



U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROVES CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR 2010

The U.S. House of Representatives approved the conference report to H.R. 3288 , the “Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2010” on December 10, 2009. H.R. 3288 appropriates \$737,654,000 for Guam in military construction funding for fiscal year 2010. This is the full amount authorized by the Congress in Public Law 111-84, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. With \$738 million in military construction funding, the military buildup in Guam is now moving from the planning to the implementation phase.

The legislation also contains funding for several priority projects for Guam in fiscal year 2010 such as:

- \$49 million in Defense Access Roads funding which will be transferred to the Federal Highway Administration to help reduce congestion on several roads and intersections in Guam;
- \$259 million for the first phase of construction of a new Naval Hospital in Agana Heights;
- \$30 million for the construction of a new Guam national Guard Readiness Center which will enable the Guam National Guard to continue to grow and modernize; and,
- significant funding for other priorities in Guam, including the University of Guam, at-risk youth programs and sanctuary, assistance to enhance security at the Guam International Airport and assistance for Guam water utilities

The bill also includes appropriations for the Subcommittees on Commerce, Justice, Science, Financial Services, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Military Construction and Veterans’ Affairs, State and Foreign Operations, Transportation and Housing and Urban Government. Appropriations bills for agriculture, energy and water, homeland security, interior & environment and legislative branch were passed as separate bills.