

Lawmakers pile on the spending in \$1.4 trillion deal

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Lawmakers added \$24.7 billion in emergency and “off-book” spending to a nearly \$1.4 trillion package as they sought to settle differences and finish the congressional appropriations bills for the fiscal year.

The White House and Congress had reached a \$1.37 trillion deal in July that increased defense spending by \$22 billion and domestic spending by \$12 billion.

But the final deal brings the sum total to \$1.394 trillion, and includes emergency funding for natural disasters, the 2020 census, medical funding and other priorities.

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