

To: Emergency Managers  
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## **Status of Key Appropriations Bills**

**There are 4 key actions.**

### **1) Continuing Resolution**

House passed two continuing resolutions today to give time for the Conference Report on HR 2055 to be adopted by the Senate and signed. H J Res 94 would go through December 17. H J Res 95 would go through Dec. 23. The current continuing resolution expires at midnight December 16.

Tonight the Senate passed H.J. Res 94 and the President has signed it. That gives one more day to get the Appropriations for FY 2012 completed.

### **2) FY 2012 Consolidated Appropriations Bill**

Today the House of Representatives adopted the Conference Report (H.Report 112-331) on the Consolidated Appropriations Bill for FY 2012, HR 2055. The vote was 296-121. This agreement funds departments and agencies in 9 appropriations bills including the Department of Homeland Security through September 30, 2012. The Department of Homeland Security portions of the Conference Report and HR 2055 are posted on the IAEM website.

**Note: The bill text for DHS is the same as HR 3671 which I discussed in the December 16 highlights memo which is posted on the IAEM website.** (Two changes were made to HR 3671—one on travel to Cuba and one on Commodity Futures Trading.) Chairman Rogers introduced and posted HR 3671 on December 15. The Appropriations Conference Report on HR 2055 had to be signed by a majority of House and Senate Appropriators before it could be voted on. The signing took place on Thursday afternoon so the Conference Report on HR 2055 moved forward instead of HR 3671 on Friday.

The Senate is expected to adopt the Conference Report on HR 2055 on Saturday morning, December 17.

I will be posting a detailed memo.

### **3) Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2012**

This funding is critical so that FEMA does not have to go to Immediate Needs Funding.

The House passed HR. 3672 today which provides an additional \$8.12 billion in disaster funds, including \$6.4 billion for FEMA and \$1.72 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers. Vote was 351-67. Bill is posted on the IAEM website.

The Senate is expected to pass it Saturday morning.

### **4) Across-the Board Cut, Offsetting Disaster Funding, Senate Action unclear**

The House also agreed to by a vote of 255-165 to H. Con. Res 94 which would offset the disaster funding in HR 3672 by placing a 1.83% across-the-board reduction (called a rescission) to discretionary accounts in all the FY 2012 appropriations bills except for Defense and Military Construction-Veteran Affairs. The bill is considered to be an “enrollment correction” to HR 3672. The bill directs the House enrolling clerk to add a new section to HR 3672 before sending it to the President which would result in the across-the-board reductions. Bill is posted on the IAEM website.

At time of this writing, it is not known if the Senate will pass H. Con Res 94. The view of key Democratic appropriators has been that the additional disaster funding is within the agreement in the Budget Control Act of 2011.