

HJRES 52

Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

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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	Referred To	Sep 26, 2007
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HRES 677	Procedurally related	Sep 26, 2007: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on September 26, 2007. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Makes continuing appropriations for FY2008.

(Sec. 101) Appropriates amounts for continuing operations, projects, or activities which were conducted in FY2007 and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were made available in: (1) the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007 (division A of Public Law 109-289); (2) the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 109-295); and (3) the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007 (division B of Public Law 109-289, as amended by Public Law 110-5).

(Sec. 102) Prohibits the use of appropriations, funds, or authority granted under this joint resolution for the Department of Defense (DOD) for: (1) new production of items not funded for production in FY2007 or prior years; (2) the increase in production rates above those sustained with FY2007 funds; or (3) the initiation, resumption, or continuation of any project, activity, operation, or organization for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were not available during FY2007.

Bars the use of DOD appropriations, funds, or authority granted under this joint resolution to initiate multi-year procurements utilizing advance procurement funding for economic order quantity procurement unless specifically appropriated later.

Authorizes the Secretary of Defense, however, following notification of the congressional defense committees, to initiate projects or activities required to be undertaken for force protection purposes using funds made available from the Iraq Freedom Fund.

(Sec. 106) Provides funding under this joint resolution until the earliest of: (1) enactment of an appropriation for any project or activity provided for in this joint resolution; (2) enactment of the applicable appropriations Act for FY2008 without any provision for such project or activity; or (3) November 16, 2007.

(Sec. 111) Continues through November 16, 2007, certain activities for entitlements and other mandatory payments whose budget authority was provided in appropriations Acts for FY2007, and for activities under the Food Stamp Act of 1977. Declares that, notwithstanding such date, funds shall be available and obligations for mandatory payments due on or about the first day of any month after October 2007 but within 30 days after November 16, 2007.

(Sec. 112) Authorizes amounts made available under this joint resolution for civilian personnel compensation and benefits in each department and agency to be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to avoid furloughs within such entity, consistent with the applicable appropriations Act for FY2007. Prohibits the use of such authority until after the department or agency has taken all necessary actions to reduce or defer non-personnel-related administrative expenses.

(Sec. 113) Authorizes the obligation and expenditure of funds appropriated by this joint resolution, notwithstanding: (1) federal limitation on foreign assistance appropriations; (2) the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956; (3) the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995; and (4) the National Security Act of 1947.

(Sec. 114) Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture for one year to enter into or renew contracts under the Housing Act of

1949 to provide loans for rental and cooperative housing for persons and families of low-income in multifamily housing projects.

(Sec. 115) Extends the Secretary's authority through November 16, 2007, to make cotton classification services available to cotton producers.

(Sec. 116) Extends the Secretary's authority to carry out the adjusted gross income limitation contained in the Food Security Act of 1985 through the end of the 2007 crop year or through November 16, 2007, whichever occurs later.

(Sec. 117) Provides that certain patent and trademark fees established under the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005 that applied during FY2007 shall continue through November 16, 2007.

(Sec. 118) Continues the authority for the Commander's Emergency Response Program (urgent humanitarian and reconstruction relief for Iraq and Afghanistan) through the date of enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (NDAA for FY2008), or November 16, 2007, whichever is earlier.

(Sec. 119) Continues through enactment of the NDAA for FY2008 of the authority for a member of the Armed Forces to designate another person (in lieu of a codified list of survivors) to receive up to 50% of the death gratuity payable to such member upon his or her death from active-duty military service.

(Sec. 120) Continues through the earlier of the enactment of the NDAA for FY2008 or November 16, 2007, the authority of the Secretary of Defense under the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 to support foreign forces, irregular forces, groups, or individuals engaged in supporting or facilitating ongoing military operations by U.S. special operations forces to combat terrorism.

(Sec. 121) Continues through the earlier of the enactment of the NDAA for FY2008 or November 16, 2007, the authority under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 for a DOD joint task force to provide counterterrorism support to law enforcement agencies conducting counter-drug activities.

(Sec. 122) Continues through the earlier of the enactment of the NDAA for FY2008 or November 16, 2007, the authority of the Secretary of Defense to provide administrative services and support for the performance of duties by a liaison officer of another nation involved in a U.S. coalition while such officer is assigned temporarily to the headquarters of a U.S. combatant command, component command, or subordinate operational command in connection with the planning for, or conduct of, a coalition operation.

