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The Week Ahead in Washington D.C. – December 17, 2012

President Obama and House Speaker Boehner expect to continue discussions in an effort to reach a compromise on tax and spending issues. If no agreements are reached, House leaders may bring up their own versions of legislation to address those issues. House leaders have warned that a weekend session may be necessary to consider legislation, and that "the House will not adjourn the 112th Congress until action has been taken to avert the fiscal cliff."

Below you will find a listing of federal legislative activities that, in addition to federal budget discussions, the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of December 17, 2012.

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:

S. 3564 – *Public Interest Declassification Board Reauthorization Act*- This bill amends the Hatch Act in order to relax restrictions on state and local employees running for office, to make provisions governing employees of the District of Columbia more closely match those governing state and local employees rather than federal government employees, and to authorize an expansion of the penalties that can be enacted against those who violate the act. Specifically, the measure permits state and local employees to be candidates for elected office, unless the employee's salary is paid completely by the United States or a federal agency.

H.R. 6014 - *Katie Sepich Enhanced DNA Collection Act*. This bill would create a grant program within the Justice Department to help states create a minimum or enhanced DNA collection process for individuals arrested for or charged with certain felony offenses. The bill would allow the use of up to \$10 million annually for such grants through FY 2015, using funds appropriated for federal DNA backlog elimination activities.

H.R. 6190 - *Medicare Identity Theft Prevention Act* - This bill would direct the Health and Human Services Department, in consultation with the Social Security Administration, to establish "cost-effective procedures" to ensure that a Social Security account number is not displayed, coded or embedded on Medicare cards issued to beneficiaries

Wednesday December 19 – 21, 2012

Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:

H.R. 4310 - *Defense Authorization Agreement* —Conference Agreement on National Defense Authorization Act. House-Senate conferees expect to reach agreement this week on the measure, which authorizes FY 2013 funding for both core Pentagon operations and war-related activities. The House version passed in May authorizes about \$4 billion more than both the Senate version (S 3254) passed earlier this month and the administration's request, and \$8 billion more than allowed under the discretionary budget caps in the 2011 debt limit law (Budget Control Act).

The mission of the government of the County of San Bernardino is to satisfy its customers by providing service that promotes the health, safety, well being, and quality of life of its residents according to the County Charter, general laws, and the will of the people it serves.