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As Congress moves toward passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (H.R. 1 and S. 1), ANCOR providers should be aware of provisions in the package that will affect their states' budget and opportunities to work with their states as funding is distributed. The table below reflects select provisions from the House-passed version of the bill and the bill on the Senate floor this week. The table will be updated as changes are made. After the bill moves through the Senate, House and Senate conferees will meet to reconcile the differences before the final bill moves to the President for his signature. House and Senate leadership plan to have a bill to the President by February 13th, or they will work through Presidents Day weekend and into the recess to complete their work.

Side-by-Side Comparison of Select Provisions

House	Senate
\$500 million for Vocational Rehabilitation	\$500 million for Vocational Rehabilitation
\$2.5 billion for payments, grants or loans to owners of properties receiving section 8 project-based rental assistance, or assistance through the section 202 Housing for the Elderly program and section 811 Housing for the Disabled programs.	\$3.5 billion for payments, grants or loans to owners of properties receiving section 8 project-based rental assistance, or assistance through the section 202 Housing for the Elderly program and section 811 Housing for the Disabled programs.
\$1.5 billion for the HOME Program	\$2.25 billion for the HOME program
\$1 billion Community Development Block Grant	N/A
One time cash payment to SSI beneficiaries equal to an average benefit amount over a period of time	One-time payment of \$300 to SSI beneficiaries, railroad retirement beneficiaries, and veterans receiving disability compensation
\$900 billion for construction of National Computer Center and processing Social Security disability and retirement backlog	\$900 billion for construction of National Computer Center and processing Social Security disability and retirement backlog
N/A	\$400 million for Social Services Block Grant targeted to states with the highest unemployment rates
\$13.6 billion for Special Education	\$13.5 billion for Special Education
\$200 million to put approximately 16,000 additional AmeriCorps members to work doing national service, meeting needs of vulnerable populations and communities during the recession.	N/A
N/A	\$200 million for Community Service Block Grant
\$430 billion for pandemic flu activities (including the development and purchase of vaccine, antivirals, necessary medical supplies, diagnostics, and other surveillance tools)	\$870 billion for pandemic flu activities (third installment to implement the National Influenza Preparedness Strategy