

Today in Congress

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Quick Takes

— **HOUSE CLEARS PPP REFORM BILL, TRANSPARENCY BILL STALLS.** House lawmakers overwhelmingly passed a bill that seeks to provide PPP recipients with more time and flexibility to use the funds, but a bill that would've required more transparency on the program did not pass.

— **HOYER: NO VOTES NEXT WEEK, NEW LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR EXPECTED SOON.** Prior to adjourning yesterday, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) announced that there will be no votes in the House next week.

— **SENATE RETURNS TO BUSY JUNE AGENDA NEXT WEEK.** Senators will return from their Memorial Day district work period next week to a jam-packed agenda for the month of June.

— **FDA ASKS PACKING FACILITIES TO REPORT ON COVID-19 PROBLEMS.** FDA is asking farms and facilities it oversees for food safety to let the agency know if COVID-19 forced them to close temporarily or slow production.

— **TRUMP SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER TARGETING SOCIAL MEDIA.** President Trump signed an executive order on Thursday seeking to limit the broad legal protection that federal law currently provides to social-media and other online platforms.

— **ACTION ON APPROPRIATIONS EXPECTED IN MID-LATE SUMMER.** As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to upend the Congressional schedule, lawmakers are adjusting their expectations for consideration of fiscal year (FY) 2020 spending bills.

Capitol Hill Updates

— **HOUSE CLEARS PPP REFORM BILL, TRANSPARENCY BILL STALLS.** House lawmakers overwhelmingly passed ([417-1 \[r20.rs6.net\]](#)) a [bill \[r20.rs6.net\]](#) that seeks to provide recipients of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) with more time and flexibility in using these loans. Specifically, the measure would (1) give businesses 24 weeks to spend the funds instead of eight; (2) allow businesses to repay any non-forgiven balance over five years; and (3) adjust the Trump administration's non-statutory requirement that 75 percent of PPP loan funds be used for payroll, bumping it down to 60 percent instead of striking it completely as the original version proposed. Conversely, the House failed to pass ([269-147 \[r20.rs6.net\]](#)) a [bill \[r20.rs6.net\]](#) that would've required the SBA to submit a report on PPP and Economic Injury Disaster Loan program recipients, as the legislation did not earn enough Republican support to meet the two-thirds threshold required for passage under suspension of the rules.

— **HOYER: NO VOTES NEXT WEEK, NEW LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR EXPECTED SOON.** Prior to adjourning yesterday, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) announced that there will be no votes in the House next week. He noted that Democratic leadership is expected to issue an updated legislative calendar in the coming days, suggesting that the House will likely be busy through the summer as it looks to address key must-pass priorities for the balance of the 116th Congress. Members will receive 72-hours' notice of any changes to the lower chamber's schedule.

— **SENATE RETURNS TO BUSY JUNE AGENDA.** Senators will return from their Memorial Day district work period next week to a jam-packed agenda for the month of June. In addition to a consideration of presidential nominations, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) stated that the upper chamber will work on the fiscal year (FY) 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), as well as a bill that would permanently fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund while also addressing billions of dollars in national park backlogs. The Senate is also likely to take up PPP reform legislation at some point in the near future, but whether it takes action on additional COVID-19 relief remains to be seen.

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