



No. 1

January 25, 2013

H.R. 152 – Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013

Noteworthy

- **Floor Situation:** The Senate will consider H.R. 152 on January 28. Debate is limited to one hour. The Senate will then proceed to two votes: the first on a Lee amendment regarding offsets; and the second on passage of H.R. 152. Both are subject to a 60-vote threshold.
- **Background:** Hurricane Sandy hit the U.S. in late October 2012. On December 7, the Obama Administration requested \$60.4 billion in supplemental appropriations. On December 28, the Senate passed its version of the disaster relief bill, H.R. 1, by a vote of [62-32](#). The Senate bill provided \$60.4 billion, approximately equal to the request. The House did not act on this bill by the conclusion of the 112th Congress. On January 4, the House passed H.R. 41, providing a portion of the disaster relief requested – a \$9.7 billion increase in borrowing authority for the National Flood Insurance Program. The President signed this bill into law on January 6. On January 15, the House passed H.R. 152, providing an additional [\\$50.5 billion](#) in funding. The funding was approved in two separate votes: one for \$17 billion of assistance, by a vote of [327-91](#) (Republicans voted 135 yea, 91 nay), and another for an additional \$33.7 billion of assistance by a vote of [228-192](#) (Republicans voted 38 yea, 190 nay). The vote on the total bill was [241-180](#) (Republicans voted 49 yea, 179 nay). The House bill designates all spending as disaster or emergency requirements except for funding provided for the Army Corps' Construction account. This agrees with the Senate's [vote](#) to remove the emergency designation from this account during Senate consideration of H.R. 1.

Bill Provisions

The following table details funding provided in the Administration request, the Senate-passed 112th Congress bill, and H.R. 152.

Agency/Bureau	Account	Admin. Request	Senate (H.R. 1)	House (H.R. 152)	House vs. Senate
Agriculture					
Farm Service Agency	Emergency Conservation Program	\$15,000,000	\$25,090,000	\$15,000,000	-\$10,090,000
Farm Service Agency	Emergency Forest Restoration Program	23,000,000	58,855,000	23,000,000	-35,855,000
Natural Resources Conservation Service	Emergency Watershed Protection Program	180,000,000	125,055,000	180,000,000	54,945,000
Food and Nutrition Service	Commodity Assistance Program	6,000,000	15,000,000	6,000,000	-9,000,000
Forest Service	Capital Improvement and Maintenance	4,400,000	4,400,000	4,400,000	0
Commerce					
NOAA	Operations Research and Facilities	393,000,000	373,000,000	140,000,000	-233,000,000
NOAA	Procurement, Acquisition and Construction	100,000,000	109,000,000	186,000,000	77,000,000
Defense					
Operation and Maintenance	O&M, Army	5,370,000	5,370,000	5,370,000	0
Operation and Maintenance	O&M, Navy	41,200,000	40,015,000	40,015,000	0
Operation and Maintenance	O&M, Air Force	8,500,000	8,500,000	8,500,000	0
Operation and Maintenance	O&M, Army National Guard	3,165,000	3,165,000	3,165,000	0
Operation and Maintenance	O&M, Air National Guard	5,775,000	5,775,000	5,775,000	0
Procurement	Procurement of Ammunition, Army	1,310,000	1,310,000	1,310,000	0
Military Construction	Army National Guard	24,235,000	24,200,000	24,235,000	35,000
Revolving and Management Funds	Working Capital Fund, Navy	24,200,000	24,200,000	24,200,000	0
HHS					
Administration for Children and Families	Social Services Block Grant	500,000,000	500,000,000	500,000,000	0

Administration for Children and Families	Children and Families Services Programs	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	0
Departmental Management	Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund	200,000,000	200,000,000	195,000,000	-5,000,000
Office of the Inspector General		0	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Homeland Sec.					
Secret Service	Salaries and Expenses	300,000	300,000	300,000	0
ICE	Salaries and Expenses	855,000	855,000	855,000	0
Customs and Border Protection	Salaries and Expenses	2,402,000	1,667,000	1,667,000	0
Coast Guard	Acquisition, Construction and Improvements	274,233,000	274,233,000	274,233,000	0
FEMA	Disaster Relief Fund	11,500,000,000	11,484,735,000	11,484,735,000	0
FEMA	National Flood Insurance Fund	9,700,000,000	9,700,000,000	0*	0*
FEMA	Disaster Assistance Direct Loan Program Account	300,000,000	300,000,000	300,000,000	0
Science and Technology	Research, Development, Acquisition and Operations	3,249,000	3,249,000	3,249,000	0
Domestic Nuclear Detection Office	Systems Acquisition	3,869,000	3,869,000	3,869,000	0
Inspector General	Operating Expenses	0	3,000,000	3,000,000	0
General Provisions		0	13,000,000	0	-13,000,000
HUD					
Community Planning and Development	Community Development Fund	17,000,000,000	16,990,000,000	15,990,000,000	-1,000,000,000
Inspector General		0	10,000,000	10,000,000	0
Interior					
Departmental Operations	Office of the Secretary	0	150,000,000	360,000,000	210,000,000
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement	Oil Spill Research	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	0
Fish and Wildlife Service	Construction	78,000,000	78,000,000	68,200,000	-9,800,000
National Park Service	Construction	348,000,000	348,000,000	348,000,000	0

