

HR 2266

Making additional supplemental appropriations for disaster relief requirements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		May 1, 2017
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		May 1, 2017
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		May 1, 2017
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		May 2, 2017
Rep. DeSantis, Ron [R-FL-6]	R · FL		May 2, 2017
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		May 2, 2017
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		May 2, 2017
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		May 3, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 1, 2017
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Sep 27, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HCONRES 85	Procedurally related	Oct 25, 2017: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
115 HRES 569	Related bill	Oct 12, 2017: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
115 HR 4008	Related bill	Oct 11, 2017: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.
115 S 1107	Related bill	Sep 6, 2017: Held at the desk.
115 S 1237	Related bill	May 25, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3216; text of measure as introduced: CR S3215-3216)
115 S 632	Related bill	Mar 15, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
115 HR 136	Related bill	Jan 23, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on October 12, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017

This bill provides supplemental appropriations for disaster relief, reauthorizes temporary bankruptcy judgeships, and revises requirements regarding the U.S. Trustee System Fund and bankruptcy.

DIVISION A--ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF REQUIREMENTS ACT OF 2017

Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act of 2017

This division provides \$36.5 billion in FY2018 emergency supplemental appropriations to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Department of the Interior for relief and recovery efforts in response to recent hurricanes and wildfires.

The funds provided by the division are designated as emergency requirements, which exempts the funding from discretionary spending limits and other budget enforcement rules.

TITLE I--DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

For FEMA, the bill provides \$18.67 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund, of which: (1) \$10 million must be transferred to the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General for audits and investigations related to disasters, and (2) up to \$4.9 billion may be transferred to the Community Disaster Loans Program for direct loans to assist local governments in providing essential services as a result of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, or Maria.

TITLE II--DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

This title provides \$576.5 million for wildfire suppression operations and activities, including: (1) \$526.5 million for the Forest Service, and (2) \$50 million for the Department of the Interior.

TITLE III--GENERAL PROVISIONS

(Sec. 301) Funds provided by this division are in addition to amounts otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year involved.

(Sec. 302) No part of any appropriation provided by this division is available for obligation beyond the fiscal year, unless this bill expressly provides otherwise.

(Sec. 303) The terms and conditions applicable to the funds provided in this division, including those provided by this title, also apply to the funds provided by the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements, 2017.

(Sec. 304) Each amount designated in this division by Congress as being for an emergency requirement is only available if the President subsequently designates the amounts and transmits the designations to Congress.

(Sec. 305) Each agency must submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the respective Inspector General of each agency, and the congressional appropriations committees

internal control plans for funds provided by this division and the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements, 2017. The GAO must review the design of the plans.

All programs and activities receiving funds under this division shall be deemed to be "susceptible to significant improper payments" for purposes of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002. (This requires the relevant agency to comply with certain requirements for reports and corrective actions regarding improper payments.)

Funds for grants provided by this division or the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements, 2017 must be expended by the grantees within 24 months of the agency's obligation of funds for the grant, unless the OMB waives the requirement.

(Sec. 306) This section amends the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements, 2017 to permit the Department of Housing and Urban Development to award Community Development Block Grant funds provided by the Act directly to Indian tribes, in addition to a state or unit of general local government.

(Sec. 307) This section amends the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 to specify that the language included in The Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017 under the heading "FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Fund" for the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior does not apply for the purpose of the continuing appropriations provided by the Act.

(Sec. 308) This section cancels \$16 billion of the debt held by the Department of the Treasury under notes or obligations issued by the National Flood Insurance Program.

(Sec. 309) USDA may use up to \$1.27 billion of funds from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the food stamp program) contingency reserve to provide a grant to Puerto Rico for disaster nutrition assistance in response to the presidentially declared major disasters and emergencies.

(Sec. 310) This section specifies that the dollar limitation on advance billing of a customer of a Department of Defense working-capital fund does not apply to FEMA during FY2018.

