

**House Approves Omnibus Spending Bill With \$3.5 Billion For AIP** □February 25, 2009 □The House on Wednesday has just approved an omnibus appropriations bill that would provide funding for DOT, FAA and other federal departments and agencies through fiscal year 2009. The measure proposes a total of \$3.515 billion in AIP funding and addresses numerous other airport priorities.

Passage of the omnibus is necessary since the previous Congress managed to complete action on only three annual spending bills, leaving the remainder of the federal government operating under the terms of a continuing resolution that provides temporary funding through March 6, 2009.

The AIP funding included in the omnibus comes in addition to the \$1.1 billion for AIP grants included in the recently passed stimulus package.

Congress must extend taxes and programs beyond their March 31 expiration date in order for the FY 2009 AIP funding to flow to airports.

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