



**Legislative Bulletin.....October 10, 2013**

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**Order of Business:** H.J. Res. 79 is scheduled to be considered on Thursday, October 10, under a closed rule ([H. Res. 371](#)).

To see an RSC timeline of the legislation related to the government “shutdown,” go [here](#).

**Summary:**

[H.J. Res. 79](#) – Border Safety & Security Act (Rep. Carter, R-TX):

- The bill provides funding for the border security programs at the Department of Homeland Security, provided only the amount necessary to keep current staffing levels is used AND the agency takes all necessary action to reduce administrative expenses.
- [U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#) is “one of the Department of Homeland Security’s largest and most complex components, with a priority mission of keeping terrorists and their weapons out of the U.S. It also has a responsibility for securing the border and facilitating lawful international trade and travel while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws and regulations, including immigration and drug laws.”
- The Department of Homeland Security shutdown contingency plan indicates that several of the major services will continue because of either “other funding source” or “necessary for the safety of life and the protection of property.” See text of the memo [here](#). In addition, “U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) expects to complete an orderly cessation of all other activities not identified as exempt functions within four business hours following notification of a federal funding hiatus.”
- Funds are appropriated at the Fiscal Year 2013 post-sequester level through December 15, 2013, or upon the passage of a superseding appropriations act, whichever comes first. The [CBO](#) estimates that the annualized cost of this bill is \$19.051 billion in budget authority.

**Do the Bills Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?:** No.

**Administration Position:** The Whitehouse issued a veto threat for this bill. The Statement of Administration Position can be viewed [here](#).

**Outside Organizations:** At press time, no statements from outside groups were available, though Conservative Movement groups have been supportive of the “mini-CR” strategy thus far.

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