

means \$104.2 billion in resident economic income. It means \$7.9 billion in local government tax revenues. It means \$9.1 billion in State government tax revenues. It means \$12.6 billion in Federal Government tax revenues, and 5.7 million full-time equivalent jobs.

To put that in perspective, over 1 percent of the American workforce is employed in an arts-related industry. That is a greater percentage than the number of Americans who are police officers, accountants, lawyers, firefighters, telemarketers, computer programmers, mail carriers or professional athletes. What community in America could afford to lose those jobs?

A generous estimate of the total Federal investment in the arts is \$1.4 billion, yet we earn about \$12.6 billion. That is a 12-1 return on the Federal investment. No place else, Mr. Chairman, do we see a return like that.

Simply put, in every way, investment in the arts is sound public policy. Cutting funding would ignore everything positive we know about it, and it is the wrong policy.

I want to thank Subcommittee Chairman DICKS and Ranking Member TIAHRT for funding the National Endowment of the Arts at a level that reflects its important role in fostering creativity and making art accessible to Americans.

Mr. Chairman, your leadership and enduring commitment to this issue has been instrumental in keeping arts part of our national priorities. Thank you, and I thank the staff.

Mr. SHAYS. I wonder if the gentlelady would yield?

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Of course I will yield.

Mr. SHAYS. Not to take another 5 minutes, the statistics that you present are what I would want to share. As cochair of the NEA, I want to say how proud I am to be able to vote for a budget that finally is beginning to pay attention to the arts.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. DICKS. I ask unanimous consent that the gentlelady have 1 additional minute.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The gentlewoman can have 1 additional minute or can conclude her time, and the gentleman from Connecticut can be recognized on his own time.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Thank you very much for that. I won't take that much time.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Already?

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Chairman, I just asked unanimous consent for the gentlelady to have 1 additional minute.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. And I stated that the gentlewoman could have 1 additional minute or could complete her time, and the gentleman from Connecticut should have his own time. I asked the gentlewoman from New York what is her preference.

Mr. DICKS. What's the difference? I'm the chairman of the committee. I can ask unanimous consent any time I want.

I ask unanimous consent for 1 additional minute for the gentlelady from New York.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The gentlewoman from New York is recognized.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. I thank everybody, but I certainly want to thank Mike Stevens and Pete Modaff for their work on the decade-long fight to restore funding for the NEA. I encourage my colleagues to support the progress we've made in restoring funding to the NEA.

Mr. DICKS. Will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. SLAUGHTER. I will yield.

Mr. DICKS. I was somewhat mystified by the gentleman's amendment. He was talking about the border. As we understand it, the money for this amendment would go to Forest Service research, which is, as we understand it, \$15.5 million over the old 2007 level, and \$33 million over the President's level in our budget. We don't need any more money for the forest research. We've already very adequately and generously taken care of it.

I appreciate the gentlelady for yielding and for her great leadership over many years. I have always enjoyed being your partner on this important amendment, and now we're close to getting back to where we need to get.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Thank you, Mr. DICKS. Thank you, Mr. SHAYS.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chairman announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Utah will be postponed.

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas) having assumed the chair, (Mr. DAVIS of Alabama) Acting Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2643) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2643, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Mr. DICKS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, during further consideration of H.R. 2643 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 514, notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no further amendment to the bill may be offered except:

Pro forma amendments offered at any point in the reading by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate;

An amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding historic preservation;

An amendment by Mr. PEARCE striking language related to administrative cost sharing for certain activities performed by the Minerals Management Service;

An amendment by Mr. LAMBORN regarding funding for the National Endowment for the Arts;

An amendment by Mr. RAHALL to strike certain provisions relating to national wildfire refuge management of wild horses;

An amendment by Mr. KING of Iowa regarding funding for the U.S. Forest Service;

An amendment by Mr. NUNES regarding funding for the U.S. Forest Service;

An amendment by Mr. LOBIONDO regarding funding for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry;

An amendment by Mr. ELLSWORTH regarding Smithsonian Institution salaries;

An amendment by Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida reducing funding for the National Endowment for the Arts;

An amendment by Mrs. MUSGRAVE reducing funds in the bill by 0.5 percent, which shall be debatable for 40 minutes;

An amendment by Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia striking language expressing the sense of Congress on global climate change;

An amendment by Mr. BARTON of Texas or Mr. SULLIVAN regarding global climate change;

An amendment by Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas regarding Maximum Achievable Air Control Standards;

An amendment by Mr. ANDREWS or Mr. CHABOT regarding the Tongass National Forest;

An amendment by Mr. INSLEE or Mr. LOBIONDO regarding importation of polar bear parts;

An amendment by Mr. SALAZAR or Mr. UDALL of Colorado regarding oil and gas leasing on the Roan Plateau;

An amendment by Mr. UDALL of Colorado regarding oil shale leasing;

An amendment by Mr. UDALL of Colorado regarding RS 2477 road determinations;

An amendment by Mr. CONAWAY regarding use of reductions made

through amendment for deficit reduction;

An amendment by Mr. DEFAZIO or Mr. WALDEN of Oregon regarding Secure Rural Schools county payments;

