



# Housing Advisory Group



## **Tax Extenders – Jobs Bill Update**

Despite a rocky road ahead, the House and Senate Leadership still hope to complete work before the Memorial Day recess on legislation to extend expiring tax provisions, including the LIHTC nine percent exchange provision and GO Zone/Disaster Area PIS date extension. Late last week, the Chairs of the tax-writing committees reached an agreement on the tax extenders and a package of spending items that includes extensions of unemployment insurance and the COBRA subsidy, among other spending provisions. The agreement includes a number of revenue raisers that are intended to pay for the cost of the tax extenders, but a substantial portion of the spending provisions will not be paid for.

The House had hoped to consider the bill Tuesday, but it now appears it will be considered no earlier than today. The bill faces opposition from House Republicans as well as from fiscally conservative Democrats who object to the bill adding to the budget deficit. Layered upon this is growing opposition to a number of the proposed tax increases that partially pay for the bill -- particularly the changes to the carried interest rules.

Despite these substantial speed bumps, most predict that the House will pass the bill. The Senate outlook is much more in question. At this time, it does not appear that that the bill currently on the table can pass the Senate without changes. Some House Democrats are urging the Leadership to hold off on voting on the bill until a package can be crafted that could pass both bodies. These Members do not want to be put in the uncomfortable position of voting for controversial provisions only to see them dropped out later in the process.

As we say frequently, the situation is fluid and can change, and that is certainly the case with this legislation. As developments occur, we will keep you posted.

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