AFCC News & Reports – November 2019 #1: Spending Bills Still Under Dispute

In October, the Senate took steps towards passing a bipartisan package of bills that would pay for the operations of major agencies such as Agriculture, Transportation and Interior, but stalled over partisan disputes over funding for President Trump’s border wall.

The spending bills have remained stalled in the Senate ever since. The House and Senate passed and President Trump signed another Continuing Resolution (CR) on November 21 to fund the government through December 20.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi both agreed to the short term of the CR so that action on the funding bills will not stretch beyond December 31, 2019, which will pressure negotiators to finish all 12 spending bills before the end of the calendar year.

Several congressional members expressed concern, however, that the deadline may be hard to reach with the impeachment proceedings.