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**The Omnibus Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2015**

**Positives**

*Federal Agencies and Departments*

- ❖ Cuts the Internal Revenue Service by \$345.6 million
- ❖ Cuts the Department of Education by \$133 million
- ❖ Cuts the Environment Protection Agency by \$60 million (\$126 million under the President's request)
- ❖ Cuts the Department of Labor by \$99 Million
- ❖ Prohibits federal funding for a conference of more than 50 federal employees outside of the United States
- ❖ Funds the Department of Homeland Security only until February 2015 (Ensures that we have a Republican Senate and House when we face our immigration issues and President Obama's executive orders)
- ❖ Agencies are not allowed to spend more than 50% of their budgets on salaries and expenses, or else the rest of their funds will be rescinded
- ❖ Agencies cannot create or distribute "propaganda" for publicity unless it has been authorized by Congress
- ❖ Prohibits agencies from inappropriately destroying documents in violation of the Federal Records Act
- ❖ Increases transparency by requiring additional reporting requirements from agencies whose funding falls outside annual congressional review
- ❖ Requires the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service to notify Congress in advance of any proposed project that would close an area to recreational hunting or fishing for more than 30 days
- ❖ Bureau of Land Management must defer any final decision-making regarding land use along the Red River until appropriate surveys have been conducted to determine ownership

*Education*

- ❖ Eliminates the President's Race to the Top initiative which incentivized participation in the Common Core Standards Initiative
- ❖ Requires unused abstinence education funding to be reallocated to qualifying states
- ❖ Exempts states from the whole grain school lunch standards

*Regulations*

- ❖ Restricts the EPA from regulating greenhouse gases from livestock producers
- ❖ Stops the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from issuing a listing for the sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act
- ❖ Prohibits funding for the Administration's onerous "light bulb" standard

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- ❖ Suspends the 34 hour restart period in the Department of Transportation's Hours of Service rule
- ❖ Restricts the application of the Clean Water Act in certain agricultural areas, including farm ponds and irrigation ditches
- ❖ Restricts harmful livestock and poultry regulations by Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration
- ❖ Rescinds \$25 million from the Security Exchange Commission's slush fund that has been shown to have little to no oversight
- ❖ Prevents the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating lead ammunition.

### *Obamacare*

- ❖ Increases oversight of Obamacare contracts to ensure performance obligations are met
- ❖ Requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide cost information on various parts of Obamacare, such as Marketplace IT, consumer outreach, Federal payroll, and other administrative costs

### *Foreign Relations*

- ❖ Prohibits the United Nation Arms Trade Treaty
- ❖ Fully funds programs to maintain a strong relationship with Israel and continues military aid to fund the Iron Dome defense system to counter rocket attacks
- ❖ Prohibits funding for transfer of Guantanamo detainees to the U.S. or its territories
- ❖ No funds may be used to assist or aid North Korea
- ❖ No funds may be used to introduce US forces into hostilities in Syria
- ❖ Prohibits direct funding to Cuba, North Korea, Iran, or Syria
- ❖ No funding for the Palestine Liberation Organization.
- ❖ No funding for assistance to Hamas
- ❖ No funding for the Palestinian Authority
- ❖ No funding to support a Palestinian state
- ❖ Prohibits funds to assist Russia
- ❖ Funds programs that support freedom of religion in the Middle East and North Africa
- ❖ Funds programs to help global victims of war and to combat human trafficking

### *Civil Liberties*

- ❖ No funds can be used by the National Security Administration (NSA) for the purpose of targeting US persons or to look at any electronic communications
- ❖ Prohibits funding of GPS tracking in private passenger motor vehicles without providing full and appropriate consideration of privacy concerns
- ❖ Extends the Internet Tax Freedom Act through October, 2015, ensuring internet access is not taxed

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### *Legislative Branch*

- ❖ No more printed copies of bills, unless requested by the member
- ❖ Any remaining funds of House members' office budgets must be used towards deficit reduction or to pay down the national debt
- ❖ No more delivery of the Congressional Record
- ❖ No more than 50 printed copies of the US Code to all offices
- ❖ No more printed copies of the disbursements report or the daily calendar
- ❖ No bonuses for contractors who are behind schedule or over budget

### *Executive Branch*

- ❖ Requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to submit a report to Congress on the costs of implementing Dodd-Frank
- ❖ Every executive order from the administration must be accompanied by a statement from OMB on the budgetary impact of the order
- ❖ Institutes a pay freeze for the Vice President and senior political appointees

### *Miscellaneous*

- ❖ Maintains Impact Aid funding
- ❖ Reserves all current provisions that protect human life
- ❖ No bonuses to contractors who are behind schedule or over budget
- ❖ Prohibits the use of funds for painting portraits
- ❖ Provides funds for monitoring and surveillance activities associated with white nose syndrome in bats
- ❖ Increases Indian Health Service funding by \$207 million
- ❖ Provides \$270 million for Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS)
- ❖ No funds may be used to procure steel for any project in which American steel producers were denied the opportunity to compete
- ❖ Replaces taxpayer funding for national party conventions with an increased allowance for private contributions
- ❖ Blocks federal and local funds to legalize marijuana in D.C.

### Negatives

- ❖ Maintains \$375.9 million for the Mine Safety and Health Administration which is equal to FY14
- ❖ Fails to address the flawed policy of prohibiting the funding of horse processing inspectors, which essentially halts the industry in the U.S.
- ❖ Funds the United States Agency for International Development at \$1.4 Billion
- ❖ Makes available \$300,000 to create translated materials for individuals with limited English proficiency, so these individuals can utilize Department of Housing and Urban Development services
- ❖ Increases Federal payment to the District of Columbia by \$6.4 million

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- ❖ Increases funding for unaccompanied minors programs in the Office of Refugee Resettlement
- ❖ Does not address the unwarranted listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken under the Endangered Species Act

**Other provisions**

- ❖ Provides funding for Ebola response and preparedness
- ❖ Funding to address the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant

\*To see the complete bill go to

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CPRT-113HPRT91668/pdf/CPRT-113HPRT91668.pdf>