

First of all Madam Speaker, I want to be clear: I have always and continue to unequivocally denounce and condemn any and all terrorist acts, whether committed by Hamas or any other terrorist group.

That is why I voted for S. Con. Res. 79 in February which declared that that no U.S. assistance should be provided directly to the Palestinian Authority if any representative political party holding a majority of parliamentary seats within the Palestinian Authority maintains a position calling for the destruction of Israel.

My position on Hamas's responsibilities in light of its having attained a majority of seats in the Palestinian Legislative Council, and thus its assumption of power as the governing party of the Palestinian Authority, has been clear:

Hamas must recognize Israel;

Hamas must renounce violence and terrorism;

Hamas must abide by previous peace agreements, like the Oslo accord, and act in accordance with the Roadmap; and

Hamas must return the Palestinians to the negotiating table with Israel, and reach the mutually agreeable peace agreement that is called for in the Roadmap and the earlier agreements.

This is Hamas's responsibility of governance. I believe the United States should do everything that it can to both insist upon and

to facilitate Hamas taking up this burden of responsibility, and we should not rest until the goal of a negotiated settlement is achieved. Moreover, we should not slow the Middle East peace process by making these targets preconditions for our engagement in the process. As the assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reminded us: I do not need to make peace with my friends.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to understand that engagement and negotiation for peace is a process, not an event, and it necessarily involves the belligerents to a conflict, not those whom we would aspire to put at the negotiating table.

I agree that we should not fund Hamas, but not at the expense of average Palestinians, which is the end result of this legislation. Among other things, this legislation obstructs a return to negotiations by imposing an impossible-to-achieve Presidential certification process. This legislation undermines U.S. national security interests by eliminating the President's authority to waive sanctions in the interests of national security. This legislation restricts U.S. diplomacy with moderate Palestinians by failing to distinguish between those in government and other political leaders and activists who are not affiliated with Hamas and have rejected terror, recognized Israel, and support a two-state solution. These are a few of the important reasons this legislation needs to be rewritten.

Madam Speaker, supporting the fragile Middle East peace process requires us to keep as many channels as possible open and to those who are empowered by their electorate to represent their interests at the negotiating table.

That's why we must reject counterproductive proposals like H.R. 4681 and continue working on all fronts to ensure the goal of a peaceful, two-state solution between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2007

SPEECH OF

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5427), making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Chairman, under general leave for H.R. 5427, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2007, I submit the following table:

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL FY 2007 (H.R. 5427)
(Amounts in thousands)

| | FY 2006 Enacted | FY 2007 Request | Bill | Bill vs. Enacted | Bill vs. Request |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| TITLE I - DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE - CIVIL | | | | | |
| DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY | | | | | |
| Corps of Engineers - Civil | | | | | |
| Investigations..... | 162,360 | 94,000 | 128,000 | -34,360 | +34,000 |
| Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-148)..... | 37,300 | --- | --- | -37,300 | --- |
| Construction..... | 2,348,280 | 1,555,000 | 1,947,171 | -401,109 | +392,171 |
| Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-148)..... | 101,417 | --- | --- | -101,417 | --- |
| Rescission..... | --- | --- | -56,046 | -56,046 | -56,046 |
| Subtotal, Construction..... | 2,449,697 | 1,555,000 | 1,891,125 | -558,572 | +336,125 |
| Flood control, Mississippi River and tributaries, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee..... | 396,000 | 278,000 | 290,607 | -105,393 | +12,607 |
| Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-148)..... | 153,750 | --- | --- | -153,750 | --- |
| Operations and Maintenance..... | 1,969,110 | 2,258,000 | 2,195,471 | +226,361 | -62,529 |
| Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-148)..... | 327,517 | --- | --- | -327,517 | --- |
| Regulatory program..... | 158,400 | 173,000 | 173,000 | +14,600 | --- |
| FUSRAP..... | 138,600 | 130,000 | 130,000 | -8,600 | --- |
| Flood control and coastal emergencies..... | --- | 81,000 | 32,000 | +32,000 | -49,000 |
| Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-148)..... | 2,277,965 | --- | --- | -2,277,965 | --- |
| General expenses..... | 152,460 | 164,000 | 142,100 | -10,360 | -21,900 |
| Emergency appropriations (P.L. 109-148)..... | 1,600 | --- | --- | -1,600 | --- |
| Office of Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)..... | 3,960 | --- | 1,500 | -2,460 | +1,500 |
| Total, title I, Department of Defense - Civil... Appropriations..... | 8,228,719 (5,329,170) | 4,733,000 (4,733,000) | 4,983,803 (4,983,803) | -3,244,916 (-345,367) | +250,803 (+250,803) |
| Emergency appropriations..... | (2,899,549) | --- | --- | (-2,899,549) | --- |
| ===== | | | | | |
| TITLE II - DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR | | | | | |
| Central Utah Project Completion Account | | | | | |
| Central Utah project construction..... | 31,351 | 37,587 | 37,587 | +6,236 | --- |
| Fish, wildlife, and recreation mitigation and conservation..... | 937 | 965 | 965 | +28 | --- |
| Subtotal..... | 32,288 | 38,552 | 38,552 | +6,264 | --- |
| Program oversight and administration..... | 1,719 | 1,603 | 1,603 | -116 | --- |
| Total, Central Utah project completion account.. | 34,007 | 40,155 | 40,155 | +6,148 | --- |
| Bureau of Reclamation | | | | | |
| Water and related resources..... | 874,679 | 833,424 | 849,122 | -25,557 | +15,698 |
| Rescission..... | --- | -88,000 | -88,000 | -88,000 | --- |
| Subtotal, water and related resources..... | 874,679 | 745,424 | 761,122 | -113,557 | +15,698 |
| Central Valley project restoration fund..... | 52,219 | 41,478 | 41,478 | -10,741 | --- |
| California Bay-Delta restoration..... | 36,630 | 38,610 | 40,110 | +3,480 | +1,500 |
| Policy and administration..... | 57,338 | 58,069 | 58,069 | +731 | --- |
| Total, Bureau of Reclamation..... | 1,020,866 | 883,581 | 900,779 | -120,087 | +17,198 |
| ===== | | | | | |
| Total, title II, Department of the Interior..... | 1,054,873 | 923,736 | 940,934 | -113,939 | +17,198 |
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ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL FY 2007 (H.R. 5427)
(Amounts in thousands)

