

At 1:34 a.m. House Appropriations Committee released the text and section-by-section summaries of the fiscal year (FY) 2016 omnibus appropriations bill (HR 2029). As expected, the bill includes full year funding (through September 30, 2016) for all government agencies. The omnibus provides an overall discretionary funding level of \$1.067 trillion, reflecting the \$50 billion in additional spending that was included in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-74) approved by Congress in late October.

All of the federal research agencies received funding increases in the omnibus (table below)!!

AGENCY	FY 2015 FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2016 FUNDING LEVEL	CHANGE FROM FY 2015-FY 2016
National Institutes of Health	\$30.1 billion	\$32 billion	+\$2 billion (6.31%)
National Science Foundation	\$7.34 billion	\$7.46 billion	+\$119 million (1.63%)
Department of Energy Office of Science	\$5.07 billion	\$5.35 billion	+\$279 million (5.52%)
Veterans Administration Medical & Prosthetic Research	\$589 million	\$630.7 million	+\$41.8 million (7.07%)
Agriculture & Food Research Initiative	\$325 million	\$350 million	+\$25 million (7.69%)
Agricultural Research Service	\$1.13 billion	\$1.14 billion	+\$10 million (1.15%)

A House vote on the omnibus is expected on Thursday and then the bill will be transmitted to the Senate. The exact timing of the Senate vote on the omnibus is to be determined and will depend on whether Senators agree to waive procedural steps to speed-up consideration of the funding package once it is approved by the House.

Given that the current CR expires today, the House and Senate will also have to approve another short-term temporary funding agreement in order to give the Senate time to vote on the omnibus. A CR extending government funding through December 22 was also [introduced last night](#) and is scheduled to be voted on in the House and Senate today.

The FASEB e-action alert urging individuals to contact their Representative and Senators to ask them to vote “yes” on the omnibus appropriations bill will be distributed later today.

Ben and I are still reading through the 2000+ pages of the omnibus bill text but will provide additional analysis and information within the next few days. We will also keep you abreast of the timing of the Senate vote on the omnibus funding bill. In the meantime, the following documents are available online:

[House Appropriations Committee Press Release](#)
[Representative Nita Lowey, Ranking Democrat, House Appropriations Committee Press Release](#)
[Full Bill Text](#)

Section-by-Section Summaries – full listing [HERE](#)
[Agriculture](#)

[Commerce, Justice, Science](#)

[Energy and Water](#)

[Labor, Health and Human Services](#)

[Military Construction-Veterans Affairs](#)