

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, ensure more people have the training and skills needed to make it in America, and clean up corruption in Washington. Yet, Senate 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, as well as the following bills:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>H.R. 986, the Protecting Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions Act, a bill that revokes the Trump Administration's guidance on Section 1332 of the ACA, which encourages states to allow junk insurance plans that do not provide Americans with the coverage they need</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>After holding a hearing and a markup, 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>After holding a hearing and a markup, 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>After holding a hearing and a markup, 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
<i>After holding a hearing and a markup, the House passed H.R. 8 on February 27 with every House Democrat and eight Republican Members voting for it.</i>					
H.R. 9, The Climate Action Now Act	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
<i>After over 30 hearings and markups by the Energy & Commerce and Foreign Affairs Committees, the House passed the H.R. 9 on May 2, a down payment for future action to address the climate crisis.</i>					
H.R. 582, Raise the Wage Act	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
<i>After holding a hearing and a markup, the House passed the Raise the Wage Act on July 18 to gradually increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour, providing up to 33 million Americans with a pay raise.</i>					
Budget Agreement	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	
<i>After ending the 35-day Trump Shutdown, House Democrats got to work on the appropriations process. The House held hearings and marked up all 12 appropriations bills. By the end of June, the House funded 96% of government. The House passed a bipartisan budget agreement on July 25, which will ensure our nation pays its bills and will help prevent another shutdown at the end of the fiscal year.</i>					
H.R. 2722, Securing America's Federal Elections Act	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
<i>After holding hearings on election security and marking up the bill, the House passed the SAFE Act on June 27 with every House Democrat voting for it. The bill improves the security and integrity of our elections.</i>					
H.R. 1585, Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act	HEARING	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
<i>After holding hearings and a markup, the House passed the VAWA Reauthorization Act on April 3 with every House Democrat and 33 Republican Members voting for it.</i>					
H.R. 1994, the SECURE Act of 2019	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
<i>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.</i>					
H.R. 1500, The Consumers First Act	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE

After holding hearings and a markup, the House passed the Consumers First Act on May 22 to reverse the Trump Administration's sabotage of the consumer protections.

H.R. 1644, Save the Internet Act of 2019	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
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After holding a hearing and a markup, 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.R. 397, the Butch Lewis Act	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
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After holding hearings on the multi-employer pension crisis and marking up the bill, the House passed the Butch Lewis Act on July 24 to provide certainty to the 10 million Americans who have paid into multi-employer pensions that they will receive the benefits they've earned when they retire.

FY20 National Defense Authorization Act	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
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After holding hearings and a markup, the House passed legislation on July 12 to strengthen national security, support our troops, and defend our allies and interests abroad.

FY20 Intelligence Authorization	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
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After holding hearings and a markup, the House passed legislation on July 17 to reauthorize critical intelligence programs and strengthen Congressional oversight.

H.R. 676, NATO Support Act		BILL INTRODUCED		HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
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The House passed bipartisan legislation on January 22 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.

H.R. 3239, Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in CBP Custody Act	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	STUCK IN THE SENATE
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After numerous Congressional delegation visits to the border, hearings, and a markup, the House passed legislation on July 24 to require all individuals in Customs and Border Protection (CBP) custody to receive an initial medical screening and set certain minimum standards of hygiene, nutrition, and shelter.

H.Res. 124, Opposing the President's ban on transgender service members		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 on March 14 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.J. Res. 46, Relating to a national emergency declared by the President		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.

S.J.Res.54, Yemen War Powers Resolution				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.

S.J. Res 36, S.J.Res 37, and S.J.Res. 38: To Prevent U.S. Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia				HOUSE PASSAGE	VETOED
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The House acted on Senate-passed legislation to prohibit the President from proceeding with arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. In a bipartisan, bicameral fashion, Congress was determined to prevent an end-run around the legislative branch and restrict arms sales that would further escalate the conflict in Yemen. When the legislation was sent to the President, he vetoed it.

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, VRAA	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED			
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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.

S. 47, John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	PASSED & ENACTED
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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	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	PASSED & ENACTED
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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.

H.R. 1327, Never Forget the Heroes: September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act	HEARINGS	BILL INTRODUCED	MARKUP	HOUSE PASSAGE	PASSED & ENACTED
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After holding a hearing and markup, the House passed a permanent extension of the 9/11 Victims' Compensation Fund on July 12, which will ensure that 9/11 first responders receive the compensation that they and their families are due.