



U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

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FY 2012 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations

Conference Report focuses on Saving Lives, Protecting Public Safety, Job Creation

Washington, D.C. – The Conference Report on H.R. 2112 includes fiscal year (FY) 2012 appropriations for Commerce, Justice, science, and related agencies (CJS) that total \$52.744 billion in discretionary budget authority, a reduction of \$583 million below the FY 2011 enacted level. The conference report also includes \$200 million in disaster assistance.

“In a spending agreement that has less to spend, we naturally focus on the cuts and the things we can’t do,” said CJS Subcommittee Chairwoman Mikulski. “But I’d like to focus on what we can do. The conference report invests more than \$12 billion in scientific research and high impact research and technology development, to create new products and new jobs for the future. The conference report focuses on investments to help grow new businesses and export more products. Resources provided for Federal, State, and local law enforcement will help protect Americans from terrorism and violent crime here at home, and funding for the development of our next generation weather satellites will ensure our Nation has timely accurate data to forecast and warn about severe weather in order to save lives and protect property.”

Conference Report Summary

The CJS division of the conference report reflects reductions below the FY 2011 funding level in many programs. In making these difficult funding decisions, the Subcommittee prioritized activities related to saving lives, protecting public safety, and creating jobs. The conferees provided increases to ensure the Nation’s prisons are adequately guarded, to enhance law enforcement capabilities, to invest in basic research and development that creates jobs, and to ensure essential weather prediction capacity. A summary by Department appears below.

Department of Commerce

Department of Commerce – The FY 2012 CJS conference report provides \$7.6 billion total, which is \$27 million above the FY 2011 level.

- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** – Provides \$4.9 billion for NOAA, which is \$306 million above the FY 2011 enacted level. This provides NOAA \$924 million for the Joint Polar Satellite System, \$440 million more than FY 2011.

- **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)** – NIST is funded at \$751 million, which is \$727,000 below the FY2011 enacted level. The conference report increases funding for basic research at the NIST labs by \$60 million or 11 percent.
- **Patent and Trademark Office (PTO)** – Provides \$2.7 billion for PTO, allowing the agency to spend all of its expected fee revenue for FY 2012. The conference report adopts the new reserve fund authorized by the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act.
- **International Trade Administration (ITA)** – ITA is funded at \$465 million, \$15 million more than the FY 2011 enacted level, in support of the National Export Initiative. Increased funding will spur efforts to boost the economy and create jobs by helping U.S. manufacturers sell their products overseas.
- **Bureau of the Census** – Provides \$943 million for Census, which is \$207 million below the FY 2011 level due to the end of the 2010 Census. The conference report maintains support for the Economic Census, and calls for strong accountability and fiscal management of the next decennial census.
- **Economic Development Administration (EDA)** – The conference report provides \$258 million for EDA grants and administration. EDA grants are funded at \$220 million, which is \$25.5 million less than FY2011. The conference report also includes an additional \$200 million in disaster assistance grants.

Department of Justice

The **Department of Justice (DOJ)** is funded at \$27.4 billion, \$18.6 million more than the FY 2011 level.

- **State and Local Law Enforcement Activities** – Provides \$2.2 billion, which is \$570 million, or 20 percent, below the FY 2011 enacted level, for grants to aid local and state law enforcement and crime victims. Specifically, the conference report provides:
 - \$1.16 billion for **State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance**, which includes Byrne formula grants, SCAAP, bulletproof vests and DNA backlog grants;
 - \$263 million for **juvenile justice and delinquency prevention**;
 - \$199 million for **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)** grants, including \$166 million to hire or retain roughly 1,300 police on the beat;
 - \$113 million for **research and evaluation** initiatives on prevention and intervention practices, which include regional information sharing activities;
 - \$201 million to **combat crimes against children**; and
 - \$413 million for **domestic violence and sexual assault grants**.
- **Bureau of Prisons (BOP)** – The conference report provides \$6.6 billion for BOP salaries and expenses, which is \$260 million above the FY 2011 enacted level, to fully secure the Nation’s growing prison population. This funding will enable the activation of new prisons that are currently sitting empty due to lack of funds.

- **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)** – The conference report provides \$8 billion for FBI salaries and expenses, which is \$218 million above the FY 2011 enacted level, for national security and counterterrorism investigations, combating cyber threats, Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) capabilities, and violent crime reduction programs.
- **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)** – The conference report provides \$2 billion for the DEA, which is \$20 million above the FY 2011 enacted level, to target and dismantle criminal narcotics activities. This includes \$10 million for the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC), which is DEA’s chief tactical intelligence sharing center on the Southwest border.
- **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)** – The conference report provides \$1.15 billion for ATF Salaries and Expenses, which is \$39 million above the FY 2011 enacted level, to reduce violent crime and enforce Federal firearms and explosives laws.
- **U.S. Marshals Service** – The conference report provides \$1.2 billion for U.S. Marshals Service salaries and expenses, which is \$50 million above the FY 2011 enacted level, to apprehend dangerous fugitives, protect the Federal courts and the judiciary, and transport prisoners for court proceedings.
- **Office of the Federal Detention Trustee** – The conference report provides \$1.6 billion, which is \$65 million above the FY 2011 enacted level.
- **Crime Victims Fund (CVF)** – The conference report permits the expenditure of \$705 million from the CVF for grants to assist victims of crime. This is equal to the FY 2011 enacted level.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is funded at \$17.8 billion, a reduction of \$648 million or 3.5 percent from the FY 2011 enacted level.
- The conference report preserves NASA portfolio balanced among science, aeronautics, technology and human space flight investments, including the Orion Multipurpose Crew Vehicle, the heavy lift Space Launch System, and commercial crew development.
- The conference report provides funds to enable a 2018 launch of the James Webb Space Telescope.

National Science Foundation

- The National Science Foundation (NSF) is funded at \$7 billion, an increase of \$173 million or 2.5 percent above the FY 2011 enacted level.

Other Important Programs:

- **Commission on Civil Rights** – The conference report provides \$9.2 million, which is \$188,000 less than the FY 2011 enacted level.
- **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)** – The conference report provides \$360 million, which is \$6.6 million below the FY 2011 enacted level.
- **International Trade Commission** – The conference report provides \$80 million, \$1.7 million below the FY 2011 enacted level.
- **Legal Services Corporation (LSC)** – The conference report provides \$348 million for civil legal assistance to people who are unable to afford it.
- **Marine Mammal Commission** – The conference report provides \$3 million, which is \$218,000 below the FY 2011 enacted level.
- **Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)** – The conference report provides \$51.3 million, which is \$3.5 million above the FY 2011 enacted level.
- **State Justice Institute (SJI)** – The conference report provides \$5.1 million, which is the same as the FY 2011 enacted level.

Preventing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse

All of the agencies funded under the conference report are called on to be better stewards of taxpayers' dollars. The conference report:

- Cuts agency representation funds by 10 percent to reduce the costs of executive meetings and the purchase of promotional items;
- Prevents expenditures on lavish banquets and conferences;
- Requires all agencies to cut overhead costs by at least 10 percent, by reducing non-essential travel, supply, rent, and utility costs;
- Provides funding to our Inspectors General (IGs), the taxpayers' watchdogs;
- Requires the IGs to do random audits of grant funding to find and stop waste and fraud; and
- Establishes an early warning system on cost overruns, which requires agencies to notify the Committees on Appropriations when costs of projects grow by more than 10 percent.