

NCAI Update - July 2, 2001
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Senate FY2002 Interior Appropriations Summary – As we reported in Broadcast Fax #366, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its FY2002 Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations bill (H.R. 2217, S. Rept. 107-36) on June 28.

Under the Senate bill, \$2.227 billion is proposed for the BIA, a net increase of \$91 million over the FY2001 enacted level, \$23.8 million over the President's request, and \$19.9 million over the House-passed bill. The IHS would receive \$2.751 billion, which is a \$122.7 million increase over the FY2001 enacted level and \$24.3 million more than the President's request, but \$8.3 million less than the House-passed bill. Most of the increases in the Senate bill would be allocated to specific earmarks. Additional details regarding the proposed funding levels for BIA and IHS programs are contained in the chart on the following page.

The Senate bill does not include House-passed legislative language that would limit the execution of new and expanded IHS contracts and compacts once the appropriation has been committed (\$268.2 million, a \$20 million increase over the FY2001 enacted level). The House bill provision also would prohibit any increase in direct contract support funding for existing compacts.

As in the House-passed version, the Senate bill would continue several current legislative riders, including those that would:

- Allow the hiring of administrative law judges to address the Indian probate backlog (Section 114);
- Permit the redistribution of TPA and tribal base funds (Section 115);
- Allocate BIA post-secondary school funds consistent with unmet needs (Section 116);
- Limit the use of the Huron Cemetery (Section 117); and
- Limit payments for contract support costs in past years to the funds available in law (Section 311).

Finally, Section 126 of the bill contains a legislative rider proposed by Senator Reid (D-NV) and adopted as part of the Manager's amendment which would repeal section 819 of the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-568). Section 819 of P.L. 106-568 required the Secretary of the Interior to accept a certain parcel of land into trust for the Lytton Rancheria of California. The report language accompanying the Senate version of the Interior Appropriations bill states that:

Section 819's sole purpose was to allow the Lytton Tribe to circumvent the regulatory approval procedures required by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) before newly acquired Indian lands could be used for gaming purposes.

A comparison chart of proposed House, Senate, and Administration funding levels is attached. **For more information, please contact NCAI at (202) 466-7767.**

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FY2002 Interior Appropriations Act: BIA and IHS Funding Levels (as of June 28, 2001)

(\$ in thousands)	FY2001 Enacted	FY2002 Budget Request	FY2002 House Mark	FY2002 Senate Mark
BIA Operation of Indian Programs Tribal Priority Allocations	733,025	750,480	753,830	754,480

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Other Recurring Programs	566,855	579,428	584,748	587,053
Non-Recurring Programs	71,193	67,772	68,876	73,723
Central Office Operations	57,736	58,105	58,105	58,106
Regional Office Operations	55,312	62,679	62,679	62,679
Special Programs and Pooled Overhead	254,454	262,022	262,543	268,281
Total - Operation of Indian Programs	1,738,575	1,780,486	1,790,781	1,804,322
BIA Construction				
Education	292,341	292,503	292,503	295,503
Public Safety and Justice	5,529	5,541	5,541	5,541
Resources Management	50,534	50,645	50,645	50,645
Construction Management	6,048	6,264	6,264	6,264
General Administration	2,166	2,179	2,179	2,179
Total - BIA Construction	356,618	357,132	357,132	360,132
Indian Land and Water Claims Settlements/Miscellaneous Payments to Indians	37,443	60,949	60,949	60,949
Indian Guaranteed Loan Program	4,977	4,986	4,986	4,986
Office of Special Trustee for American Indians	118,965	110,204	110,204	110,204
Indian Health Services				
Hospitals and Health Clinics	1,084,173	1,137,711	1,154,711	1,137,711
Dental Health	91,018	95,305	95,305	95,305
Mental Health	45,018	47,142	47,142	47,142
Alcohol and Substance Abuse	130,254	135,005	135,005	135,005
Contract Health Services	445,773	445,776	460,776	445,776
Public Health Nursing	36,114	37,781	37,781	37,781
Health Education	10,063	10,628	10,628	10,628
Community Health Representatives	48,061	49,789	49,789	40,789
Immunization (Alaska)	1,471	1,526	1,526	1,526
Urban Health	29,843	29,947	30,947	30,947
Indian Health Professions	30,486	30,565	30,565	31,165
Tribal Management	2,406	2,406	2,406	2,406
Direct Operations	52,946	65,323	55,323	65,323
Self-Governance	9,803	9,876	9,876	9,876
Contract Support Costs	248,234	288,234	268,234	288,234
Total - Indian Health Services	2,265,663	2,387,014	2,390,014	2,388,614
Indian Health Facilities				
Maintenance and Improvement	46,331	45,331	46,331	46,331
Sanitation Facilities	93,617	93,827	93,827	93,827
Construction Facilities	85,525	37,568	86,568	80,827
Facilities & Environmental Health	121,336	126,775	126,775	126,775
Support	16,294	16,294	16,294	16,294
Equipment	363,103	319,795	369,795	362,854
Total - Indian Health Facilities				