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House Introduces Two-Week Continuing Resolution to Extend Vital Programs such as EB-5

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House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) introduced [H.J. Res 143 - FY 2019 Continuing Resolution Through December 21, 2018](#) on Dec. 3 to extend government programs not yet authorized for the fiscal year until Dec. 21, 2018. Programs extended under the filed Continuing Resolution include seven appropriation bills that are set to expire on Dec. 7 under the existing continuing resolution, and critical immigration programs such as EB-5, Conrad 30, Religious Workers, and E-Verify.

The events surrounding the death of former President George H. W. Bush (41) impacted the current Congressional schedule and necessitated an extension of time by continuing resolution for Congress to negotiate and conclude government-wide appropriations. It is expected that by some time on Thursday, Dec. 6, the House will take up H.J. Res 143 and pass the measure by unanimous consent. The measure would then go to the Senate, where it is expected to pass, and to the president for signature (he has signaled he will sign).

If all goes as planned, Congress will have two additional weeks to conclude appropriations and any other legislation before *Sine Die* adjournment of the 115th Congress later this month.

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