

September 30, 2005

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chapter Presidents and Legislative Coordinators

RE: Continuing Resolution Passes House and Senate

**SUMMARY: Congress has passed a Continuing Resolution to keep the government operating until November 18, 2005.**

Today the U.S. Senate passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) for those agencies that have not yet received a FY 2006 appropriation. This followed yesterday's action by the House of Representatives. As today marks the end of the fiscal year, the CR allows agencies without an appropriation to continue to operate until the expiration of the CR. Two NTEU-represented agencies — the National Park Service and the Environmental Protection Agency — have received an appropriation. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the National Credit Union Administration operate outside the appropriation process. Other agencies that are fee funded have special rules. However, for the vast majority of federal workers, the Congressional leadership has simply failed to get its work done on time and have appropriations bills for their agency in place.

NTEU has been successful in keeping out of the CR any extraneous amendments that would limit the funding or operations of agencies where we represent the employees. I will keep you informed of any developments on this matter and the impact this may have on NTEU members.

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