



SCWA Legislative & Regulatory Update

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Washington Update

The Senate passed a second reconciliation bill on June 5.

The House approved the measure last Tuesday, with all Republican members voting in favor and Rep. Kevin Kiley voting with Democrats in opposition. President Donald Trump signed the bill into law on Wednesday.

The legislation builds on a prior reconciliation package passed last summer, which included about \$280 billion in funding for the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security.

The newly enacted bill provides additional funding intended to support U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement through the remainder of the current administration's term.

The President has also called for Congress to consider a third reconciliation bill that would include roughly \$350 billion in additional defense funding. The use of reconciliation for these types of funding measures reflects a continued reliance on the process to advance budget legislation outside the traditional bipartisan appropriations framework.

Separately, authority under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which allows the collection of communications of non-U.S. persons located outside the United States without a warrant, expired last week. Before the expiration, the President urged Congress to pass a short-term extension.

At the same time, he announced that Bill Pulte would assume the role of acting Director of National Intelligence on June 19 and directed changes to the structure of the office.

Democrats have said they would not support a renewal of Section 702 while that leadership plan remains in place. The President later stated support for renewing Section 702 only if it is paired with the SAVE America Act, which has not advanced in the Senate.

The House brought a short-term extension of Section 702 to the floor under suspension of the rules last Thursday, but did not reach the required two-thirds threshold for passage, with a majority voting against it.

The Senate also did not advance similar short-term extension efforts after objections were raised during unanimous consent attempts by Sen. Ron Wyden. Following the House vote, the President nominated Jay Clayton to serve as Director of National Intelligence.

The Senate Intelligence Committee is scheduled to hold a hearing on June 17, with additional procedural steps required before any final confirmation vote.

In appropriations, the House Appropriations Committee has advanced nearly all of its FY 2027 spending bills.

The Senate has not yet begun formal consideration, as committee leaders have not reached agreement on overall spending levels. Senate Appropriations Chair Susan Collins has postponed recent markups while negotiations continue.

Separately, Senate Majority Leader John Thune returned the chamber to session this week with votes scheduled through Thursday, including nominations and possible consideration of housing legislation and additional procedural votes related to Section 702 extensions.



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