



## **Policy Resolution Group Reconciliation & Infrastructure Update**

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Please find below the latest edition of the Policy Resolution Group's FY2022 Budget Reconciliation & Infrastructure Update.

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### **State of Infrastructure and Reconciliation Negotiations**

Once again, the past week saw little public action on a potentially revived reconciliation package, with both chambers of Congress on state work periods and attention divided between other priorities such as a conference on China competitiveness legislation and taming record-breaking inflation. While the news cycle regarding reconciliation talks has remained fairly quiet, this cooling off period may lay the groundwork for expedited negotiations on a pared back bill that aligns with Sen. Joe Manchin's (D-WV) repeated insistence that a bill reduce the deficit and embrace an "all-of-the-above" energy portfolio. As the midterm election season rapidly approaches, Democratic leadership will need to act fast in the coming weeks to push across a critical component of President Biden's agenda.

### **Liam Donovan's Bottom Line**

With Congress back home for the first half of a two-week recess period, onlookers are left to ponder what's to come when they return. As ever, the likelihood of success remains a matter of perspective, if not disposition.

Is the mere existence of a privileged budget reconciliation vehicle--and the unthinkability of squandering it--sufficient proof that they will pass something in the end, or is nine months of wheel-spinning, coinciding with a precipitous decline in the President's standing, evidence to the contrary?

Is the recent rhetoric of the holdouts--Sinema indicating she will "[be the same person](#)" should talks resume; [Manchin's admonition](#) that we "cannot spend our way to a balanced, healthy economy" while pointing to inflation control and "all-of-the-above" energy priorities--indicative of them trying to get to no, or a road map for how to get them to yes?

On the subject of "Sinemanchin," will resolving their public posturing on pay-fors prove to be the breakthrough that paves the way for a deal, or do those [enduring differences](#) presage a failure to launch?

Is there a [quiet](#) but deliberate plan among senior White House officials and Democratic leaders, borne of lessons learned the hard way, ready to be executed upon Congress' return, or will they continue to wing it, waiting for the Manchins of the world to write the final bill?

Should an agreement come together then reach Senatorial consensus, does its diminished scale, narrow scope, and potential policy apostasies create an unsustainable tension in the House, or are progressives resigned to "[swallowing the toad](#)" and taking whatever they can get?

At any rate, the spate of dreadful numbers for Democrats this week, both fiscal and political, underscore how precious this opportunity is before the legislative door slams shut for the remainder of President Biden's current term. If [8.5 percent headline inflation](#) and [sub-40 presidential approval ratings](#) don't impress a sense of urgency at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue, nothing will. The tricky part remains translating that urgency into yet-elusive efficacy.

### **PRG Podcasts**

Need more PRG? Try listening to our podcasts!

[The Lobby Shop](#) - This week, we are joined by returning guest Jim Lucier, who serves as the Managing Director for Capital Alpha Partners where he leads the energy, environmental, and tax practices. In this episode, Jim gives the team an insightful analysis on his predictions for the upcoming midterms, how Congress will look in the next couple of years, and what's on the radar after Biden's first term. Listen [HERE](#).

[Madam Policy](#) - A note to listeners: This episode was recorded on March 9, 2022. News moves fast and some of the information in this episode might have changed by the time you hear this.

"We all win when environmental justice and equity prevail." These are the words of Montana Cole, the first ever Senior Counsel for Environmental Justice and Equity at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Join Madam Policy to hear about Montana's dedicated and long history as an advocate for transformational change in the environmental justice and equity spaces. Hosts Dee Martin and Rachael Marsh discuss Montana's path to her current important and high-profile role, from law school student to private sector attorney to public sector trailblazer. Listeners will also hear details about Montana's other passions, including supporting SisterMentors' mentoring of the next generation of leaders and instructing Integral Yoga. Listen [HERE](#).

### **Document Library**

#### **FY23 Budget**

For President Biden's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2023 click [HERE](#).

For Analytical Perspectives on the FY23 Budget Request click [HERE](#).

For the FY23 Budget Request Appendix click [HERE](#).

For Supplemental Materials on the FY23 Budget Request click [HERE](#).

