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(Rep. Rogers, R-KY)**

**Order of Business:** The House is scheduled to consider the legislation on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, under a likely closed rule.

**Background:** The previous Congress failed to enact a final spending plan for FY 2011 (in fact, it failed to enact into law *any* of the twelve FY 2011 appropriations bills).

On February 19, 2011, the House passed [H.R. 1](#), the FY 2011 Full Year Continuing Resolution Appropriations Act. This legislation would have enacted a final FY 2011 spending level (through the remainder of the fiscal year) \$61 billion below last year’s spending and \$100 billion below the President’s request (approximately \$81 billion of this spending reduction was for “non-security spending”).

The Senate was in recess last week, and the House-passed legislation is opposed by leading Senate Democrats. Given Senate inaction, H.J.Res. 44 is intended to provide a two-week extension of federal spending authority, with a spending cut proportionate to the savings achieved in H.R. 1.

**Summary:**

**Two Week Extension of Existing CR:** The legislation extends the existing CR for two weeks, through March 18, 2011.

**Spending Cuts:** The legislation makes \$4.01 billion of spending reductions, which can be divided into two categories: 1) program terminations requested by the President’s budget 2) earmark eliminations.

***8 Program Eliminations Requested in President’s Budget:***

- **Broadband Direct Loan Subsidy:** \$29 million savings.

- **Election Assistance Grants:** \$75 million savings.
- **Smithsonian Institution Legacy Fund:** \$30 million savings.
- **Highways—Additional General Fund:** \$650 million savings.
- **Striving Readers Program:** \$250 million savings.
- **LEAP program:** \$64 million savings.
- **Even Start:** \$66 million savings.
- **Smaller Learning Communities:** \$88 million savings.

***Earmark Account Terminations:*** The legislation terminates money for earmarks, that were previously made available in the 2010 appropriations process, by reducing funding to these accounts as follows:

### **Energy and Water**

- **Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations:** \$56 million savings.
- **Army Corps of Engineers, Construction:** \$341 million savings.
- **Army Corps of Engineers, Mississippi River:** \$80 million savings.
- **Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance:** \$39 million savings.
- **Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources:** \$38 million savings.
- **Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy:** \$292 million savings.
- **Department of Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability:** \$13 million savings.
- **Department of Energy, Nuclear Research Research and Development Activities:** \$3 million savings.
- **Department of Energy, Fossil Energy Research and Development:** \$37 million savings.
- **Department of Energy, Office of Science:** \$77 million savings.
- **Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration:** \$13 million savings.
- **Department of Energy, Defense Environmental Cleanup:** \$4 million savings.
- **Department of Energy, Environmental and Other Defense Activities:** \$3 million savings.

### **Homeland Security**

- **Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Undersecretary for Management:** \$1 million savings.
- **Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Security, Salaries and Expenses:** \$1 million savings.
- **Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Construction and Facilities:** \$43 million savings.
- **Department of Homeland Security, National “Safe Skies” Alliance:** \$1 million savings.
- **Coast Guard, Operating Expenses:** \$4 million savings.
- **Coast Guard--Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements:** \$17 million savings.
- **Coast Guard, alteration of bridges:** \$4 million savings.
- **Department of Homeland Security, Infrastructure Protection and Information Security:** \$20 million savings.
- **Department of Homeland Security, Office of Health Affairs:** \$5 million savings.
- **Department of Homeland Security, FEMA university and emergency operations center grants:** \$103 million savings.

- **Department of Homeland Security, National Pre disaster Mitigation Fund:** \$25 million savings.
- **Department of Homeland Security—Research, Development, and Acquisitions:** \$41 million savings.

### **Labor-HHS-Education**

- **Department of Labor—Training and Employment Services:** \$49 million savings.
- **Department of Labor—Mine Safety and Health Administration:** \$1 million savings.
- **Department of Labor—Departmental Management:** \$40 million savings.
- **Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services:** \$397 million savings.
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** \$397 million savings.
- **Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services:** \$15 million savings.
- **Department of Health and Human Services, Program Management:** \$3 million savings.
- **Department of Health and Human Services, Children and Family Services:** \$21 million savings.
- **Child Care and Development Block Grants:** \$1 million savings.
- **Administration on Aging:** \$6 million savings.
- **Department of Health and Human Services, Departmental Management:** \$2 million savings.
- **Department of Education, School Improvement Programs:** \$5 million savings.
- **Department of Education, Innovation and Improvement:** \$229 million savings.
- **Department of Education, Safe Schools and Citizenship Education:** \$32 million savings.
- **Department of Education, Special Education:** \$22 million savings.
- **Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research:** \$5 million savings.
- **Department of Education—Higher Education:** \$129 million savings.
- **Institute of Museum and Library Services:** \$16 million savings.

### **Legislative Branch**

- **Library of Congress, Salaries and Expenses:** \$200,000 savings.

### **Transportation, Housing and Urban Development**

- **Department of Transportation, Rail Line Relocation:** \$25 million savings.
- **Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Fund, Economic Development Initiative:** \$173 million savings.
- **Surface Transportation Priorities:** \$293 million savings.
- **Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD Neighborhood Initiative:** \$22 million savings.

**Earmarks:** Aside from the spending reductions to specific earmark accounts, the legislation states that FY 2010 earmarks (included in legislative text as well as accompanying committee reports/joint explanatory statements) “shall have no legal effect with respect to funds appropriated by this Act.”

**Legislative “Riders”:** The legislation extends all riders in current law. It does not, however, include any additional ones. This means that provisions from H.R. 1—such as the defunding of Obamacare, and the prohibition of funds for Planned Parenthood—are not included in this two-week continuing resolution.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The legislation provides an extension of the current continuing resolution for two weeks, with a \$4.01 billion net spending reduction in FY 2011.

**Committee Action:** The legislation has not been considered by any committee.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No. The legislation reduces spending by \$4.01 billion and eliminates 8 federal programs.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Constitutional Authority:** No statement is available at press time.

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