| | FY 2006 Enacted | FY 2007 Request | Bill | Bill vs. Enacted | Bill vs. Request |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| TITLE III - DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY | | | | | |
| Energy supply and conservation..... | 1,812,627 | 1,923,361 | 2,025,527 | +212,900 | +102,166 |
| Clean coal technology: | | | | | |
| Deferral of unobligated balances, FY 2005..... | 257,000 | --- | --- | -257,000 | --- |
| Deferral of unobligated balances, FY 2007..... | -257,000 | 257,000 | 257,000 | +514,000 | --- |
| Rescission, uncommitted balances..... | -20,000 | -203,000 | -257,000 | -237,000 | -54,000 |
| Transfer to Fossil Energy R&D..... | --- | -54,000 | --- | --- | +54,000 |
| Total, Clean coal technology..... | -20,000 | --- | --- | +20,000 | --- |
| Fossil Energy Research and Development..... | 592,014 | 469,686 | 558,204 | -33,810 | +88,518 |
| Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves..... | 21,285 | 18,810 | 18,810 | -2,475 | --- |
| Elk Hills School Lands Fund..... | 83,160 | --- | --- | -83,160 | --- |
| Strategic petroleum reserve..... | 164,340 | 155,430 | 155,430 | -8,910 | --- |
| Northeast home heating oil reserve..... | --- | 4,950 | 4,950 | +4,950 | --- |
| Energy Information Administration..... | 85,314 | 89,769 | 89,769 | +4,455 | --- |
| Non-defense environmental clean up..... | 349,687 | 310,358 | 309,946 | -39,741 | -412 |
| Uranium enrichment decontamination and decommissioning fund..... | 556,606 | 579,368 | 579,368 | +22,762 | --- |
| Science..... | 3,596,393 | 4,101,710 | 4,131,710 | +535,317 | +30,000 |
| Nuclear Waste Disposal..... | 148,500 | 156,420 | 186,420 | +37,920 | +30,000 |
| Departmental administration..... | 250,289 | 278,382 | 278,382 | +28,093 | --- |
| Miscellaneous revenues..... | -121,770 | -123,000 | -123,000 | -1,230 | --- |
| Net appropriation..... | 128,519 | 155,382 | 155,382 | +26,863 | --- |
| Office of the Inspector General..... | 41,580 | 45,507 | 45,507 | +3,927 | --- |
| Atomic Energy Defense Activities | | | | | |
| National Nuclear Security Administration: | | | | | |
| Weapons activities..... | 6,369,603 | 6,407,889 | 6,412,001 | +42,398 | +4,112 |
| Defense nuclear nonproliferation..... | 1,614,839 | 1,726,213 | 1,593,101 | -21,738 | -133,112 |
| Naval reactors..... | 781,605 | 795,133 | 795,133 | +13,528 | --- |
| Office of the Administrator..... | 338,450 | 386,576 | 399,576 | +61,126 | +13,000 |
| Subtotal, National Nuclear Security Administration..... | 9,104,497 | 9,315,811 | 9,199,811 | +95,314 | -116,000 |
| Defense environmental cleanup..... | 6,130,448 | 5,390,312 | 5,551,812 | -578,636 | +161,500 |
| Other defense activities..... | 635,577 | 717,788 | 720,788 | +85,211 | +3,000 |
| Defense nuclear waste disposal..... | 346,500 | 388,080 | 388,080 | +41,580 | --- |
| Total, Atomic Energy Defense Activities..... | 16,217,022 | 15,811,991 | 15,860,491 | -356,531 | +48,500 |
| Power Marketing Administrations | | | | | |
| Operation and maintenance, Southeastern Power Administration..... | 37,930 | 40,115 | 53,726 | +15,796 | +13,611 |
| Offsetting collection..... | -32,386 | -34,392 | -48,003 | -15,617 | -13,611 |
| Subtotal, O&M, Southeastern Power Administration | 5,544 | 5,723 | 5,723 | +179 | --- |
| Operation and maintenance, Southwestern Power Administration..... | 32,834 | 34,539 | 45,139 | +12,305 | +10,600 |
| Offsetting collection..... | -2,970 | --- | -13,600 | -10,630 | -13,600 |
| Offsetting collection (P.L. 106-377)..... | --- | -3,000 | --- | --- | +3,000 |
| Subtotal, O&M, Southwestern Power Administration | 29,864 | 31,539 | 31,539 | +1,675 | --- |
| Construction, rehabilitation, operation and maintenance, Western Area Power Administration..... | 511,982 | 490,770 | 688,511 | +176,529 | +197,741 |
| Offsetting collection..... | -276,210 | --- | -472,593 | -196,383 | -472,593 |
| Offsetting collection (P.L. 98-381)..... | -4,120 | -3,705 | -3,705 | +415 | --- |
| Offsetting collection (P.L. 106-377)..... | --- | -274,852 | --- | --- | +274,852 |
| Subtotal, O&M, Western Area Power Administration | 231,652 | 212,213 | 212,213 | -19,439 | --- |

