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COVID-19 Legislative Update

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To reflect the slowdown of news related to the COVID-19 packages and limit overlap with our other newsletters, moving forward this update will only be published on Monday evenings and will be limited to the following sections: Legislation, Passed Legislation, Members in Quarantine or Treatment. The next update will be on Monday, June 29.

Please see below for updates on legislation related to COVID-19. For past updates, click [here](#). For updates before May 8, click [here](#). If you believe you have been accidentally unsubscribed, you can re-subscribe [here](#).

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Legislation

Supplemental IV

Timeline/Process/Politics: We continue to be in wait-and-see mode as Congress has been focused on other issues in the short-term. It's unclear exactly when negotiations will begin in earnest for the next supplemental. As the federal boost to unemployment insurance ends July 31, lawmakers will likely attempt to put something on the floor before then.

Policy: While the Heroes Act will not be taken up by the Senate (as Sen. McConnell has indicated), it is the starting point of negotiations and is what the Senate will be responding to. 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](#).

Passed Legislation

This section only includes new information and guidance. For past information and guidance and passed legislation, please refer to the [archives](#).

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Congress

Hearings/Floor Activity

The House will be in session this week, with votes on tomorrow and Friday. The House will have votes on the Democratic police reform bill ([Justice in Policing Act](#)) and a DC statehood bill. The Senate held a procedural vote on the Republican police reform bill ([the JUSTICE Act](#)) today, which failed.

Appropriations

The House plans to hold all the subcommittee **markups on July 6 and 7, with full committee markups beginning July 9**. Order will likely be SFOPS, Ag-FDA, and MilCon on July 6; Homeland, Interior, Leg Branch, E&W, and Labor-HHS on July 7; and, CJS, THUD, FSGG, and Defense on July 8. Full Committee markups will then begin the following day, hoping to finish full committee markups by Thursday, July 16.

The plan also remains to **move bills on the floor the last two weeks of July in the form of two minibuses**. It'll be a relatively closed floor process with a limited number of votes per package, as voting takes so long. The Rules Committee may package amendments en bloc as a part of a rule.

Agencies like the CDC and others may be designated as **emergency spending** — i.e. they won't count toward the budget caps — due to their involvement in responding to the pandemic.

The Senate markups have slipped, possibly slipping to early July. The delay has been caused by disagreement over various amendments proposed by Democrats. 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.

NDAA

The House Armed Services Committee is **scheduled to markup this week**, with full committee amendments due on Friday. It will likely take two days for the FY21 NDAA to get through full committee. The aim is to have the bill move on the House floor before August recess.

The Senate Armed Services Committee approved the FY21 NDAA earlier in June and filed the bill last night. It is unclear when the bill will move on the floor — the hope is to move it before July 4 recess.

House Protocols

no cost.

The House Attending Physician Brian Monahan also [sent](#) out updated guidance in a Dear Colleague last week. The **guidance requires face coverings for those meeting in “enclosed space[s]” for longer than 15 minutes.** Speaker Pelosi has asked committee chairs to invoke rules on decorum to prevent members without masks from taking part in hearings.

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

Tested Positive (1): Rep. Tom Rice (R-SC)

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 Luján (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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