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FUNDING LEVELS:

The Chairman's mark provides a total of \$28.0 billion in new discretionary spending authority for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Civil, the Department of Interior including the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy, and several Independent Agencies. This bill is \$734.5 million above fiscal year 2004 and \$49.6 million above the President's budget request.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS:

The Chairman's mark supports a vigorous Civil Works program. By concentrating resources on those traditional missions such as flood control, shoreline protection, and navigation which yield the greatest economic benefits for the nation, the bill ensures the highest possible return on taxpayer investment. Due to constrained budgets in recent years, the Committee elects to concentrate on protecting existing infrastructure and completing ongoing projects and does not include new project study or constructions starts or new project authorizations in fiscal year 2005. The recommendation of \$4.82 billion is \$703.3 million over the President's budget request and \$242.9 million over fiscal year 2004.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION:

The Chairman's mark provides funding necessary to maintain, operate, and rehabilitate Bureau projects throughout the western United States and protect the considerable Federal investment in western water infrastructure. Funding for the Bureau of Reclamation is \$1.1 billion, an increase of \$45.8 million over the President's request and \$35.5 million over last year's level. The Chairman's mark does not provide funding for the CALFED Bay-Delta project in fiscal year 2005 pending the enactment of authorizing legislation, but does include funding for several authorized components of this program.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY:

The recommendation of \$22.5 billion for the Department of Energy is \$669.5 million under the President's request and \$510.9 million above fiscal year 2004.

- The Chairman's mark includes \$343 million for renewable energy programs, \$31.6 million below the budget request and \$1 million above fiscal year 2004. The Office of Electricity Transmission and Distribution is funded at \$75.4 million, \$15.5 million below the budget request and \$6.5 million below fiscal year 2004.
- Nuclear energy programs are funded at \$463.8 million, an increase of \$51.2 million over the budget request and \$53.2 million above fiscal year 2004. The Chairman's mark funds Idaho National Laboratory infrastructure at \$123 million, and increase of \$15 million over the budget request and \$47 million over fiscal year 2004. The Chairman's mark also includes \$68 million for the Advanced Fuel Cycle Initiative, an increase of \$21.7 million over the budget request.
- DOE science programs are funded at \$3.6 billion, an increase of \$168.2 million over the budget request and \$168.6 million above fiscal year 2004. High energy physics is funded at \$753.4 million, \$16 million over the request, and nuclear physics at \$415 million, \$14 million over the request level. Biological and environmental research is funded at \$571.6 million, \$75 million over the request level. Funding for basic energy sciences is \$1.1 billion, \$13 million over the request, and includes full funding for the Spallation Neutron Source. The Advanced Scientific Computing Research initiative is funded at \$234 million, an increase of \$30 million over the request. Fusion energy research is funded at \$276.1 million, \$12 million above the request.
- The Committee funds the Yucca Mountain repository at the Administration's net budget request of \$131 million and does not include the proposed authorization language to reclassify the fees paid into the Nuclear Waste Fund. This reduction comes after numerous attempts by the Committee to convince the Administration to rethink their well-meaning but unrealistic fee proposal. This proposal was submitted in early February and since that time there has been no action taken by the relevant authorizing committees.
- The Power Marketing Administrations are funded at \$210.5 million, the same as the President's request and \$1.2 million below last year. Reimbursable purchase power and wheeling activities are maintained at the fiscal year 2004 levels.
- The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), which includes the nuclear weapons program, defense nuclear nonproliferation, naval reactors and the office of the administrator, is funded at \$9.0 billion, an increase of \$372 million over last year, and \$21.5 million below the budget request. Funding of \$6.5 billion is provided for Weapons Activities; \$1.35 billion for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation programs; \$807.9 million for Naval Reactors; and \$356.2 for the Office of the Administrator. Within the Weapons Activities account, the Committee provides no funds for advanced concepts research, the robust nuclear earth penetrator (RNEP) study, the modern pit facility, and enhanced test readiness, but provides significant increases for nuclear warhead dismantlement and for security upgrades across the complex.
- Funding of \$7.8 billion is provided for DOE environmental management cleanup activities, \$64.5 million less than the budget request and \$330.6 million over last year. The Chairman's mark continues the strong commitment to accelerate cleanup schedules at contaminated sites throughout the country, thus reducing public health and safety risks as well as total life-cycle cleanup costs. The Committee does not provide the full request of \$350,000,000 for the Administration's high-level waste proposal for Waste Incident to Reprocessing, and does not support partial solutions that do not address all of the affected States.

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES:Funding for Independent Agencies is \$202.2 million, a decrease of \$30 million below the President's request and \$25.7 million below fiscal year 2004. The funding levels by agency are: the Appalachian Regional Commission--\$38.5 million; the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board--\$20.3 million; the Delta Regional Authority--\$2.1 million; the Nuclear Regulatory Commission--\$662.8 million offset by revenues of \$534.4 million; the Office of the Inspector General of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission--\$7.5 million offset by revenues of \$6.7 million; Office of the Inspector General of the Tennessee Valley Authority--\$9.0 million; and the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board--\$3.2 million. No funds are provided for the Denali Commission.