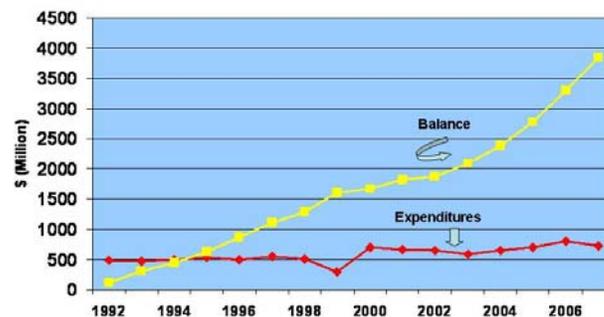


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*Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Fairness Coalition*

## The Reality

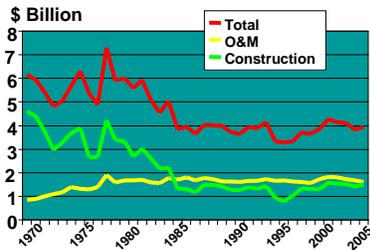


Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund  
Expenditures and Balance, 1992-2007



Projected for 2007 Based on Conf Rpt.

## HMTF FAIRNESS COALITION



“Despite the economic slowdown, container traffic growth within the next 5 years will push many ports to their full capacity limits.....”

10,000 to 15,000 TEU Mega Ships are being built now

Taxed for \$1.4 billion last year, YET....

FY 2009 Budget is only \$729 million!

“In FY 2006, the 50 largest U.S. PORTS had only 50% of channel width, 35% of the time, and in FY 2007, it was only 32% of the time!”

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## What we have done

- Gathering coalition members – the list continues to grow – more than 100 organizations
- Prepared information papers
- Met with the Hill – Senate and House members and staff
- Testified before T&I Subcommittee

## **What's Next?**

- **Continue to recruit new members**
- **Continue to meet with Members of Congress**
  - **Ways and Means, Budget, Finance**
- **Evaluate the best way forward**
  - **Draft legislation**



## **OUR GOAL**

- **Simple – Full access to annual revenues from Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Tax, to be used for their intended purpose- operation and maintenance of Federal ports and harbors.**

