



Senate Budget Committee
APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

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**H.R. 2555, HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS BILL
 for FISCAL YEAR 2004**

Summary:

The bill provides \$28.521 billion in discretionary budget authority and \$831 million in mandatory spending for the Department of Homeland Security.

HOMELAND SECURITY DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS				
	2003 SPENDING	2003+Supplemental	Pres. Req.	302B/H.R. 2555
BA	\$21.267 billion	\$28.269 billion	\$27.114 billion	\$28.521 billion
OUTLAYS	\$23.749 billion	\$27.558 billion	\$28.323 billion	\$29.737 billion

Analysis:

H.R. 2555 is a 34.1-percent increase in budget authority over the FY03 appropriations bill. It is about 1 percent higher than total FY03 homeland security spending (including the emergency supplemental). The bill is consistent with the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Resolution and the President's budget request. There are no budget points of order against the bill.

Noteworthy:

The Senate-reported bill provides \$890 million less in budget authority than the House-passed bill. This represents FY04 spending on BioShield, an initiative to develop countermeasures for public health threats. The 2004 Budget Resolution includes a reserve fund for the Senate to implement this program exactly as the President proposed - the allocation would only be released when legislation creating BioShield as a mandatory (not discretionary) program is passed by the HELP Committee.

But the Budget included a different funding mechanism for the House, allowing the program to be created as a discretionary program. The House has acted on this legislation, creating a discretionary program and adjusting their appropriations caps upward accordingly.

Ultimately, Congress and the Administration will have to decide how to fund this new program.

A sample of other program areas:

	FY03 Funding	President's Request	H.R. 2555
Customs and Border Protection	\$5.7 billion	\$5.669 billion	\$5.3 billion (7% under FY03)
Immigration and Customs Enforcement	\$2.4 billion	\$2.5 billion	\$2.9 billion (21% over FY03)
Transportation Security Administration	\$5.418 billion	\$4.816 billion	\$5.4 billion (Less than 1% change)
U.S. Coast Guard	\$6.266 billion	\$6.458 billion	\$6.8 billion (8.5% over FY03)
U.S. Secret Service	\$1.037 billion	\$1.105 billion	\$1.1 billion (6% over FY03)