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Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Appropriations Updated – House Passes Continuing Resolution

On Tuesday, September 22, the House passed, by a vote of 359-57, a Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the federal government operating through December 11, 2020. Both parties and the White House agreed to provide aid to farmers and food assistance for low-income families, clearing a hurdle in negotiations. The Senate took a procedural vote on the CR on Thursday, September 24, and is expected to take a vote on final passage on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. The President is expected to sign the measure.

Other than the addition of farm and nutrition aid, the legislation is similar to what was introduced by House Democrats on Monday. The text of H.R. 8337 can be found [here](#) and a section-by-section summary of the legislation [here](#).

Looking forward, appropriators have agreed that they will try to meet the December 11 deadline for passing the FY 2021 appropriations bills. The Senate Appropriations Committee paused action on its spending bills earlier this session because of the threat of controversial amendments. In the House, the Appropriations Committee approved all 12 FY 2021 appropriations measures and 10 of them have been considered and passed on the House Floor.

Senate appropriations staff are reportedly working to finalize their bills with the goal of releasing the text later this fall. The Senate Appropriations Committee is not expected to formally consider their bills and instead some kind of an informal conference process with the House is likely to take place. How successful that process is may depend on the outcome of the November elections. We will continue to communicate with the Hill regarding the Social Security Administration's administrative funding needs and provide updates.

COVID-19 Update – House Prepares \$2.4 Trillion COVID Package

House Ways and Means Committee Chair Richard Neal (D-MA) confirmed on Thursday that the House is putting together a scaled-back COVID relief package that could be voted on as early as next week. The package will cost around \$2.4 trillion, about a trillion less than the \$3 trillion HEROES Act passed back in May. Whether or not the slimmed down package will move the needle in negotiations with the Senate and the White House remains to be seen, but House leaders may be responding to pressure from Members who want to vote on something before heading home to campaign for the elections.

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