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DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2009

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Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3182]

The Committee on Appropriations reports the bill (S. 3182) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the bill do pass.

Total obligational authority, fiscal year 2009

Total of bill as reported to the Senate	\$60,100,709,000
Amount of 2008 appropriations	53,734,969,000
Amount of 2009 budget estimate	55,929,033,000
Bill as recommended to Senate compared to—	
2008 appropriations	+ 6,365,740,000
2009 budget estimate	+ 4,171,676,000

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PREVENTION AND PROSECUTION PROGRAMS—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Program	Committee recommendation
Research on Violence Against Indian Women	940
Closed Circuit Television Grants	940
Engaging Men and Youth in Prevention	2,500
Training Programs to Assist Probation and Parole Officers	5,000
National Resource Center on Workplace Responses	940
Total	415,000

Native American/Native Alaskan Liaison Office.—The Committee understands that Native American and Native Alaskan women experience a higher rate of violence compared to any other group in the United States. Alaska's forcible rape rate is 2.5 times larger than the national average. Alaska holds the highest rate in the United States of men murdering women. In fiscal year 2005, over 6,000 incidents of domestic violence were recorded. In response, in fiscal year 2005, a liaison office was created to address abuse and violence towards women in Alaska. The Committee includes \$2,800,000 for the Native American/Native Alaskan Liaison Office for their work in Alaska. The Committee has provided \$2,800,000 to the State of Alaska for the purposes of combating sexual assault and domestic violence. These funds may also be distributed to nonprofit entities that provide services such as: a crisis hotline, services to victims of sexual assault or domestic violence in rural areas, and medical assistance to victims.

Within the funds appropriated, \$183,800,000 is for general formula grants to the States. The fiscal year 2009 recommendation will allow jurisdictions to implement mandatory pro-arrest and prosecution policies to prevent, identify, and respond to violent crimes against women, support coordination of State victim services, assist Native victims in Indian Country, and provide secure settings and specialized procedures for visitation and exchange of children in families experiencing domestic violence. The recommendation supports increasing access to comprehensive legal services for victims, providing short term housing assistance and support services for domestic violence victims and education and training to end violence against and abuse of women with disabilities.

Sexual Assault Services Act [SASA].—The Committee recommendation provides \$9,400,000 to begin a Federal program that directly funds the needs of sexual assault victims. As part of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005, Congress created the Sexual Assault Services Program [SASP] to address gaps in services to sexual assault victims and their families. While Congress has worked to ensure that crime controls are in place to address sexual offenders, Congress also wants to ensure that there is a dedicated stream of funding to provide a broad range of services to male, female and child sexual assault victims and their families through the well-established and well-regarded system of community-based rape crisis centers throughout the United States. These agencies' ability to serve the needs of victims has been hampered by a significant lack of resources. The Sexual Assault Services Program ad-

EARMARKS—Continued

Account	Project	Funding	Member
DOJ—Tech	Vermont Supreme Court, Court Administrator's Office, Montpelier, VT, for a judiciary case management and electronic filing system.	250,000	Leahy
DOJ—Tech	Vernon Police Department, Vernon, CT, for police in-car video recording systems	60,000	Lieberman
DOJ—Tech	Virginia State Police, Wytheville, VA, to support the Virginia State Police Southwest Virginia Drug Task Forces in their efforts to stop methamphetamine and drug-related crimes.	250,000	Warner, Webb
DOJ—Tech	Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Washoe, NV, to equip a DNA analysis lab and process DNA samples	800,000	Reid, Ensign
DOJ—Tech	Wells County Sheriff's Office, Bluffton Police Department, Bluffton 9-1-1 Dispatch Center, Ossian Police Department, Wells County, IN, to enhance interoperability between Wells County, the City of Bluffton and the Town of Ossian police and sheriff departments.	100,000	Lugar
DOJ—Tech	West Virginia Sheriffs' Association, Charleston, WV, to purchase visualization technology	3,400,000	Byrd
DOJ—Tech	Will County, Will County, IL, for integrated criminal justice information systems	300,000	Durbin
DOJ—VAWA	State of Alaska, Juneau, AK, for sexual assault/domestic violence education, victim assistance, and prosecution	2,500,000	Stevens
NASA	A partnership of Coppin State University, Towson University, and University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute, MD, to increase the number and quality of science, technology, engineering and mathematics teachers in the region's public schools.	1,000,000	Mikulski, Cardin
NASA	Alabama A & M University Research Institute, Madison, AL, for high temperature materials research	500,000	Shelby
NASA	Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, to develop a focused research and development initiative on large area flexible solar cell modules.	500,000	Schumer
NASA	Burlington Technical Center, Burlington, VT, to upgrade and improve the post-secondary aviation program	1,000,000	Leahy
NASA	Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT, for recruitment and retention for an aerospace engineering academic program.	350,000	Dodd, Lieberman
NASA	Charles County Public Schools, Charles County, MD, for a digital classroom project	500,000	Mikulski
NASA	Chesapeake Information Based Aeronautics Consortium, for a partnership of Morgan State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and Bowie State University, MD, for continued aviation safety research and development.	3,000,000	Mikulski, Cardin
NASA	Discovery Center Museum, Rockford, IL, for science education for rural and under-served children	300,000	Durbin
NASA	Flight Research Training Center, Roswell, NM, to continue development and operation of the Flight Research Training Center.	250,000	Domenici
NASA	Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center, Mobile, AL, for educational exhibits	500,000	Shelby
NASA	Imioka Astronomy Center of Hawaii, Hilo, HI, for the promotion of astronomy in Hawaii	2,000,000	Inouye
NASA	Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, for research and development of nanomaterials	500,000	Specter
NASA	Manned Space Flight Education Foundation, Houston, TX, to create a virtual space community for students	500,000	Hutchison
NASA	Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL, for a multi-propellant plume diagnostic testbed	500,000	Shelby
NASA	Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL, for material and structural evaluations for composites	750,000	Shelby
NASA	Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL, for missions systems recording, archival and retrieval	475,000	Shelby
NASA	Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL, for remote engine health and maintenance diagnosis	500,000	Shelby
NASA	Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL, for robotic exploration and Lunar material utilization	750,000	Shelby