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The *CSTE Washington Report* is provided as an information resource for members of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists on federal legislation and regulation affecting public health and epidemiology in the U.S.

HOUSE LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MARKS UP ITS FY 2013 APPROPRIATIONS BILL -- On July 18th, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education passed its FY 2013 Labor-HHS-Ed bill on a mostly party line vote. Rep. Flake was the only Republican Member to vote against the bill. While there was some preliminary indication that the full committee would mark up the bill this week, that has now been indefinitely postponed. It now appears that the bill will not see further action until after the November election. Earlier this year, the House adopted legislation eliminating the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund. Consequently, the bill the Subcommittee marked up reflects no funding from the ACA.

Below are some comparison numbers
A detailed report is not expected until the full committee acts.

	FY 2013	**FY 2013**

	House Bill	**Senate Bill**	**FY 2012**
Budget Authority:	5,697,081,000	5,713,698,000	5,655,670,000
PHSSEF transfers:	97,825,000	-	30,000,000
Eval Tap transfers:	272,972,000	371,357,000	371,357,000
Prevention Fund	0	858,000,000	825,000,000
Total program level:	**6,067,878,000**	**6,943,056,000**	**6,882,027,000**
EEOICPA (mandatory):	55,358,000	55,358,000	55,358,000
Total	**6,123,236,000**	**6,998,414,000**	**6,937,385,000**

Here are some general comparison numbers for CDC Divisions. Specific program numbers for the House bill are not available at this time:

CDC Division	***FY 2012***	***FY 2013 S***	***FY2013H***
Preparedness	$1,299,479 m	$1,299,479 m	$1,366,907m
Prevention Block Grant	$79.5 m	$79.5 m	$100 m
Chronic Disease	$756.4 m	$798.4 m[1]	$521.8 m
NCEH	$104.9 m	$139.9 m[2]	$86.7 m
Injury Center	$137.7 m	$137.7 m	$137.7 m
NIOSH	$292.6 m	$292.6 m	$280.1 m

You can read the entire bill at: http://appropriations.house.gov/uploadedfiles/bills-112hr-sc-ap-fy13-laborhhsed.pdf CDC begins on p. 43.

NEGOTIATIONS ON A CONTINUING RESOLUTION FOR UNFINISHED FY 2013 APPROPRIATIONS UNDERWAY -- Senate Leadership is preparing a Continuing Resolution for passage before the beginning of the upcoming five week August Congressional recess. None of the 12 appropriations bills for FY 2013 has passed Congress. Seven have passed the House, but none has been brought to the Senate floor. Confounding the process is the House adoption of a budget cap that is several billion dollars lower than the budget cap agreed to last summer during the debt ceiling debate. Therefore, most of the House bills contain significantly lower dollar amounts than corresponding Senate bills. To avoid the

[1] Reflects base funding only; an additional $457 m is provided from ACA-PPHF transfers
[2] Reflects $114.7 m in base funding and $35 m in ACA-PPHF transfers

drama of a government shutdown over inability of the parties to agree on spending by September 30, the end of the federal fiscal year, efforts are underway early for a Continuing Resolution (CR). Conservative Republicans are pushing for a CR that funds agencies and programs at last year's level through to calendar 2013. Their hope and expectation is that Republicans will assume control of the Senate, now controlled by Democrats, and the White House. Democrats can be expected to reject this approach.

NEW ADVOCACY EFFORT FOR NON-DEFENSE DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS, INCLUDING PUBLIC HEALTH – A new advocacy effort to address the looming January 2nd sequestration deadline and protect domestic discretionary programs has launched. Called NDD United, the group is a coalition of coalitions that involves groups advocating for the whole range of federal programs that are non-defense and non-security. It is lead by the Coalition for Health Funding (CHF), a broad-based coalition of health and public health organizations that works to support funding for all federal public health agencies, including the CDC. CSTE is a member of the CHF. NDD United recently delivered a letter to every Member of Congress signed by nearly 3,000 national, state, and local organizations urging action on cutting the budget by $1.2 trillion over 10 years to avoid automatic across-the-board cuts that will fall equally on non-defense and defense agencies of the federal budget. The letter, which was signed by CSTE, urges a balanced approach to achieving the budget cuts, meaning employing tax increases or other revenue raising avenues to achieve the needed target amount. Without such an approach, CDC would be cut by 8-10 percent in FY 2013 over the current year. CDC has already lost close to 12 percent in cuts in the last two years in its base budget. To see the NDD press release about the letter and to read it go to: http://publichealthfunding.org/uploads/NDD_Press_Release.Final.pdf

NDD United is also planning a rally on July 25th on the Capitol grounds entitled: Restore Balance. Protect America's Families. Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) will be among the speakers as well as Mayor Greg Stanton, City of Phoenix, Arizona; Martin G. Knott, Jr., President, Knott Mechanical; and Rita Ngabo, a Working Parent