

Indian Country Budget Update

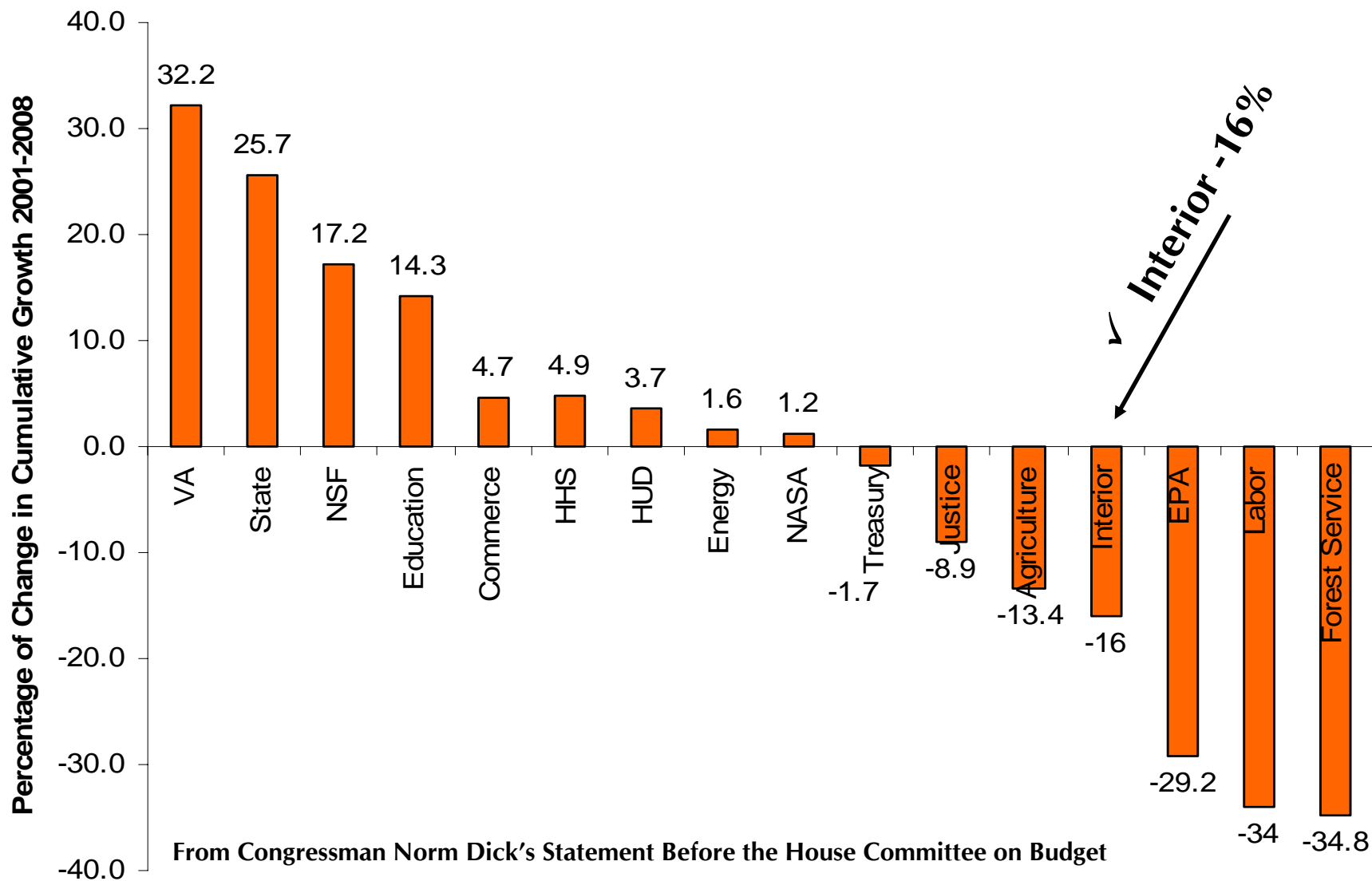
Indian Affairs National Budget Meeting

