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Good evening,

Please see below for updates on legislation related to COVID-19.

3.26.2020 - COVID-19 Legislative Update

Legislation

Supplemental III – Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Timeline: After a party line vote rejecting the an [amendment](#) to limit some of the UI provisions **the Senate passed the third coronavirus package by a unanimous vote of 96-0. The House plans to vote on the measure tomorrow.** The House will convene at 9am and proceed to take up the bill. There will be two hours of debate (there are several Republicans who want to speak on the bill). After debate ends, there will be either a vote by unanimous consent or a voice vote. It is unclear whether there would be a quorum if a Member chooses to call for a quorum vote. In the event a Member calls for a vote, whether procedural or a roll call vote on passage, the vote will be held open for 24 hours, and more Members will have to fly back. House Democratic Whip Jim Clyburn send around floor update advising Members that **it is possible this measure will not pass by voice vote.** The guidance encouraged Members to follow the advice of local and state health officials but encouraged Members who are willing and able to be in D.C. for the vote tomorrow. Additionally, the House Sergeant at Arms and the Attending Physician released [guidance](#) for the vote, including procedures for voting in shifts if a roll call vote is called.

Process and Politics: While a unanimous vote in the Senate on a bill costing upwards of \$2 trillion is certainly unusual (and perhaps unprecedented), many expected that would be enough momentum to pass the House by unanimous consent. However, there have been grumblings from both the progressives and conservatives about the bill, and passage by UC or voice vote is looking less guaranteed.

Late in the process negotiations shifted the bill in Democrats' favor, leaving some Republicans frustrated. While this context might not matter for this bill's passage, Republicans may be less willing to compromise and include Democratic priorities in later supplementals.

Policy: Final text [here](#). Democratic summary [here](#). Republican section by section [here](#). Committee summaries here:

- Small Business Loans (Title I) – Committee section by section [here](#) and one pager [here](#), minority one pager [here](#)
- Individual Relief (Title II) – summary [here](#)
- Business Tax Relief (Title II) – summary [here](#)
- Health Care Infrastructure Support (Title III) – majority summary [here](#), minority summary [here](#)
- Education (also Title III) – majority summary [here](#), minority summary [here](#)
- Senate Finance Jurisdiction Health Provisions (still Title III) – section by section [here](#)
- Economic Stabilization (Title IV) – summary [here](#)

See [here](#) for summary on specific worker protections

- Appropriations – majority section by section [here](#), minority summary [here](#)

Committees' summaries below:

- Senate Agriculture Committee minority summary [here](#)
- Senate Banking Committee majority summary [here](#), minority summary [here](#)
- Senate Commerce Committee minority summary [here](#)
- Senate Homeland and Government Affairs Committee minority summary [here](#)
- Senate Committee on Indian Affairs summary [here](#)
- Senate Judiciary Committee minority summary [here](#)
- Senate Veterans Affairs Committee minority summary [here](#)

Supplemental IV and onward

Speaker Pelosi and others have agreed on drafting a fourth and fifth supplemental – unclear what will be included yet. However, Leader McCarthy has said that drafting a fourth supplemental may be “premature”. Speaker Pelosi has indicated that she aims to have the next COVID-19 bill focus on infrastructure and recovery. Rep. DeFazio (Chair T&I) had said that he wants to put an infrastructure bill on the floor in May.

Passed Legislation

Supplemental II – *Families First Coronavirus Response Act (HR 6201)*

The Senate passed the bill 90-8 Wednesday afternoon and the President signed the bill into law that evening. Bill text [here](#). Factsheet [here](#). Bill section by section [here](#). A summary of paid leave provisions, incorporating changes made by technical correction, is [here](#).

Supplemental I – *Coronavirus Supplemental*

Signed by the President March 6. Text [here](#), summary [here](#).

Congress

House is in session and will reconvene tomorrow at 9am. Senate has recessed until April 20.

As of right now, the **appropriations markup schedule is unchanged**. Most House bills have subcommittee markup dates the weeks of April 21 and April 28, while the Senate has not yet set its markup dates.

Remote voting: Speaker Pelosi and Leader McConnell have both voiced opposition to members' voting remotely, but as more members of Congress have begun self-quarantining and the pandemic makes travel more treacherous, in-person voting may become more difficult. Remote voting is being discussed to some extent in both chambers. On Monday, the House Committee on Rules Majority released a staff report on voting options. The [report](#) discusses unanimous consent, proxy voting, as well as the logistics (and security concerns) of remote voting. Additionally, the Attending Physician of Congress is working on a plan ensure members are able to vote on the floor safely. Similarly, in its notice of the vote Sunday, the Senate Cloakroom encouraged members to socially distance during votes. In the Senate, Sens. Durbin, Portman, and Klobuchar working on a way for Senators to vote remotely, but Leader McConnell, as of right now, is not supportive.

While most hearings and markups for the next week or so have been cancelled, some committee staff are working to see whether holding hearings virtually is possible. The Senate Armed Services

Committee has developed a “[paper hearing](#)” in lieu of in person hearings.

Members of Congress in Quarantine or Treatment (new additions in bold)

Tested Positive (3): Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), Rep. Ben McAdams (D-UT), Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)

Currently Self-Quarantined (31): Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ), Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA), Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO), Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL), Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA), Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA), Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO), Rep. Sharice Davids (D-KS), Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-NY), Rep. Kendra Horn (D-OK), Rep. Matt Cartwright (D-PA), Rep. Ben McAdams (D-UT), Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI), Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL), Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL), Rep. Drew Ferguson (R-GA), Rep. Joe Cunningham (D-SC), Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK), Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ), Rep. Anthony Brindisi (D-NY), Rep. David Price (D-NC), Rep. Andy Kim (D-NJ), Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL), Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO), Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT), Sen. Mitt Romney (R-UT), **Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA), Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA), Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA)**

Completed Quarantine (4): Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC), Sen. Lindsay Graham (R-SC), Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA)

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