National Park Service	Historic Preservation Fund	0	50,000,000	50,000,000	0
Fish and Wildlife Service	Resource Management	400,000,000	0	0	0
Justice					
General Administration	Office of Inspector General	20,000	20,000	0	-20,000
FBI	Salaries and Expenses	4,000,000	4,000,000	10,200,000	6,200,000
DEA	Salaries and Expenses	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
ATF	Salaries and Expenses	230,000	230,000	230,000	0
Federal Prison System	Buildings and Facilities	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	0
Labor					
Employment and Training Admin.	Training and Employment Services	50,000,000	50,000,000	25,000,000	-25,000,000
Transportation					
FAA	Facilities and Equipment	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	0
Federal Highway Administration	Emergency Relief Program	308,000,000	921,000,000	2,022,000,000	1,101,000,000
Federal Railroad Administration	Operating Subsidy Grants to Amtrak	32,000,000	336,000,000	118,000,000	-218,000,000
Federal Transit Administration	Public Transp. Emergency Relief Program	11,700,000,000	10,777,000,000	10,894,000,000	117,000,000
Inspector General		0	6,000,000	6,000,000	0
Veterans Affairs					
Veterans Health Admin.	Medical Services	21,000,000	21,000,000	21,000,000	0
Veterans Health Admin.	Medical Facilities	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	0
Departmental Administration	Construction	207,000,000	207,000,000	207,000,000	0
Departmental Administration	Information Technology Systems	531,000	500,000	531,000	31,000
Departmental Administration	National Cemetery Administration	1,100,000	1,100,000	2,100,000	1,000,000
Corps of Engineers					
Civil Works	Construction	3,829,000,000	3,461,000,000	3,461,000,000	0
Civil Works	Operation and Maintenance	899,000,000	821,000,000	821,000,000	0
Civil Works	Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies	592,000,000	1,008,000,000	1,008,000,000	0

Civil Works	Investigations	30,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000	0
Civil Works	Expenses	0	10,000,000	10,000,000	0
EPA					
EPA	Environmental Programs and Management	725,000	725,000	725,000	0
EPA	Hazardous Substance Superfund	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
EPA	Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
EPA	State and Tribal Assistance Grants	610,000,000	810,000,000	600,000,000	-210,000,000
GSA					
Real Property Activities	Federal Buildings Fund	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	0
NASA					
NASA	Construction, Environmental Compliance and Restoration	4,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	0
SBA					
SBA	Salaries and Expenses	50,000,000	40,000,000	20,000,000	-20,000,000
SBA	Office of Inspector General	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
SBA	Disaster Loans Program	750,000,000	760,000,000	779,000,000	19,000,000
Soc. Sec. Admin.					
SSA	Limitation on Administrative Expenses	2,000,000	2,000,000	**	0
Legal Svcs. Corp.					
LSC	Payment to the Legal Services Corporation	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Smithsonian					
Smithsonian	Salaries and Expenses	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	0
Total		\$60.409 B	\$60.407 B	\$50.507 B	

*\$9.7 billion included in H.R. 41

** \$2 million in unobligated balances; does not count toward bill cost

Administration Position

The Administration issued a Statement of Administration Policy [supporting](#) passage of H.R. 152.

Cost

According to CBO, the bill's \$50.507 billion in budget authority would result in the following outlays:

Fiscal Year 2013: \$3.601 billion
Fiscal Year 2014: \$11.299 billion
Fiscal Year 2015: \$9.911 billion
Fiscal Year 2016: \$8.357 billion
Fiscal Year 2017: \$6.787 billion
Fiscal Year 2018: \$3.705 billion
Fiscal Year 2019: \$2.441 billion
Fiscal Year 2020: \$1.493 billion
Fiscal Year 2021: \$1.009 billion
Fiscal Year 2022: \$600 million
Fiscal Years 2013 – 2022: \$49.203 billion

Possible Amendments

The only amendment in order is the Lee amendment on offsets. This amendment is subject to a 60-vote threshold. The amendment would offset H.R. 152 by lowering spending from fiscal years 2013-21. It does this with two spending cuts:

- A rescission of 0.49 percent across the board from fiscal year 2013 discretionary spending, saving \$6.3 billion. The rescission is taken from all fiscal year 2013 discretionary spending (including overseas contingency operations and disaster funding), contract authority, and advance appropriations. The amendment requires that these rescissions be made across the board at the program, project and activity level. OMB is required to report within 30 days detailing the amount of the rescission to each appropriations account.
- Lowering the Budget Control Act's discretionary spending caps by \$44.9 billion from fiscal years 2014-21. This \$44.9 billion is split between security and non-security: security caps would be lowered by \$23.4 billion and non-security caps would be lowered by \$21.5 billion.

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