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Final Fiscal Year 2011 Federal Budget Details Released

This morning, details were released on the final fiscal year 2011 budget that was brokered between House Speaker Boehner, Senate Majority Leader Reid, and the White House. The package, which is in the form of a continuing resolution (CR), would fund the entire federal government through the end of the federal fiscal year (September 30, 2011). Many rank-and-file members of Congress have indicated that they are cautiously supportive of the budget deal - which was reached late last Friday - but would reserve final judgment on the legislation until they have had an opportunity to review the specific details of the package.

A vote on the final CR is expected in the House this Thursday or Friday. The timing of the vote in the Senate is less clear.

The budget agreement cuts over \$38 billion from fiscal year 2010 spending levels (House appropriators score the bill's cuts at \$39.9 billion; their Senate counterparts put the savings at \$38.5 billion). Budgetary reductions will be achieved via a 0.2 percent across-the-board cut to non-defense accounts, as well as through decreases in both mandatory and discretionary programs.

It should be noted that the final budget deal includes cuts to a number of state and local discretionary spending programs, including a 27 percent cut to state and local law enforcement assistance programs (such as Byrne grants and SCAAP), a 16 percent reduction in the CDBG program (which is far less than what was originally included in HR 1), and a 26 percent overall cut to FEMA first responder grant programs.

We are reviewing the various budget documents that were released this morning and will be preparing a more detailed report for this Friday's E-pub. In the mean time, attached for your review is a summary document from the House Appropriations Committee, as well as a chart that highlights programmatic reductions.

CSAC will continue to monitor events in Washington DC as they impact this budget debate and report on results as they are achieved.

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