



U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

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Highlights of FY 2010 Supplemental Chairman's Mark

<u>Total Discretionary:</u>	\$45.4 billion, Equal to the President's Request
<u>Total Mandatory:</u>	\$13.4 billion, Equal to the President's Request
<u>Bill Total:</u>	\$58.8 billion, Equal to the President's Request

Summary

The Senate Appropriations Committee today marked up H.R. 4899, providing emergency supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010. The Chairman's mark, which is equal to the President's request, provides funding for ongoing military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, including funding to support the addition of 30,000 military personnel to Afghanistan. The Chairman's mark includes \$2.8 billion to support relief efforts related to the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

The Committee provides \$5.1 billion for disaster recovery and to help communities prepare for future events. In addition, the Committee has identified rescissions and savings within the Administration's request to address many natural disasters for which the President did not request additional funds. More than 40 counties in Tennessee were underwater a week ago. Rhode Island suffered through a once in 500 year storm in March, a disaster was proclaimed by the President in January for fisheries in Alaska, tornadoes have tormented the Midwest and South, yet no funds have been requested to offset the enormous cost of cleanup and reconstruction for the states and communities which have suffered. In total, the Committee has provided more than \$400 million to address the disaster related shortfalls in the Administration's request.

The bill also provides \$13.4 billion in mandatory funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs, as requested, for disability compensation to Vietnam veterans to implement a recent decision by the VA to expand the number of illnesses presumed to be related to exposure to Agent Orange.

Department of Defense: \$33.45 billion (including \$656.8 million for Milcon)

The bill:

- Provides \$33.45 billion, (including \$656.8 million for Milcon) in new discretionary spending authority for the Department of Defense
- Fully funds the addition of 30,000 military personnel in Afghanistan
- Provides \$500 million in additional general transfer authority
- Includes \$924.5 million to acquire and sustain high priority intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance initiatives
- Provides an additional \$616 million to cover fuel shortfalls identified by the Department of Defense
- Redirects funds to initiate solutions for four Joint Urgent Operational Needs Statements: Very Low Collateral Damage Weapon Mk 82, SOCCENT ISR Payloads, Marine Corps Unmanned Aerial Systems Resupply, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team equipment

Military Personnel:

\$1.8 billion

- Provides \$1 billion to address the Army's revised mobilization assumptions

Operation and Maintenance:

\$24.6 billion

- Provides \$2.6 billion for the Afghanistan and \$1 billion for the Iraq Security Forces Funds to train and equip Afghan and Iraqi Security Forces and assist their governments in assuming greater responsibility for their nation's security
- Fully funds key readiness programs critical to prepare forces for combat operations and other missions: OPTEMPO flying hours and steaming days, depot maintenance, training, spare parts, and base operations
- Includes funding for approved and announced additional units to support the troop expansion into Afghanistan. These include one-time costs to establish facilities and theater infrastructure as well as increased support contracts for new force levels
- Provides \$50 million to the Department of Defense to transfer to the Port of Guam Improvement Enterprise Fund within the Department of Transportation to improve facilities, relieve port congestion and provide greater access to port facilities
- Provides \$72.5 million to the Navy for emergency flood repairs

Procurement:

\$4.9 billion

Aircraft

- Adds funds to replace two Army battle loss helicopters
- Provides additional funds for ballistic protection of Army helicopters in Afghanistan
- Funds the replacement of Navy helicopters lost in combat operations

- Fully funds 5 MC-12 Liberty aircraft for the Air Force
- Adds funds to buy ground stations and fully outfit MQ-8 UAVs for the Central Command area of responsibility