Presented by Jacqueline Johnson

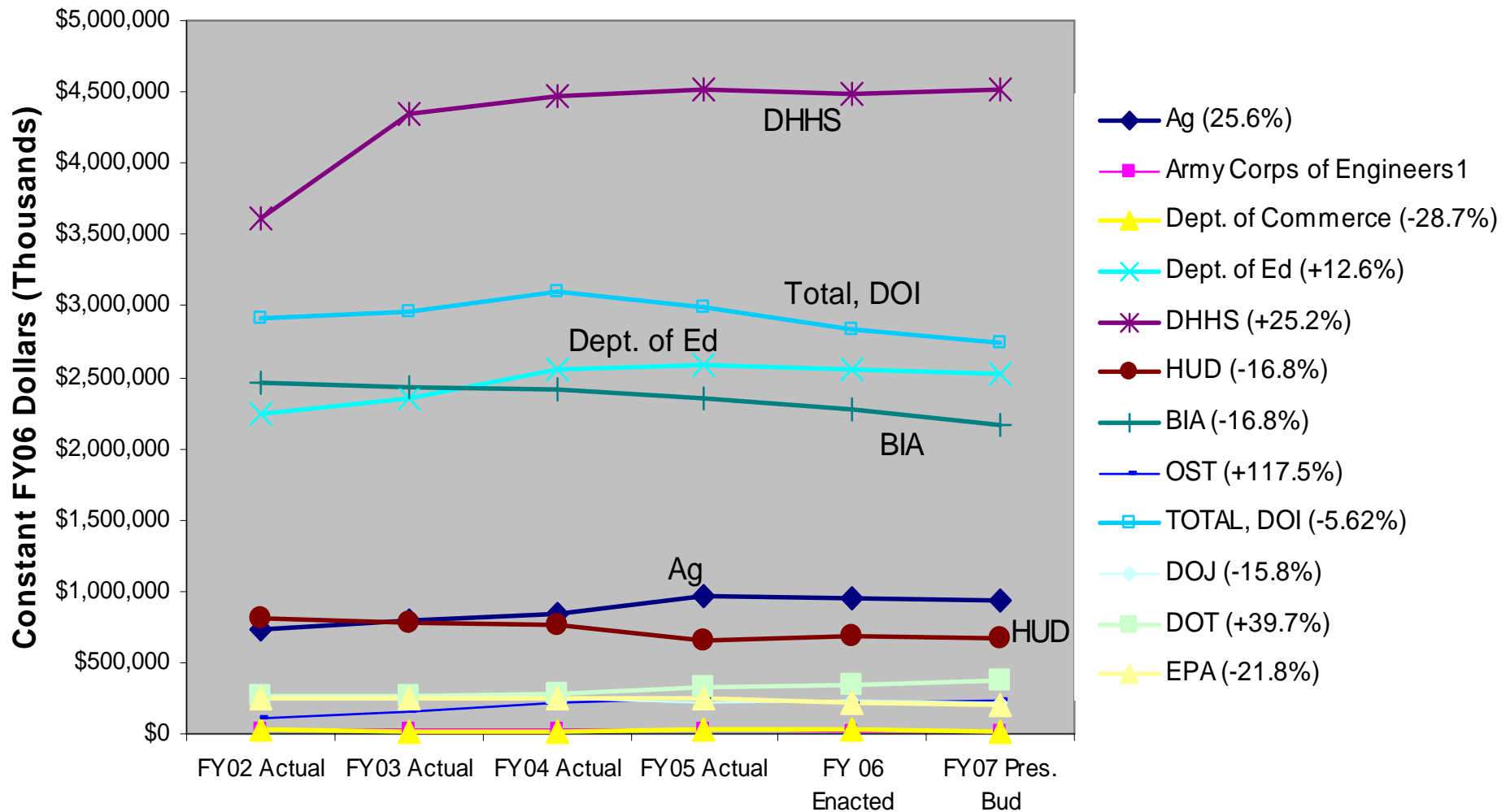
March 20, 2007

Arlington, VA

Percent Growth in Domestic Discretionary