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**House, Senate Pass FY 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations; Most Grant Programs Level-Funded**

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The Senate completed action on its version of the FY 2010 homeland security appropriations bill July 9 on an 84-6 vote. The bill would provide \$42.9 billion in discretionary spending – seven percent more than is available this year, but about \$150 million less than requested. The House version, which passed June 17 on a 389-37 vote, would provide about \$42.6 billion. The conference to resolve the differences between the two bills is expected in September.

Funding levels for key programs are pretty much the same in the House and Senate versions of the bill, although the Senate bill provides higher funding in a few areas. The biggest difference is in the area of transportation security grants: Rail and transit security would receive \$356 million in the Senate bill, \$106 more than in the House version; port security would receive \$250 million, \$100 million more than in the House version. Both of these amounts, however, are less than the \$400 million currently available for these programs. The table below shows funding for key programs and functions in thousands of dollars

<b>Program or Function</b>	<b>FY 2009 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2010 Proposed by the President</b>	<b>FY 2010 Approved by the House</b>	<b>FY 2010 Approved by the Senate</b>
State Homeland Security Grant Program	890,000	890,000	890,000	890,000
Operation Stonegarden	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Urban Area Security Initiative	837,000	887,000	887,000	887,000
Port Security Grants	400,000	250,000	250,000	350,000
Rail and Transit Security	400,000	250,000	250,000	356,000
Citizen Corps	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grants	35,000	35,000	0	35,000
Metropolitan Medical Response System	41,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Real ID Grants	---	50,000	50,000	50,000
Interoperable Communications	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Emergency Operations Centers	35,000	0	40,000	20,000
Fire Grant Program	565,000	170,000	390,000	380,000
SAFER Act Grants	210,000	420,000	420,000	420,000
Emergency Management Performance Grants	315,000	315,000	330,000	350,000
National Pre-disaster Mitigation Fund	90,000	150,000	100,000	120,000
Emergency Food and Shelter	200,000	100,000	200,000	175,000
U.S. Customs and Border Protection	9,820,741	10,049,424	10,001,301	10,169,990
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement	4,989,210	5,458,000	5,428,311	5,455,100
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services	101,740	364,000	248,000	135,700
US-VISIT	300,000	356,194	351,800	378,194
Transportation Security Administration	7,977,358	7,773,956	7,689,146	7,690,134