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Congressman Rodney Alexander

5th Congressional District of Louisiana

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ALEXANDER NAMED TO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

CONGRESSMAN TO PUSH FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

Washington, D.C. --U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman was named to another "plum" assignment on the House Appropriations Committee.

Alexander was named a conferee and will sit on the Science, State, Justice, Commerce Conference Committee. This position will allow Alexander to protect projects imperative to the 5th Congressional District and Louisiana.

"I'm honored and humbled to be on this committee," Alexander said. **"I'm optimistic that projects in the 5th District will receive much needed federal funding, especially local law enforcement entities."**

Alexander specifically will work to fund the following:

- Point Coupee Parish Sheriff's Office
- New Roads Police Department
- Grant Parish Multi-Parish Methamphetamine Task Force including Winn and Rapides Parishes

"We (Members of Congress) have got to make sure our local law enforcement officials have the funding necessary to combat the methamphetamine problem plaguing our rural and urban areas," Alexander added.

The SSJC also addresses the following:

- House Bill included \$60M for a Methamphetamine Task Force Grant Program.
- Economic Development Administration
- Ed Byrne Justice Assistance Grants: grants to law enforcement programs, prosecution and courts, drug treatment, and crime prevention and education programs.
- Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP): support industrial technology grant programs, such as MEP of Louisiana (MEPoL).
- NASA
- FBI/ DEA/ US Marshals
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which provides funds for coastal programs.

BREAKDOWN OF SSJC FUNDING

Science, State, Justice, Commerce Conference:
House SSJC led by Chairman Frank Wolf of Virginia
Senate CJS led by Chairman Richard Shelby of Alabama

President's FY06 Request: \$64,416,200,000 billion
House Passed Version: \$61,517,200,000 billion
Senate Passed Version: \$52,826,100,000 billion

Due to jurisdictional differences, the Senate bill total above does not include the State Department, as it is funded under the Senate Foreign Ops Appropriations bill. For conference, however, Department of State will be negotiated under the House jurisdictional structure, Science, State, Justice, Commerce.

The House Bill: Science, State, Justice, Commerce

The House bill provides \$61.5 billion to the SSJC agencies including \$21.8 billion for the Department of Justice; \$5.8 billion for the Department of Commerce; \$9.6 billion for the State Department; and 22.1 billion for NASA and the NSF.

The Senate Bills: Foreign Ops and Commerce, Justice, State

- The Senate Foreign Operations Appropriations bill allots \$9,709.2 billion for the Department of State, International Broadcasting, and related agencies. The Senate CJS bill provides \$52.8 billion to the CJS agencies, including \$21.2 billion for the Department of Justice; \$7.4 billion for the Department of Commerce; and \$21.9 billion for NASA and the NSF.

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