DIVISION B--BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP ACT OF 2017

Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2017

(Sec. 1002) This bill reauthorizes 14 temporary bankruptcy judgeships in judicial districts in Delaware, Florida, Puerto Rico, Maryland, Michigan, Virginia, Nevada, and North Carolina.

(Sec. 1003) It authorizes the appointment of four additional temporary bankruptcy judges in Delaware, Florida, and Michigan.

(Sec. 1004) The bill amends the federal judicial code to increase the quarterly fee imposed on certain chapter 11 (reorganization) debtors. Specifically, if the balance in the U.S. Trustee System Fund is less than \$200 million, then a debtor with total quarterly disbursements of \$1 million or more must pay a quarterly fee equal to \$250,000 or 1% of disbursements, whichever is less.

It also specifies that for FY2018-FY2022, 98% of the quarterly fees collected must be deposited as offsetting collections to the U.S. Trustee System Fund and 2% must be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury.

(Sec. 1005) This section amends the federal bankruptcy code to include an unsecured claim by a governmental unit (e.g., a tax claim by the Internal Revenue Service) resulting from the sale, transfer, exchange, or disposition of farming property

in chapter 12 bankruptcy (family farmer or fisherman reorganization) proceedings. Such a claim that arises before a debtor's discharge, regardless of whether the claim is pre-petition or post-petition, must be treated as a pre-petition claim, is not entitled to priority status, must be provided for under the bankruptcy plan, and is dischargeable.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 26, 2017:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 26, 2017:** Became Public Law No: 115-72.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Presented to President.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Considered by Senate (Message from the House considered). (consideration: CR S6721-6738)
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Motion by Senator McConnell to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment with an amendment (SA 1568) withdrawn in Senate. (consideration: CR S6737)
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Point of order that the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment violates section 314(e) of the CBA raised in Senate.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Motion to waive all applicable budgetary discipline with respect to the measure (the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment) agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 80 - 19. Record Vote Number: 247.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2266 by Yea-Nay Vote. 82 - 17. Record Vote Number: 248.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2266 by Yea-Nay Vote. 82 - 17. Record Vote Number: 248.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Considered by Senate (Message from the House considered). (consideration: CR S6703-6711)
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 79 - 16. Record Vote Number: 246. (consideration: CR S6703, S6709-6710)
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Motion by Senator McConnell to refer to Senate Committee on Appropriations the House message to accompany H.R. 2266 with instructions to report back forthwith with amendment SA 1570 fell when cloture invoked on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment in Senate. (consideration: CR S6703)
- **Oct 19, 2017:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6630)
- **Oct 19, 2017:** Motion by Senator McConnell to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment made in Senate. (CR S6630)
- **Oct 19, 2017:** Cloture motion on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment presented in Senate. (CR S6630)
- **Oct 19, 2017:** Motion by Senator McConnell to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment with an amendment (SA 1568) made in Senate. (CR S6630)
- **Oct 19, 2017:** Motion by Senator McConnell to refer to Senate Committee on Appropriations the House message to accompany H.R. 2266 with instructions to report back forthwith with amendment SA 1570 made in Senate. (consideration: CR S6630)
- **Oct 16, 2017:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate amendment.
- **Oct 12, 2017:** Resolving differences -- House actions: House agreed to Senate amendment with amendment pursuant to H.Res. 569.(consideration: CR H7989-7992; text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H7989-7992)
- **Oct 12, 2017:** House agreed to Senate amendment with amendment pursuant to H.Res. 569. (consideration: CR H7989-7992; text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H7989-7992)
- **Oct 12, 2017:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 85, enrollment corrections on H.R. 2266 have been made.
- **Sep 28, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6191)
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 18, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 17, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 115-130.
- **May 17, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 80.
- **May 17, 2017:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 17, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4245-4248)
- **May 17, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2266.
- **May 17, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4245-4246)

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- **May 17, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 3, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 3, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 1, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 1, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
- **May 1, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.