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- **Appropriations Update**

Tuesday Morning...

As the day dawns the likelihood of getting the Omnibus Appropriations bill passed before the end of the year looks dim.

Although the conferees on the bill thought they had agreements with the White House on a number of outstanding issues, it turns out now that the White House is not in a compromising mood and they want 100%, not 98% of their "wish list". The Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee is now saying that it looks like there will be a Continuing Resolution until late January. We may just be witnessing a game of brinkmanship between the Congress and the White House...who knows.

A Continuing Resolution generally means everything runs on last year's funding levels and no new projects or increases are funded.

Stay tuned.

- **Medicare Reform**

The Senate has passed the Medicare reform legislation this morning by a vote of 54-44. The measure will now go to the President for signature.

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