

Notice Regarding DOE Pension Policy, N.351.1

The House has approved the FY2007 Energy Appropriations bill (H.R. 5427) which includes a provision prohibiting the Department of Energy from implementing Order N 351.1, limiting reimbursement of contractor pension and medical benefits, by a vote of 404-20. Here is the text of the provision:

"Sec. 311. Contractor Pension Benefits - None of the funds made available in title III of this Act shall be used for implementation of the Department of Energy Order N 351.1 modifying contractor employee pension and medical benefits policy."

The Senate has yet to act. Although the appropriations language would only be effective for one year, it could be renewed in subsequent years and there is other proposed legislation that would permanently bar DOE from taking their previously announced action.