

China Competitiveness Legislation and U.S. House Committee Jurisdiction

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On June 8th, the U.S. Senate passed S.1260, the United States Innovation and Competition Act (USICA). The legislation strengthens manufacturing and basic research in key industry sectors and is intended to provide a policy framework for competing with China. The legislation combines several bills from different Senate committee jurisdictions, including the Endless Frontier Act (Commerce Committee), Strategic Competition Act (Foreign Relations Committee), and Trade Act of 2021 (Finance Committee). In fact, the Endless Frontier Act is itself a collection of several Senate bills. All told, roughly three dozen legislation proposals from eight different Senate committees have been melded together into USICA.

The provisions of USICA involve the jurisdiction of at least ten different committees in the U.S. House, which could make its procedural path complex. The table below summarizes the provisions of USICA as organized by section, the committee jurisdictions involved, and the individual Senate bills from which the language is drawn. If there is a corresponding House bill it is also noted.

Senate committee jurisdiction	House committee jurisdiction	Underlying bill / proposal
Appropriations	Appropriations	CHIPS and O-RAN 5G Emergency Funds
Commerce, Science and Trans.	Science, Space & Tech.	Endless Frontier Act
		NSF for the Future Act
		Advanced Technological Manufacturing Act
		AI Scholarship-for- Service Act
		Quantum Network Infrastructure and Workforce Development Act
		Advancing IoT for Precision Agriculture Act
		Bioeconomy Research and Development Act
		Manufacturing USA Expansion Act
		Research Investment to Spark the Economy Act
		Space Preservation and Conjunction Emergency (SPACE) Act
		NASA Authorization Act
		Aeronautics Innovation Act
Commerce, Science, Trans.	Energy and Commerce	IMPACT Act
		Country of Origin Online Labeling Act

		Internet Exchange and Submarine Cable Act
		Enhancing Entrepreneurship for the 21 st Century Act
Commerce, Sci, Trans.	Natural Resources	Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act
Foreign Relations	Foreign Affairs	Strategic Competition Act
		Ensuring American Global Leadership & Engagement (EAGLE) Act
		Sister City Transparency Act
Homeland Security & Gov't Affairs	Oversight	Build America, Buy America Act
		Make it in America Act
		Buy American.gov Act
		Make PPE in America Act
		Advancing American AI Act
		Cyber Response and Recovery Act
		Facilitating Federal Employee Reskilling Act
		Federal Rotational Cyber Workforce Program Act
		American Security Drone Act
		No TikTok on Government Devices Act
		National Risk Management Act
		Safeguarding American Innovation Act
Banking	Financial Services	Meeting the China Challenge Act
HELP	Energy and Commerce	HHS research requirements
HELP	Education and Labor	Advancing International and Foreign Language Educ. Act
		Confucius Act
Judiciary	Judiciary	Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act
Finance	Ways and Means	Trade Act of 2021 / Competes Act / GSP-MTB extension

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