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| **Weekly Legislative Update** |
| 04-21-2008 |
| This Week on the Hill   **Negotiations on final budget resolution stalled; deeming resolution considered**  The status of negotiations on the final budget resolution has not changed over the past week.The inclusion of reconciliation instructions for an offset AMT bill continues to hold up a final resolution and there is now increasing talk of Congress passing a deeming resolution. This would set a total spending limit to enable the House to begin appropriations legislation on time, but would preclude the specific spending guidelines of a budget resolution. Currently, the spending caps put forth from the two chambers are within $3.5 billion of each other, which should be close enough to allow for a consensus to be reached in the next few weeks.    **Calendar:**  SENATE:  Tuesday, April 22  Hearing on the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Commission Study  Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee  2:30 PM, 253 Russell |