Budget Authority 2001-2008 Request

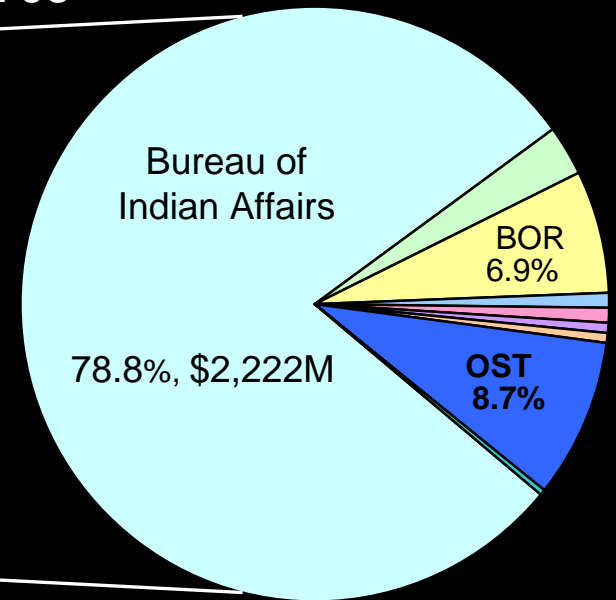
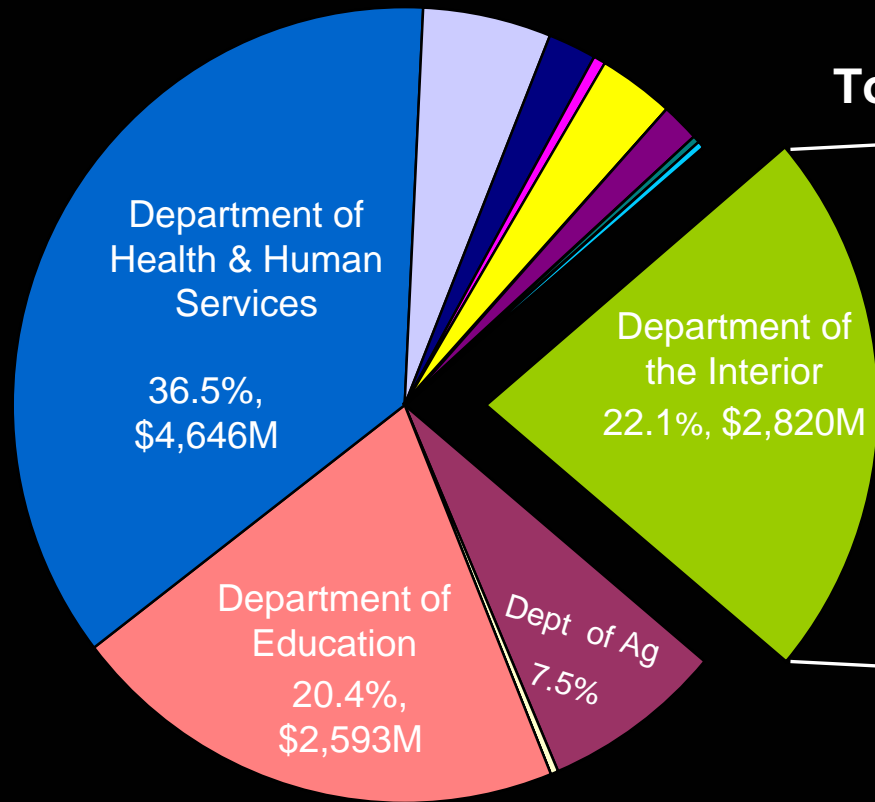


