



The Money Monitor

...keeping track of how Washington wants to spend your money

Week of December 17-21, 2001

**The Money Monitor accounts for House bills only.
The costs of conference reports will be reported in a separate statement in December.**

Five-year cost of House authorizations passed *this week*:

\$2,754,600,000.00*

H.R. 107	Cold War Interpretive Study Act	\$0.3 million
H.R. 3178	Water Infrastructure Security and Research Development Act	\$60.0 million
H.R. 3343	To amend title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992	\$205.0 million
S. 1789	Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act	\$827.0 million
H.R. 2869	Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act	\$1,000.0 million
S. 1202	Office of Government Ethics Reauthorization	\$57.0 million
H.R. 3507	Coast Guard Authorization (net new authorization)	\$605.3 million

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL OF FIVE-YEAR COSTS \$2,754.6 million*

Costs of bills passed in earlier weeks for which cost estimates were not previously available:

H.R. 2238	Fern Lake Conservation and Recreation Act	\$6.0 million
H.R. 3441	Department of Transportation Policy Responsibility Realignment Act	\$0.5 million
H.R. 3447	Department of Veterans Affairs Health Program Enhancement Act	\$3,450.0 million

TOTAL OF FIVE-YEAR COSTS FOR EARLIER BILLS \$3,456.5 million

Year-to-date total of five-year costs of House authorizations:

\$597,805,700,000.00**

Five-year cost of House mandatory spending passed *this week*:
\$46,149,900,000.00***

H.R. 2187	To make receipts collected from mineral leasing activities on certain naval oil shale reserves available to cover environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance costs incurred by the United States	\$22.0 million
H.R. 3054	True American Heroes Act	\$3.9 million
H.R. 3529	To provide tax incentives for economic recovery and assistance to displaced workers	\$46,100.0 million
H.R. 2869	Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act	\$10.0 million
S. 1389	To provide for the conveyance of certain real property in South Dakota to the State of South Dakota with indemnification by the U.S. Government	\$14.0 million

THIS WEEK'S TOTAL OF FIVE-YEAR COSTS \$46,149.9 million***

Costs of bills passed in earlier weeks for which cost estimates were not previously available:

H.R. 3447	Department of Veterans Affairs Health Program Enhancement Act	\$9.0 million
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TOTAL OF FIVE-YEAR COSTS FOR EARLIER BILLS \$9.0 million

Year-to-date total of five-year costs of House mandatory spending:
\$127,660,500,000.00[#]

One-year cost of House appropriations passed *this week*:
\$0.00

Year-to-date total of one-year costs of House appropriations:
\$710,051,900,000.00[#]

*This week's five-year total of House authorizations does not include the costs of **H.R. 3525**, the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act; **H.R. 2561**, the Living American Hero Appreciation Act; **H.R. 3504**, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to qualified organ procurement organizations; or **H.R. 3487**, the Nurse Reinvestment Act. Cost estimates are not yet available. When such estimates become available, the RSC will update "The Money Monitor" accordingly.

**The year-to-date total for House authorizations does not reflect the cost of either: 1) H.R. 2926, the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, which passed the House on September 21st; 2) H.R. 2975, the Uniting and Strengthening America Act (the anti-terrorism bill), which passed the House on October 12th; 3) H.R. 3004, the Financial Anti-Terrorism Act, which passed the House on October 17th; or the four bills from this week

listed above in the preceding paragraph. Final cost estimates for the authorizations in these bills are not yet available. When such estimates become available, the RSC will update “The Money Monitor” accordingly.

*** This week’s five-year total of mandatory spending passed by the House does not include the costs of **H.R. 3525**, the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act; or **H.R. 2561**, the Living American Hero Appreciation Act. Cost estimates are not yet available. When such estimates become available, the RSC will update “The Money Monitor” accordingly.

#The year-to-date totals for House mandatory spending and appropriations do not reflect the cost of H.R. 2926, the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, which passed the House on September 21st, or the two bills from this week listed in the preceding paragraph above. Cost estimates for the mandatory spending and appropriations portions of these bills (where applicable) are not yet available. When such estimates become available, the RSC will update “The Money Monitor” accordingly.

An authorization explicitly allows funding for a certain program and / or directs a federal agency to take a certain action. Authorizations express the House’s intent to spend, however, actual funding is provided through the annual appropriations process. **Authorizations that would result in no net cost, net *decreases* or neutrality in mandatory spending, private-sector costs from federal mandates, and tax cuts (or other reductions in federal revenue) are not reported here.**

Mandatory spending directly establishes an appropriation. No subsequent action is required for the money to be spent.

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