$693 million above 2007. These grants were funded at \$4.8 billion in 2004 and have been cut every year since even as homeland security costs have continued to rise. This includes: State Grants, including law enforcement (\$950 million), Urban Area Grants (\$820 million), Transit Grants (\$400 million), Emergency Management Performance Grants (\$300 million), Fire Grants (including SAFER) (\$750 million), Metropolitan Medical Response System (\$41 million), Interoperable Communications Grants (\$50 million), and Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grants (\$35 million).

SAFE Port Act – Port & Maritime Security: Port Security Grants are funded at the \$400 million SAFE Port Act authorized level, \$190 million above 2007. Other increases: Coast Guard maritime security patrols and operating activities (\$58.8 million); interagency port security operational centers (\$60 million); Coast Guard response boats (\$36 million); 200 additional CBP officers at ports (\$22 million); and improvements to C-TPAT, the container security program (\$6.7 million).

Container and Aviation Security Mandates of the 9/11 Act

- **TSA:** \$694 million to increase the purchase of explosive detection systems; increase cargo screening on passenger aircraft; increase general aviation vulnerability assessments; expand intermodal response teams; pilot the transportation worker identification card; and pilot different technologies at airport exit lanes. This funding is on top of the \$250 million in mandatory funding provided for checkpoint detection systems in the 9/11 Act.
- **Customs and Border Protection:** Increased funding above the request is provided for the Secure Freight Initiative (\$13 million) and the model ports of entry program (\$40 million).

Customs and Border Protection: \$9.4 billion, \$657 million above the President's request and \$1.2 billion above 2007. 3,000 additional border patrol agents are funded.

- **Border Security Fencing, Infrastructure & Technology and Facility Construction:** \$1.6 billion, \$323 million above the President's request,
 - DHS must construct 370 miles of fence, or a distance determined by the Secretary, by 12/31/08.
 - Plans for fencing and tactical infrastructure must be thoroughly justified and documented, including an analysis, by segment, of proposed fence construction.
 - DHS must consult affected federal agencies, state and local governments, and local landowners before obligating funds and publish environmental waivers in the Federal Register 15 days before initiating work.

- **Operation Stonegarden:** \$60 million for a grant program to assist border communities with law enforcement costs.
- **Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI),** \$225 million, \$27 million below the President's request, for the initiative requiring official travel documents (passports or other) for those entering the U.S. by land. The WHTI deadline is extended to June 1, 2009.
- **Law Enforcement Status for Customs Officers:** \$50 million is included to give Customs Officers law enforcement officer status in order to improve DHS's ability to recruit and retain officers.
- **Air and Marine Interdiction:** \$570 million, \$93 million above the President's request to provide additional helicopters and 11 new marine enforcement units for northern border surveillance.
- **US-VISIT:** \$475 million, \$113 million above 2007 and \$13 million above the President's request, to track foreign visitors. \$125 million is withheld until DHS submits a schedule for the exit program.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement: \$4.7 billion, \$770 million above 2007 and \$567 million above the President's request to improve priority immigration enforcement efforts.

- **Identifying and Removing Criminal Aliens:** \$200 million to identify incarcerated aliens and to start removal proceedings where ordered. DHS does not currently keep track of incarcerated criminal aliens.
- **Detention Capacity:** \$274 million above the President's request for expansion of alternatives to detention and for 32,000 detention beds, 4,500 more than 2007.

REAL ID Grants: \$50 million, not funded in 2007 or in the President's request, to help states comply with DHS requirements for state drivers' licenses to be used for federal identification purposes.

Cyber Security: \$210 million, \$118 million above 2007, to address the growing threat of cyber terror.

FEMA Management: \$724 million, \$8 million above the President's request and \$189 million above 2007, including much needed funding for regional offices to help state and local governments prepare for and respond to disasters.

SIGNIFICANT CUTS

- **Deepwater:** \$137 million below the request, including rescissions, for Coast Guard's troubled Deepwater acquisition program. Due to numerous procurement problems and delays, \$300 million is withheld pending the submission of a detailed management and expenditure plan.
- **DHS Departmental Operations:** \$983 million, \$47 million below 2007 and \$110 million below the President's request. No funding is provided for the DHS headquarters project.
- **Domestic Nuclear Detection Office:** \$485 million, \$77 million below the request and \$131 million below 2007. Cuts are made due to procurement and certification delays.

OTHER IMPORTANT POLICY ITEMS

Ammonium Nitrate Regulation: Requires DHS to regulate the producers, sellers, and purchasers of ammonium nitrate that could be used in explosives.

Chemical Security: Allows state chemical security rules to apply in instances where they are more robust than federal government standards, unless there is a conflict.

Air Carrier Aviation Security Fees: Allows air carriers to appeal TSA security fee increase in court.

Federal Protective Service (FPS): Requires DHS to maintain an FPS in-service field staff of at least 900 to protect federal buildings.

Limitation on Principal Federal Official positions: Prohibits any funds from being used to appoint Principal Federal Official positions for Stafford Act declared disasters or emergencies as these positions overlap with the Federal Coordinating Officer position authorized in statute.

Compare to the [House passed bill](#).