



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

The fate of a revived partisan reconciliation package remains up in the air after another week of continuing negotiations among Democratic leadership and Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV). Sen. Manchin met with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), who came out of the meeting saying, "we're continuing to have very good and productive discussions, but there are still some issues that have to be resolved." Some of the most notable issues include Sen. Manchin's objections to direct payment of clean energy tax credits as well as a hasty transition to electric vehicles, something he said "I'm going to do everything I can to stop it. Because I think it's stupid." The other major factor, of course, remains Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) who has yet to participate in renewed reconciliation discussions but will likely seek alterations to various tax titles, potentially complicating goals of having the final legislation reduce the deficit and combat inflation. With a fast-approaching July 4 recess and midterm campaign season alongside competing legislative priorities (such as bipartisan gun control and China competitiveness legislation), Democratic leadership will need to reach a reconciliation compromise in the near future to pass a bill before the September 30 procedural deadline.

Liam Donovan's Bottom Line

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, another week—indeed, another congressional work period—has passed with no resolution to ongoing reconciliation talks between Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV.) And given Manchin's general

practice of avoiding negotiations while back home, one week may effectively amount to three, sending us into mid-July without a clear path forward.

The operative question for Democrats is rapidly shifting from whether they can reach an agreement to whether they can reach an agreement soon enough for it to be enacted. The sluggish pace matters not because the outstanding issues are unresolvable—as discussed in recent updates, most have a logical path to compromise, and those that can't be accommodated may not be dealbreakers under the circumstances—but because the practical timeline is such that Democrats will want to give themselves as much room as possible to allow for final drafting, scoring, and procedural vetting, to say nothing of selling any deal to their narrow respective majorities before advancing it through both chambers. Any reconciliation legislation must clear the Senate by September 30 to retain the privilege necessary to elide the chamber's filibuster rule and pass with a bare majority. For that to happen comfortably, the earlier they can come to terms with Manchin, the better.

Given the intense focus on Manchin and Schumer, it's easy to forget that the pivotal West Virginia Senator is not shaping up to be the climactic 50th vote. Once the current talks wrap up, Schumer's final chore will be locking in the support of Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), adding further pressure to the time constraints. While Sinema has been primarily focused on revenue mechanisms to date, and the menu of offsets found in the House Build Back Better legislation amounted to a bespoke pay-for regime constructed around her stated concerns, she has repeatedly proven that she is not someone to be taken for granted. Look for Sinema to have her say in this process before it's all over, which may well entail a mini-saga of its own.

Only then can the procedural evaluation begin in earnest, a stage that could itself take weeks. And while leadership's preliminary talks with the parliamentarian, and their iterative exchanges with the budgetary scorekeepers, could help make the process more efficient, as discussed last week, the formal Byrd bath cannot occur until the pens are down.

Another time-sensitive wrinkle looms in the House, where thanks to a GOP special election victory in south Texas, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) is back down to just four votes to spare. That margin for error may dwindle to as few as two by the time they return from August recess with a full complement. Given that the previous iteration of the reconciliation package held all but one Democrat, the math should still work for the Speaker, but it also means that small yet determined blocs are in a position to make waves before it's all said and done. And as if on cue, murmurs from familiar quarters have [begun to resurface](#), with Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ) reiterating his “no SALT, no dice” hard line. Whether or not you believe a handful of rank-and-file members are prepared to scuttle a deal, such 11th hour posturing cannot be helpful to the smooth and swift endgame Democrats desire. It should be noted, however, that the closer the Senate comes to its fiscal year procedural horizon, the starker the take-it-or-leave-it proposition facing the House.

In any event, the sprint is on to wrap up talks, write a bill, and wrangle votes in short order. In addition to the tough substantive choices leadership will be faced with, they also need to grapple with their commitment to keeping their members in town, through scheduled vacations if necessary, until the deal is done. A consensus agreement before the next break in the legislative calendar keeps things on track, however narrowly; if we find ourselves pondering these same questions on the eve of August recess it should set off alarm bells.

PRG Podcasts

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The Lobby Shop - In June 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that state bans on gay marriage were unconstitutional, making same-sex marriage legal across the United States. Sasha Issenberg, author of “The Engagement: America’s Quarter-Century Struggle Over Same-sex Marriage,” joined the Lobby Shop team to discuss the political road that led to the decision. Tune in to hear Sasha’s analysis of what caused the cultural and political shift in opinion and Sasha’s insights on civil unions, incrementalism as a political strategy, and same-sex marriage campaigns in general. Listen [HERE](#).

Document Library

New Relevant Documents

For the Republican Energy Climate, & Conservation Task Forces strategy to “Unlock American Resources” click [HERE](#).

For a memo from House Ways & Means Republicans on the Democrats’ “War on Energy” click [HERE](#).

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](#).

Center for American Progress Letter

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 1st Manager’s Amendment adopted and agreed to on November 6, 2021 click [HERE](#).
- For the 2nd 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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