### **New Relevant Documents**

For a memo issued by Patrick Gaspard, CEO of the Center for American Progress Action Fund urging Democratic offices to pass a skinner version of the Build Back Better plan click [HERE](#).

### **Bill Text and Summaries**

For the House Committee on Rules information page on the Build Back Better Act, including recordings of committee meetings and proposed amendments click [HERE](#).

House Bill Text and Comparisons:

- For the House Rules Committee Print of the Build Back Better Act released on November 3 click [HERE](#).
- For the 1<sup>st</sup> Manager's Amendment adopted and agreed to on November 6, 2021 click [HERE](#).
- For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Manager's Amendment adopted and agreed to on November 18, 2021 click [HERE](#).
- For a comparative print between the November 3 print and the October 28 print click [HERE](#).
- For a comparative print between the November 3 print and the initial text of H.R. 5376 click [HERE](#).
- For the House Committee on Rules page on the Build Back Better Act, including announcements, videos, bill text, amendments, and votes click [HERE](#).

Senate Bill Text:

- For the Senate legislative text for "Title I - Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry" click [HERE](#).
- For the Senate legislative text for "Title II - Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions" click [HERE](#).
- For the Senate Legislative Text for "Title III – Committee on Environment and Public Works" click [HERE](#).
- For the Senate legislative text for "Title IV - Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs" click [HERE](#).
- For the Senate legislative text for "Title V - Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs" click [HERE](#).
- For the Senate legislative text for "Title VII – Committee on Energy and Natural Resources" click [HERE](#).
- For the Senate legislative text for "Title VIII - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation" click [HERE](#).
- For the Senate legislative text for "Title IX - Committee on Indian Affairs" click [HERE](#).

- For the Senate legislative text for “Title X - Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship” click [HERE](#).
- For the Senate legislative text for “Title XI - Committee on Veterans' Affairs” click [HERE](#).
- For the Senate legislative text for “Title XII - Committee on Finance” click [HERE](#).

#### Summaries and Fact Sheets:

- For a section-by-section summary of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For a fact sheet on the agriculture provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For a fact sheet on the homeland security provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For a fact sheet on the science, space, and technology provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For a fact sheet on the energy & commerce provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For a fact sheet on the judiciary provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For a fact sheet on the small business provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For a fact sheet on the education & labor provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For a fact sheet on the natural resources provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For a fact sheet on the financial services provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For a fact sheet on the oversight and reform provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For a fact sheet on the transportation & infrastructure provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For a fact sheet on the veterans’ affairs provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For a fact sheet on the ways & means provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).

#### **Budgetary Effects**

For the Congressional Budget Office’s summary of the cost estimate for H.R. 5376, the Build Back Better Act, click [HERE](#).

For a December 8 update from the Congressional Budget Office on the budgetary effects of the Build Back Better Act, click [HERE](#).

For the Congressional Budget Office’s report on the budgetary effects of making specified policies in the Build Back Better Act permanent, click [HERE](#).

#### House bill:

- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Homeland Security provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Small Business provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Veterans Affairs provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Science, Space, and Technology provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).

- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Transportation and Infrastructure provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Oversight and Reform provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Financial Services provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Energy and Commerce provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Judiciary provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Ways and Means provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Education and Labor provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Natural Resources provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Agriculture provisions in the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).

Senate bill:

- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Senate’s “Title I - Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry” of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Senate’s “Title II - Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions” of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Senate’s “Title III – Committee on Environment and Public Works” of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Senate’s “Title IV - Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs” of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Senate’s “Title V - Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs” of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Senate’s “Title VII - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources” of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Senate’s “Title VIII - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation” of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Senate’s “Title IX - Committee on Indian Affairs” of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Senate’s “Title X - Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship” of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the Congressional Budget Office’s estimated budgetary effects of the Senate’s “Title XI - Committee on Veterans' Affairs” of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).

- For the Joint Committee on Taxation’s preliminary review of estimated budgetary effects of the Senate’s “Title XII - Committee on Finance” of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).

