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## **LIHEAP UPDATE**

To: NFFN Members

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### **CONGRESS APPROVES IRAQ WAR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING; \$400 MILLION FOR LIHEAP DROPPED**

Congress approved the second iteration of the Iraq War Supplemental Appropriations yesterday and sent the measure to the President. Four hundred million for LIHEAP FY 2007 supplemental appropriations had been attached to the legislation until it was dropped in the negotiations of the Conference Committee and the White House. The earlier war supplemental, vetoed by the President, included the \$400 million additional LIHEAP funding.

The legislation included a raise in the minimum wage, emergency aid to farmers and other domestic measures, but LIHEAP and a few other domestic programs were trimmed in the conference. For details, visit

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/05/25/washington/25cong.html?ref=washington>

Meanwhile, LIHEAP appropriations for FY 2008 are proceeding through the early stages of the normal appropriations process. In February, the President requested \$1.782 billion (\$1.5 billion in regular grant funds and \$278 million in contingency), while NFFN and other LIHEAP advocates are calling for the fully-authorized level of \$5.1 billion.

The National Fuel Funds Network will launch a summer campaign for additional LIHEAP funding at its Annual Conference in Nashville on June 3-4. NFFN will involve members not attending the conference by email immediately after the conference.