

## **Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 Section-by-Section Summary**

### **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 2017 Acts, reduced by 0.6791 percent. Continues emergency firefighting funds for the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior and allows these funds to be used for repayment of amounts previously transferred for wildfire suppression.

### **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 2017.

### **Continuation of Authorities**

Sec. 105. Continues all authorities, requirements, and limitations from 2017 appropriations Acts through the date in section 106. Allows for valid obligations and expenditures during the period of the Continuing Resolution (CR).

### **Expiration Date**

Sec. 106. Continues appropriations through December 8, 2017, 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, emergency requirements, 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 2018 for bills covered by section 101.

### **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 2018.

### **Section 32**

Sec. 117. Provides clarification on carryover balances for commodity purchases through section 32.

### **Periodic Censuses and Program Exception Apportionment**

Sec. 118. Allows the Census Bureau spending flexibility to keep preparations for the 2020 Decennial Census on schedule and on budget.

### **Defense Authorization Extension**

Sec. 119. Extends authority that otherwise expires for the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq.

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

Sec. 120. Allows the Department of Energy funding flexibility to avoid disruption of continuing cleanup projects or activities, particularly at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

### **Reclamation Drought Authority Extension**

Sec. 121. Extends authority for the Bureau of Reclamation to provide emergency drought assistance from prior year appropriations through the expiration of the CR.

### **Power Marketing Administration Receipt Authority**

Sec. 122. Reduces power purchase and wheeling receipt authority for Western Area Power Administration, Southwestern Power Administration, and Southeastern Power Administration consistent with House and Senate fiscal year 2018 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bills.

### **DC Local Funds**

Sec. 123. Allows through the duration of the CR the District of Columbia to spend its locally-generated revenue for fiscal year 2018 on and after October 1, 2017.

### **Allowances and Office Staff for Former Presidents.**

Sec. 124. Provides through the duration of the CR a higher rate for operations for General Services Administration for the pension and office support costs of former Presidents.

### **Department of Homeland Security Working Capital Fund**

Sec. 125. Allows through the duration of the CR the Department of Homeland Security to obligate funds in a budget structure proposed by the budget request that would transfer administrative activities across the Department currently funded through the Working Capital Fund to the appropriate management accounts.

### **CBP, ICE, Secret Service and TSA Apportionment Authority**

Sec. 126. Allows funding flexibility for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Transportation Security Administration, and U.S. Secret Service to maintain staffing levels in place on September 30, 2017.

### **Homeland Security R&D Extension**

Sec. 127. 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.

### **Expedited Hiring Authority for Coast Guard Acquisition Workforce**

Sec. 128. Extends through the duration of the CR Coast Guard expedited hiring authority for acquisition personnel, which is set to expire on September 30, 2017.

### **Disaster Relief Fund Exception Apportionment**

Sec. 129. Allows the Disaster Relief Fund spending flexibility to accommodate Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, and other ongoing disaster response efforts.

### **National Flood Insurance Program Extension**

Sec. 130. Extends through the duration of the CR the authorization date of the National Flood Insurance Program, which is set to expire on September 30, 2017.

### **Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act Extension**

Sec. 131. Extends through September 30, 2019, user fee collection authority under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

### **Eisenhower Commission Construction**

Sec. 132. Extends through the duration of the CR authority that otherwise expires on September 30, 2017, for the Eisenhower Memorial Commission.

### **WIFIA Administrative Expenses**

Sec. 133. Provides through the duration of the CR a higher rate for operations to cover costs associated with ongoing water infrastructure projects.

### **Pesticide Registration Improvement Renewal Act Authorities**

Sec. 134. Extends through the duration of the CR, the authority of the EPA to collect fees under the Pesticide Registration Improvement Renewal Act (PRIA) that otherwise expire on September 30, 2017.

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

Sec. 135. Extends through the duration of the CR authority that otherwise expires on September 30, 2017, for the Department of Education's National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity.

### **Head Start Base Grant**

Sec. 136. Ensures through the duration of the CR that the base grant amount for Head Start grantees is calculated correctly by including several technical clarifications to the language.

**Unemployment Insurance Consortia**

Sec. 137. Provides an extension to a consortium of States using FY2011 funds to jointly develop Unemployment Insurance Information Technology systems.

**National Institutes of Health Indirect Costs**

Sec. 138. Prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from capping National Institutes of Health's facilities and administrative costs.

**Children's Health Insurance Program Rescission**

Sec. 139. Modifies changes in mandatory programs in the Labor-HHS subcommittee.

**Senate Sergeant at Arms Cybersecurity Exception Apportionment**

Sec. 140. Allows the Sergeant at Arms funding flexibility to avoid disruption to the cybersecurity protections for Senate networks.

**Rescission and Reappropriation of Funds for VA Major Construction**

Sec. 141. Extends the period of availability of expiring balances through September 30, 2022, to allow for continued renovations and repairs.

**Mark-to-Market Program Extension**

Sec. 142. Extends through the duration of the CR the ability to restructure FHA mortgages attached to project-based Section 8 rental assistance properties.