(Sec. 123) Appropriates additional funds for a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle Fund, to remain available through FY2008. Makes such funds available to: (1) continue technological research and development and upgrades; (2) procure mine resistant ambush protected vehicles and associated support equipment; and (3) sustain, transport, and field them.

(Sec. 124) Extends through November 16, 2007, authority for Appalachian regional development.

(Sec. 125) Extends through November 16, 2007, the Delta Regional Authority under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.

(Sec. 126) Allows the transfer to another agency of specified funds made available to the Department of Energy (DOE) in

order to carry out the Alaskan Natural Gas Pipeline project. Requires such transferred funds to be refunded to DOE after passage of the regular appropriations Act for the other agency.

(Sec. 127) Makes an additional amount available under the General Services Administration (GSA) Operating Expenses Account at a specified rate for operations for the costs of agency activities transferred to the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals pursuant to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

(Sec. 128) Authorizes the District of Columbia to expend local funds for certain programs and activities under title IV of H.R. 2829 (110th Congress), as passed by the House, at a specified rate set forth in the Fiscal Year 2008 Proposed Budget and Financial Plan submitted to Congress by the District on June 7, 2007, as amended on June 29, 2007.

(Sec. 129) Continues through November 16, 2007, the franchise fund pilot programs in six executive agencies designated by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Government Management Reform Act of 1994.

(Sec. 130) Continues through November 16, 2007, the demonstration project under which certain claims against federal executive agencies under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 are referred to the Office of Special Council.

(Sec. 131) Requires the obligation of funds made available under this joint resolution for U.S. Customs and Border Protection to support hiring, training, and equipping of new border patrol agents at a rate for operations not exceeding that necessary to sustain the numbers of such border patrol agents in the final quarter of FY2007.

(Sec. 132) Authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to continue, through November 16, 2007, to obligate funds at the rate the Secretary determines necessary to maintain not more than the average monthly number of detention bed spaces in use during September 2007 at detention facilities operated or contracted by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

(Sec. 133) Declares not in effect during a specified period in FY2008 the prohibition in the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2007 against the use of appropriated funds to the U.S. Secret Service for the protection of any person other than Presidents and Vice Presidents (current and former), candidates for such offices, certain family members, visiting heads of foreign states, and other distinguished foreign visitors.

(Sec. 134) Continues through November 16, 2007, the eligibility of the Republic of Palau for certain appropriations and education grants.

(Sec. 135) Continues through November 16, 2007, certain activities authorized by the Trade Act of 1974 for relief of workers, firms, and farmers from injury caused by import competition.

Appropriates funds to carry out adjustment assistance for farmers.

(Sec. 136) Appropriates funds for FY2008 to provide allotments to states, the District of Columbia, and commonwealths and territories under title XXI (State Children's Health Insurance Program) (CHIP) (also known as SCHIP) of the Social Security Act (SSA) for items and services furnished through November 16, 2007 or, if earlier, the enactment of an Act that provides funding for FY2008 and for one or more subsequent fiscal years.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary throughout this section) to make allotments to such

states, the District of Columbia, and commonwealths and territories from such appropriated amounts for FY2008.

Amends the SSA to prescribe requirements for redistribution by the Secretary to FY2008 shortfall states of unused FY2005 allotments that are not expended by the end of FY2007.

Describes a FY2008 shortfall state as one with an approved state child health plan for which the Secretary estimates, on a monthly basis, that the projected expenditures under such plan for FY2008 will exceed the sum of the state's allotments for: (1) each of FY2006-FY2007 that was not expended by the end of FY2007; and (2) FY2008.

Extends through FY2008 the authority for qualifying states to use certain funds for expenditures under SSA title XIX (Medicaid).

(Sec. 137) Appropriates specified funds for payment to: (1) Susan Thomas, widow of Craig Thomas, a former Senator from Wyoming; (2) Karen L. Gillmor, widow of Paul E. Gillmor, a former Representative from Ohio.

(Sec. 138) Continues through November 16, 2007, the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with respect to: (1) hospital and nursing home care for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities; and (2) federal recovery of the cost of certain care and services provided to veterans with non-service-connected disabilities.

