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| **Weekly Legislative Update** |
| 05-12-2008 |
|  **On the Hill****Final Budget Resolution Conference should happen this week; Floor action next week** A cap on discretionary spending is the only issue left to resolve; both chambers are far above Bush’s limit and about $3.6 billion apart from each other. Budget leaders have been focused on the war supplemental bill recently, which is why negotiations on the budget resolution have been postponed until this week.**Most Recent Effort to Fix the Highway Trust Fund Stalls** The most recent effort to fix the Highway Trust Fund through provisions in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill has stalled in the Senate. Last Tuesday, a motion to limit debate on the bill failed, 49-42. Sixty votes were needed to invoke cloture on HR 2881 and move the bill forward. After this latest vote, lawmakers have announced that an extension of the current FAA authorization is being prepared to last through the fall of 2009. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) voted against his own cloture motion, essentially reserving the right to bring the bill back to the Senate floor. If an extension is passed, a new vehicle will have to be found for provisions to fix the Highway Trust Fund.    **Calendar** **SENATE:** Thursday, May 15 Hearing on “Condition of Our Nation’s Infrastructure: Local Perspectives from Mayors” Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee 10:00 AM, 538 Dirksen**HOUSE:** Wednesday, May 14 Hearing on Amtrak Reauthorization Transportation and Infrastructure Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee 10:00 AM, 2167 Rayburn |