



# HR 4850

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### **Sponsor**

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## **Cosponsors**

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

# **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Reported Original Measure	Jul 19, 2004
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## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

## **Policy Area:**

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#### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HRES 822	Procedurally related	Oct 6, 2004: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
108 S 2826	Related document	Sep 22, 2004: See also H.R. 4850.
108 HRES 724	Procedurally related	Jul 20, 2004: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

(This measure was not amended before final passage after the Conference Report was filed in the House on October 5, 2004. Subsequent to final passage, Secs. 340, 342, and 347 were amended by the Miscellaneous Appropriations and Offsets Act, 2005, Division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005, enacted as Public Law 108-447 on December 8, 2004.)

District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2005 - **Title I: Federal Funds** - Makes appropriations to the District of Columbia for FY 2005, including amounts for the Federal payments: (1) for District of Columbia Resident Tuition Support; (2) for emergency planning and security costs in the District; (3) to District of Columbia Courts; (4) for Defender Services in District of Columbia Courts; (5) to the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (including transfer of funds); (6) to the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority; (7) to the Department of Transportation in the District for the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative; (8) to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; (9) for the Unified Communications Center; (10) to the District Department of Transportation for a downtown circulator transit system and to offset a portion of the District's allocated operating subsidy payment to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; (11) for a D.C. Public School library enhancement program; (12) for the Family Literacy Program; (13) for foster care improvements in the District; (14) to the Chief Financial Officer of the District; (15) for a D.C. Public School improvement program; and (16) a bioterrorism and forensics laboratory.

Title II: District of Columbia Funds - Appropriates specified sums out of the District's general fund and/or other funds for the current fiscal year for: (1) operating expenses (with limitations); (2) governmental direction and support; (3) economic development and regulation; (4) public safety and justice; (5) the public education system (including transfer of funds); (6) human support services (including transfer of funds); (7) public works; (8) the Cash Reserve; (9) repayment of certain loans and interest; (10) payment of interest on short-term borrowing; (11) principal and interest payments on the District's Certificates of Participation, issued to finance the ground lease underlying the building located at One Judiciary Square; (12) refunds and the payment of legal settlements or judgments that have been entered against the District government; (13) the John A. Wilson Building; (14) workforce investments; (15) certain non-departmental agency costs; (16) the Emergency Planning and Security Fund; (17) the Old Convention Center Demolition Reserve; (18) a Tax Increment Financing Program; (19) equipment lease operating; (20) the Emergency and Contingency Reserve Fund; (21) the Family Literacy Program; (22) the Pay-As-You-Go Capital funds in lieu of capital financing; (23) the Pay-As-You-Go Contingency Fund; (24) the Water and Sewer Authority; (25) the Washington Aqueduct; (26) the Stormwater Permit Compliance Enterprise Fund; (27) the Lottery and Charitable Games Enterprise Fund; (28) the Sports and Entertainment Commission; (29) the District of Columbia Retirement Board; (30) the Washington Convention Center Enterprise Fund; (31) the National Capital Revitalization Corporation; (32) the University of the District of Columbia; (33) the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund: (34) the Other Post Employee Benefits Trust Fund; (35) the D.C. Public Library Trust Fund; and (36) capital outlay (including rescissions).

Declares that, if the Chief Financial Officer for the District of Columbia certifies through a revised revenue estimate that funds are available from local funds, they shall be expended as provided in the Contingency for Recordation and Transfer Tax Reduction and the Office of Property Management and Library Expenditures Act of 2004, approved by the Council of the District of Columbia on 1st reading, May 14, 2004 (Bill 15-768), including up to certain amounts to the Office of Property Management, the D.C. Public Library, the D.C. Police and Firefighters Retirement and Relief Board, and the Police and Fire Clinic.

(The Miscellaneous Appropriations and Offsets Act, 2005, Division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005,

increased funds for construction projects to be derived from Rights-of-Way funds.)

