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THE DEMOCRATS' SPENDING SPREE

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Since he took office in January of 2009, President Obama has signed into law a massive spending spree that not only failed to deliver on its promise to create jobs, but also plunged us deeper into debt.

The onslaught of new spending was primarily focused on special-interest spending for domestic government agencies. As Democrats dramatically increased the size and scope of the Federal government, families and small businesses continued to work harder to make ends meet.

Table 1 details both defense and non-defense discretionary spending, excluding emergencies. The table breaks spending into base budget increases and stimulus spending on top. Democrats' appropriation bills increased non-defense discretionary spending by nearly 25 percent – an 84 percent increase when you include the stimulus.

Table 2 details the massive increase in both the base budgets for major government agencies, as well as the added funding provided to each in the failed stimulus. Among the many egregious examples: The Environmental Protection Agency's budget increased by 36 percent in just two years. When the \$7 billion the agency received in stimulus funding is included, the EPA enjoyed a two-year increase of 131 percent.

Table 1: Non-Defense Discretionary Spending Increased by 84%

(budget authority in billions of dollars)

Base Spending	Scored 2008	Scored 2009^a	Scored 2010
Defense (Function 050)	499	533	554
Non-Defense	434	478	537
Totals	933	1,013	1,091
Non-Defense % Annual Increase		10%	12%
Non-Defense % Increase 2008-10			24%
Discretionary 'Stimulus' Spending ^b			259
Non-Defense % Increase with 'Stimulus' 2008-2010			84%

Source: Congressional Budget Office Score of Enacted Appropriations

^a President Obama signed Public Law 111-8, providing appropriations for all agencies and programs other than those for the Department of Defense, Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs, and Military Construction, which had been provided in Public Law 110-329, signed by President Bush.

^b Reflects only the fiscal year 2009 discretionary spending portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The total estimated cost of the act is \$862 billion.

Table 2: Discretionary Spending By Government Agency

Agency	Scored Non Emergency BA (in millions of dollars)				Total Base Budget	Total with Stimulus
	2008	2009	Stimulus	2010	08-10	08-10
Agriculture.....	20,853	23,149	12,480	26,080	25.1%	84.9%
Commerce.....	6,827	9,252	7,936	13,852	102.9%	219.1%
Corps of Engineers.....	5,600	5,403	4,600	5,445	-2.8%	79.4%
Defense.....	479,203	511,070	7,435	530,690	10.7%	12.3%
Education.....	57,412	57,745	97,407	63,715	11.0%	180.6%
Energy.....	24,149	26,459	38,735	26,634	10.3%	170.7%
EPA.....	7,590	7,645	7,220	10,298	35.7%	130.8%
Health and Human Services.....	72,976	77,393	22,397	83,656	14.6%	45.3%
Homeland Security.....	34,851	41,746	2,755	40,963	17.5%	25.4%
Housing Urban Dev.....	37,671	41,291	13,625	46,049	22.2%	58.4%
Interior.....	11,150	11,195	3,005	12,069	8.2%	35.2%
International Assistance.....	21,323	15,647	38	21,885	2.6%	2.8%
Judicial Branch.....	5,812	6,070	0	6,428	10.6%	10.6%
Justice.....	21,102	23,351	4,002	23,924	13.4%	32.3%
Labor.....	11,508	12,328	4,806	13,532	17.6%	59.4%
Legislative Branch.....	4,035	4,466	25	4,735	17.3%	18.0%
NASA.....	17,118	17,782	1,002	18,723	9.4%	15.2%
NSF.....	6,032	6,490	3,002	6,927	14.8%	64.6%
Independent Agencies & Allowances...	5,884	10,378	6,984	11,766	100.0%	218.7%
Social Security.....	8,168	8,530	1,002	9,284	13.7%	25.9%
State Department.....	11,357	20,562	564	26,371	132.2%	137.2%
Transportation.....	10,733	13,390	48,120	21,382	99.2%	547.6%
Treasury.....	11,997	12,690	187	13,463	12.2%	13.8%
Veterans.....	39,416	47,606	1,401	53,040	34.6%	38.1%
Total.....	932,767	1,011,638	288,728	1,090,911	17.0%	47.9%

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