Government Wide Funding Trends

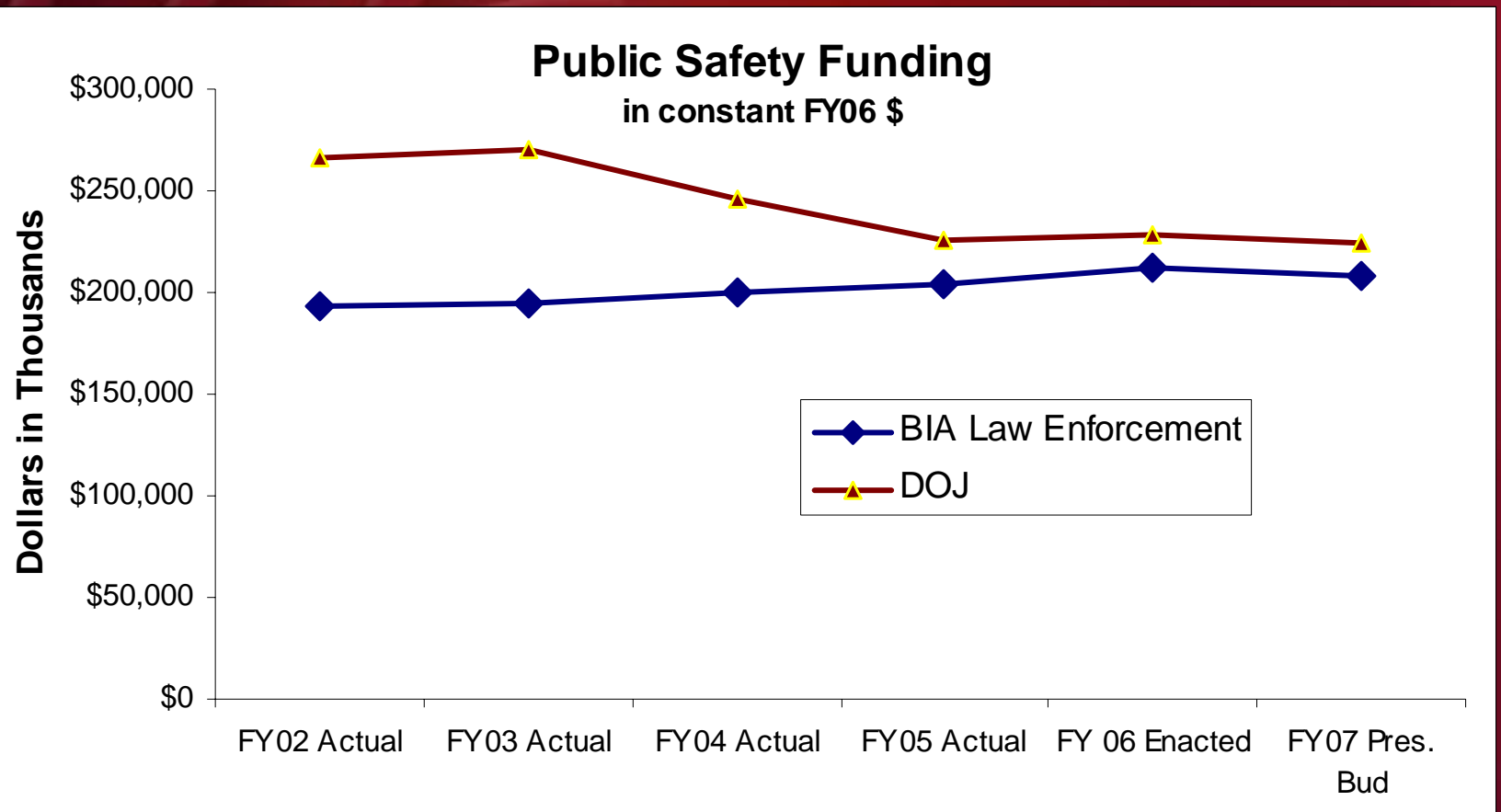


FY 2007

Total: \$12,733,703



Priority Area: Public Safety



DOI and DOJ

Public Safety Funding

- ❖ **Secretarial Initiative to benefit Indian Country**
 - **Safe Indian Communities: \$16 million increase to address meth crisis**
 - \$5.0 million to aggressively confront staffing shortages in Indian country to hire approximately 50 new officers
 - \$5.0 million to address staffing needs in newly constructed and existing detention facilities
 - \$6.0 million is requested to provide specialized drug enforcement training and for public awareness campaigns

