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Beach-replenishment funds wait for Bush's signature

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The bill to provide \$5 million to start long-awaited beach replenishment projects is now awaiting the signature of President Bush, according to U.S. Rep. Jim Saxton, R-3rd.

Bush is expected to sign the 2006 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, which passed both the House of Representatives and Senate by wide margins. The House passed the bill last week and the Senate passed it Monday night, according to Saxton's office.

"I am hopeful the president will sign it in the near future," Saxton said in a statement. "The bill includes funding for the first major phase of pumping millions of tons of sand onto LBI as protection for the six towns on the island threatened by hurricanes and northeasters."

In addition to \$5 million for beach replenishment, the bill includes \$450,000 for what Saxton spokesman Jeff Sagnip Hollendonner described as routine maintenance at Barnegat Inlet, \$1.125 million for maintenance of the New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway and \$300,000 to study beach replenishment for Manasquan Inlet to Barnegat Inlet.

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