(Sec. 139) Provides funding for DOD Base Closure Account 2005 at a specified rate for operations.

(Sec. 140) Authorizes the expenditure of funds by the Department of Veterans Affairs for information technology systems programs and activities for pay and associated costs for operations and maintenance associated staff.

(Sec. 141) Appropriates an additional amount for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide: (1) reimbursement to state and local agencies for certain salary and travel incurred by their employees; and (2) an allowance for administrative expenses in rendering necessary services in ascertaining the qualifications of educational institutions for furnishing courses of education to certain eligible persons and veterans.

(Sec. 142) Continues through November 16, 2007, the issuing and direct investment authority of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

(Sec. 143) Provides funds to the Department of State for administration of foreign affairs, diplomatic and consular programs, including worldwide security upgrades.

(Sec. 144) Continues the Interagency Council on the Homeless through the earlier of: (1) November 16, 2007; or (2) the enactment of an authorization Act relating to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

(Sec. 145) Requires funds made available under this joint resolution for the National Transportation Safety Board to include amounts necessary to make lease payments due in FY2008 only on an obligation incurred in 2001 under a capital lease.

(Sec. 146) Continues until November 16, 2007, the authority of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to insure, and commit to insure, home equity conversion mortgages for elderly homeowners under the National Housing Act.

(Sec. 147) Continues through November 16, 2007, the Secretary of HUD's authority to provide assistance to public housing agencies for demolition, site revitalization, replacement housing, and tenant-based assistance grants for projects.

(Sec. 148) Prescribes a formula for the amount to be made available to the Secretary of Transportation for airport planning and development and noise compatibility planning and programs. Makes such amount available from October 1 through November 16, 2007.

Continues through FY2008 the Secretary's authority to incur obligations to make project grants.

(Sec. 149) Continues through November 16, 2007, excise taxes on aviation fuels and the air transportation of persons or property, as well as authority for expenditures from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, under the Internal Revenue Code.

(Sec. 150) Expresses the sense of Congress that the House of Representatives: (1) recognizes the service of General David H. Petraeus, as well as all other members of the Armed Forces serving in good standing, in the defense of the United States and the personal sacrifices made by him and his family, and other members of the Armed Forces and their families, to serve with distinction and honor; (2) commits to judge the merits of his sworn testimony without prejudice or personal bias, including refraining from unwarranted personal attacks; (3) condemns the personal attacks made by the advocacy group MoveOn.org impugning his integrity and professionalism; (4) honors all members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel serving in harm's way, as well as their families; and (5) pledges to debate any supplemental funding request or any policy decisions regarding the war in Iraq with the solemn respect and the commitment to intellectual integrity that the sacrifices of these members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel deserve.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 29, 2007:** Signed by President.
- **Sep 29, 2007:** Became Public Law No: 110-92.
- **Sep 28, 2007:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 28, 2007:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S12255-12258)
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 94 - 1. Record Vote Number: 355.
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 94 - 1. Record Vote Number: 355.
- **Sep 27, 2007:** Cleared for White House.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Rule H. Res. 677 passed House.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 677. (consideration: CR H10913-10920; text of measure as introduced: CR H10913-10915)
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 52 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 considered read. Bill is closed to amendments. All points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 rule XXI.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.J. Res. 52.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H10918)
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Mr. Lewis (CA) moved to recommit with instructions to Appropriations. (consideration: CR H10918-10919; text: CR H10918)
- **Sep 26, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with ten minutes of debate on the Lewis (CA) motion to recommit with instructions, pending reservation of a point of order. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the joint resolution to be reported back to the House with an amendment adding a new section expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to General David H. Petraeus.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Floor summary: RESERVATION OF POINT ORDER WITHDRAWN - In the course of debate on the Lewis (CA) motion to recommit with instructions, the reservation of a point of order was withdrawn.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H10918-10919)
- **Sep 26, 2007:** On motion to recommit with instructions Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 341 - 79 (Roll no. 910).
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Pursuant to the instructions contained in the motion to recommit, the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 52, was reported back to the House with an amendment.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 404 - 14 (Roll no. 911).
- **Sep 26, 2007:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 404 - 14 (Roll no. 911).
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 26, 2007:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Sep 25, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 25, 2007:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 677 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 52 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 considered read. Bill is closed to amendments. All points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 rule XXI.
- **Sep 25, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.