Legislative Bulletin.....October 8, 2013

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<u>Order of Business</u>: H.J. Res. 84 and H.J. Res. 83 are scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, October 8, under a closed rule (H. Res. 371).

**Summary**: Both bills take up issues related to the government "shutdown". To see an RSC timeline of the legislation related to the government "shutdown," go <u>here</u>.

- 1) <u>H.J. Res. 84</u> Head Start for Low-Income Children Act (Rep. Rogers, R-KY):
  - This bill provides funding for the Head Start for Low-Income Children program, commonly known as Head Start, of the Department of Health and Human Services, provided only the amount necessary to keep current staffing levels is used AND the agency takes all necessary action to reduce administrative expenses.
  - <u>Head Start</u> is "a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to five from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development."
  - The Department of Health and Human Services shutdown contingency plan indicates that "new discretionary grants, including Head Start . . . would not be made." See text of the memo <a href="here">here</a>.
  - Funds are appropriated at the Fiscal Year 2013 post-sequester level through December 15, 2013, or upon the passage of a superseding appropriations act, whichever comes first. CBO estimates that the annualized cost of this bill is \$7.586 billion (in budget authority). The CBO cost estimate can be viewed <a href="here">here</a>.
- 2) <u>H.J. Res 83</u> Impact Aid for Local Schools Act (Rep. Rogers, R-KY):
  - This bill provides funding for the Impact Aid program of the Department of Education, provided only the amount necessary to keep current staffing levels is used AND the agency takes all necessary action to reduce administrative expenses.

- The Impact Aid program provides financial assistance to school districts that have parcels of land owned by the Federal Government, including Indian lands, within their boundaries. Land owned by the Federal Government is removed from the local tax roll and therefore does not contribute to education funding. This program has been in existence since 1950 and helps these school districts by providing federal dollars to account for the lost local tax revenue.
- Funds are appropriated at the Fiscal Year 2013 post-sequester level through December 15, 2013, or upon the passage of a superseding appropriations act, whichever comes first. CBO estimates that the annualized cost of this bill is \$1.223 billion (in budget authority). The CBO cost estimate can be viewed here.

Do the Bills Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

**Does the Bill Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?**: No.

<u>Administration Position</u>: The President's Statement of Administration Position (SAP) announced that he would veto these bills. The SAP can be viewed here.

<u>Outside Organizations</u>: At press time, no statements from outside groups were available, though Conservative Movement groups have been supportive of the "mini-CR" strategy thus far.

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