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(Amounts in thousands)

| | FY 2006 Enacted | FY 2007 Request | Bill | Bill vs. Enacted | Bill vs. Request |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Falcon and Amistad operating and maintenance fund..... | 2,665 | 2,500 | 2,500 | -165 | --- |
| Total, Power Marketing Administrations..... | 269,725 | 251,975 | 251,975 | -17,750 | --- |
| ===== | | | | | |
| Federal Energy Regulatory Commission | | | | | |
| Salaries and expenses..... | 218,196 | 230,800 | 230,800 | +12,604 | --- |
| Revenues applied..... | -218,196 | -230,800 | -230,800 | -12,604 | --- |
| Total, title III, Department of Energy..... | 24,046,772 | 24,074,717 | 24,373,489 | +326,717 | +298,772 |
| Appropriations..... | (24,031,132) | (24,277,717) | (24,630,489) | (+599,357) | (+352,772) |
| Advance appropriations from previous years.. | (35,640) | --- | --- | (-35,640) | --- |
| Rescissions..... | (-20,000) | (-203,000) | (-257,000) | (-237,000) | (-54,000) |
| ===== | | | | | |
| TITLE IV - INDEPENDENT AGENCIES | | | | | |
| Appalachian Regional Commission..... | 64,817 | 65,472 | 35,472 | -29,345 | -30,000 |
| Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board..... | 21,812 | 22,260 | 22,260 | +448 | --- |
| Delta Regional Authority..... | 11,880 | 5,940 | 5,940 | -5,940 | --- |
| Denali Commission..... | 49,500 | 2,536 | 7,536 | -41,964 | +5,000 |
| Nuclear Regulatory Commission: | | | | | |
| Salaries and expenses..... | 727,032 | 768,410 | 808,410 | +81,378 | +40,000 |
| Revenues..... | -611,010 | -620,328 | -656,328 | -45,318 | -36,000 |
| Subtotal..... | 116,022 | 148,082 | 152,082 | +36,060 | +4,000 |
| Office of Inspector General..... | 8,233 | 8,144 | 8,144 | -89 | --- |
| Revenues..... | -7,410 | -7,330 | -7,330 | +80 | --- |
| Subtotal..... | 823 | 814 | 814 | -9 | --- |
| ===== | | | | | |
| Total, Nuclear Regulatory Commission..... | 116,845 | 148,896 | 152,896 | +36,051 | +4,000 |
| Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board..... | 3,572 | 3,670 | 3,670 | +98 | --- |
| Tennessee Valley Authority: Office of Inspector | | | | | |
| General..... | --- | 15,100 | --- | --- | -15,100 |
| Offset..... | --- | -15,100 | --- | --- | +15,100 |
| ===== | | | | | |
| Total, title IV, Independent agencies..... | 268,426 | 248,774 | 227,774 | -40,652 | -21,000 |
| ===== | | | | | |
| Grand total..... | 33,598,790 | 29,980,227 | 30,526,000 | -3,072,790 | +545,773 |
| Appropriations..... | (30,683,601) | (30,271,227) | (30,871,000) | (+187,399) | (+599,773) |
| Emergency appropriations..... | (2,899,549) | --- | --- | (-2,899,549) | --- |
| Rescission..... | (-20,000) | (-291,000) | (-345,000) | (-325,000) | (-54,000) |
| Advance appropriations from previous years.. | (35,640) | --- | --- | (-35,640) | --- |