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INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION BILL INCREASES SPENDING BY 17 PERCENT H.R. 2996

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The fiscal year 2010 Interior appropriations bill provides \$32.3 billion in new discretionary budget authority [BA], an increase of 17 percent (\$4.6 billion) compared with 2009 enacted levels, but \$25 million below the President’s request. Outlays total \$34.2 billion.

As reported to the House, the BA in the bill (H.R. 2996) equals its 302(b) suballocation and is therefore consistent with the fiscal year 2010 budget resolution (S. Con. Res. 13). The measure contains no advance appropriations, new emergency spending, or funding for overseas operations in the war against terrorism.

Table 1: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill
(dollars in millions)

	2009 Enacted ^a	2010 Request	302 (b) for 2010 ^b	H.R. 2996
Discretionary Budget Authority	27,636	32,325	32,300	32,300
Outlays	28,518	34,238	34,300	34,193

^a Excludes emergencies. Rebased.

Key elements of the bill include:

- **Department of the Interior [DOI].** The bill funds the DOI at \$10.8 billion in discretionary BA, which is \$600 million, or 6 percent, over the 2009 regular level and \$200 million below the President’s request. This includes \$1.1 billion in funding for the Bureau of Land Management, and \$1.7 billion in BA for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- **Environmental Protection Agency [EPA].** The EPA is provided \$10.5 billion in new discretionary BA, an increase of \$2.8 billion, or 37 percent, over the enacted 2009 level. This is in addition to the \$7.2 billion the EPA received in the 2009 “stimulus” bill (H.R. 1). Funding for EPA programs includes \$5.2 billion in BA for State and Tribal Assistance Grants, of which \$2.3 billion is for Clean Water State Revolving Funds, and \$1.3 billion for the Hazardous Substance Superfund.
- **Independent Agencies.** As reported, the bill provides \$1.5 billion in BA for various independent agencies, an increase of \$137 million, or 10 percent, over the enacted 2009 level. Other funding includes \$170 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities, and \$170 million for the National Endowment for the Arts, an increase of \$15 million above the fiscal year 2009 level, and \$9 million above the President’s

request. Additionally, H.R. 2996 provides \$12 million for the Commission of Fine Arts, \$10 million in BA above the President's request, and the same level as in 2009.

- **Terminations and Reductions.** The Democratic Majority claims the bill saves \$320 million from the 2009 enacted level, of which \$51 million, or 16 percent, is from six terminations, and \$269 million is from reductions. The bill also identifies \$303 million saved from funding programs below the President's request, though there is some overlap with savings relative to 2009.

Table 2: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill
(discretionary budget authority in millions of dollars)

	2009 Enacted ^a	2010 Request	2010 Reported	2010 Rept. minus Reqst.	% Change Reqst./Rept.	% Change 2009/Rept.
Department of Ag. Forest Service	4,759	5,230	5,425	195	4%	14%
HHS, Indian Health Services	3,733	4,190	4,209	19	0%	13%
Bureau of Land Management	1,057	1,119	1,089	-30	-3%	3%
Fish and Wildlife Service	1,441	1,638	1,636	-2	0%	14%
National Park Service	2,526	2,697	2,724	27	1%	8%
Bureau of Indian Affairs	2,376	2,537	2,558	21	1%	8%
Other, Department of Interior	2,770	2,990	2,772	-218	-7%	0%
Environmental Protection Agency	7,645	10,486	10,463	-23	0%	37%
Other	1,329	1,438	1,424	-14	-1%	7%
Total	27,636	32,325	32,300	-25	0%	17%
^a Rebased						

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