**Title III: General Provisions** - Sets forth authorized or prohibited uses of funds appropriated by this Act identical or similar to corresponding provisions of the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2004.

(Sec. 305) Authorizes the District to use local funds provided in this Act to carry out lobbying activities on any matter other than: (1) the promotion or support of any boycott; or (2) its statehood or voting representation in Congress.

States that nothing in this title may be construed to prohibit any elected official from advocating with respect to any of such issues.

(Sec. 312) Prohibits the expenditure of funds appropriated under this Act for abortions except where the mother's life would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term or in cases of rape or incest.

(Sec. 313) Bars the use of funds under this Act to implement or enforce: (1) the District of Columbia Health Care Benefits Expansion Act of 1992 (also known as the District Domestic Partner Act); or (2) any system of registration of unmarried, cohabiting couples for purposes of extending them benefits on the same basis as such benefits are extended to legally married couples.

(Sec. 317) Prohibits the use of funds contained in this Act by the District of Columbia Corporation Counsel or any other District government officer or entity to provide assistance for any petition drive or civil action which seeks to require Congress to provide for voting representation in Congress for the District.

(Sec. 318) Prohibits the use of funds contained in this Act for any program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug. Requires individuals or entities who do so to account for all funds used for such program separately from any funds contained in this Act.

(Sec. 319) Prohibits the use of funds contained in this Act: (1) 60 days after its enactment to pay the salary of any chief financial officer of any District government office who has not filed a certification with the Mayor and CFO that the officer understands the duties and restrictions applicable, including reports required as a result of this Act or its amendments; or (2) to enact or carry out any law, rule, or regulation to legalize or otherwise reduce penalties associated with the possession, use, or distribution of any schedule I substance under the Controlled Substances Act or any tetrahydrocannabinols (THC) derivative.

(Sec. 320) Provides that the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Initiative of 1998, also known as Initiative 59, approved by the electors of the District on November 3, 1998, shall not take effect.

(Sec. 321) Provides that nothing in this Act may be construed to prevent the Council or the Mayor of the District of Columbia from addressing the issue of the provision of contraceptive coverage by health insurance plans. Expresses the intent of Congress that any legislation enacted on such issue should include a "conscience clause" which provides exceptions for religious beliefs and moral convictions.

(Sec. 322) Requires the Mayor to report quarterly to specified congressional committees on the following District issues: (1) crime; (2) access to substance and alcohol abuse treatment; (3) management of parolees and pretrial violent offenders; (4) education; (5) improvement in basic District services, including rat control and abatement; (6) application for and management of Federal grants; and (7) indicators of child well-being.

(Sec. 324) Prohibits the use of the funds contained in this Act to issue, administer, or enforce any order by the District of Columbia Commission on Human Rights relating to docket numbers 93-030-(PA) and 93-031-(PA) (In The Matter Of: Roland D. Pool and Michael S. Geller (Boy Scouts' Policy of Excluding Homosexuals)).

(Sec. 325) Prohibits the transfer of any Federal funds to any Federal department, agency, or instrumentality, except pursuant to a transfer made by, or transfer authority provided in, this Act or any other appropriation Act.

(Sec. 326) Requires the District of Columbia Courts to transfer to the D.C. Treasury all fines levied and collected by the Courts in cases charging Driving Under the Influence and Driving While Impaired. Requires the Office of the Corporation Counsel to use such funds for enforcement and prosecution of District traffic alcohol laws.

(Sec. 327) Prohibits funds contained in this Act from being made available to pay: (1) the fees in excess of \$4,000 of an attorney who represents a party or defends an action, including an administrative proceeding, brought against the D.C. Public Schools under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); or (2) the fees of an attorney or firm whom the CFO determines to have a pecuniary interest, either through an attorney, officer or employee of the firm, in any special education diagnostic services, schools, or other special education service providers.

(Sec. 328) Directs the CFO to require attorneys in special education cases brought under IDEA in the District to certify in writing, along with other specified disclosures, that the attorney or representative rendered any and all services for which they receive awards, including those received under a settlement agreement or as part of an administrative proceeding, under IDEA.

