



## **SUNY Federal Relations Update Friday, June 6, 2008**

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#### **CONGRESS APPROVES FY09 BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Congress has approved the FY09 budget resolution (S. Con. Res. 70), setting the stage for the FY09 appropriations process to begin in earnest. The House approved the budget resolution on June 5 by a vote of 214 to 210; the Senate approved the measure on June 4 by a vote of 48 to 45. (The budget resolution sets guidelines for congressional tax and spending policies for the fiscal year; it is not signed into law by the President.)

The conference report assumes \$21 billion more in discretionary spending in FY09 than the President's request. The House Budget Committee Web [site](#) provides additional details about the measure. CQToday reports, "Congressional Democrats admit their budget blueprint will serve mostly as a placeholder until the new president and new Congress are elected. They do not plan to tackle major spending or tax issues this year."

#### **HIGHER EDUCATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION**

Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA), Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, has tapped Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) to act in his stead during negotiations on the Higher Education Act (HEA) reauthorization bill. Negotiations to achieve a compromise "conference report" bill have been ongoing for weeks, yet a few outstanding issues remain. Committee Ranking Member Mike Enzi (R-WY) recently indicated that it is likely a seventh temporary extension of HEA will be necessary as details on the conference legislation are still being worked out. The current one-month extension expires June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE PROVIDES MARKUP SCHEDULE**

With final approval of the FY09 budget resolution, the House and Senate appropriations committees are moving ahead to schedule markups in their respective 12 subcommittees. The House Appropriations Committee has listed its markup [schedule](#) on the Committee Web site, which is subject to change. The Senate Appropriations Committee has not yet announced its schedule.

### **WEDNESDAY, June 11th**

Subcommittee Markup – Homeland Security

Subcommittee Markup – Interior & the Environment

### **THURSDAY, June 12th**

Subcommittee Markup – Military Construction & Veterans Affairs

Subcommittee Markup – Commerce, Justice, & Science

### **TUESDAY, June 17th**

Subcommittee Markup – Financial Services

Subcommittee Markup – Energy & Water

### **WEDNESDAY, June 18th**

Full Committee Markup – Subcommittee Allocations/302(b)s

Full Committee Markup – Homeland Security

Full Committee Markup – Interior & the Environment

**THURSDAY, June 19th**

Subcommittee Markup – Labor, HHS, & Education

Subcommittee Markup – Agriculture

Full Committee Markup – Military Construction & Veterans Affairs

Full Committee Markup – Commerce, Justice, & Science

**FRIDAY, June 20th**

Subcommittee Markup – Transportation & Housing

Subcommittee Markup – Legislative Branch

**TUESDAY, June 24th**

Full Committee Markup – Energy & Water

Full Committee Markup – Financial Services

**WEDNESDAY, June 25th**

Full Committee Markup – Labor, HHS, & Education

Full Committee Markup – Agriculture

**THURSDAY, June 26th**

Full Committee Markup – Transportation & Housing

Full Committee Markup – Legislative Branch

**WEDNESDAY, July 16th**

Subcommittee Markup – Defense

Subcommittee Markup – State & Foreign Operations

**WEDNESDAY, July 23rd**

Full Committee Markup – Defense

Full Committee Markup – State & Foreign Operations