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## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON: Inflation? Recession? How About Neither?

D.C. was all about counting money this week, with appropriation bill language being released and hearings in the House Appropriation Committee beginning. The [DHS appropriation bill](#) language included a total funding of \$85.67 billion, including \$60.3 billion within the subcommittee's funding allocation, \$19.95 billion for major disaster response and recovery, and \$5.4 billion that is offset by fee collections. The total within the subcommittee allocation is \$2.7 billion above fiscal year 2022.

Highlights from the draft language include a **\$15 million increase to \$370 million total funding in the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program for FY 2023** – something that NEMA has championed and continually requested in Congressional conversations. While this bill is a good reflection of where the committee is headed, it won't be finalized until the Full Committee meets next week. A full breakdown of what's included will be provided by NEMA staff once that Full Committee mark-up is complete.

Media reports this week offered concern over waning support for congressionally directed spending, often referred to as "earmarks", after they recently returned for FY2023. With election outlook on some key Senate proponents of the process seeming murky, we could see earmarks return to the grave with a changing of the guard in the midterms. Concerns over the potential for a looming recession will probably fuel any doubts about earmarks.

### Hearings the Week of June 20, 2022

#### [A Growing Threat: How Disinformation Damages American Democracy](#)

House Committee on House Administration  
Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 2:30pm ET

#### [Examining FEMA's Strategic Priorities and Disaster Preparedness](#)

Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 2:30pm ET

\*Administrator Criswell will be testifying

#### [Putting People First: Building Trust in Government through Customer Experience](#)

Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 10:15am ET

\*Juneteenth holiday observed by Congress on June 20, 2022

*More News from the Nation's Capital...*

### House T&I Committee Passes Expediting Disaster Recovery Act

On Wednesday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed Rep. Garret Graves' (R-LA) *Expediting Disaster Recovery Act*, [H.R. 5774](#). The measure would expedite the delivery of federal disaster assistance and address the unmet needs of disaster survivors by adding a new section to the Stafford Act – essentially creating a duplicate CDBG-DR in FEMA. As it stands, this bill is highly controversial, and its future is unclear. NEMA staff remains engaged in discussions with Congressional staff about how best to handle the unmet needs issue, which includes permanently authorizing CDBG-DR.

The full press release can be found on the [House T&I website](#).

### FEMA Releases Simple Guides for Risk Rating 2.0

This week, FEMA released "simple guides" for nine different types of structures and their unique characteristics to help agents generate flood insurance policy quotes easier under Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action.

The guides provide snapshots of important information included in the Flood Insurance Manual and can be used when searching for quick answers and tips. They contain key aspects of the rating and quoting elements for agents and are helpful two-page resources for anyone who wants to understand how flood risk and rates are calculated.

The guides can be found on the FEMA Risk Rating 2.0 [webpage](#).

### GAO Issues Report on DoD Performance Reporting and Cybersecurity

On Tuesday, GAO released a report, [DOD Needs to Improve Performance Reporting and Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Planning](#), which was required by the FY 2019 NDAA that required reporting on DOD IT Systems. GAO obtained the programs' operational performance data from the Dashboard and compared the data to OMB guidance. It also met with DOD CIO officials to determine reasons why programs were not reporting data in accordance with guidance.

Through this report, GAO made recommendations to the DOD to ensure programs (1) report operational performance data to the federal IT Dashboard; (2) develop cybersecurity strategies; and (3) develop plans that address ICT supply chain risk management, as appropriate. DOD concurred with GAO's recommendations and described actions it was taking, and planned to take, to address them.

Highlights of the report can be found [here](#).

### FEMA to Host LogHOUSE Industry Day Event

On July 12, 2022, FEMA will be hosting a LogHOUSE 2023 Industry Day Event Tuesday, July 12, 2022. The purpose of this Industry Day Event is to inform local businesses of the upcoming LogHOUSE 2023 requirement, obtain industry input, and request best practices in developing efficient processes for reasonable response time. Companies are required to register by Monday, July 11, 2022. Registered companies that request individual vendor presentations must have experience providing LogHOUSE type services and will be allotted thirty minutes to present their contracting capabilities to FEMA personnel in one-on-one breakout sessions.

The event will be held virtually on Zoom and those planning to attend shall submit the registration form attached to this [notice](#) electronically to [fema-loghouse-contracting@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-loghouse-contracting@fema.dhs.gov).

*Other News from DC and Around the Country:*

HSToday: ['Unrelenting' Disasters Compel FEMA to Take 'Deep Dive' into Assessing Future Workforce, Criswell Says](#)

Governing: [State, Local Governments Anxiously Await Cybersecurity Grants](#)

The Conversation (Canada): [The Cheaper We Build Our Buildings, The More They Cost After An Earthquake, Wildfire Or Tornado](#)

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