(Sec. 329) Amends the D.C. Code to repeal: (1) the responsibility of the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration within the D.C. court system for approval of the bonds of fiduciary employees within the District of Columbia court system; and (2) the requirement that the Executive Officer and the Fiscal Officer of the D.C. courts, the Register of Wills, and the Auditor-Master give bond, with two or more sureties.

(Sec. 330) Amends the D.C. Code to authorize travel under Federal supply schedules for the travel of D.C. Court personnel on official business, subject to requirements, conditions, and restrictions prescribed by the Joint Committee.

(Sec. 331) Allows the increase of the amount appropriated by this Act by not more than \$15 million from funds identified in the comprehensive annual financial report as the District's FY 2004 unexpended general fund surplus.

Requires the CFO to certify that the use of such funds is not anticipated to have a negative impact on the District's long-term financial, fiscal, and economic vitality.

Limits the use of such funds for: (1) unanticipated one-time expenditures; (2) expenditures to avoid deficit spending; (3) debt reduction; (4) unanticipated program needs; and (5) expenditures to avoid revenue shortfalls.

Prohibits the funds from being: (1) used to fund District government agencies under court ordered receivership; or (2) obligated and expended without the approval of congressional appropriations committees in advance.

(Sec. 332) Amends the District of Columbia Home Rule Act with respect to the District's emergency cash reserve fund and contingency cash reserve fund. Changes from February 15 to October 1 the deadline for mandatory annual cash deposits into such funds by the Mayor. Reduces from four percent of operating expenditures to two percent of such expenditures the minimum balance in the emergency cash reserve the Mayor must maintain. Revises the formulae for the replenishment goals of such funds.

(Sec. 333) Requires the CFO, for FY 2005, to recalculate such reserve funds (as amended by this Act). Authorizes the CFO, after such recalculation, to transfer funds: (1) between the reserve funds to reach the required percentages; and (2) from them to the General Fund of the District to the extent that such funds are not necessary to meet their established requirements. Prohibits the CFO from transferring funds from the emergency or the contingency reserve funds to the extent that such a transfer would lower the FY 2005 total percentage below seven percent.

(Sec. 334) Amends the Policemen and Firemen's Retirement and Disability Act Amendments of 1957 to allow payment of associated administrative expenses from appropriations made to the District to reimburse its retirement and disability benefit payments to or for members of the U.S. Park Police force, the U.S. Secret Service Uniformed Division, and the U.S. Secret Service Division.

(Sec. 335) Amends the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 to require amounts in the Charter School Fund to remain available until expended. Prohibits reversion to the General Fund of any funds remaining unobligated or unexpended at the end of a fiscal year.

Includes in the contents of the Fund any other local funds that the CFO certifies are necessary to carry out the Fund's purposes during the fiscal year.

(Sec. 336) Amends the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2003 to continue through FY 2005 the CFO's authority with respect to personnel, procurement, and the preparation of fiscal impact statements during a control period.

(Sec. 337) Amends the District of Columbia Public Works Act of 1954 to eliminate certain reporting requirements for the inspectors general of Federal agencies regarding payments to the District for water and sanitary sewer services.

(Sec. 338) Appropriates for the Office of the Inspector General (IG) such amounts in local funds as are consistent with the IG's annual estimates for the expenditures and appropriations necessary for the operation of the Office for FY 2005.

(Sec. 339) Amends the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 1999 to require that the funds provided for establishment of a scholarship fund for D.C. children of adoptive families, and for post high school education and training of D.C. Children without parents due to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack, once obligated by the District to establish the scholarship fund, remain obligated and be retained by the District for 25 years to allow for any individual within the class to be assisted to reach post high school, and to present expenditures to be extinguished by the fund.

