

**Federal Policy Issues  
Presentation to the Virginia  
Association of Counties**

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# Federal Policy Issues Facing Counties

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# Election Results

## 113th Congress

- House of Representatives
  - 234R – 201D
- U.S. Senate
  - 55 D – 45R

## 114th Congress

- House of Representatives
  - 243 R – 179D\*
- U.S. Senate
  - 52R – 48D\*

# Senate Committee Chairmen

## Key Changes

113<sup>th</sup> Congress

114<sup>th</sup> Congress

Appropriations

Barbara Mikulski (MD)

Thad Cochran (MS)

Commerce, Science &  
Transportation

Jay Rockefeller (WV)

John Thune (SD)

Armed Services

Carl Levin (MI)

John McCain (AZ)

# House Committee Chairmen

## Key Changes

113<sup>th</sup> Congress

Appropriations

Hal Rogers (KY)

Armed Services

Buck McKeon (CA)

Ways & Means

Dave Camp (MI)

114<sup>th</sup> Congress

Hal Rogers (KY)

Mac Thornberry (TX)

Paul Ryan (WI)

# Virginia Delegation

- 3 New House Members

Representative Barbara Comstock (10<sup>th</sup>)

Representative Don Beyer (8<sup>th</sup>)

Representative David Brat (7<sup>th</sup>)

- Replaces 70 + years of seniority
- Currently no Appropriations Committee Members

# Lame Duck Session

## **Major Policy Disputes Unlikely**

- Fund federal government beyond December 11, 2014
- Short-term CR or full-year omnibus appropriations bill
- Marketplace Fairness Act (MIFTA) – Unique impact on Virginia
- Immigration Reform
- Tax extenders – EXPIRE Act ( 2 year extension)
- Senate Confirmation of the Attorney General
- Unknown

# Agenda for the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress

- Regular order
- Keystone XL pipeline
- Fast Track/Trade Promotion Authority
- Tax Reform
- Military Force Authorization
- Affordable Care Act
- Border Security/Immigration Reform
- Transportation Reauthorization/Highway Trust Fund



# Regulatory Issues

## **Dodd-Frank liquidity coverage rule**

- Part of the 2010 legislation
- Requires banks to hold “safe, liquid assets” for 30 days (i.e. T Bonds)
- Excludes municipal bonds from the definition of “safe”
- Rule begins to go into effect January 2015

## **FCC – Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services**

- Proposed ruling would limit rates at correctional facilities
- Virginia Regional Jails could lose \$8 million annually
- Apply similar restrictions on intrastate calls as well

# Defense Spending Impact on Virginia

- FY 2001 – FY 2011 Defense spending increased 129%
- Federal spending per person in Virginia is second only to Alaska
- In 2011 federal contracts represented 13.7% of GSP
- Virginia received more federal contracts than any state - \$58.9 Billion
- In NoVA federal spending grew from 9.1% to 18.0% of GRP
- \$1 million in federal spending supports 2.6 to 18.0 jobs
  
- Direct impact between decreased DoD/federal spending/state revenue
- Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads are most impacted



Thank you!