

**ALAMEDA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'  
PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATION  
COMMITTEE**

Monday, March 25, 2024

1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair  
Supervisor Lena Tam

Location: *Board of Supervisors Chamber – 5th Floor*  
County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

**Summary/Action Minutes**

**I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake**

**Schedule**

Both chambers are out of session for two weeks.

**FY24 Appropriations**

Congress finished its work on FY24 funding last week, with the House and Senate both passing the second minibus by wide bipartisan margins on Friday. The president signed the \$1.2 trillion package on Sunday, averting a partial government shutdown. All twelve appropriations bills now fund the government through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Speaker Johnson again relied on Democrats to pass the bill out of the lower chamber, with 112 Republicans voting against the measure. The bill aligns with the budget caps established by the Fiscal Responsibility Act and did not include most riders in the House-passed appropriations bills. The second tranche represented approximately 75% of the overall discretionary federal budget.

The FY25 process has already begun with Department heads testifying before Congress on their proposed budgets and stakeholders submitting requests to members of Congress for FY25 funding levels for Labor, Health and Human Services, Defense, Financial Services & General Government, Homeland Security, Legislative Branch, and State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs.

**Motion to Vacate**

Immediately after the House voted on the FY24 appropriations bill, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene filed a motion to vacate Speaker Mike Johnson. The resolution is currently “in the hopper” and it is unclear when Rep. Greene will raise the resolution as a privileged motion. Currently, Speaker Johnson’s gavel is not threatened by Rep. Greene’s motion to vacate. Most, if not all, of the Republican House Conference see no reason to toss their new Speaker.

Speaker Johnson’s majority has only shrunk further since the beginning of his stewardship. Rep. Mike Gallagher announced his retirement in April, moving his departure forward by several months. After Mr. Gallagher’s departure, the House majority will shrink to one.

House Democrats may offer Speaker Johnson a lifeline in exchange for Ukraine aid funding. Many have discussed extracting a commitment from Speaker Johnson to approve aid to Ukraine before voting to possibly table Rep. Greene’s motion to vacate.

## Ukraine Funding

Speaker Johnson plans to bring a Ukraine aid package to the floor when the House returns after Easter. The Senate has already passed a \$95 billion aid package, but Mr. Johnson could instead bring up a House bipartisan package introduced by Rep. Fitzpatrick that includes new border security restrictions, including reinstating the so-called “Remain in Mexico” policy and \$66.32 billion in defense-only funding for Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan. The House bipartisan package will get significantly less support amongst Democrats in the House because it excludes humanitarian aid for Palestinians in Gaza and may not get enough votes to pass the lower chamber.

### Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL\_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal Update**

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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