(Sec. 340) Amends the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2001 to authorize a recipient (eligible nonprofit corporation) of a grant from the Credit Enhancement Fund for Public Charter Schools in the District to use such funds to carry out activities to assist D.C. public charter schools in establishing regulations for administering lease guarantees to such schools through the credit enhancement fund.

(The Miscellaneous Appropriations and Offsets Act, 2005, Division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005, superseded this amendment in the following manner: Amends the Student Loan Marketing Association Reorganization Act of 1996 to require, instead of merely authorize, a recipient of a grant from the credit enhancement revolving fund for public charter schools to use grant funds for activities to assist public charter schools in the District in obtaining lease guarantees (not just in establishing regulations for administering such guarantees). Requires such guarantees to be obtained in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Office of Public Charter School Financing.)

Amends the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2003 to place the Office of Public Charter School Financing and

Support under the Mayor's authority in lieu of the Department of Banking and Financial Institutions.

(Sec. 341) Amends the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 (DCSRA) to declare that a petition to establish a public charter school in the District or to convert a District public school or an existing private or independent school into a public charter school, is a public document.

(Sec. 342) Amends DCSRA to reduce from two-thirds to 51 percent the minimum number of full-time teachers employed in a school necessary to endorse a petition to convert a District public school or an existing private or independent school into a public charter school.

Grants a teacher employed at a D.C. Public school that converts to a public charter school the option of remaining at the charter school during the school's first year of operation after receiving an extended leave of absence. Provides that, after this one-year period, the teacher may continue in such employment at the sole discretion of the public charter school, or shall maintain current status within the D.C. Public school system.

Modifies the preference in leasing or purchasing former D.C. Public school property for a public charter school to require the Mayor and the District government to give a right of first offer (currently, first preference), to be annually reinstated with respect to any facility or property not previously disposed of, or under contract to be disposed of, to an eligible applicant or Board of Trustees. Repeals the proviso that the gift of the right of first preference will not result in a significant loss of revenue that might be obtained from other dispositions or uses of the facility or property.

Modifies the requirement of the Mayor's jurisdiction over such facility or property. Requires the Mayor to have jurisdiction on the effective date of this Act or the Mayor or any successor agency to gain jurisdiction after such date.

Requires the purchase or lease to: (1) be negotiated by the Mayor; (2) include rent or an acquisition price, as applicable, that is at least 25 percent less than the appraised value of the property (based on use of the property for school purposes); and (3) include a lease period, if the property is to be leased, of not less than 25 years, renewable for additional 25-year periods as long as the eligible applicant or Board of Trustees maintains its charter.

Grants a D.C. Public school approved to become a conversion public charter school the right to exclusively occupy the facilities the school occupied as a D.C. Public school under a lease for a period of not less than 25 years, renewable for additional 25-year periods as long as the school maintains its charter at the nonprofit rate, or if there is no nonprofit rate, at 25 percent less than the fair market rate for school use.

(The Miscellaneous Appropriations and Offsets Act, 2005, Division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005, superseded Sec. 342 in the following manner: Revises amendments to the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 with respect to public charter schools.

Repeals the reduction from two-thirds to 51 percent of the minimum number of full-time teachers employed in a school necessary to endorse a petition to convert a District public school or an existing private or independent school into a public charter school.

Repeals the grant to a teacher employed at a D.C. Public school that converts to a public charter school of the option to remain at the charter school during the school's first year of operation after receiving an extended leave of absence, and thereafter at the charter school's sole discretion.

Modifies the requirement that the Mayor and the D.C. government give a right of first offer with respect to any facility or property not previously (or under contract to be) disposed of to an eligible applicant whose petition to establish a public

charter school is conditionally approved. Repeals the mandatory annual reinstatement of such right. Extends the restriction on the exercise of such right with respect to certain facilities or properties to exclude any facility or property that is: (1) the subject of a previously proposed resolution submitted to the D.C. Council by the Mayor on or before December 1, 2004, seeking authority for disposition of such facility or property; or (2) under an Exclusive Rights Agreement executed on or before such date.

