

## **League Legislative Report: H.R. 22 Passes the House Again, Embedded in this Year's Continuing Resolution.**

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*Alexandria, VA, September 25, 2009* -- Every year, if all the appropriations bills are not passed by the end of the fiscal year, a Continuing Resolution to continue the funding of the government is necessary in order to keep the government open until all the appropriations bills are passed. Such a resolution is necessary this year, and the language of H.R. 22 was added to it. That continuing resolution was in turn attached to the Legislative Appropriations bill which passed the House this morning 217-190, largely along party lines.

H.R. 22 had previously passed the House, but with less than a week remaining in the fiscal year, Senate passage did not look good. Consequently, the House leadership with the concurrence of the Senate Leadership, as well as the League and other postal groups, decided to attach H.R. 22 to the continuing resolution, since that measure must pass Congress before the end of the fiscal year. This morning, the CR was added to the one appropriations bill that has passed both the House and Senate-the Legislative Appropriations bill-and that measure passed the House.

The measure will now go to the Senate, where the CR must pass before the end of the fiscal year. Senator Colburn of Oklahoma is expected to attempt to block passage of the H.R. 22 provisions.