



ALG Fact Sheet: 'Stimulus' Bill Brims with Special Interest Pork

ALG News has compiled a list of all the questionable spending in the stimulus bill, using data obtained from Senator Tom Coburn's office.

Senator Coburn (R-OK) has gone so far as to label the Democratic stimulus package the "Generational Theft Act" on the grounds that it is nothing more than "spending money we don't have on things we do not need"—which includes myriads of "special interests projects that will not stimulate the economy or put Americans back to work."

Questionable Spending:

- \$2 billion earmark to re-start FutureGen, a near-zero emissions coal power plant (singular, unlike the bill states) in Illinois that the Department of Energy defunded last year because the project was inefficient
- A \$246 million tax break for Hollywood movie producers to buy motion picture film
- \$650 million for the digital television (DTV) converter box coupon program
- \$88 million for the Coast Guard to design a new polar icebreaker (arctic ship)
- \$448 million for constructing the Department of Homeland Security headquarters
- \$248 million for furniture at the new Department of Homeland Security headquarters
- \$600 million to buy hybrid vehicles for federal employees
- \$400 million for the CDC to screen and prevent STDs
- \$1.4 billion for a rural waste disposal program
- \$125 million for the Washington, D.C. sewer system
- \$150 million for the Smithsonian museum facilities
- \$1 billion for the 2010 Census, which has a projected cost overrun of \$3 billion

- \$75 million for “smoking cessation activities”
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- \$25 million for tribal alcohol and substance abuse reduction
- \$500 million for flood reduction projects on the Mississippi River
- \$650 million for wildland fire management on Forest Service lands
- \$150 million for Smithsonian museum facilities
- \$1.2 billion for “youth activities,” including youth summer job programs
- \$88 million for renovating the headquarters of the Public Health Service
- \$412 million for CDC buildings and property
- \$500 million for building and repairing NIH facilities in Bethesda, MD
- \$160 million for “paid volunteers” at the Corporation for National and Community Service
- \$5.5 million for “energy efficiency initiatives” at the VA “National Cemetery Administration”
- \$850 million for Amtrak
- \$100 million for reducing the hazard of lead-based paint
- \$75 million to construct a new “security training” facility for state department Security officers when they can be trained at existing facilities of other agencies
- \$110 million to the Farm Service Agency to upgrade computer systems
- \$200 million in funding for the lease of alternative energy vehicles for use on military installations
- IDEA, Part B State Grants: Formula grants to assist the States in meeting the excess cost of providing special education and related services to children with disabilities
- IDEA Infants and Families: Formula grants to the States to assist them in making early intervention services available to children with disabilities aged birth through 2 and their families
- State Medicaid Bailout: \$87.7 billion Through 3 different mechanisms, this bill would provide additional federal funds to state Medicaid programs over the next 3 years. This is double what the governors asked President Obama for in December, and should be a loan to be repaid by the states.