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Legislative Update

2024 Legislative Committee Update

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The following phrase comes to mind after this week's legislative activities; **Thank goodness it is Friday!** Earlier this evening, the US Senate passed H.R.4366, the Consolidation Appropriations Act, 2024, by a vote of 75-22. This vote followed the US House having passed the bill on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, by a vote of 339-85. The \$460 Billion bipartisan spending package includes six full-year funding bills through the end of FY 2024 while avoiding a partial government shutdown which was scheduled to occur when the latest Continuing Resolution (CR) would have expired after midnight on March 8, 2024.

The **1050-page legislation** will fund the following six agencies through September 30, 2024: **Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies**; Commerce-Justice and Science, and Related Agencies; Energy and Water Development; Interior; Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies; and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies.

Congress still faces more work in the days and weeks ahead as it has until March 22, 2024, to fund the remaining six annual appropriations bills that include: Defense; Financial Services and General Government; Homeland Security; Environment; Labor, Health and Human Services, Education; Legislative Branch and State, Foreign Operations. Congress has passed four Continuing Resolutions since October 1st, 2023, in order to complete negotiations on FY 2024 funding for all Government Agencies.

The NASCOE Legislative Team and Legislative Consultant Hunter Moorhead are currently reviewing the details of this huge piece of legislation and will provide additional updates related to what FSA's FY 2024 budget will include while awaiting the details of President Biden's FY 2025 budget which is scheduled to be released on or about March 11th, 2024. Be on the lookout for more updates in the days to come.

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