At press time, Congress had recessed until September 8, 2009. Prior to its departure in August, the House of Representatives passed all 12 of its appropriations bills. The Senate, on the other hand, has passed only four of its 12 appropriations bills. Given the fact that the fiscal year ends on September 30, 2009, and the daunting legislative agenda facing the U.S. Senate when it reconvenes, it is increasingly likely Congress will need to pass a continuing resolution to keep the federal government funded in October.

The below chart summarizes the amounts currently being debated for agencies of primary interest to the Population Association of America (PAA).

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After the Senate passes versions of its appropriations bills, select members of the House and Senate will meet in conference committee to reconcile the final versions of each of the 12 appropriations bills.

One issue that will require bicameral negotiations is the fate of a House amendment, adopted on the floor, that rescinds or prohibits NIH from spending money on three currently-funded, peer-reviewed grants. The three rescinded grants focus on HIV/AIDS prevention among vulnerable populations: Substance Abuse Use and HIV Risk among Thai Women, HIV prevention for Hospitalized Russian Alcoholics, and Venue-based HIV and Alcohol Use Risk Reduction among Female Sex Workers in China. The amendment, sponsored by Congressman Darryl Issa (R-CA), was adopted by voice vote. A roll call vote was not taken.

The Coalition to Protect Research (CPR) has organized a letter in anticipation of the Senate’s consideration of its version of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill. The letter, which PAA signed, urges the Senate to reject similar amendments, if offered, on the Senate floor.

**House and Senate Praise NIH demographic research programs**

Both the House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Committee reports (which accompany the underlying funding bill) include language praising demographic and economic research programs at the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). This language helps inform people outside and inside the NIH about the important role population research programs play in furthering the NIH mission to improve public health and well being.

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Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
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National Institute on Aging

Demographic and Economic Research.-The Committee is aware that in 2010 the NIA will be making 5-year awards as part of its Demography of Aging Centers and Roybal Centers for Research on Applied Gerontology programs. The Committee urges the NIA, with support from the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research and Office of AIDS Research, to fund at least the existing number of centers, and more if possible. In addition, the Committee encourages the NIA to substantially increase the minority sample size of the Health and Retirement Study to understand the impact of the economic downturn on pre-retirees and retirees.


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Obama Administration Appointments

Census Bureau Director

On Monday, July 13, the United States Senate confirmed Dr. Robert Groves as the Director of the Census Bureau, overcoming objections of several Republicans more than three months after President Obama nominated the renowned survey methodologist and former Census Associate Director to head the nation's largest statistical agency. Senators voted 76 - 15 to end debate on the nomination and then proceeded to give final approval to the nominee by voice vote. More information about Dr. Groves is available at: http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/directors_corner/

National Institutes of Health Director

On July 8, President Obama nominated Dr. Francis Collins to be the 16th Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). On August 7, the U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed him. From 1993-2008, Dr. Collins
served as director of the NIH National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). Dr. Collins bio is located at: http://www.nih.gov/about/director/directorbio.htm. Dr. Raynard Kington, who had been serving as the NIH Acting Director since mid-October, will return to his role as NIH principal deputy director.

National Science Foundation SBE Directorate
Myron Gutmann, director of the Interuniversity Consortium on Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan, has been selected to become the new Assistant Director for the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) Directorate. Gutmann will replace David Lightfoot, who has served since 2005. Dr. Gutmann is a PAA member and a former member of the PAA Board of Directors. He will begin his NSF assignment in November 2009.

PAA in Washington, DC

Congressional Briefing--On June 8th PAA and APC cosponsored a congressional briefing, “Getting Around in the 21st Century: Demographics and the Future of Transportation Policy.” PAA member Peter Morrison participated in the briefing, which covered dramatic demographics changes that are reshaping our nation and redefining our needs. Our senior population is projected to grow by 36 percent from 2010 to 2020. Members of minority groups are expected to constitute a majority of the population by 2042. In addition, U.S. household size continues to decrease and is projected to fall below 2.5 by 2020. To prepare for these changes, we need a visionary transportation bill that provides all Americans with options while reflecting the shifting composition of our population. Over 75 congressional and non-profit representatives attended the briefing that was cosponsored by the Population Resource Center, AARP and Transportation 4 America. Speakers presentations are posted at: http://www.popassoc.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3338.

COSSA briefing-- In January 2009 the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy issued the report Social, Behavioral and Economic Research in the Federal Context. On July 16, the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA), brought four social and behavioral scientists to Capitol Hill to discuss their research and to highlight the report’s emphasis on the importance of these sciences to the national science and policy agenda. PAA Member, Dr. Martina Morris, discussed “Modeling HIV and STI Transmission Dynamics: The Importance of Partnership Network Structure.” Her research focuses on the massive and persistent disparities in HIV prevalence. She illustrated that there are differences in prevalence rates by areas of the world, within regions such as sub-Saharan Africa, and even by population subgroups within a specific country.

Other News
The Energy and Environment Subcommittee of the House Science and Technology (S&T) Committee has reported out legislation to “establish a social and behavioral sciences research program at the Department of Energy.”

The bill, H.R. 3247, sponsored by Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Brian Baird (D-WA), requires the Secretary of Energy to establish a program “to identify and understand social and behavioral factors that
influence energy consumption and acceptance and adoption rates of new energy technologies, and to promote the utilization of the results of social and behavioral research to improve, the design, development, demonstration, and application of energy technologies.”