#### Other Budgetary Estimates:

- For the Joint Committee on Taxation’s Estimated Budget Effects of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For the White House’s preliminary budgetary estimates of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).
- For a Dear Colleague Letter from the Speaker of the House issued on November 4 regarding the preliminary budget estimate of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).

#### **October 28 Text**

For the House Rules Committee Print of the Build Back Better Act released on October 28 click [HERE](#).

For a section-by-section summary of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).

For the Build Back Better Framework released on October 28 click [HERE](#).

For the White House fact sheet on the Build Back Better Framework released on October 28 click [HERE](#).

#### **September 27 Text**

For the text of H.R. 5376 the Build Back Better Act as reported by the House Committee on the Budget on September 27 click [HERE](#).

For the report from the Committee on the Budget to accompany H.R. 5376 click [HERE](#).

#### **Background Material**

For the Congressional Research Service report on “The Senate’s ‘Byrd Rule’” click [HERE](#).

#### **Provisional Text**

For a preliminary budget reconciliation framework signed by Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Sen. Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) on July 28 click [HERE](#).

For the House Committee on the Budget’s full text of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).

- For Part 1 of the House Committee on the Budget’s report on the Build Back Better act click [HERE](#).
- For Part 2 of the House Committee on the Budget’s report on the Build Back Better act click [HERE](#).
- For Part 3 of the House Committee on the Budget’s report on the Build Back Better act click [HERE](#).

For the summary of the Senate budget resolution click [HERE](#).

- For the text of the Senate budget resolution click [HERE](#).

- For the committee print to accompany the FY22 budget resolution click [HERE](#).
- For Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer's (D-NY) dear colleague letter regarding the climate impacts of the budget resolution click [HERE](#).

For the summary of the House budget resolution click [HERE](#).

- For the text of House Resolution advancing the bipartisan infrastructure agreement, the Senate budget resolution, and H.R. 4 the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021 click [HERE](#).

For a summary of Sen. Ron Wyden's (D-OR) proposals for tighter tax rules on partnerships and an excise tax on stock buybacks click [HERE](#).

- For the text of Sen. Wyden's proposals click [HERE](#).

### **Markups**

**Agriculture:** For the text of the House Agriculture Committee print containing legislative proposals click [HERE](#).

- For a summary of the proposals click [HERE](#).

**Education and Labor:** For the text of the House Committee on Education & Labor print containing legislative proposals click [HERE](#).

- For an amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Chairman Bobby Scott (D-VA) click [HERE](#).

**Energy and Commerce:** For a fact sheet of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce markup of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).

- For a memorandum on the markup click [HERE](#).
- For Subtitle A on Air Pollution click [HERE](#).
- For Subtitle B on Hazardous Materials click [HERE](#).
- For Subtitle C on Drinking Water click [HERE](#).
- For Subtitle D on Energy click [HERE](#).
- For Subtitle E on Drug Pricing click [HERE](#).
- For Subtitle F on Affordable Care Coverage click [HERE](#).
- For Subtitle G on Medicaid click [HERE](#).
- For subtitle H on CHIP click [HERE](#).
- For subtitle I on Medicare click [HERE](#).
- For subtitle J on Public Health click [HERE](#).
- For subtitle K on Next Generation 9-1-1 click [HERE](#).
- For subtitle L on Wireless Connectivity click [HERE](#).
- For subtitle M on Distance Learning click [HERE](#).
- For subtitle N on the Manufacturing Supply Chain click [HERE](#).
- For subtitle O on FTC Privacy Enforcement click [HERE](#).
- For subtitle P on the Department of Commerce Inspector General click [HERE](#).
- For a full committee action summary click [HERE](#).

**Financial Services:** For the text of the House Committee on Financial Services click [HERE](#).

- For an amendment in the nature of substitute offered by Chairwoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) click [HERE](#).
- For the committee Memorandum click [HERE](#).

- For the text of H.R. 5195, the “Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2021” click [HERE](#).
- For the text of H.R. 5196, the “Expediting Assistance to Renters and Landlords Act of 2021” click [HERE](#).

