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Washington D.C. - Work on the Belmont Complex will continue with funding obtained by Congressman John Murtha in a spending bill passed last night by the House Appropriations Committee. The committee is responsible for writing the federal government's 13 annual appropriations bills.

The fiscal year 2007 Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, and Judiciary bill includes \$300,000 for additional improvements at Belmont, the area's premier entertainment and recreation center. The funding will be used to rehabilitate the ice arena, including handicapped accessibility improvements, as well as extensive interior and exterior renovations.

The pool building was lost to a fire several years ago and has been rebuilt with grants obtained by Murtha and provided by the state.

The bill now goes to the full House for consideration.