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## **FASEB APPLAUDS HOUSE PASSAGE OF JOINT FUNDING RESOLUTION, INCREASES FOR NIH, NSF, DOE**

*Bethesda, MD* – “It is a great day for science, for the country, and for the American people,” declared Leo Furcht, M.D., President of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), addressing today’s House vote passing the joint funding resolution. “On behalf of the biomedical research community, FASEB is immensely grateful for this reaffirmation of congressional support for scientific research and the potential it provides to improve the quality of our lives.”

FASEB applauds the significant funding increases for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Science. “It is a tremendous credit to congressional champions like Chairman David Obey, Senator Arlen Specter, and Senator Tom Harkin that our policymakers have recognized and prioritized the vital role that science plays in advancing the needs of the nation,” Furcht continued. “As scientists, we are keenly aware of the privilege that allows us to spend public money in order to find treatments for our most insidious diseases, identify new energy resources, and develop the technologies that drive our economy. We cannot thank congressional leaders enough for investing in our country’s future through research.”

“Thousands of researchers across the nation have spent the past week urging Congress to make NIH, NSF, and DOE priorities in FY 2007,” Furcht concluded. “Now that our voices have clearly been heard, we hope the Senate will swiftly pass this crucial legislation and that it will be signed into law without delay.”

*FASEB is composed of 21 societies with more than 80,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB’s mission is to enhance the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. FASEB serves the interests of these scientists in those areas related to public policy, facilitates coalition activities among Member Societies and disseminates information on biological research through scientific conferences and publications.*