**Homeland Security:** For the committee print of the reconciliation of the House Homeland Security Committee print containing legislative proposals click [HERE](#).

- For the amendments adopted click [HERE](#).

**Judiciary:** For the text of the House Committee on the Judiciary print containing legislative proposals click [HERE](#).

- For an amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) click [HERE](#).

**Natural Resources:** For the text of the House Natural Resources Committee print containing legislative proposals click [HERE](#).

**Science, Space, and Technology:** For the committee print of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee print containing legislative proposals click [HERE](#).

- For an amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) click [HERE](#).

**Small Business:** For the text of the House Committee on Small Business print containing legislative proposals click [HERE](#).

- For an amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Chairwoman Nydia Velázquez (D-NY) click [HERE](#).

**Transportation and Infrastructure:** For the text of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee print containing legislative proposals click [HERE](#).

- For the amendment in nature of a substitute click [HERE](#).

**Ways and Means:** For a summary of the House Ways and Means Committee markup of the Build Back Better Act click [HERE](#).

- For a memorandum on the markup click [HERE](#).
- For a section-by-section summary of subtitles A-E click [HERE](#).
  - For Subtitle A on Universal Paid Family and Medical Leave click [HERE](#).
  - For Subtitle B on Retirement click [HERE](#).
  - For Subtitle C on Child Care Access and Equity click [HERE](#).
  - For Subtitle D on Trade Adjustment Assistance click [HERE](#).
  - For Subtitle E, Part 1 on Health Careers click [HERE](#). For Part 2 on Elder Justice click [HERE](#). For Part 3 on Skilled Nursing Facilities click [HERE](#). For Part 4 on Medicare Dental, Hearing, and Vision Coverage click [HERE](#).
- For a section-by-section summary of Subtitle F-J click [HERE](#).
  - For legislative recommendations relating to infrastructure financing, green energy, social safety net, and prescription drugs click [HERE](#).
  - For the estimated budgetary effects of the revenue provisions from the Joint Committee on Taxation click [HERE](#).
  - For the estimated distributional effects of the revenue provisions from the Joint Committee on Taxation click [HERE](#).

- For a description of the Chairman’s Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute from the Joint Committee on Taxation click [HERE](#).
- For a summary of Subtitle F on Infrastructure from the Joint Committee on Taxation click [HERE](#).
- For a summary of Subtitle G on Green Energy from the Joint Committee on Taxation click [HERE](#).
- For a summary of Subtitle H on the Social Safety Net from the Joint Committee on Taxation click [HERE](#).
- For a summary of Subtitle J on Drug Pricing from the Joint Committee on Taxation click [HERE](#).
- For a section-by-section summary of Subtitle I click [HERE](#).
  - For legislative recommendations relating to Funding Our Priorities click [HERE](#).
- For the Joint Committee on Taxation’s estimated budgetary effects of legislative recommendations relating to infrastructure financing and community development, green energy, social safety net, responsibly funding our priorities, and drug pricing click [HERE](#).
- For the final vote results click [HERE](#).

## **Letters**

For a letter for Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer on the environmental benefits of the infrastructure bill and reconciliation bill see [HERE](#).

For Senator Joe Manchin’s Opinion piece calling for a strategic pause on spending click [HERE](#).

For a letter from Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL) and Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX) rejecting deficit spending except on climate policy click [HERE](#).

For a letter from Democrats calling for increased support for biofuels click [HERE](#).

For a letter from House Democrats supporting the Polluter Pays Climate Fund Act click [HERE](#).

For a letter from House Democrats supporting an array of international tax provisions see [HERE](#).

For a letter from Democratic governors supporting the budget reconciliation bill click [HERE](#).

For an endorsement of the environmental provisions from a coalition of environmental groups see [HERE](#).

For a letter from the United Mine Workers of America opposing the initial proposal for a Clean Electricity Standard click [HERE](#).

For a letter from America’s Power opposing the Clean Electricity Performance Program click [HERE](#).

For a letter from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association opposing the Clean Electricity Performance Program click [HERE](#).

For a letter from the American Public Power Association opposing the Clean Electricity Performance Program click [HERE](#).

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