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**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Thursday, March 7, subject to a rule.

**Spending Summary**

[H.R. 933](#) provides funding for the federal government through the end of Fiscal Year 2013 (September 30, 2013). This [continuing resolution](#) funds all activities of the federal government and includes full Department of Defense and Military Construction/Veterans Affairs appropriations language. The bill also contains a number of anomalies, which are special provisions that alter spending levels for specific programs.

This bill provides non-emergency discretionary funding at an annualized rate of \$984,000,000 factoring in the impacts of sequestration (\$1,043,000,000 before sequestration). This pre-sequestration level is in compliance with the FY 2013 spending caps provided in the Budget Control Act, which were lowered by \$4 billion (from \$1,047,000,000 to \$1,043,000,000) by [H.R. 8](#) (PL 112-240) – the so-called “Fiscal Cliff” package.

The \$984 billion rate of non-war, non-emergency, discretionary spending (post sequester) is:

- **\$63 billion below** the current [Continuing Resolution](#) (H.J. Res. 117, [PL 112-175](#)), which provides FY2013 funding through March 27, 2013;
- **\$53 billion above** the [RSC budget](#) discretionary levels for FY2013;
- **\$44 billion below** the House-passed FY2013 [budget resolution](#).

War Funding: This legislation provides an annualized, sequester-inclusive \$92 billion of FY 2013 funding for Overseas Contingency Operations (Global War on Terror), a decrease from the \$99.9 billion annualized level provided in H.J. Res. 117. This is down from FY 2012 Overseas Contingency Operations funding levels of [\\$126.5 billion](#).

Hurricane Sandy Funding: Emergency and disaster spending related to Hurricane Sandy and other natural disasters is funded at a post-sequester level of \$51 billion. This compares to a total of \$10 billion of disaster funding provided in [FY 2012](#).

Total spending: Including regular discretionary, OCO, emergency, and disaster relief spending, H.R. 366 is \$51 billion *lower* post-sequester than in [FY 2012](#). The entirety of the \$51 billion in lower spending is due to the sequester. Without the \$68 billion in total discretionary sequester cuts, FY2013 total discretionary spending would be \$18 billion *higher* than in FY2012. This is due to large declines in OCO spending and small declines in non-emergency discretionary spending being overwhelmed by significant increases in non-war emergency and disaster spending.

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