

House Democrats Fighting For The People

Since taking the Majority, Democrats have made significant progress on the For The People agenda, acting to protect and expand affordable health care, lower the cost of prescription drugs, raise wages, and ensure more people have the training and skills needed to make it in America. Yet, Senator Republicans refuse to do their job and take action on behalf of the American people. Here's a look at the progress Senator McConnell is blocking:

Expanding Access to Affordable Health Care, Lowering Prescription Drug Prices	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
<p><i>On day one of the 116th Congress, House Democrats voted to defend the Affordable Care Act and its protections in court. House Democrats also passed a resolution condemning the Trump Administration's efforts to take away Americans' health care, along with passing numerous bills to strengthen access to affordable, quality health care and lower the skyrocketing costs of prescription drugs, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>H.R. 1884, the Protecting Pre-existing Conditions and Making Health Care More Affordable Act of 2019, comprehensive legislation to protect Americans with pre-existing conditions, reverse the Administration's sabotage of the ACA, and make coverage more affordable.</i> • <i>H.R. 987, the Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act, a health care package that includes three bills addressing prescription drug costs and four bills that protect patients with pre-existing conditions and lower the cost of quality care.</i> • <i>H.R. 1520, the Purple Book Continuity Act, and H.R. 1503, the Orange Book Transparency Act of 2019 two bipartisan bills aimed at lowering the cost of prescription drugs.</i> <p><i>Additionally, House Democrats have held several hearings and launched investigations to examine expanding coverage; the cost of prescription drugs, including the rising price of insulin; surprise medical billing; maternal health; the Administration's promotion of "junk plans;" and other important health care topics.</i></p>					
H.R. 1, The For the People Act	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
<p><i>After holding five hearings with over 15 hours of testimony, marking up the bill, and considering 72 amendments, the House passed H.R. 1 on March 8 with unanimous Democratic support, delivering on our pledge to renew Americans' faith in government.</i></p>					
H.R. 5, Equality Act	HEARING	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
<p><i>The House passed H.R.5 on May 17 with every House Democrat and eight Republican Members voting for it.</i></p>					
H.R. 6, Dream and Promise Act	HEARING	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
<p><i>The House passed H.R. 6 on June 4 with every House Democrat and seven Republican Members voting for it.</i></p>					
H.R. 7, Paycheck Fairness Act	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
<p><i>The House passed H.R. 7 on March 27 with every House Democrat and seven Republican Members voting for it.</i></p>					
H.R. 8, Bipartisan Background Checks Act	HEARING	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
<p><i>The House passed H.R. 8 with every House Democrat and eight Republican Members voting for it.</i></p>					
H.R. 9, The Climate Action Now Act	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
<p><i>After over 30 hearings and markups by the Energy & Commerce and Foreign Affairs Committees, the House passed the Climate Action Now Act on May 2, a down payment for future action to address the climate crisis.</i></p>					
H.R. 1585, Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act	HEARING	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE

The House passed the VAWA Reauthorization Act on April 3 with every House Democrat and 33 Republican Members voting for it.

H.R. 676, NATO Support Act		BILL INTRODUCED		HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
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The House passed bipartisan legislation reaffirming the United States' support for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Article V, the alliance's collective defense agreement. The resolution passed with 357 votes, including all Democrats and 149 Republicans.

S.J.Res.54, Yemen War Powers Resolution		BILL INTRODUCED		HOUSE PASSAGE	VETO UPHELD
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The House and Senate passed a bipartisan joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress. The Senate passed the legislation. However, after the President vetoed the bill, Senate Republicans upheld his veto.

H.R. 1994, the SECURE Act of 2019	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
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After holding hearings on the retirement savings crisis and marking up the bill, the House passed the SECURE Act with a strong bipartisan vote of 417-3 on May 23 to promote retirement security.

H.R. 1500, The Consumers First Act	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
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The House passed the Consumers First Act on May 22 to reverse the Trump Administration's sabotage of the consumer protections and restores the ability of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to protect American consumers who purchase financial products, such as home mortgages, auto loans, personal loans, and retirement plans

H.R. 1644, Save the Internet Act of 2019	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
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The House passed the Save the Internet Act on April 10 to reinstate vital net neutrality protections that were repealed by President Trump's appointees at the FCC.

H.Res. 124, Expressing opposition to banning service in the Armed Forces by openly transgender individuals		RESOLUTION INTRODUCED		HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
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On March 28, the House passed the resolution opposing the Administration's ban on transgender Americans from serving in the military, which undermines national security. The resolution passed with every House Democrat and five House Republicans voting for it.

H.Con. Res. 24, Resolution on the Mueller Report		RESOLUTION INTRODUCED		HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
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The House passed a resolution to express the sense of Congress that the report of Special Counsel Robert Mueller should be made public to the American people and Congress. Not a single Member voted against the resolution.

H.Res. 46, Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019		RESOLUTION INTRODUCED		HOUSE PASSAGE	VETO UPHELD
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The House passed a resolution to terminate President Trump's declaration of a national emergency at the southern border on February 26. House Republicans refused to vote to override the President's veto on March 26. In April, the House filed a lawsuit to block President Trump's national emergency declaration.

H.R. 2, Infrastructure	HEARINGS				
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Multiple committees have held hearings on infrastructure, including the Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, Small Business, and Energy and Commerce Committees. On May 22, Democratic leaders went to the White House to discuss the President's plan to pay for the \$2 trillion infrastructure package agreed to in an earlier meeting. Instead, the meeting was a show and the President

made it clear he has no intention of leading on our nation's infrastructure challenges. House Democrats are ready to work in good faith on a bipartisan infrastructure package, but the President needs to do his job.

H.R. 4, Voting Rights Advancement Act

HEARINGS

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House Democrats introduced legislation to restore and protect the Voting Rights Act. Both the Judiciary Committee and Committee on House Administration are holding hearings on voting rights in America.

H.R. 582, Raise the Wage Act

HEARINGS

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House Democrats introduced the Raise the Wage Act in January. The Committee on Education and Labor held a hearing on February 7 and passed the bill out of Committee on March 6. The House will vote on the legislation before the August district work period.

Appropriations Bills

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After ending the 35-day Trump Shutdown, House Democrats quickly got to work on the appropriations process for Fiscal Year 2020. The House has held hearings and marked up all 12 appropriations bills. On June 19, the House will vote on passage of a four-bill package, which consists of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; Defense; State & Foreign Operations; and Energy and Water Development appropriations bills. The House will consider the remaining appropriations bills before the end of June. Republicans have not even begun the appropriations process in the Senate.

S. 47, John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act

HEARINGS

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On March 12, after months of negotiations stretching back to the 115th Congress between both parties in both chambers, the House passed S. 47, a bipartisan conservation and public lands package that includes permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

H. R. 2157, Supplemental Disaster Relief Appropriations

HEARINGS

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PASSED & ENACTED

The House took action in January to assist Americans recovering from natural disasters. For months, the Republican Senate failed to act. On April 10, the House took bipartisan action once again by passing the Supplemental Appropriations Act, which builds on the January legislation by providing additional funding to address the destructive floods in the Midwest and the severe tornadoes in the South. After the Senate finally acted, House Republicans blocked the legislation three times before the House passed the bill on June 3 with a strong bipartisan vote of 354-58.