

Legislative Update - June 26, 2001
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Senate Committees to Take Up FY2002 Interior Appropriations This Week – Members of the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee have been notified that the Interior Subcommittee and full Appropriations Committee are now scheduled to mark up the FY2002 Interior Appropriations measure on Thursday, June 28.

We do not know at this time whether the contract support moratorium language included in the House bill is slated for inclusion in the Senate version, but we understand that Senator Byrd, the new chairman of the full Appropriations committee as well as the Interior Subcommittee, intends to keep the bill free of legislative riders.

On June 21, the House passed, by a 376-32 margin, its FY2002 Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations bill (H.R. 2217, H.Rept. 107-103). With a few exceptions, H.R. 2217 mirrors the President's FY2002 budget request for Indian programs. For an analysis of the President's budget request for BIA and IHS programs, see Legislative Update #343, dated April 9, 2001. The House bill is summarized in Legislative Update #362, dated June 14, 2001.

Tribal governments should contact members of the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee as well as full committee leadership immediately with any remaining concerns they may have regarding the FY2002 budget, including opposition to a moratorium on contract support or additional legislative riders.

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