

Before leaving for the August recess, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 3043, its version of the Fiscal Year 2008 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education appropriations bill. This bill is important to the Population Association of America because it funds the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). The bill recommends NIH receive \$29.650 billion in FY 2008, \$1 billion more than the President requested. The bill also recommends NCHS receive \$120 million in FY 2008, \$11 million more than the President requested.

Although the bill passed the House of Representatives, it did not receive enough votes to override a promised presidential veto. However, several members of Congress were absent when the vote occurred.

Therefore, if you support the NIH and NCHS, please consider contacting your representative in the U.S. House of Representatives and urge him or her to support H.R. 3043, the Fiscal Year 2008 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education appropriations bill, as it moves through the legislative process.

The House bill will need to be reconciled with the Senate's version of the bill before a final vote is taken. Another vote may be necessary if the President vetoes the bill. Thus, your calls or e-mails can make a difference.

Please share this email with your colleagues.

Thank you!

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