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TO: WESTCAS Membership
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SUBJECT: House Passes FY18 Omnibus

Late last night the 2,232-page text of the FY18 Omnibus was released to the public. The Rule requiring that all bills be made public 72 hours before being debated on the floor of the House was waived and the House just passed the Omnibus by a vote of 256 to 167. Action will shortly move to the Senate where a single Senator can impede consideration of the bill. If the Senate is able to move ahead with a debate and vote, then President Trump is expected to sign the measure in time to keep the Federal government open past mid-night tomorrow.

Despite all the controversy swirling around the Omnibus, the bill contains very good news for water infrastructure funding including:

Corps of Engineers Investigations

\$86,000,000 FY18 funding request
\$123,000,000 FY18 Omnibus funding

Corps of Engineers Construction

\$1,020,000,000 FY18 funding request
\$2,085,000,000 FY18 Omnibus funding

Bureau of Reclamation Water and Related Resources

\$960,017,000 FY18 funding request
\$1,332,124,000 FY18 Omnibus funding

Bureau of Reclamation Title XVI

\$21,000,000 FY18 funding request
\$54,406,000 FY18 Omnibus

Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Program

\$23,365,000 FY18 funding request
\$34,000,000 FY18 Omnibus

These figures reflect very strong Congressional support for both the Bureau and also the Army Corps of Engineers and their infrastructure programs. Please stay tuned for additional updates on policy language in the Omnibus that WESTCAS members should be aware of.

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