

# APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

March  
9th, 2026

## FY27 Hearings Commence in the House

Last week, the House Appropriations Committee held several hearings to inform their FY27 appropriations bills, including “Member Day” hearings for Interior and Environment funding as well as Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education funding. The Senate has yet to hold major oversight hearings on FY27 funding, aside from a handful of specific hearings on foreign assistance to Haiti and broadband deployment funding at the Department of Commerce. Expect hearings in both chambers to ramp up by the end of this month following the deadlines for earmark requests.

## Republicans Mull Spending Package for Iran, Farmers, and Wildfire

Congressional Republicans are debating whether to attach wildfire aid and \$15 billion in tariff relief for farmers to a military funding package that President Trump is expected to seek for ongoing military operations in Iran. However, concerns about the package growing too large have many in the caucus putting on the brakes. With military funding alone likely making up at least \$50 billion, the final total could be as much as \$75-100 billion.

GOP leaders have already thwarted attempts by farm state Republicans to use unrelated government spending bills to advance tariff assistance to farmers. On the other hand, including farm and disaster assistance could help garner the support from Democrats needed for passage in the Senate.

With the cost of military operations in Iran mounting by the day, and input costs surging, this package could come together in the coming weeks.