

# News!

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## FINALY FY09 APPROPRIATIONS

Tuesday evening the Senate passed the FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Bill which awards an additional \$3.1 million for SHPOs! The bill, signed into law by President Obama on Wednesday, provides a total of \$69.5 million from the Historic Preservation Fund and includes increases for SHPOs and THPOs. Below is a breakout of the FY09 funding compared to FY08 levels:

	FY09	FY08	Increase/Decrease
SHPOs	\$42.5	\$39.376	+3.124
THPOs	\$7.0	\$6.3	+.7
SAT	\$20.0	\$24.61	-\$4.61
PA Grants	\$0	\$7.3	-\$7.3

(in millions)

The increase in SHPO funding is a direct result of SHPO advocacy work! The 25 new co-signers on the FY09 funding letter demonstrated increased support on the Hill. We hope to build on this momentum for FY2010 and reach over 100 co-signers in the House!! Please continue to follow up with your elected officials and request that they sign onto this year's FY2010 appropriations letter.



### ADVOCACY DAY 2009 WRAP-UP

A sincere thank you to all who participated in the 2009 Historic Preservation Advocacy Day

on the Hill! Between the grassroots advocates, National Trust advisors and SHPO offices there were nearly 300 people on Capitol Hill spreading the word about the benefits of preservation. If you have not yet done so, please fill out and return your Hill Report Forms (attached) to either Elizabeth Belleville at NCSHPO or Heather MacIntosh at Preservation Action. Additionally, please make sure you send/email meeting thank you notes and follow-up with the request that they sign into the historic preservation caucus funding letter. Attached is a copy of the FY10 letter and a list of the FY09 letter co-signers.



### UPDATE ON PUBLIC LANDS/NATIONAL PARK SERVICE OMNIBUS

This week the House was 2 votes short of the 284 votes needed to pass S.22, the omnibus bill which contains over 140 public lands and National Park Service bills, including the authorization of Save Americas Treasures and Preserve America. Although the House vote failed, House and Senate leadership have agreed to a new plan for the bill's passage. Next week the Senate has agreed to bring to the floor H.R.146, the House-passed Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield bill (see 3/6/09 NCSHPO News) and amend it by adding on the public lands package. If it passes the Sen-

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ate, House leadership has agreed to bring the bill up for a vote again late next week. By adding H.R.146 the House hopes they will gain enough votes to pass the legislation.



### **SALAZAR ORDER TO SPUR RENEWABLE ENERGY ON PUBLIC LANDS**

On Wednesday Secretary Salazar issued a Secretarial Order making the production, development, and delivery of renewable energy top priorities for the Department. Salazar said that an energy path is needed that “creates new jobs and puts America out front in new, growing industries, one that promotes investment and innovation here at home and one that makes wise use of our domestic resources.”

The Secretary’s order also establishes an energy and climate change task force that will spur the agenda and identify specific zones on U.S. public lands where Interior can facilitate a rapid and responsible move to large-scale production of solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass energy. Salazar said that Interior will work closely with other federal agencies, states and American Indian tribes to determine what electric transmission infrastructure and transmission corridors are needed to deliver energy to major population centers. The task force will also look at issues related to transmission and rights-of-way applications for offshore wind and wave energy resources.



### **DOI HOLDS REGIONAL MEETINGS ON OCS ENERGY DEVELOPMENT**

The Secretary of Interior has announced he will host four regional meetings to present DOI’s findings on OCS energy resources and potential environmental impacts from their development. At these meetings the Secretary will hear and accept written comments from public officials, interested organizations, advocacy groups and private citizens on OCS’s de-

velopment. These meetings are part of a four-part strategy for developing a new, comprehensive energy development plan for the U. S. Outer Continental Shelf, including conventional and renewable resources.

The meetings will be held at the Atlantic City Convention Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on Monday, April 6; Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Wednesday, April 8; Dena’ina Convention Center in Anchorage, Alaska, on Tuesday, April 14; and at the University of California-San Francisco’s Mission Bay Conference Center in San Francisco, California, on Thursday, April 16.

We encourage SHPOs to provide statements on the impact of OCS revenues on historic preservation. Written comments can be either submitted at the meeting or thereafter throughout the extended public comment period electronically at [www.MMS.gov](http://www.MMS.gov), “Five Year Program,” “How to Comment,” or by mail to Ms. Renee Orr, Chief, Leasing Division, Mineral Management Service, MS 4010, 318 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170-4817.

