

## **CR Section-by-Section Analysis**

### **General Terms and Conditions**

Sec. 101. Provides for the continuation of appropriations at the levels of, and under the terms and conditions of, the fiscal year 2015 Acts, reduced by 0.21 percent of both defense and non-defense discretionary programs.

### **DOD Production Rates**

Sec. 102. Prohibits DOD from starting new programs, entering into multi-year contracts, or increasing production rates.

### **Terms and Conditions**

Sec. 103. Specifies that funds in section 101 shall be available to the extent and in the manner that would be provided in the pertinent appropriations Act.

### **No New Starts**

Sec. 104. Provides for neither new starts nor resumption of activities for which funds were not available during 2015.

### **Continuation of Authorities**

Sec. 105. Continues all authorities, requirements, and limitations from 2015 appropriations Acts through the date in section 106. Allows for valid obligations and expenditures during the period of the CR.

### **Expiration Date**

Sec. 106. Continues appropriations through December 11, 2015, or the enactment of the pertinent appropriations Act.

### **Attribution of Appropriations**

Sec. 107. Provides that expenditures for activities funded in this CR be charged to the relevant account when the applicable appropriations Acts become law.

### **Waiver of Apportionments**

Sec. 108. Waives the normal time limitations for submission and approval of apportionments of accounts funded in annual appropriations Acts.

### **Limits high initial rates of operation**

Sec. 109. Limits disbursements for programs that otherwise would have high initial rates of operation or would complete disbursements at the beginning of the fiscal year if those actions would impinge on final Congressional funding prerogatives.

**Limitation on Spending Authority**

Sec. 110. Directs that the Act be implemented so only the most limited funding action be taken in order to provide for continuation of projects and activities.

**Appropriated Entitlement and Other Mandatory Spending**

Sec. 111. Provides for up to 30 days after the expiration of the CR authority to make payments for appropriated entitlements and other mandatory spending.

**Furlough Avoidance**

Sec. 112. Permits agencies to apportion funds up to a rate for operation necessary to avoid furloughs, but this authority shall not be used until the agency has taken all necessary action to reduce or defer non-personnel-related administrative expenses.

**National Security Waiver Authority**

Sec. 113. Provides waiver authority routinely carried in CRs for the expenditure of funds in the absence of certain national security authorizations.

**Designation of Funds for Which Cap Adjustments Are Made**

Sec. 114. Provides a designation for amounts incorporated by reference for which a cap adjustment for overseas contingency operations and disaster relief is permissible under the Budget Control Act of 2011. Exempts these amounts, plus base and cap adjustment funding for the Social Security Administration's continuing disability reviews and redeterminations and for the Health and Human Services Department's Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Account, from the across-the-board reduction in section 101.

**Advance Appropriations**

Sec. 115. Applies through the duration of the CR the across-the-board reduction in section 101 to advance appropriations made in prior years that first become available in fiscal year 2016.

**Commodity Supplemental Food Program Funding**

Sec. 116. Provides through the duration of the CR a higher rate for operations for the commodity supplemental food program to cover higher food package costs in 2016.

**Rental Assistance Program Apportionment Authority**

Sec. 117. Allows the Department of Agriculture funding flexibility to pay ongoing debt service for multi-family direct loan program rental assistance contracts under sections 514 and 515 of the Housing Act of 1949. Also permits renewal

through the duration of the CR of rental assistance contracts entered into or renewed in 2015 that exhausted funds within the 12-month contract period.

### **Satellite Apportionment Authority**

Sec. 118. Allows NOAA funding flexibility to maintain launch schedules for the Joint Polar Satellite System.

### **Federal Prisoner Detention**

Sec. 119. Turns off the language in the 2015 bill requiring a \$1.1 billion transfer from the Assets Forfeiture Fund to the United States Marshals Service, while modifying temporarily the general limitation on transfers from the Assets Forfeiture Fund to allow transfers to the Marshals Service to cover projected detention costs during the period of the CR.

### **Space Shuttle Program Closeout**

Sec. 120. Allows the liquidation of valid obligations of existing amounts that will expire but have not yet been cancelled to support closeout activities of the Space Shuttle Program.

### **Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Closeout**

Sec. 121. Allows the liquidation of valid obligations of existing amounts that will expire but have not yet been cancelled to support ongoing telecommunications infrastructure grants.

### **Defense Authorization Extensions**

Sec. 122. Extends authority that otherwise expires for the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq and for awards for combatting terrorism.

### **Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund Apportionment Authority**

Sec. 123. Allows DOE funding flexibility to avoid disruption of continuing clean-up projects or activities, particularly at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

### **DC Local Funds**

Sec. 124. Allows through the duration of the CR the District of Columbia to spend its locally-generated revenue for fiscal year 2016 on and after October 1, 2015.

### **Recovery Accountability Transparency Board**

Sec. 125. Provides a rate for operations for the Recovery Accountability Transparency Board of zero. The Board is scheduled to sunset on September 30, 2015, and is not funded in the House or Senate bills for 2016. The Board was funded at \$18 million in 2015.

