

Legislative Update

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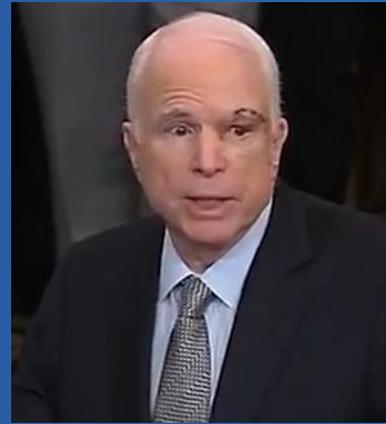
- Congressional Operations
- COVID-19 Funding
- FY21 Appropriations
- Legislative Issues





congress (n.)

from Latin congressus



"a friendly meeting; a hostile encounter"

"the act of coming together and meeting"

"the cots" = threat of
filibuster



Rules for remote voting by proxy in the House of Representatives



- The resolution **authorizes remote voting by proxy for a 45-day period** in response to the public health emergency due to a novel coronavirus
- The **period may be extended by 45 days or terminated** earlier based on the status of the emergency
- It also **calls for a feasibility study to be conducted on using technology for remote voting** to certify that operable and secure technology exists
- During the “covered period” of 45 days, **a member of the House, who is designated by another member as a proxy, may cast the vote of that member or record their presence**

Proxy voting requirements



A member must submit a **signed letter** to the Clerk specifying by name the member who will be designated as their proxy



The **Clerk must notify** the Speaker, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and other members involved



A member **may not be designated as a proxy for more than 10 members** concurrently



The Clerk must keep a **list of the designations** and changes to designations, and the list must be publicly available electronically

There are currently
76 members
of the House of Representatives
voting by proxy

5/15/20
Proxy Vote
House Res.

Passed
217-189



March 3, 2020

**Senate HELP
Hearing**

**“Federal
Response to
Coronavirus
Outbreak”**





May 12, 2020

**Senate HELP
Hearing**

**“Getting Back to
Work and Back to
School”**



Phase 1

Initial support and vaccine development

H.R. 6074 – Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act

- \$8.3 billion in COVID-19 response funding for developing a vaccine and preventing further spread of the virus
- Became law on 3/6/20

Phase 2

Paid leave, unemployment and food assistance

H.R. 6201 – Families First Coronavirus Response Act

- \$100 billion in worker assistance, including emergency paid sick leave, food assistance, and unemployment payments
- Became law on 3/18/20

Phase 3

Major economic stimulus package

H.R. 748 CARES Act

- Major stimulus package (\$2 trillion)
- Loans and support to major industries, including airlines and small businesses
- Direct payments to individuals and families
- Became law on 3/27/20

Phase 3b

Additional funding for small businesses/hospitals

H.R. 266 Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act

- \$310 billion for the depleted Paycheck Protection Program, additional funding for hospitals and testing
- Became law on 4/24/20

4 packages = \$2.6 trillion

Enacted in 50 days

NIH – Emergency Supplemental COVID-19 Funding

Dollars in Millions

	1.0	3.0	3.5	
NIAID	826	706		1,532
OD	1	30	1,000	1,030
NIBIB		60	500	560
NCI			306	306
NHLBI		103.4		103.4
NCATS		36		36
NIEHS	10			10
NLM		10		10
TOTAL	836	945.4	1,806	3,587.4

Public Law 116–139
116th Congress

An Act

Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act”.

- \$306M for NCI to **develop, validate, improve, and implement** serological testing and associated technologies
- COVID-19 focused & *distinct* from annual appropriation

May 15: House passed \$3 trillion HEROES Act, 208-199

Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Economic Solutions Act

NIH: \$4,021,000,000...to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally

- **\$3,000,000,000** for offsetting the costs related to reductions in lab productivity resulting from the coronavirus pandemic or public health measures related to the coronavirus pandemic
- **\$1,021,000,000** to support additional scientific research or the programs and platforms that support research

FY21 Appropriations Outlook

- House hearing on March 4, Senate hearing postponed
- Markup expected to begin in late June / early July
- CR likely until after November elections
- New - Police Reform Legislation

2020 congressional calendar

- Both chambers in session
- Senate only in session
- House only in session
- House is convened remotely for committee work

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Sources: [RollCall](#), [Ballotpedia](#).

Questions?

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