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House and Senate Quickly Pass TRIA; Headed to President for Signature

As you may have heard, one of the first items of business that the 114th Congress considered was reauthorizing the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA), which expired on December 31, 2014. Yesterday, the House passed H.R. 26, the *Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Insurance Act of 2015*, by a vote of 416-5. Today, the Senate also passed H.R. 26 by a vote of 93-4, after rejecting an amendment that would have stripped Title III dealing with end users from the bill. The bill that passed both chambers is identical to legislation that passed the House 417-7 – but later stalled in the Senate – just last month.

Specifically, the reauthorization bill:

- Reauthorizes TRIA for six years through 2020;
- Phases in an increase in the threshold from \$100 million to \$200 million over the six years;
- Increases insurers' co-pay from 15 to 20%, with the government still covering 80% of each company's additional losses;
- Raises the mandatory recoupment threshold to \$37.5 billion; and
- Requires a Government Accountability Office (GAO) study on the viability of upfront premiums, among other provisions.

President Obama is expected to sign the legislation into law. Attached is a copy of H.R. 26 as passed. If you have any questions, please let Chris know.