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CONGRESS TO RETURN TO CAPITOL HILL AFTER ELECTIONS

The U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate are scheduled to reconvene on November 14th and 15th to begin its “Lame Duck” session. At this time, there is no set legislative agenda for either chamber as each political party is waiting for the results of the elections which will have some bearing on issues during Congress’s “Lame Duck” Session.

There are several issues that the Coalition expects the Congress to act on. The first issue that Congress must address immediately is the current Continuing Resolution which expires December 9, 2016. As we have reported to you in the past, the Continuing Resolution is currently funding Federal government programs at the federal Fiscal Year 2016 levels. This is good news for the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRFs. The House has proposed funding cuts to these programs for federal Fiscal 2017 while the Senate has moved legislation to fund slightly higher funding levels. It is not clear how Congress will address the Continuing Resolution issue and the results of this week’s election will have a large impact on what direction Congress will take. As in the past, the Coalition will focus its efforts to obtain the Senate’s higher appropriation levels.

The second matter of great importance to the Coalition is the reauthorization of the WRDA Act. Both the Senate and House have passed their versions of the reauthorization measure and the bills are now in conference. Staffs from both chambers have been meeting on the bills in order to develop a compromise measure that can be approved. The Senate bill contains numerous provisions that Coalition representatives are advocating for inclusion in the compromise bill such as the voluntary labeling/fee proposal. The Coalition will also be supporting, for inclusion in the compromise bill, a provision to reauthorize the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Act. Early in the House reauthorization process, that language was discussed for inclusion in the measure but never materialized in the bill. It is likely that the WRDA bill will be enacted some time during the “Lame Duck” session.

Key Advocates November Report

Included with this Report is Sante Esposito’s November 2016 Insights.

- AGC of America
- AGC of Texas
- Alabama Utility Contractors Association
- Arizona Utility Contractors Association
- Associated Pennsylvania Constructors
- Associated Utility Contractors Of Maryland *
- Connecticut Construction Industries Association
- CIC of Westchester County & Hudson Valley *
- Engineering Contractors Association
- General Contractors Association Of New York
- Georgia Utility Contractors Association
- Indiana Constructors Inc.
- Long Island Contractors Association
- Maryland Transportation Builders & Materials Association
- Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association
- Minnesota Utility Contractors Association*
- National Rural Water Association
- New Mexico Utility Contractors Association
- Ohio Contractors Association
- Public Works Contractors Association of Maryland
- Tennessee Road Builders Association
- Underground Contractors Association of Illinois *
- United Contractors *
- UCA of Anne Arundel County
- Utility Contractors Association of New England *
- Utility & Transportation Contractors Association of New Jersey *
- Contractors Association Of West Virginia
- Wisconsin Underground Contractors Association

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