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Amendments to the Science, State, Justice, and Commerce Appropriations Act of 2007, H.R. 5672

Part III

The following contains information on amendments not pre-printed in the Congressional Record that may be offered.

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Renzi (R-AZ). Increases by \$10 million (from \$31 million to \$41 million) funds for tribal law enforcement; decreases by \$10 million (from \$1.151 billion to \$1.141 billion) funds for international organizations. According to the sponsor's office, the Native America community needs additional funds for tribal law enforcement.

Waters (D-CA). Reduces the funds for Department of Justice general administrative salaries and expenses by \$840,000 (from \$90.13 million to \$89.29 million), and increases the funds for Office of Justice Programs state and local law enforcement assistance by \$840,000 (from \$1,103,492,000 to \$1,104,332,000). According to the sponsor's office, the funds are for the Safe Return Program. The Safe Return program is intended to help law enforcement quickly identify Alzheimer's patients who have wandered away from home. Last year Safe Return was funded at \$840,000, and it is not currently funded in the underlying bill. The Appropriations Committee has attempted to defund inefficient and ineffective programs; however, this amendment would restore funding to this program.

Obey (D-WI). The sponsor's office did not provide text. However, various sources report that the amendment would increase funding for the Legal Services Corporation by \$25 million and reduce funds for DoJ general administration by \$5 million and reduce funds for Consular Affairs at the State Department by \$20 million. To view an RSC document detailing fraud at Legal Services, please click here:

http://www.house.gov/pence/rsc/doc/022806_LSC_Onepager.doc.

Velasquez (D-NY). The sponsor's office did not provide text. However, according to a Dear Colleague, the amendment will "reduce entrepreneurs' costs of securing capital from the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 7(a) loan program." In previous years, Chairman Wolf has been in favor of this amendment and Chairman Manzullo has been opposed. However, according to various reports, Chairman Manzullo is opposed to the amendment this year.

Capuano (D-MA). Increases by \$3 million (from \$0 to \$3 million), funds for the Young Witness Assistance Grant Program, which is a new program authorized under the Violence Against Women Act, but not funded in this appropriations bill. Decreases by \$3 million (from \$46 million to \$43 million) funds for the Department of Commerce's departmental management account. According to the sponsor, this would fund the program at its authorized level of \$3 million. The Appropriations Committee has attempted to defund inefficient and ineffective programs; however, this amendment would restore funding to this program.