



# The Money Monitor

*...keeping track of how Washington wants to spend your money*

## **Week of January 26-30, 2004**

Net five-year cost of House authorizations passed by the House *this week*:  
**\$99,000,000.00**

S. 610	NASA Workforce Flexibility Act	\$95.0 million
S. 1920	Bankruptcy Reform Act	\$4.0 million*

TOTAL FIVE-YEAR COST OF THIS WEEK'S AUTHORIZATIONS **\$99.0 million**

*Year-to-date total* of net five-year costs of House-passed authorizations:  
**\$99,000,000.00**

\*NOTE: Although the costs of the Bankruptcy Reform Act were included in last year's Money Monitor (because the House passed identical legislation—H.R. 975—in March 2003), the costs reappear in this year's Money Monitor because The Money Monitor is an annual document, featuring year-to-date totals. The year-to-date totals are reset to zero at the beginning of every year.

Net five-year change in House-passed mandatory spending *this week*:  
**\$23,000,000.00**

H.R. 1385	To extend the provision of title 39, United States Code, under which the United States Postal Service is authorized to issue a special postage stamp to benefit breast cancer research	\$0.0 million**
S. 1920	Bankruptcy Reform Act	\$23.0 million

THIS WEEK'S NET FIVE-YEAR CHANGE IN MANDATORY SPENDING **\$23.0 million**

*Year-to-date net five-year change* in House-passed mandatory spending:  
**\$23,000,000.00**

\*\*NOTE: This bill would yield a net decrease in mandatory spending in the first few years, but over five years would yield a net zero change in mandatory spending.

Net one-year cost of appropriations passed by the House *this week*:

**Fiscal Year 2004: \$0.00**

**Fiscal Year 2005: \$0.00**

*Year-to-date total* of net one-year costs of appropriations passed during the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress:

**Fiscal Year 2004: \$0.00**

**Fiscal Year 2005: \$0.00**

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Net five-year revenue change by House bills passed *this week*:

**-\$317,000,000.00**

S. 1920	Bankruptcy Reform Act	<u>-\$317.0 million</u>
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THIS WEEK'S NET FIVE-YEAR CHANGE IN REVENUE		-\$317.0 million
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*Year-to-date* net five-year revenue change by House-passed bills:

**-\$317,000,000.00**

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An authorization (otherwise known as “discretionary spending”) explicitly allows funding for a certain program and / or directs a federal agency to take a certain action. Authorizations express the House's *intent* to spend, however, actual funding is provided through the annual appropriations process. **Authorizations with no net cost, bills that would result in no significant net change in mandatory spending or federal revenue, and private-sector costs from federal mandates are not reported here.**

Mandatory spending directly establishes an appropriation. No subsequent action is required for the money to be spent.

The figures for revenue changes are from “static” estimates by the Joint Committee on Taxation or the Congressional Budget Office. That is, they do not take into account the stimulative effects that tax cuts and certain other revenue reductions have on the national economy.

All numbers in “The Money Monitor” are positive unless otherwise indicated.

**The costs of conference reports are not recorded here.** “The Money Monitor” only accounts for the costs of bills as they **first** pass the House (with the exception of bills that contain major cost-related changes upon subsequent House passage—yet BEFORE Senate passage). **In short, “The Money Monitor” tracks the House’s original monetary intent.**

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