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House and Senate Pass USFA, AFG and SAFER Reauthorization Bill

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Over the last day, the House and Senate have passed an AFG and SAFER reauthorization package on their respective "suspension" and unanimous consent calendars. This is great news for the entire Fire Service Coalition, and FAMA and FEMSA members in particular.

After a round of behind-the-scene negotiations between key House and Senate congressional members, agreement was reached on a compromise package, [H.R. 4661, the United States Fire Administration, AFG, and SAFER Program Reauthorization Act of 2017](#). The bill includes a reauthorization of the USFA and keeps all major components of S. 829, passed earlier by the Senate, with the one exception that a sunset provision was added through 2024. All parties of the coalition agreed to the sunset provision in order to "move" the bill by January 2, 2018, when the AFG and SAFER programs would expire.

H.R. 4661 maintains the basic structure and authorization levels under current law, makes the necessary technical corrections earlier agreed to and provides a six year reauthorization through FY 2023, with an extra year before the sunset provision applies (2024).

We wish to thank all FAMA and FEMSA members and the Fire Service Coalition for their hard work throughout the year in bringing the reauthorization to a successful conclusion. A special thanks goes to CFSI and Sean Carroll who led the coalition's efforts and helped to shepherd the bill through the final days of passage.

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