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The Week in Washington D.C. – January 14, 2013

After a week-long district work period, the 113th Congress is back in session this week. While the 112th narrowly averted plummeting off the end of year fiscal cliff, the 113th and the administration are already discussing the next round of federal debt and deficit issues that may have significant consequences for counties. NACo reports, under the most recent fiscal cliff deal, there are several key issues impacting counties remaining, including:

- Deduction of state and local taxes extended
- No major reform to entitlements, including Medicaid
- Farm Bill extension fails to extend funding for rural development
- No comprehensive reform to the tax code; tax-exempt status of municipal bonds preserved

For more information, please find NACo's Legislative Brief: The Fiscal-Cliff Deal [here](#).

January 14-18, 2013

The only item to be considered under suspension of the rules:

HR 152 – *Superstorm Sandy Disaster Aid, Disaster Relief Appropriations Act*. House GOP leaders are planning to take up the measure in a manner similar to what they had proposed before the end of the 112th Congress: initial consideration of a \$17 billion package of funding to address immediate relief and recovery needs (it excludes the \$9.7 billion in already-enacted borrowing authority for the National Flood Insurance Program, under HR 41) and an amendment to provide an additional \$33.7 million for longer-term recovery and rebuilding needs. While Democrats generally support the full, proposed package, many GOP conservatives oppose the proposed levels of funding unless it is offset with cuts to other federal spending.