

APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

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Senate Parliamentarian Flags Emerge

During the “Byrd Bath” review of GOP’s budget reconciliation bill, the Senate parliamentarian found that key provisions are “extraneous” to federal spending and revenue, making them ineligible for inclusion in the bill. Among the provisions flagged for removal (so far) include:

- Zeroing out funding for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau,
- Cutting Federal Reserve employees' pay and cutting the Department of Treasury's Office of Financial Research
- Dissolution of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board
- Repealing the Biden Administration's tailpipe emissions rule
- Exempting infrastructure projects from judicial review if accelerated NEPA permitting fees are paid
- Elimination of a series of Inflation Reduction Act programs targeted for repeal in the Environment and Public Works (EPW) text, (but claw backs of unobligated funds from those programs would still be permitted).

Although a procedural vote to advance the bill was scheduled for this Wednesday, a vote may be pushed if committees decide to reshape their text rather than just removing the extraneous provisions. Historically, flagged provisions would be removed from the bill before a final vote to comply with the parliamentarian's findings. However, there have been indications that GOP leadership may ignore the parliamentarian's rulings in some cases, which would break the longstanding precedent for what's eligible for inclusion in a reconciliation bill.

House FY26 Markups and Senate Oversight Continue

The subcommittee markup for the House's FY26 Interior-Environment appropriations bill, which was originally scheduled for this evening, has been postponed to a date to be determined. Although no official reason for the change has been given, it's likely that the Trump Administration's proposed budget for the EPA and reorganization of agencies like the Forest Service have altered the House GOP's trajectory for Interior-Environment spending.