



## Senate Gives Final Approval to Supplemental Appropriations Bill

*- Provides millions for California levees, C-17 procurement, and transportation-*

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**Washington, DC** – The Senate gave its final approval today for a Supplemental Appropriations Bill that includes \$30.4 million to rebuild and restore California levees, \$227.5 million for advance procurement of C-17s, and hundreds of millions to reimburse the State for emergency work on California’s federal roads and highways, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) announced.

### **Rebuilding and Restoring California Levees**

- \$30.4 million, including:
  - \$7.1 million -- for South Sacramento Streams
  - \$23.3 million -- for Sacramento River Bank Protection

**“This funding is a critical piece of the puzzle to restoring our levees,”** Senator Feinstein said. **“The Army Corps of Engineers has indicated that this money could be spent immediately on critical projects. If we do not act, the risks are clear – to lives, to property, and to drinking water supplies. We’ve got to learn the lessons of Katrina. We’ve got to restore our levees. And this funding is a significant down payment to fulfilling the federal commitment.”**

### **C-17 Advance Procurement**

- \$227.5 million -- for advance procurement to keep line Open Beyond 2008

**“The C-17 has proved itself time and time again – both in military or humanitarian missions,”** Senator Feinstein said. **“This demonstrates that support for the C-17 in Congress is strong, and we will do our part to keep the line open through 2008 and beyond.”**

**“I think the 6,500 Californians who build the C-17 can breathe a sigh of relief. The fight is not over, but this is a step in the right direction.”**

### **Transportation Reimbursement**

- \$309.1 million -- to reimburse the State of California for emergency work on California's federal roads and highways (without affecting Katrina-related relief) including:
  - **\$245 million** -- for storms in Santa Barbara, Orange, San Diego, Los Angeles, Ventura, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Kern Counties (December 2004);
  - **\$9.3 million** -- for Flash Flood in Death Valley National Park and Inyo County (August 15, 2004);
  - **\$3.6 million** -- for San Simeon Earthquake Damage in San Luis Obispo County (December 23, 2003); and
  - **\$51.2 million** -- for storms in Del Norte, Mendocino, Trinity, Humboldt, Contra Costa, Marin, Alameda, Solano, Napa, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz Counties (December 2002).

**“This ensures that California gets reimbursed for emergency transportation funding,”** Senator Feinstein said. **“In a time of tight State budgets, this funding is welcome. It will go to reimburse CalTrans for emergency work performed on federal roads and highways.”**

The bill now goes to the President for his signature.

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