Modifies the terms of purchase or lease of such a facility or property to require the Mayor to negotiate in accordance with written rules or regulations as determined by the Mayor, and published in the District of Columbia Register. Repeals the requirement that the rent or acquisition price for such facility or property be at least 25 percent less than its appraised value. Requires, instead, that such rent or acquisition price, as applicable, be at the appraised value of the property, based on its use for school purposes. Grants a D.C. Public school approved to become a conversion public charter school the right to occupy the facilities exclusively under a minimum 25-year lease, renewable for additional 25-year periods as long as the school maintains its charter at the appraised value of the property based on its use for school purposes (in lieu of maintaining its charter at the nonprofit rate, or if there is no nonprofit rate, at 25 percent less than the fair market rate for school use).)

(Sec. 343) Requires an eligible chartering authority to ensure that each public charter school complies with annual reporting requirements, including submission of the audited financial statement.

Requires the annual report of each eligible chartering authority that issues a charter to include: (1) details of major Board actions; (2) major findings from school reviews of academic, financial, and compliance with health and safety standards and resulting Board action or recommendations; (3) details of the fifth year review process and outcomes; and (4) a summary of annual financial audits of all charter schools, including the number of schools that failed to timely submit the required audited financial statement, those whose audits revealed a failure to follow required accounting practices or other material deficiencies and steps taken by the authority to rectify such deficiencies, and the ones which have required intervention by an authorizing board to address any academic or operational issue, and what recommendations the board has made to correct identified deficiencies.

(Sec. 344) Requires the Director of the National Park Service (NPS), acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to transfer to the District government, without consideration, and for public recreational use only, jurisdiction of a portion of specified NPs land in Anacostia Park which includes the Kenilworth Parkside Community Center (currently occupied under permit by the District) and all of U.S. Reservation 523.

Provides that nothing in the Act precludes the District from entering into a sublease for all or part of the property with a public not-for-profit entity for the management or maintenance of the property.

(Sec. 345) Authorizes the project for the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal Dispersal Barrier, Illinois, initiated in Public Law 99-662, at a total cost of \$9.1 million, with a Federal cost of \$6.825 million and a non-Federal cost of \$2.275 million.

(Sec. 346) Requires the Comptroller General to conduct biennial management evaluations of the District of Columbia Chartering Authorities for the District of Columbia Public Charter Schools. Specifies the contents of such evaluations.

Requires the Government Accountability Office, by May 1, 2005, to submit to congressional appropriations committees a baseline report on the performance of each authorizer in meeting the requirements of the School Reform Act of 1995.

Applies to the District of Columbia Board of Education Charter Schools Office's financial statements the same auditing requirements that apply to a District of Columbia Public Charter School Board's financial statements.

(Sec. 347) Requires the Public Charter School Board to: (1) maintain its accounts according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for Not-for-Profit Organizations; and (2) forward the findings and recommendations of any audit to the Mayor, the D.C. Council, the appropriate congressional committees, and the CFO.

Grants such Board the authority to solicit, award, and execute contracts independently of the Office of Contracting and Procurement and the Chief Procurement Officer. Provides that nothing in the District of Columbia Code regarding procurement shall affect the Board's authority under this Act.

(The Miscellaneous Appropriations and Offsets Act, 2005, Division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005, superseded Sec. 347 in the following manner: Repeals the qualification "for Not-for-Profit Organizations," to require the Public Charter School Board to maintain its accounts according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Repeals the proviso that nothing in the D.C. Code regarding procurement shall affect the Board's authority under this Act.)