**SBA 7(a) Business Loans Apportionment Authority**

Sec. 126. Allows SBA funding flexibility to accommodate demand for commitments for 7(a) small business loans.

**Internet Tax Freedom Act Extension**

Sec. 127. Extends through the duration of the CR authority that otherwise expires on October 1, 2015, for the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

**Technical Allowance for Estimating Differences**

Sec. 128. Provides that section 7 of the 2015 Omnibus is a term and condition under section 101. Section 7 allows for the Office of Management and Budget to adjust the discretionary spending limits by no more than 0.2 percent due to estimating differences with the Congressional Budget Office.

**Homeland Security R&D Extension**

Sec. 129. Extends through the duration of the CR authority needed to obtain leading edge Homeland Security R&D or prototypes using “other transactions” agreements for work with non-traditional Government contractors.

**E-Verify Extension**

Sec. 130. Extends through the duration of the CR authority that otherwise expires on September 30, 2015, for the E-Verify employment authorization program.

**EB-5 Regional Centers Extension**

Sec. 131. Extends through the duration of the CR authority that otherwise expires on September 30, 2015, for the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Visa Program.

**Nonminister Religious Worker Visa Program Extension**

Sec. 132. Extends through the duration of the CR authority that otherwise expires on September 30, 2015, for the special immigrant status granted to religious workers other than ministers.

**Conrad-30 Waiver Program Extension**

Sec. 133. Extends through the duration of the CR authority that otherwise expires on September 30, 2015, for rural doctors employment visas.

**Recreation User Fees Extension**

Sec. 134. Extends through September 30, 2017, user fee collection authority under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

**Fire Transfer Repayment Funding**

Sec. 135. Appropriates \$700 million in emergency funding, to remain available until expended, for urgent wildfire suppression activities at the Department of Agriculture. Such funding may be used for transfer to other landscape management program accounts to repay amounts previously transferred for wildfire suppression.

**Oil and Gas Special Pay Authorization Extension**

Sec. 136. Extends through the duration of the CR authority that otherwise expires at the end of fiscal year 2015, for establishing higher rates of pay for certain highly skilled employees in the petroleum engineering and geoscience fields working on both offshore and onshore oil and gas development at the Department of the Interior. These special pay authorities allow the agency to compete with industry in the hiring and retention of key personnel.

**Eisenhower Memorial Commission Extension**

Sec. 137. Extends through the duration of the CR authority that otherwise expires on September 30, 2015, for the Eisenhower Memorial Commission, while continuing the construction limitation for the Memorial imposed in 2015 and prior years.

**Payment in Lieu of Taxes Technical Fix**

Sec. 138. Clarifies language enacted in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to ensure that \$37 million in PILT payments made on October 1, 2015, are intended to be 2015 payments.

**CDC Leased Facility**

Sec. 139. Allows use of prior-year CDC funds for construction of a replacement freezer building on leased land.

**Highly Qualified Teachers Extension**

Sec. 140. Extends through the 2016-2017 school year a provision that allows the Department of Education to include teachers who are pursuing alternative routes to certification in the definition of a highly qualified teacher under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

**Children's Health Insurance Program Rescission**

Sec. 141. Incorporates and continues a rescission of Children's Health Insurance Program funds contained in the 2015 short-term CR, and maintains changes in mandatory programs in the Labor-HHS subcommittee at the 2015 enacted level.

**National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity**

Sec. 142. Extends through the duration of the CR authority that otherwise expires on September 30, 2015, for the Department of Education's National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity.

**Death Gratuity Funding for Representative Nunnelee**

Sec. 143. Appropriates a \$174,000 death gratuity to the widow of Representative Alan Nunnelee.

**Denver Replacement Medical Center Transfer Authority**

Sec. 144. Allows \$625 million in transfers from VA prior-year discretionary balances and 2016 discretionary advance appropriations to the Construction, Major Projects account to cover costs for completion of the Denver Replacement Medical Center. Requires a request from VA and Appropriations Committees' approvals for such transfers.

**VA Funding to Reduce Backlog of Disabilities Claims**

Sec. 145. Provides through the duration of the CR a higher rate for operations for Veterans Benefits Administration general operating expenses to continue progress on the disability claims backlog.

**VA Rescission and Reappropriation**

Sec. 146. Continues a rescission made in 2015 and prior years that routinely accompanies an appropriation for veterans' medical care to extend the availability of funds from one year to two years.

**U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom Extension**

Sec. 147. Extends through the duration of the CR authority that otherwise expires on September 30, 2015, for the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.

**Ukraine Apportionment Authority**

Sec. 148. Allows funding flexibility for selected international activities, including the costs of authorized loan guarantees, so as to sustain assistance for Ukraine to counter external, regional aggression and influence.

**U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy Extension**

Sec. 149. Extends through the duration of the CR authority that otherwise expires on October 1, 2015, for the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

**New Core Apportionment Authority**

Sec. 150. Allows HUD funding flexibility to transfer key financial management and procurement responsibilities to the Department of Treasury on October 1, 2015, as part of the scheduled third release of its New Core shared services project.