An amendment by Mr. PEARCE prohibiting funds for the continued operation of the Mexican wolf program;

An amendment by Mr. PEARCE prohibiting funds for the expansion of the Mexican wolf program;

An amendment by Mr. DENT prohibiting funds for implementation or enforcement of certain provisions of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act;

An amendment by Mr. KINGSTON prohibiting funds for contracts to entities that do not participate in a basic pilot program related to illegal immigration;

An amendment by Mr. UPTON regarding use of Energy Star certified light bulbs;

An amendment by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey limiting the use of funds for international conferences;

An amendment by Mr. JORDAN of Ohio reducing funds in the bill by 4.3 percent, which shall be debatable for 40 minutes;

An amendment by Mr. PRICE of Georgia reducing funds in the bill by 1 percent, which shall be debatable for 40 minutes;

An amendment by Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California regarding funding for the San Gabriel watershed study;

An amendment by Mr. BISHOP of Utah limiting the use of funds for non-profits which are a party to a lawsuit against certain Federal agencies;

An amendment by Mr. BISHOP of Utah limiting the use of funds for land condemnation actions;

An amendment by Mr. DOOLITTLE regarding funding for the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act;

An amendment by Mr. STUPAK regarding funding for the EPA Administrator's security detail;

An amendment by Mr. KING of Iowa prohibiting funds for certain EPA computer modeling activities;

An amendment by Mr. CANNON prohibiting funds for certain oil shale leasing activities in Utah and Wyoming;

An amendment by Mr. CANNON limiting the use of funds to implement restrictions on certain oil and gas leasing activities;

An amendment by Mr. HELLER of Nevada prohibiting funds in contravention of a court decision related to the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance;

An amendment by Mr. HELLER of Nevada limiting the use of funds for certain Heritage Areas that do not contain private property provisions;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE prohibiting funds for the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters in Columbus, Ohio;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE prohibiting funds for the W.A. Young and Sons Foundry in Greene County, Pennsylvania;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE prohibiting funds for the Philadelphia Art Museum in Pennsylvania;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE prohibiting funds for the Payne Gallery at Moravian College in Pennsylvania;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE prohibiting funds for certain entities related to the Southwest Pennsylvania Industrial Heritage Route;

An amendment by Mr. HENSARLING limiting funds for the Clover Bend Historic site;

An amendment by Mr. HENSARLING limiting funds for the St. Joseph's College Theater;

An amendment by Mr. HENSARLING limiting funds for the Bremertown Public Library;

An amendment by Mr. HENSARLING limiting funds for the Maverick Concert Hall;

An amendment by Mr. CAMPBELL of California limiting funds for Wetzel County Courthouse;

An amendment by Mr. CAMPBELL of California limiting funds for equipment for anadromous fish research;

An amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding urban forestry;

An amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding Smithsonian Institution outreach;

An amendment by Mr. OBEY regarding earmarks;

An amendment or amendments by Mr. DICKS regarding funding levels; and

An amendment by Mr. FEENEY regarding competitive sourcing.

Each such amendment may be offered only by the Member named in this request or a designee, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations and the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of debate; and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

Except as otherwise specified, each amendment shall be debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. An amendment shall be considered to fit the description stated in this request if it addresses in whole or in part the object described.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 514 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2643.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole

House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2643) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, with Mr. DAVIS of Alabama (Acting Chairman) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, a request for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) had been postponed.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, no further amendment to the bill may be offered except those specified in the previous order of the House of today, which is at the desk.

The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY

For necessary expenses of cooperating with and providing technical and financial assistance to States, territories, possessions, and others, and for forest health management, including treatments of pests, pathogens, and invasive or noxious plants and for restoring and rehabilitating forests damaged by pests or invasive plants, cooperative forestry, and education and land conservation activities and conducting an international program as authorized, \$280,602,000, to remain available until expended, as authorized by law; of which \$8,000,000 is for the International Program; and of which \$56,336,000 is to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM

For necessary expenses of the Forest Service, not otherwise provided for, for management, protection, improvement, and utilization of the National Forest System, \$1,506,502,000, to remain available until expended, which shall include 50 percent of all moneys received during prior fiscal years as fees collected under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended, in accordance with section 4 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 4601-6a(1)); *Provided*, That unobligated balances under this heading available at the start of fiscal year 2008 shall be displayed by budget line item in the fiscal year 2009 budget justification.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Forest Service, not otherwise provided for, \$480,197,000, to remain available until expended, for construction, capital improvement, maintenance and acquisition of buildings and other facilities, and infrastructure; and for construction, capital improvement, decommissioning, and maintenance of forest roads and trails by the Forest Service as authorized by 16 U.S.C. 532-538 and 23 U.S.C. 101 and 205; and in addition \$40,000,000 to be transferred from the timber roads purchaser election fund and merged with this account, to remain available until expended; *Provided*, That \$65,000,000 shall be designated for urgently needed road decommissioning, road and trail repair and maintenance and associated activities, and removal of fish passage barriers, especially in areas where Forest Service roads may be contributing to water quality problems in streams and water bodies which support threatened, endangered or sensitive species or community water sources and for urgently needed road repairs required due to recent storm events; *Provided further*, That up to \$65,000,000 of the funds