

ON LONG BEACH ISLAND

House OKs \$6 million for beach repairs

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The federal 2007 Water and Energy Appropriations Bill, which includes \$6 million for the Long Beach Island beach repair project, has passed the House of Representatives, Rep. H. James Saxton, R-N.J., reported Thursday. The vote was 404-20.

"This is the most funding for construction we've ever seen," Saxton said. "My hope is that the Senate can get a similar amount in its budget and that the funds will be available this fall."

The federal government will fund two-thirds of the \$71 million project. The Army Corps of Engineers wants work to start this year.

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