DOJ Funding History

State and Local Law Enforcement

– Indian Assistance Grants

- Tribal Courts Assistance Program ~\$8 M from FY02-FY07
- Tribal Prison Construction: funding has fluctuated. In FY02, \$35 M was enacted, however funds fluctuate between \$2 M and \$9 M
- Alcohol and Substance Abuse ~\$10 M

– COPS Grants

- Funding shifts between \$15 M and \$40 M

– Tribal Youth

- Funding has stayed around \$10 M

Proposed Consolidation at DOJ

- ✿ **The Administration proposed to eliminate tribal specific funding and to consolidate 70 Office of Justice Programs into 4 new discretionary grant programs for state, local and tribal governments.**
- ✿ **VAWA: Tribal Block Grant Awaits Funding**
 - Tribes receive between 10 % and 15% of VAWA grants at DOJ through a tribal block grant. The National VAWA Campaign is working for full funding of the authorized amounts.

Education

Interior: \$15 Million Initiative

- \$5.3 million to fund education program enhancements;
- \$4.3 million for school transportation;
- \$3.6 million for educational specialists in the Bureau of Indian Education, which is the new name for the old Office of Indian Education; and
- \$1.9 million to maintain a Native American Student Information System.

Indian Education at DOI and Dept of Education

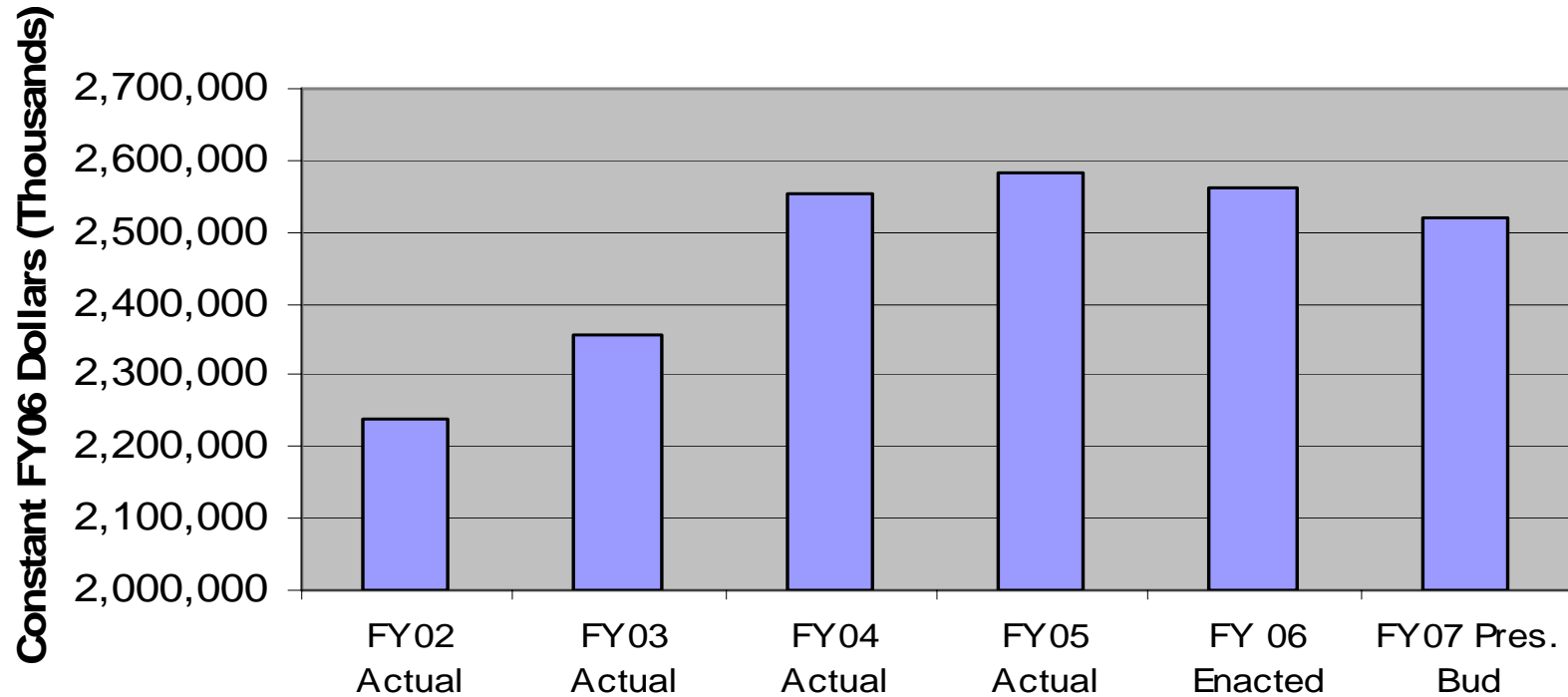
Interior Decreases to Indian Education

- Eliminates JOM entirely in all categories: TPA, Self-Governance, CTSP - \$24 million eliminated
- Scholarship: \$5 million reduction

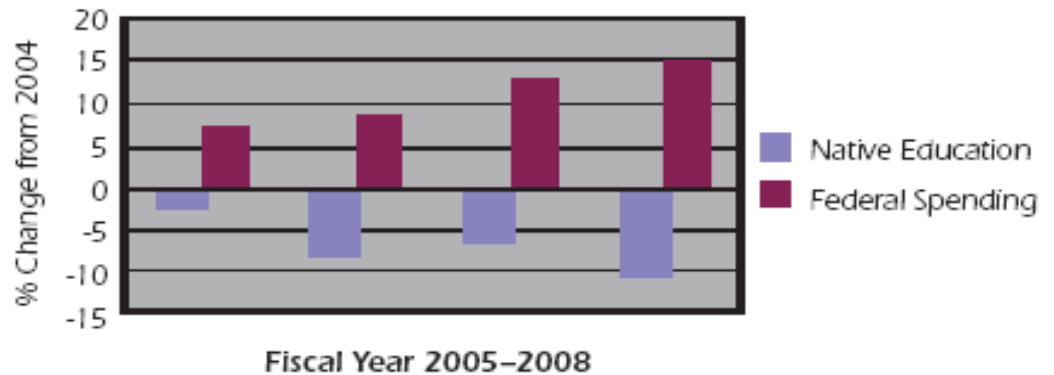
Department of Education Changes

- **Eliminations**
 - Alaska Native Education Equity: -\$33.9 million
 - Education for Native Hawaiians: -\$33.9 million
 - Strengthening AK Native and Native HI Institutions: -\$11.8 million
 - Even Start Eliminated: -\$111.6 million