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Oct 18, 2004: Signed by President.
- Oct 18, 2004: Signed by President.
- Oct 18, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-335.
- Oct 18, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-335.
- Oct 7, 2004: Presented to President.
- Oct 7, 2004: Presented to President.
- Oct 6, 2004: Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 822 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of the conference report to H.R. 4850.
- Oct 6, 2004: Rule H. Res. 822 passed House.
- Oct 6, 2004: Mr. Frelinghuysen brought up conference report H. Rept. 108-734 for consideration under the provisions of H. Res. 822. (consideration: CR H8204-8208, H8209-8210)
- Oct 6, 2004: DEBATE The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 4850.
- Oct 6, 2004: POSTPONED VOTE Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX the Chair announced that the yeas and nays were ordered. The Chair postponed further proceedings until later in the legislative day.
- Oct 6, 2004: Conference report agreed to in House: On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 377 - 36 (Roll no. 498).
- Oct 6, 2004: Motions to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Oct 6, 2004: On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 377 36 (Roll no. 498).
- Oct 6, 2004: Conference papers: message on House action held at the desk in Senate.
- Oct 6, 2004: Conference report agreed to in Senate: Senate agreed to conference report by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR 10/7/2004 S10609-10610)
- Oct 6, 2004: Senate agreed to conference report by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR 10/7/2004 S10609-10610)
- Oct 6, 2004: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Oct 5, 2004: Mr. Frelinghuysen moved that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference.
- Oct 5, 2004: On motion that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference Agreed to without objection. (consideration: CR H8043)
- Oct 5, 2004: The Speaker appointed conferees: Frelinghuysen, Istook, Cunningham, Doolittle, Weldon (FL), Culberson, Young (FL), Fattah, Pastor, Cramer, and Obey.
- Oct 5, 2004: Conference committee actions: Conferees agreed to file conference report.
- Oct 5, 2004: Conferees agreed to file conference report.
- Oct 5, 2004: Conference report filed: Conference report H. Rept. 108-734 filed.(text of conference report: CR H8144-8157)
- Oct 5, 2004: Conference report H. Rept. 108-734 filed. (text of conference report: CR H8144-8157)
- Sep 28, 2004: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Sep 22, 2004: Senate Committee on Appropriations discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- Sep 22, 2004: Senate Committee on Appropriations discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- Sep 22, 2004: Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S9535-9537)
- Sep 22, 2004: Senate struck all after the Enacting Clause and substituted the language of S. 2826.
- Sep 22, 2004: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate in lieu of S. 2826 with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR 9/24/2004 S9679-9688)
- Sep 22, 2004: Passed Senate in lieu of S. 2826 with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR 9/24/2004 S9679-9688)
- Sep 22, 2004: Senate insists on its amendment, asks for a conference, appoints conferees DeWine; Hutchison; Brownback; Stevens; Landrieu; Durbin; Inouye.
- Sep 22, 2004: See also S. 2826.
- Sep 7, 2004: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
- Jul 21, 2004: Received in the Senate.
- Jul 20, 2004: Rule H. Res. 724 passed House.
- Jul 20, 2004: Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 724. (consideration: CR H6048-6065)
- Jul 20, 2004: Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4850 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be

considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be read by paragraph. Bill is open to amendments.

- Jul 20, 2004: House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 724 and Rule XVIII.
- Jul 20, 2004: The Speaker designated the Honorable Charles F. Bass to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- Jul 20, 2004: GENERAL DEBATE The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 4850.
- Jul 20, 2004: DEBATE The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Hefley amendment under the five-minute rule.
- Jul 20, 2004: The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 4850.
- Jul 20, 2004: The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H6064)
- Jul 20, 2004: Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 371 54 (Roll no. 399).(text: CR H6055-6063, H6064)
- Jul 20, 2004: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 371 54 (Roll no. 399). (text: CR H6055-6063, H6064)
- Jul 20, 2004: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Jul 19, 2004: Introduced in House
- Jul 19, 2004: The House Committee on Appropriations reported an original measure, H. Rept. 108-610, by Mr. Frelinghuysen.
- Jul 19, 2004: The House Committee on Appropriations reported an original measure, H. Rept. 108-610, by Mr. Frelinghuysen.
- Jul 19, 2004: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 369.
- Jul 19, 2004: Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 724 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4850 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be read by paragraph. Bill is open to amendments.