Vehicles/Force Protection

- Provides \$1.1 billion for MRAPs
- Fully funds Special Operations Command's requirement for additional protective equipment
- Fully funds additional Army counter-IED jamming devices and upgrades
- Adds funds to improve Army's automated biometric identification capacity
- Fully funds the Army's Ground Standoff Mine Detection System
- Provides funds for the Army Base Expeditionary Targeting and Surveillance System
- Fully funds Army physical security systems (vehicle and personnel scanners)
- Fully funds Army Counter Rocket, Artillery and Mortar Systems
- Provides funds for the Army Mine Protection Vehicle Family program
- Approves a Marine Corps request to redirect \$144 million to procure urgently needed lightweight mine rollers, Improved Recovery Vehicles, Assault Breacher Vehicles, and field medical equipment

Military Construction

- \$656.8 million for military construction in Afghanistan to support ongoing operations, \$127.5 million above the request.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): \$5.1 billion

The bill includes \$5.1 billion for the FEMA Disaster Relief Fund, as requested by the President. The request is necessary to pay for known costs for past disasters, such as Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike, and Gustav, the Midwest floods of 2008, and the California wildfires and for needs that emerge from new disasters. Absent approval of the emergency supplemental request, FEMA estimates that the Fund will be exhausted in June. When the Fund runs out of money, FEMA will no longer be able to pay claims for Presidentially-designated disasters – old or new.

State, Foreign Operations: \$6.18 billion

The FY10 Supplemental budget request for State and Foreign Operations totals \$6.18 billion in Budget Authority.

Diplomatic and Consular Programs. The Administration requested \$1.87 million for State Department operations for Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, and Haiti. The Committee provides \$1.32 billion for these purposes.

Afghanistan. The Administration requests \$1.78 billion to continue reconstruction and law enforcement programs in Afghanistan. The Committee recommends \$1.48 billion for these programs, which is \$298 million below the request, and includes language requiring determinations and reports by the Secretary of State on transparency, corruption, and consultation with local communities and civil society. Additional funding is provided for women's justice programs, the Afghan Civilian Assistance Program, and watershed reforestation.

Pakistan. The Administration requests \$344 million in economic, law enforcement, and military assistance for Pakistan. The Committee recommends a total of \$349 million, of which \$259 million is for social and economic support programs and activities, including \$10 million for the Pakistan Civilian Assistance Program.

Iraq. The Administration requests approximately \$517 million for one-time start-up costs to transition the training of the Iraqi police program from the Department of Defense to the Department of State. The Committee recommends \$450 million for the start-up costs and an additional \$200 million for implementation, management and security costs. The Committee continues existing matching requirements on U.S. assistance for Iraq.

Haiti. The Administration requests \$893 million for humanitarian, economic, reconstruction, law enforcement and peacekeeping costs for Haiti following the January 12, 2010 earthquake. The Committee recommends \$913 million for these purposes under the Economic Support Fund and International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement headings, and includes language requiring determinations and reports by the Secretary of State on transparency, corruption, involvement of local communities and civil society. The Committee recommends \$10 million for persons with disabilities, \$5 million for development of a plan for free public education, and additional funds for watershed restoration, shelter, and cash for work programs.

Additional assistance for Haiti is provided as follows:

- **International Disaster Assistance.** The Administration requests \$350 million for International Disaster Assistance to respond to humanitarian emergencies in Haiti. The Committee supports this request but believes it is insufficient to meet expected needs in Haiti and globally, and recommends a total of \$465 million.
- **Department of the Treasury Programs in Haiti.** The Administration requests \$219.8 million to cancel existing debts owed by Haiti and for technical assistance to the Haitian government to strengthen its public financial systems. The Administration also requested the authority to use \$40 million from the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Trust Fund for Haiti debt relief and the authority to transfer up to \$120 million to the Department of the Treasury for contributions to the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Haitian Reconstruction. The Committee supports these requests.

- The Administration requested \$84.5 million for urgent Embassy security, construction, and maintenance costs in Haiti, including housing for permanent U.S. direct hires. The Committee recommends \$79 million.
- The Administration requested \$96.5 million for increased peacekeeping assessments in FY10 and FY11 for the UN mission in Haiti. The Committee recommends this amount.

Dept. of Veterans Affairs:

\$13.4 billion (mandatory)

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