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## House Subcommittee maintains \$5.1 billion for LIHEAP in FY 2011

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At its markup yesterday, the House Subcommittee on Labor, HHS and Education maintained funding for LIHEAP at \$5.1 billion for FY 2011, the same level as last year. The rationale, as reported in Subcommittee Chairman's David Obey's statement, was because "home heating costs remain high, unpredictable, and unaffordable for many households, the bill maintains the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program at the current level of \$5.1 billion." (Thanks to NEADA Executive Director Mark Wolfe for most of the above wording.)

The National Fuel Funds Network will share details on formulas when they are available.

Thank you to NFFN members for your work on this legislation. It included over 350 letters to Congress generated at last month's National Energy and Utility Affordability Conference in San Antonio. Please continue to communicate the need for at least \$5.1 billion to your Senators and Representatives.

The funding bill will next go to the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives. The Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee has yet to schedule its markup of the legislation.

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