

House, Senate Appropriations Panels Set Subcommittee Spending Allocations

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved '302(b)' allocations of discretionary budget authority on Thursday, clearing the way for its 13 subcommittees to begin marking up fiscal 2004 spending bills next week. The House Appropriations panel set its spending allocations on June 17. The House subcommittee figures total \$890 million more than the Senate numbers, reflecting a Project Bioshield reserve fund for development of vaccines and treatments to be used in response to biological and chemical weapons attacks.

| SUBCOMMITTEE | FY* 2003 | BUSH REQUEST | HOUSE '04 ALLOCATIONS | SENATE '04 ALLOCATIONS |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| (in billions of dollars) | | | | |
| Agriculture | \$17.4 | \$17.1 | \$17.0 | 17.0 |
| Commerce, Justice, State | 36.3 | 37.7 | 37.9 | 37.0 |
| Defense | 364.3 | 371.7 | 368.7 | 368.7 |
| District of Columbia | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Energy and Water Development | 25.8 | 26.9 | 27.1 | 27.3 |
| Foreign Operations | 16.2 | 18.9 | 17.1 | 18.1 |
| Homeland Security | 21.9 | 27.5 | 29.4 | 28.5 |
| Interior | 19.8 | 19.6 | 19.6 | 19.6 |
| Labor, HHS, Education | 134.4 | 138.0 | 138.0 | 137.6 |
| Legislative | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| Military Construction | 10.5 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 |
| Transportation, Treasury | 27.8 | 27.8 | 27.5 | 27.5 |
| VA, HUD, Independent Agencies | 87.1 | 89.4 | 90.0 | 90.0 |
| TOTAL | 765.2 | 788.1 | 785.6 | 784.7 |

* Enacted levels adjusted to reflect changes in subcommittee jurisdictions and creation of the Homeland Security subcommittees. Supplemental appropriations not included.

Note: Totals may not add up because of rounding.

SOURCE: House and Senate Appropriations committees