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Possible Amendments to the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (H.R. 4939) — Part I

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Amendments Pre-Printed in the *Congressional Record*

- 1. Souder (R-IN).** Reduces by \$25 million, funding for the “Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense,” and increases by \$25 million, funding for the “International Narcotics and Law Enforcement.”
- 2. Salazar (D-CO).** Provides an additional \$70 million for the General Operating Expenses at the Department of Veterans Affairs. The amendment also provides an additional \$560 million for the Medical Services account at the Veterans Health Administration.
- 3. Hinojosa (R-TX).** Provides that \$10 million of the \$1.4 billion provided for Diplomatic and Consular Affairs funding, be used for the United States Section of the International Boundary Water Commission. According to the sponsor, the International Boundary Water Commission oversees the maintenance of dams and levees in the Southern Region of Texas, which are in need of repair. This amendment would provide funding for those repairs.
- 4. Hinojosa (R-TX).** Provides that \$50 million of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to replenish the fund established by section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), be used to make payments with respect to emergency disaster assistance for agricultural producers. According to the sponsor’s office, this amendment will not be offered.
- 5. Hinojosa (R-TX).** Provides an additional \$50 million for the “Emergency Watershed Protection Program” to repair damages to the waterways and watersheds resulting from natural disasters. According to the sponsor’s office, this amendment will not be offered.

6. Jefferson (LA-02). Reduces by \$2 billion (from \$9.55 billion to 7.55 billion), the funds made available for FEMA Disaster Relief (under Chapter 4 of Title II), and increases by \$2 billion (from \$4.2 to \$6.2) the funds made available for HUD's Community Development Fund. Text of the amendment is as follows:

7. Jefferson (LA-02). Increases by \$1.9 billion (from \$4.2 billion to \$6.1 billion), the funds made available for HUD's Community Development Fund.

8. Doggett (TX-25). Increases by \$7.8 million (from \$1.3805 billion to \$1.3883 billion), the funds made available for the Department of State's Diplomatic and Consular Programs.

9. Paul (R-TX). Inserts a new chapter into the bill providing \$546.1 million for the state of Texas for costs associated with Hurricane Katrina. The funding is to be allocated according to the following provisions:

- \$200 million for housing assistance under programs of the Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Agriculture for residents of the State of Texas and for residents of other States affected by the hurricanes who are temporarily residing in Texas and for community development block grant assistance;
- \$100 million for costs of uncompensated health care for victims of the hurricanes and evacuees, for long-term care costs of evacuees remaining in Texas, and for mental health care costs of persons affected by the hurricanes;
- \$100 million for reimbursement of costs associated with providing educational services to students who are in Texas as a result of Hurricane Katrina and for repairs to public and higher education facilities damaged by Hurricane Rita;
- \$46 million for costs of repairs to bridges, roadways, ports, and channels damaged by Hurricane Rita.
- \$59 million for the Corps of Engineers for maintenance costs relating to erosion, waterway dredging, and other related services; and
- \$50 million for costs of debris removal that are not reimbursable by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, for assistance to agricultural areas affected by Hurricane Rita (including timber- and rice-producing areas), and for costs of other unreimbursed repairs to rural and agricultural infrastructure resulting from Hurricane Rita.

The amendment decreases funding for the following accounts:

- \$900 million for DOD, Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide;
- \$10 million for Bilateral Economic Assistance at the Department of State Democracy Fund;
- \$100 million for Military Assistance, funds appropriated to the President for peacekeeping operation;
- \$7.6 million for the Broadcasting Board of Governors, International Broadcasting Operations; and
- \$28.5 million for the Broadcasting Board of Governors, Broadcasting Capitol Improvements.

The amendment provides that the \$500 million by which the aggregate reductions exceed the aggregate increases in funding for Texas, is to be applied as a credit against the federal deficit for FY 2006.

10. Nadler (D-NY). Inserts a new provision in the bill which amends provisions of current law relating to the entry of ocean shipping containers into the United States. The amendment authorizes such sums as necessary for FY07 and each subsequent fiscal year, for purposes of carrying out this amendment.

The amendment requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish standards for scanning equipment) to ensure that such equipment uses the best-available technology, including technology to scan a container for radiation and density and, if appropriate, for atomic elements. The amendment also directs the Secretary to establish standards for seals to ensure that such seals use the best-available technology, including technology to:

- “detect any breach into a container;
- “identify the time and place of such breach;
- “notify the Secretary of such breach before the container enters the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States; and
- “track the time and location of the container during transit to the United States, including by truck, rail, or vessel.”

The amendment requires that an ocean shipping container may enter the United States, either directly or via a foreign port, only if:

- the container is scanned with equipment that meets the standards established by the amendment (listed above) and a copy of the scan is provided to the Secretary, and
- the container is secured with a seal that meets the standards established by the amendment (listed above) before the container is loaded on the vessel for shipment to the United States.

11. Mr. Neugebauer (TX-19). Eliminates all funding made available for Title II (Hurricane Disaster Relief), except for the Office of the Inspector General (\$13.5 million) and the Department of Justice (\$7 million)

12. Mr. Neugebauer (TX-19). Eliminates all funding made available for Title II (Hurricane Disaster Relief).

Other Amendments that may be considered:

Gingrey (R-GA). Strikes the section of the bill, which provides \$3 million to the Historic Preservation Fund for expenses relating to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes.

Mr. Conaway (TX-11). Prohibits Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds made available in the bill to be used as long as a federal prohibition exists on the exploration, leasing, development, or production of oil or gas in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge or the Outer Continental Shelf.

Mr. Conaway (TX-11). Strikes Section 3010 relating to LIHEAP. Thus, it eliminates the provision in the underlying bill to allow \$1 billion of FY07 LIHEAP funding (provided for in the Deficit Reduction Act) to be used in FY06 instead.

Mr. Souder (IN-03). Reduces by \$25 million (from \$156.8 million to \$131.8 million) the funds made available for Drug Interdiction and Counter Drug Activities; increases by \$25 million (from \$107.7 million to \$132.7 million) the funds made available for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement. The sponsor stated the \$25 million in increased funds for International Narcotics Control would be used to “purchase or lease a maritime refueling support vessel employed in drug interdiction efforts in the Eastern Pacific maritime transit zone.”

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