

## HR 1908

To specify the priority of the obligations of the United States Government if the debt ceiling is reached, to provide for an emergency appropriation of funds to pay for certain defense and national security obligations during a gap in funding, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. (May 16, 2011)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 13, 2011
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 16, 2011
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Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 13, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 2496	Related bill	Aug 15, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
112 HR 2402	Related bill	Jun 24, 2011: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Sets forth the priority of the payment of obligations incurred by the U.S. government in the event that U.S. debt reaches the statutory limit.

Limits certain obligations for specified departments, agencies, international organizations, and funds to 20% of the amount that would have been made available to satisfy such obligations if such limit had not been reached.

Directs the Secretary of the Treasury, during any funding gap, to make emergency appropriations: (1) to continue to provide pay and allowances (without interruption) to members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, including the reserve components thereof, who perform active service; and (2) for such amounts as the President certifies to Congress as are necessary to carry out vital national security priorities.

Requires the President to submit a specified prioritization report to Congress.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 16, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **May 16, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **May 16, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **May 16, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **May 13, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **May 13, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.