Sen. Peters encouraged by “middle ground” in federal budget law

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U.S. Sen. Gary Peters toured the FRIB construction project at MSU earlier this year.

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The omnibus spending bill Congress passed last week includes sizeable dollars for the FRIB project at MSU, and for Great Lakes restoration projects. We talk with Democratic Sen. Gary Peters about what’s in the new federal budget.

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Members of Congress are back in their home districts for the holiday break. Just before they adjourned, lawmakers passed, and President Obama signed, a $1.1-trillion federal budget. The massive omnibus spending bill averts a feared government shutdown, and it provides funding for several key priorities in Michigan.

Among other things, the package includes $100-million for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams under construction at Michigan State University, and $1-billion for Great Lakes projects.

Current State talks about the newly signed federal budget with Michigan U.S. Sen. Gary Peters.