



Legislative Bulletin.....October 29, 2013

H.J. Res. 99 — Relating to the disapproval of the President’s exercise of authority to suspend the debt limit, as submitted under section 1002(b) of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 on October 17, 2013 (Rep. Young, R-IN)

Order of Business: The bill (text here: [H.J. Res. 99](#)) is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, October 29, 2013. The resolution is privileged and will be debated for one hour.

Summary: The recently passed continuing resolution and debt limit increase ([P.L. 113-46](#)) allows suspension of the debt limit through February 7, 2014, pending presidential certification (the President [provided certification](#) almost immediately upon passage of the bill). This suspension of the debt limit – which is estimated by the Bipartisan Policy Committee to allow [\\$600 billion](#) in new borrowing – is subject to congressional disapproval. The disapproval resolution under consideration receives privileged consideration in the House and Senate. The Senate is expected to vote today on a motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 26, the Senate companion to H.J. Res. 99.

If this resolution passes, the current suspension of the debt ceiling would not continue.

This congressional disapproval process is identical to that provided for in 2011 in the Budget Control Act ([P.L. 112-25](#)) in which two opportunities for resolutions of disapproval were provided. The House considered two resolutions of disapproval: [H.J.Res. 77](#), which passed the House on September 14, 2011, by a roll call vote of [232-186-2](#) and [H.J.Res. 98](#), which passed the House on January 12, 2012, by a roll call vote of [239-176-2](#). Both measures died in the Senate.

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