

The House is scheduled to vote (under a suspension of the rules which means no amendments and 2/3 of those **present** agreeing) on the Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act of 2011, H.R. 2608. (This does not include any SBIR extension, just the programs running out on July 31st) Summary as follows:

Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act of 2011 - Extends through December 31, 2011, under the same terms and conditions, with specified exceptions, the authorization for any program, authority, or provision, including any pilot program, that is currently authorized through July 31, 2011, under the Small Business Act or the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (SBIA).

Repeals the authority of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to make: (1) deferred participation loans to finance the planning, design, or installation of pollution control facilities; or (2) grants (including contracts and cooperative agreements) to any public or private institution of higher education for the establishment and operation of a small business institute.

Repeals a requirement that small business development centers provide information and assistance to small business concerns regarding the establishment of certain drug-free workplace programs.

Repeals the establishment of: (1) the Central European Enterprise Development Commission, (2) the Paul D. Coverdell drug-free workplace demonstration program, (3) the pilot technology access program, (4) the federally chartered National Veterans Business Development Corporation, (5) SBIA authority relating to commercial and industrial lease guarantees, and (6) the small business telecommuting pilot program under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Eliminates the authorization of certain high loss reserve premier certified lenders to elect to establish alternative loss reserves.

Prohibits the SBA Administrator from carrying out: (1) the Emerging Leaders or any successor program with similar goals; or (2) any pilot program established between the enactment of this Act and December 31, 2011, that is not specifically authorized by federal statute, unless the program relates to the Administrator's authority to make certain disaster loans.