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COVID-19 Legislative Update

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Please see below for updates on legislation related to COVID-19. Updates are sent every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening. For past updates, click [here](#). For updates before May 8, click [here](#).

6.12.2020. COVID-19 Legislative Update

Legislation

Supplemental IV

Timeline/Process/Politics: As the May jobs numbers did take some pressure off Congress to move forward immediately, **we'll likely see a bill on the floor at the end of July**, with August recess/party convention as a backstop. Yesterday, Leader Schumer sent a [letter](#) to the President and Leader McConnell, calling for immediate action on the Heroes Act and highlighting the disproportionate impact inaction on a bill is having on communities of color.

While there's a broad consensus among congressional Republicans and the White House around the next bill totally around \$1 trillion, there's nowhere near bipartisan consensus on what will be contained in that bill. In his testimony on the Hill this week, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin asked Congress to pump more money into the economy, emphasizing the need for economic stimulus. \$1 trillion may be seen better as the floor for the next bill rather than its ceiling.

Policy: Republicans continue to push for liability protections and are working on strategies to combat the incentive structure of the federal boost to unemployment insurance. While the Heroes Act will not be taken up by the Senate (as Sen. McConnell has indicated), it can serve as an outline of Democratic priorities. Heroes Act text (as of 5/12/2020) [here](#). Section by section [here](#). One pager [here](#). State and Local one pager [here](#). NCAI's summary on tribal provisions [here](#). Manager's amendment [here](#). House Rules Committee report [here](#).

Prioritized Paycheck Protection Program (P4) Act

Senators Coons (D-DE), Shaheen (D-NH), and Cardin (D-MD) released a PPP bill that would allow some small businesses to get a **second** PPP loan. One-pager [here](#).

The forgivable PPP loans would be available to small businesses and nonprofits who are still suffering from the pandemic/recession. Highlights below:

- Applicants would have to show that business activity is still down at least 50 percent.
- Loans would be capped at \$2 million or 250 percent of monthly payroll costs.
- Loans would not be available to publicly traded companies.

Passed Legislation

Moving forward, this section will only include new information and guidance. For past information and guidance and passed legislation, please refer to the [archives](#).

New Implementation Information and Guidance

- 6/11 – Treasury announced it will be releasing the second tranche of funding for Tribes as early as today and “no later than Monday, June 15.”

Congress

Hearings/Floor Activity:

House is in pro forma session next week, with no votes scheduled. Leader Hoyer announced that **members will meet to vote on the [Justice in Policing Act](#) on June 25 and 26**. Earlier this week a bicameral group of legislators released the bill in response to the nationwide Black Lives Matter protests following the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery. The Senate is in session next week.

Appropriations

SAC plans to markup bills late June, though it may slip to July. The subcommittee markup schedule has been reported as E&W, THUD, and Leg Branch on June 25; Interior, CJS, Ag, DHS on July 2; and the remaining bills to be determined. SAC is unlikely to markup the Homeland Security and MilCon/VA bills. SAC-D will likely not markup prior to August recess and may have to post a Chairman’s mark.

Subcommittees will poll their member rather than meet in person and save the in-person markups for full committee, to minimize the number of times that committee members have to gather.

House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey has sent out a Dear Colleague outlining that she plans to hold **subcommittee and full committee markups the weeks of July 6 and 13**. From there, the Committee is aiming to push all the bills to the House floor during the last two weeks of July, likely in two minibuses. Majority Leader Hoyer has said he wants to pass all the appropriations bills before the August recess.

NDAA

Monday) to set up floor time the following week. HASC Chairman Adam Smith and Ranking Member Thornberry [announced](#) that **HASC will be marking up the bill the week of June 22**, with the full markup on June 24.

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

Tested Positive (0):

Currently Self-Quarantined (0):

Recovered (7): Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), Rep. Joe Cunningham (D-SC), Rep. Ben McAdams (D-UT), Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA), Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY), Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL)

Completed Quarantine (38): Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC), Sen. Lindsay Graham (R-SC), Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA), Rep. Sharice Davids (D-KS), Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA), Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ), Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO), Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL), Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL), Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO), Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA), Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI), Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL), Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY), Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), Rep. Vincente Gonzalez (D-TX), Rep. Drew Ferguson (R-GA), Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ), Rep. Anthony Brindisi (D-NY), Rep. David Price (D-NC), Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO), Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-NY), Rep. Matt Cartwright (D-PA), Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK), Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA), Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL), Rep. Andy Kim (D-NJ), Rep. Kendra Horn (D-OK), Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT), Sen. Mitt Romney (R-UT), Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA), Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA), Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX), Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ), Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)



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