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H.R. 2206 also shortchanges funding for U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan – the principal goal of the President’s funding request, submitted 95 days ago – by immediately committing only \$43 billion of the amount requested by the President. The remaining \$53 billion would be released only after a subsequent congressional approval of a joint resolution. Largely due to this division, the first bill has no chance of being enacted: the Senate already has expressed skepticism about the two-step tactic, and the President h

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Disaster Loans at a cost of \$320 million. Also included is an increase in the minimum wage, tax breaks for small businesses, and changes in Federal standards for securing chemical facilities.