

Hyde	Miller (FL)	Sanchez, Loretta
Inglis (SC)	Miller (MI)	Saxton
Issa	Miller (NC)	Schwarz (MI)
Istook	Miller, Gary	Scott (VA)
Jefferson	Moore (KS)	Sensenbrenner
Jindal	Moran (VA)	Sessions
Johnson (CT)	Murphy	Shadegg
Johnson (IL)	Murtha	Shaw
Johnson, Sam	Musgrave	Shimkus
Keller	Myrick	Shuster
Kelly	Neugebauer	Simpson
Kennedy (MN)	Ney	Smith (TX)
King (IA)	Norwood	Snyder
King (NY)	Nunes	Sodrel
Kirk	Nussle	Souder
Kline	Osborne	Spratt
Knollenberg	Otter	Stearns
Kolbe	Oxley	Sullivan
Kuhl (NY)	Pearce	Sweeney
LaHood	Pence	Tancred
Latham	Petri	Tanner
LaTourette	Pickering	Taylor (NC)
Leach	Pitts	Terry
Lewis (CA)	Poe	Thomas
Lewis (KY)	Pombo	Thompson (CA)
Linder	Pomeroy	Thornberry
LoBlundo	Porter	Tiahrt
Lofgren, Zoe	Price (GA)	Tiberi
Lucas	Price (NC)	Turner
Lungren, Daniel	Pryce (OH)	Walden (OR)
E.	Putnam	Walsh
Mack	Radanovich	Waters
Manzullo	Ramstad	Watt
Marchant	Regula	Weldon (FL)
Matheson	Rehberg	Weldon (PA)
McCauley (TX)	Reichert	Weller
McCotter	Renzi	Whitfield
McCrery	Reynolds	Wicker
McHenry	Rogers (KY)	Wilson (NM)
McHugh	Rogers (MI)	Wilson (SC)
McKeon	Ros-Lehtinen	Wolf
McMorris	Royce	Young (AK)
Melancon	Ryan (WI)	Young (FL)
Mica	Ryun (KS)	

## NOT VOTING—12

Bachus	Gillmor	Ross
Cooper	Kingston	Schiff
Cramer	Peterson (PA)	Scott (GA)
Everett	Rogers (AL)	Westmoreland

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Mr. JEFFERSON changed his vote from “aye” to “no.”

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The CHAIRMAN. The Committee will rise informally.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI) assumed the chair.

## ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, announced the signature of the Speaker to enrolled bills of the following titles:

H.R. 289. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8200 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the “Sergeant First Class John Marshall Post Office Building”.

H.R. 504. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4960 West Washington Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the “Ray Charles Post Office Building”.

H.R. 627. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Putnam Avenue in Hamden, Connecticut, as the “Linda White-Epps Post Office”.

H.R. 1072. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 West End Street in Goliad, Texas, as the “Judge Emilio Vargas Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1082. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Illinois Avenue in Vinita, Oklahoma, as the “Francis C. Goodpaster Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1236. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 750 4th Street in Sparks, Nevada, as the “Mayor Tony Armstrong Memorial Post Office”.

H.R. 1460. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6200 Rolling Road in Springfield, Virginia, as the “Captain Mark Stubenhofer Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1524. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12433 Antioch Road in Overland Park, Kansas, as the “Ed Eilert Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1542. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Pleasant Street in New Bedford, Massachusetts, as the “Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Committee will resume its sitting.

# TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

The Committee resumed its sitting.

AMENDMENT NO. 7 OFFERED BY MR. HEFLEY

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 7 offered by Mr. HEFLEY:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ Appropriations made in this Act are hereby reduced in the amount of \$669,350,000.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the order of the House of June 29, 2005, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KNOLLENBERG) each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY).

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I have learned to do these pretty fast, and I do not think there is anyone here in doubt as to what it is.

I rise today to cut the level of funding in this appropriation bill by approximately 1 percent. This equals approximately \$670 million. The bill is 6 percent over last year.

It seems to me that when we do not have the money, we do not spend over last year, or should not. I will emphasize again this is not an across-the-board cut; this is an off-the-bottom-line. They can make a choice of where it comes from.

This is the seventh time that I have offered an amendment of this type this year; and had those amendments been adopted, we would have saved \$3.3 billion out of our spending for this year. Now, \$3.3 billion sounds like a lot of money to most of us, but it is not in comparison with the overall budget we have for the United States Government; but, still, it is a tremendous step in the right way.

It is important to remember that we do not have this money. This money is debt we are burdening our children and grandchildren with to pay back someday.

I would like to congratulate the chairman and the ranking member and the committee on addressing an issue I followed in the spending bill for years. While I would have preferred not to spend a dime on Amtrak, the committee has dramatically reduced the spending in the bill, and that would go a long way towards forcing Amtrak to change its ways. Now, I know there was a vote to reverse that last night, but I trust that this battle is not over, and I hope it is not over.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, my good friend, the gentleman from Colorado, has offered this any number of times; and I am not counting, but I know he has done this before. He is getting very good at it.

With all due respect to the gentleman from Colorado, I believe this to be an unnecessary amendment. The Congress cannot and should not abdicate its responsibility to review individual programs and make individual recommendations based on that review. The desire to hold spending in check should be based on congressional oversight of specific programs. We should not take a meat-ax approach, and we should not yield our power to the executive.

I ask, therefore, that this amendment be defeated.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would just say to the gentleman, who is a dear friend and for whom I have the highest respect, we should not, he is absolutely right, we should not abdicate our responsibility to the executive branch; but sometimes around here what should be done and what is reality are two different things. I know what it is to get bills out of committee. The gentleman and I worked on the subcommittee on military construction for years together, the gentleman on appropriations and me on the authorizing, and we know what it takes to get bills out of committee sometimes. Sometimes this may be the only way to do it to get a hold on spending.

But anyway, Mr. Chairman, I encourage an “aye” vote.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY).

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.