

ASCE Legislative Update: ASCE Lobbying and 2006 Priorities

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Congress is midway through an extended winter break and looking forward to a busy election year. In the wake of myriad scandals involving lobbyists and top lawmakers, there is sure to be some legislation passed that will restrict lobbying activities. However, all members should be aware that ASCE's lobbyists are members of the American League of Lobbyists (ALL) and are guided by a Code of Ethics, much like engineers. Visit <http://www.alldc.org/ethicscode.htm> to view the ALL Code of Ethics. Whatever changes may be instituted, ASCE will continue to work on behalf of the civil engineering profession in Washington and the state capitals.

In 2006, this means working with congress on legislation such as the National Levee Safety Program Act (H.R. 4650), legislation to establish federal levee safety program to help ensure the nation's levees are maintained and repaired to properly protect lives and property; and the Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act (H.R. 1105), legislation to fund repairs to the nation's critically endangered dams. In addition, we will work to secure appropriations funding for civil engineering priorities such as transportation, natural hazards mitigation, clean water and drinking water infrastructure, and math and science education.

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