



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 392**

**A bill to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations for the 2005 through 2008 time period**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
on June 27, 2007*

Under current law, the Department of State is prohibited from paying more than 25 percent of the cost of United Nations (U.N.) peacekeeping operations. Since the U.N. assesses the United States at a rate of 27.1 percent of such costs, the United States is currently in arrears on those payments. S. 392 would authorize the department to pay at the rate of 27.1 percent for assessments for 2006, 2007, and 2008.

Based on information from the State Department, CBO estimates that by raising the cap, the bill would allow the department to pay the U.N. an additional \$157 million—\$65 million for 2006 arrears, \$48 million for the 2007 arrears, and \$44 million for 2008 (the department's request for 2008, based on the statutory cap of 25 percent, has not yet been appropriated.) CBO estimates that the department would pay the U.N. \$126 million in 2008 and \$31 million in 2009 under the bill, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 392 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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