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**H.J.Res. 102—Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007  
—as introduced (Lewis, R-CA)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Friday, December 8, 2006, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.J.Res. 102 would authorize continued funding with respect to the remaining appropriations bills, through February 15, 2007. This continued funding would be made pursuant to Public Law 109-289, the first continuing resolution that (as amended by the successive continuing resolutions) is set to expire on December 8, 2006. P.L. 109-289 authorized funding for all existing accounts at the lower of three levels: current law (FY06), House-passed (FY07), or Senate-passed (FY07).

The resolution increases the Department of Veterans Affairs' authority to transfer funds (in addition to any existing transfer authority) by \$684 million for the purpose of veterans health care. In addition, the bill extends a number of provisions in current law that were set to expire—so-called “anomalies.” They include allowing certain appropriated entitlement programs to continue to provide benefits at current law levels, extending a reinsurance program for operating certain air-craft impacted by acts of terrorism, and an extension of the Democracy Assistance Commission (an exchange program with emerging democratic parliaments). Finally, the resolution delays the automatic COLA for Members of Congress until February 16, 2007.

**Additional Background:** To date, two FY07 appropriations bills have been signed into law (Defense and Homeland Security). The House has not yet considered its version of the FY07 Labor-HHS appropriations bill, and the remaining bills (with the exception of Military Quality, which the Senate passed), all of which have passed the House, are awaiting Senate action. Without this continuing resolution, the portions of the federal government that are funded by the remaining conference reports not yet signed into law could not operate past December 8, 2006.

**Committee Action:** H.J.Res. 102 was introduced on December 7, 2006, and referred to the House Committee on Appropriations, which took no official action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** A CBO cost estimate is not available. However, the resolution is expected to save money (roughly \$7 billion) if it were extended over the course of a full year.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

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