Department of Education

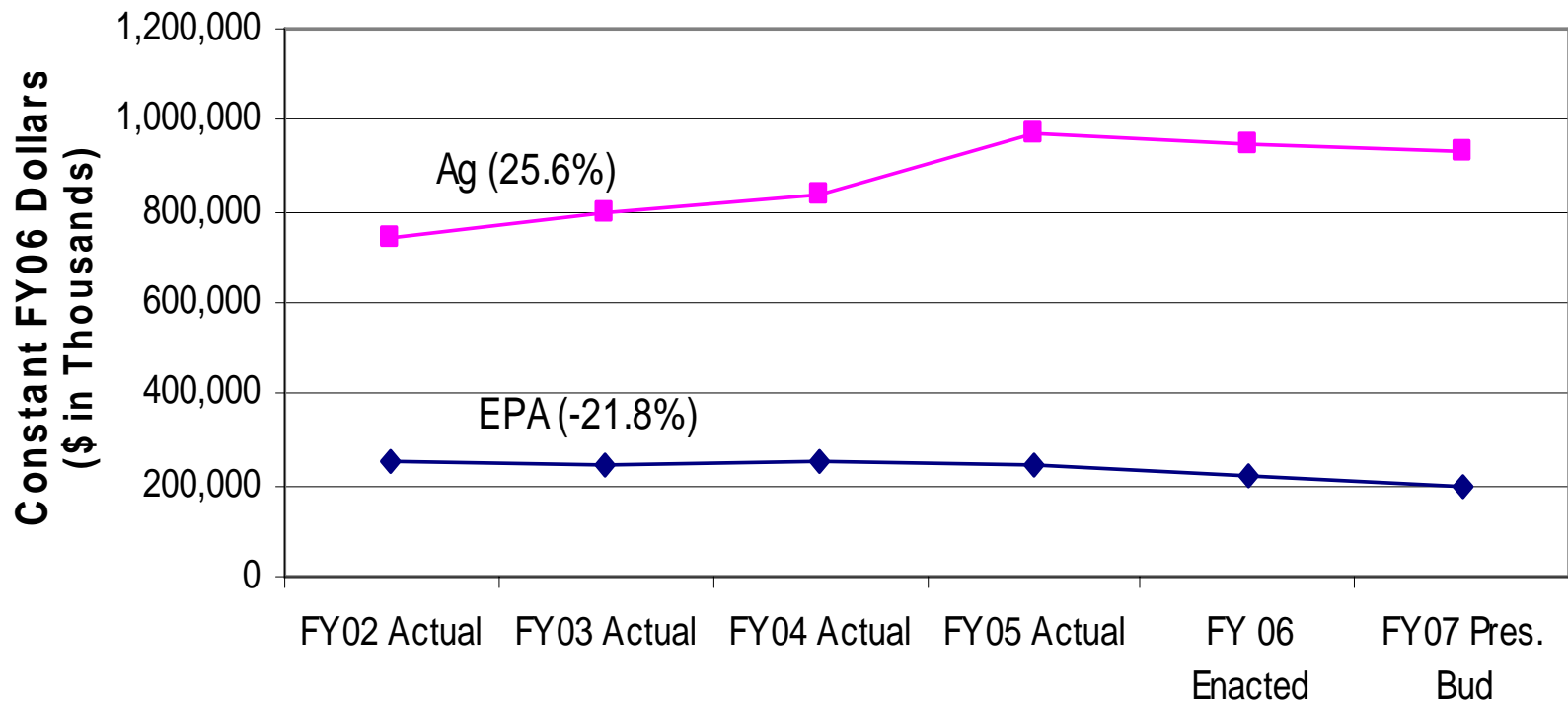


Native Education Budget vs. Federal Discretionary Spending Trend



Natural Resources

EPA and Department of Agriculture

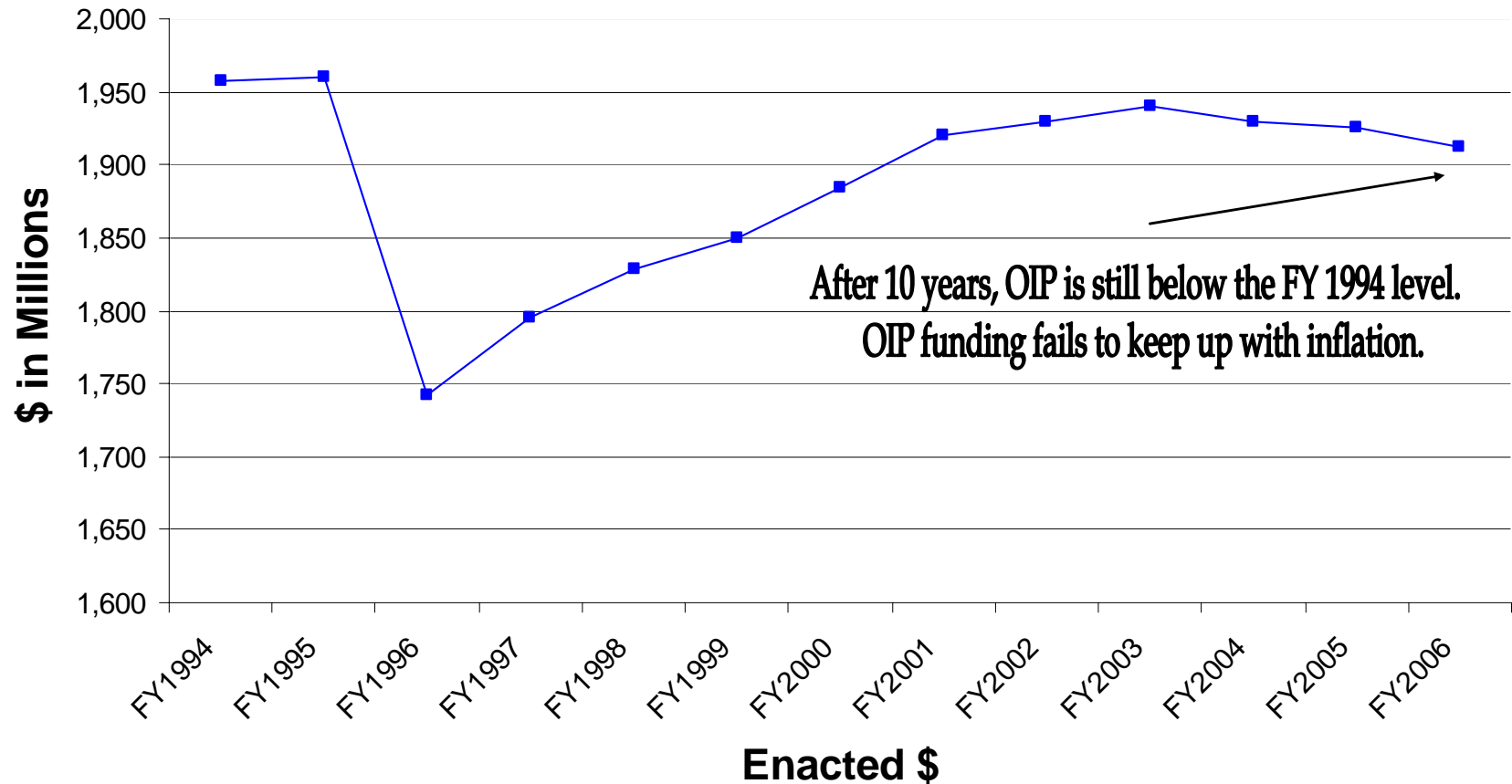


EPA

- ❖ **Tribal General Assistance Program**
 - Funding has been flat
- ❖ **Infrastructure in Rural Alaska**
- ❖ **Clean Water State Revolving Fund**
- ❖ **Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**

Operation of Indian Program Funds

Constant FY 05 Dollars



FY 2008 Timeline

- **President's Budget: Released Monday, Feb. 5th**
- **Congress holds hearings on President's budget request**
- ***February*: SCIA held hearing Feb. 15 on Pres. Budget**
- **SCIA develops Views and Estimates letter to submit to the Budget Committee**
- ***Early March*: House and Senate will develop their own "budget blueprint" called a budget resolution**
 - This will set targets for overall discretionary funding and cuts in entitlements**
- ***April*: Budget Resolution completed**
- ***Spring/Summer/Fall*: Appropriations process**

Tribal Response

NCAI Budget Taskforce

- **National Tribal Organizations**
- **Regional Tribal Organizations**
- **Issue Specific Organizations**
- **Tribal Leaders**

Key Meeting Dates

- **President's Budget, Consultations, Appropriations Season, State of Indian Nations Address**

Strategic Message on Budget

- ❖ **Message of tribal needs and under-funding hasn't worked.**
- ❖ **Message of inequality and discrimination, although accurate, was ineffective.**
- ❖ **Tribes needed an updated and strategic message to resonate politically in debate.**

Strategy, Continued

Lobbying

- o Meetings with Key Members on Budget and Appropriators
- o Capitalize on Tribal Constituencies
 - e.g., Chairman of the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee is Norm Dicks (D-WA, 6th): Congressman for Jamestown S'Klallam, Quinault, Lower Elwha, Makah, Hoh, Quileute Tribes

Comprehensive Budget Request

National Tribal Budget Request: parallel to the President's budget request

- o Consistent, unified message on tribal budget priorities
- o Distributed in conjunction with NCAI's annual *State of Indian Nations* address
- o Underscored tribes as governments and the success of tribal self-determination

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 **Referenced documents, appropriations analysis, and further information is available at www.ncai.org.**