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## LEGISLATIVE ALERT:

### Management Costs Among Victories in Disaster Supplemental/Continuing Resolution

Last night, after days of anticipation, House and Senate negotiators released the text of a combined Continuing Resolution (CR) and supplemental disaster relief package. The biggest victory for NEMA is the inclusion of the language comprising the **Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act**.

Originally championed in 2018 by Oklahoma state director and former NEMA President, Albert Ashwood, the passage of this language demonstrates the culmination of six years of coordination and coalition building by NEMA, IAEM, BCEM, and BuildStrong America. We are deeply appreciative of everyone who supported us in advocating for this legislation, including the state directors that reached out to their delegations when we needed it most to make this happen.

To summarize the released text, the bill:

- Extends the current CR to March 14, 2025.
- Provides \$29 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund
- Provides \$1.5 billion for Hermit's Peak fires in New Mexico
- Provides \$12 billion for CDBG-DR
- Includes the above-mentioned management cost rollover language
- Adds private non-profits to Sec. 705 of the Stafford Act
- Makes accommodations in North Carolina, specific to Hurricane Helene, to address private roads and bridges
- Creates a pilot program to support state medical stockpiles

As we continue culling through the [1,547-page document](#), we will likely have additional thoughts and analysis to share with our members, so keep an eye out for future newsletters!

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