

Polis (CO)	Schauer	Thompson (CA)
Pomeroy	Schiff	Thompson (MS)
Posey	Schmidt	Thompson (PA)
Price (GA)	Schock	Thornberry
Price (NC)	Schrader	Tiahrt
Putnam	Schwartz	Tiberi
Quigley	Scott (GA)	Tierney
Radanovich	Scott (VA)	Titus
Rahall	Sensenbrenner	Tonko
Rangel	Serrano	Towns
Rehberg	Sessions	Tsongas
Reichert	Sestak	Turner
Reyes	Shadegg	Upton
Richardson	Shea-Porter	Van Hollen
Rodriguez	Sherman	Velázquez
Roe (TN)	Shimkus	Visclosky
Rogers (AL)	Shuler	Walden
Rogers (KY)	Shuster	Walz
Rogers (MI)	Simpson	Wamp
Rohrabacher	Sires	Wasserman
Rooney	Skelton	Schultz
Ros-Lehtinen	Slaughter	Waters
Roskam	Smith (NE)	Watson
Ross	Smith (NJ)	Watt
Rothman (NJ)	Smith (WA)	Waxman
Roybal-Allard	Snyder	Weiner
Royce	Souder	Welch
Ruppersberger	Space	Westmoreland
Rush	Speier	Wexler
Ryan (OH)	Spratt	Whitfield
Ryan (WI)	Stearns	Wilson (OH)
Salazar	Stupak	Wilson (SC)
Sánchez, Linda	Sutton	Wittman
T.	Tanner	Wolf
Sanchez, Loretta	Tauscher	Woolsey
Sarbanes	Taylor	Wu
Scalise	Teague	Yarmuth
Schakowsky	Terry	Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—22

Alexander	Harman	Neal (MA)
Barton (TX)	Honda	Poe (TX)
Berkley	Kagen	Smith (TX)
Berman	Kennedy	Stark
Carter	Larson (CT)	Sullivan
Edwards (TX)	Lewis (GA)	Young (FL)
Frank (MA)	Maloney	
Grijalva	McHenry	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on June 16, 2009, I missed rollcall votes 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347 and 349, due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 544 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2847.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Depart-

ments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, with Mr. ALTMIRE in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOLLOHAN) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from West Virginia.

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Mr. Chairman, I rise in regard to H.R. 2847, the legislation appropriating funds for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for 2010.

Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume in general debate.

Mr. Chairman, if this is June, it must be appropriations season, and today I'm pleased to present to the House the first of the appropriations bills for fiscal year 2010, H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriation bill.

While the summer may be hot and humid, as is typical in the Nation's Capital, with the assistance of this body, our days and nights need not be long for the House to fully consider this and the other 11 appropriations bills in regular order, or so we hope.

I want to thank the ranking member of this subcommittee with most sincerity for his assistance, help, counsel, and guidance in the development of this bill. Mr. FRANK Wolf of Virginia was chairman of this committee for a number of years, served on it for a great number of years. We served on it together. He brings to this bill a lot of experience and knowledge and that is really helpful as you work up an appropriation bill, and I appreciate, Frank, very much your assistance on the bill and the credibility and knowledge you bring to it.

I also want to thank publicly and personally the chairman of the full committee, Mr. OBEY, for his assistance in developing this bill. Mr. OBEY's courtesy and the assistance of the front office has been very much appreciated, and we also appreciate, Mr. Chairman, the allocation that you've given us for this bill that's allowed us to do what we are allowed to do, however short the allocation may be.

I would also like to sincerely recognize the staff: the excellent work of the clerk, John Blazey, and the leadership he's provided to the rest of the staff, and all of them have done excellent work, which I appreciate: Adrienne Simonson, Dixon Butler, Diana Simpson, Darek Newby, Tracey LaTurner, Scott Sammis, all with the subcommittee; Mike Ringler and John Martens on the minority staff. And then on my personal staff, Sally Moorhead and Julie Aaronson.

It's a lot of work putting together one of these appropriation bills, as anybody who's been involved with it or

close to it understands, and they have worked long hours diligently with great competence to move this bill forward, and I most sincerely thank them for the efforts. We couldn't do this without them.

Mr. Chairman, in brief summary, this bill totals \$64.4 billion, an increase of \$6.7 billion over last year, but it is \$200 million below the President's budget request. The bill provides \$30.6 billion for investments in science, technology, and innovation, an increase of \$1 billion over comparable levels from last year.

Within this level, the bill provides \$6.9 billion for the National Science Foundation and \$18.2 billion for NASA. For NIST, the bill provides \$781.1 million. For NOAA, it's recommended at \$4.6 billion. The committee's recommendation continues to provide resources consistent with the doubling path identified for NSF and NIST in the COMPETES Act. It also considers the science and research conducted at NOAA and at NASA as critical to the Nation's science enterprise just as that performed by NSF and NIST.

For law enforcement and other agencies of the Department of Justice, the bill provides a total of \$27.7 billion. Full funding of \$7.9 billion for the FBI, \$2 billion for the DEA, and \$1.1 billion for ATF.

For the Bureau of Prisons, the bill provides \$6.2 billion to address longstanding critical shortages in corrections' staffing and education, in addition to drug treatment. For State and local law enforcement activities, the bill provides a total of more than \$3.4 billion, restoring, in large part, reductions proposed by the administration.

For programs funded through the Office of Violence Against Women, the bill provides an increase of \$11 million, including a \$10 million increase for STOP Formula Grants, and a \$1 million increase for Sexual Assault Victims Services.

I want to be clear that while the funding table in the report for the Office of Violence Against Women may appear in the report to show a funding decrease, that is only because the bill moves a number of programs to the Office of Justice programs which actually administers those programs.

So, let me repeat, the bill increases funding for the Office of Violence Against Women by \$11 million.

The bill provides a full funding of \$298 million for the COPS hiring program. In other areas within the Justice Department, the bill provides \$325 million—an increase of \$41 million over the fiscal year 2009 level—for the Adam Walsh Act.

With respect to border security, the bill provides \$1.5 billion, a 30 percent increase over fiscal year 2009. These funds will be used to address firearms and narcotics trafficking between the United States and Mexico, an issue on which every Member of this body has concerns, and we're pleased to provide these increases.