



Senate Update

Last week in the Senate

On November 7, 2007, the Senate took a procedural vote that split the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill from the Military Construction and Department of Veterans Affairs appropriations bill.

**Note:* The House- passed conference report to accompany the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill (H.R. 3043) included the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, as well as the Military Construction and Department of Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

The Senate subsequently voted to pass the conference report to accompany H.R. 3043 as amended by a vote of 56 to 37, and sent it back to the House for consideration.

**Note:* On November 8, 2007, the House agreed to the Senate amended conference report by a vote of 274 to 141.

***Note:* The President vetoed H.R. 3043 on November 13, 2007.

On November 8, 2007, the Senate passed a veto override of the Water Resources Development Act (H.R. 1429) by a vote of 79 to 14.

**Note:* The House passed a veto override of H.R. 1429 on November 7, 2007.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey to be Attorney General by a vote of 53 to 40. ([White House Fact Sheet: Michael B. Mukasey](#))

The week ahead

The Senate is expected to resume consideration of the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007 (H.R. 2419).