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Amendments to H.R. 2892— The FY2010 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act

H.R. 2892, the FY 2010 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (sponsored by *Rep. Price, D-NC*), is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 under a restrictive *structured rule* ([H.Res.573](#)) that provides one hour of general debate, and waives all points of order except for clauses 9 (the earmark rule) and 10 (PAYGO) of Rule XXI. The rule also allows the Chair to reduce to two minutes the time for electronic voting. Each amendment is debatable for ten minutes equally divided.

The structured rule only makes in order the amendments summarized below—prohibiting the House from considering many other amendments filed by Members. In addition, the rule only makes 4 of the 11 amendment in Part C in order, and only makes 1 of the 3 amendments in Part D in order.

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PART A, AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

1. Price (D-NC): Manager’s Amendment. Increases funding for the following programs (compared to the bill) as follows:

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection, \$4.9 million.
- FEMA, State and Local Programs, \$7 million.
- FEMA, Urban Area Security Initiative, \$3 million.
- FEMA, Metropolitan Medical Response System, \$4 million.
- Firefighter Assistance Grants, \$10 million.

Reduces funding for the following accounts (compared to the bill) as follows:

- Office of the Secretary and Executive Management, \$17 million.
- Office of the Under Secretary for Management, \$5.9 million.

The Manager’s Amendment also:

- Prohibits funds from being used to close or transfer the operations of the Florida Long Term Recovery Office of the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) located in Orlando, Florida.
- Prohibits funds from being used for first-class travel.
- Prohibits funds from being used to take any negative personnel action against any Department of Homeland Security employee who engages with the public for the use of surgical masks, N95 respirators, gloves, or hand sanitizer.

PART B, AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

1. Bilirakis (R-FL): Reduces by \$1.7 million funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management; increases by \$1.7 million funding for the Visa Security Program.

2. Duncan (R-TN): Provides a funding level for the Federal Air Marshals Program, at \$819.5 million, equivalent to the FY 2009 funding level. This would save taxpayers \$40.6 million, since the underlying bill provides \$860.1 million for this program.

3. King (R-IA): Reduces and increases by \$1,000,000 funding for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Salaries and Expenses. According to the sponsor, the intent of the amendment is to “give U.S. Customs and Border Protection \$1 million to remove the lookout posts that have established by drug smugglers and Mexican drug cartels along the U.S.-Mexico border.”

4. King (R-IA): Prohibits funds in the bill from being used to employ illegal workers.

5. Lewis (R-CA): Reduces by \$6 million funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management; reduces by \$14 million funding for the Under Secretary and Management; reduces by \$3 million funding for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, reduces by \$18 million funding for the Office of the Chief Information Officer. Increases funding for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by \$34 million.

6. Neugebauer (R-TX): Reduces overall spending (compared to the base bill) by \$2.755 billion. Specifically, the amendment reduces by \$200 million funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management; reduces by \$5 million funding for the Office of the Inspector General; reduces by \$160 million funding for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Salaries and Expenses; reduces by \$100 million funding for Border Security Fencing, Infrastructure, and Technology; reduces by \$420 million funding for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Facilities and Management; reduces by \$20 million funding for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Automatic Modernization; reduces by \$1 billion funding for the Transportation Security Administration, Aviation Security; reduces by \$98 million funding for the Coast Guard (Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements); reduces by \$300 million funding for FEMA, state and local programs; reduces by \$210 million funding for FEMA, firefighter assistance grants; and reduces by \$100 million funding for FEMA, food and shelter.

7. Poe (R-TX): Increases by \$32 million: Natural Predisaster Mitigation Fund; Reduces by \$32,000,000: FEMA, Management and Administration.

8. King (R-NY): Reduces by \$5 million funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management; and reduces by \$45 million funding for the Office of the Under Secretary for Management. Increases by \$50 million funding for Research, Development, and Operations.

PART C, AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE—ONLY 4 IN ORDER

1. Flake (R-AZ): Prohibits funding for “Global Solar, Arizona, for portable solar charging rechargeable battery systems,” reducing funding in the overall bill by \$800,000.

2. Flake (R-AZ): Prohibits funding for “the National Institute for Hometown Security, Kentucky,” reducing funding in the overall bill by \$10 million.

3. Flake (R-AZ): Prohibits funding for the “homeland security, research, development, and manufacturing pilot program at the Long Island Forum for Technology, NY,” reducing funding in the overall bill by \$1 million.

4. Flake (R-AZ): Prohibits funding for an earmark to the city of Kannapolis, North Carolina.

5. Flake (R-AZ): Prohibits funding for an earmark for the Harris County Flood Control District, Texas.

6. Flake (R-AZ): Prohibits funding for an earmark for the Los Angeles, CA, from FEMA’s National Predisaster Mitigation Fund.

7. Flake (R-AZ): Prohibits funding for an earmark for the City of Emeryville, CA, from FEMA’s National Predisaster Mitigation Fund.

8. Flake (R-AZ): Prohibits funding for the Town of Shelter Island, NY, from FEMA’s National Predisaster Mitigation fund.

9. Flake (R-AZ): Prohibits funding for the Orange County Fire Authority, CA, from FEMA’s National Predisaster Mitigation fund.

10. Flake (R-AZ): Prohibits funding for all earmarks in the bill under the heading “Federal Emergency Agency—State and Local Programs.”

11. Flake (R-AZ): Prohibits funding from being used for “SEARCH, Sacramento, CA, for interoperable communications, technical assistance and outreach programs,” reducing funding in the overall bill by \$1 million.

PART D, AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE—ONLY 1 IN ORDER

- 1. Campbell (R-CA):** Prohibits funding from being used for “SEARCH, Sacramento, CA, for interoperable communications, technical assistance and outreach programs,” reducing funding in the overall bill by \$1 million.
- 2. Campbell (R-CA):** Prohibits funding for “Global Solar, Arizona, for portable solar charging rechargeable battery systems,” reducing funding in the overall bill by \$800,000.
- 3. Campbell (R-CA):** Prohibits funding for an earmark for the RTI International, North Carolina, Cyber Security Test Bed and Evaluation Center, reducing funding in the overall bill by \$3.5 million.

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