

## U.S. Executive Branch Update – May 12, 2023

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This report provides a snapshot of the U.S. Executive Branch priorities via daily schedules and the prior day's press releases.

### **POTUS' Schedule\***

10:00 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT receives the Presidential Daily Briefing

2:00 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT holds a bilateral meeting with President Pedro Sanchez of the Government of Spain | Oval Office

### **VPOTUS' Schedule\***

12:15 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT will depart Joint Base Andrews en route to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

1:55 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT will arrive at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

3:20 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT will deliver remarks at a DNC finance event

6:10 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT will deliver remarks at the Democratic Party of Georgia's Spring Soiree

7:35 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT will depart from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport en route to Joint Base Andrews

9:05 p.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT will arrive at Joint Base Andrews

### **White House Press Briefing\***

1:00 p.m. EDT – Press Briefing by Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre and Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator Mitch Landrieu | James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

*\*The U.S. President (POTUS) and Vice President's (VPOTUS) daily schedules are subject to change, as is the White House press briefing schedule.*

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## Recap of Thursday, May 11, 2023

*Note: Title 42 has expired; Title 8 is back in place for dealing with illegal entrants at the U.S. border.*

Note: All colored text denotes hyperlinks.

### The White House

- [Remarks](#) by President Biden on the Protection of Bristol Bay and National Conservation
- [Transcript](#): Press Briefing by Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre and Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas
- [Statement](#) from White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on House Democrats Reintroducing President Biden's Comprehensive Immigration Reform Bill
- [Readout](#) of National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan's Meeting with Chinese Communist Party Politburo Member and Director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission Wang Yi
- [Message to the Congress](#) on the Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Yemen
- [Notice](#) on the Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Yemen
- [Memorandum](#) on Presidential Determination Pursuant to Section 1245(d)(4)(B) and (C) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012
- [Fact Sheet](#): Biden-Harris Administration Marks Progress on One Year Anniversary of the Global Health Worker Initiative
- [Proclamation](#) on Military Spouse Appreciation Day, 2023
- [Fact Sheet](#): Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Actions and Investments to Lower Energy Costs, and Make Affordable Homes More Energy Efficient and Climate Resilient for Hard-Working Families

### Office of Management & Budget (OMB)

- [Statement of Administration Policy](#): S.J. Res. 23 – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat”
- [Statement of Administration Policy](#): S.J. Res. 24 – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat”

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## Department of Defense (DOD)

- [Congressional Testimony](#): Opening Testimony by Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III Before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense Hearing (As Delivered)
- [Article](#): Austin Says Budget Request Protects U.S. Today and in Future
- [Article](#): Milley Says Investments in Military Capabilities Are Paying Off
- [Article](#): Nation Marks 50th Anniversary of End of Vietnam War
- [Contracts](#) for May 11, 2023

## Department of State

[Daily Schedule](#) | Thursday, May 12, 2023

### Western Hemisphere/Title 42 Lapse

- May 11: [Statement](#) | Launch of “Movilidad Segura” Website for Information on Regional Processing Centers (Title 42)
- May 11: [Advisory](#) | Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources Verma to Meet with UN High Commissioner for Refugees Grandi (Title 42)
- May 11: [Interview](#) | Secretary Antony J. Blinken with Amna Nawaz of PBS NewsHour (Title 42)
- May 11: [Statement](#) | Advancing the Minerals Security Partnership with Argentina and the Private Sector

### Middle East

- May 11: [Readout](#) | Secretary Blinken's Meeting with Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Al Sabah
- May 11: [Remarks](#) | Secretary Antony J. Blinken and Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah Before Their Meeting

### Africa

- May 11: [Transcript](#) | Briefing with Senior State Department Officials on the Situation in Sudan
- May 11: [Statement](#) | On the Declaration of Commitment to Protect the Civilians of Sudan
- May 11: [Statement](#) | Department of State Begins Construction on New U.S. Embassy in Lilongwe, Malawi

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## Europe

- May 11: [Readout](#) | Deputy Secretary Sherman's Meeting with NATO's Deputy Secretary General Geoan?
- May 11: [Readout](#) | Deputy Secretary Sherman's Call with French Foreign Ministry Secretary General Descôtes
- May 11: [Advisory](#) | Counselor Chollet's Travel to Sweden
- May 11: [Advisory](#) | Assistant Secretary Noyes Travels to Geneva and Mexico City

## Other Matters

- May 11: [Remarks](#) | Secretary Antony J. Blinken at the 2023 World Food Prize Laureate Announcement Ceremony

## **U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)**

- [Readout](#): Administrator Samantha Power Concludes Her Trip to Serbia
- [Readout](#): Administrator Samantha Power Arrives in Kosovo

## **U.S. Mission to the United Nations (UN)**

- [Advisory](#): Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield to Lead U.S. Delegation to Council of Europe Summit in Reykjavik, Iceland
- [Remarks](#) at a UN Security Council Briefing on Libya

## **Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI)**

- [Press Release](#): Digital Repression Growing Globally, Threatening Freedoms | May 10, 2023

## **Department of the Treasury**

- [Remarks](#) by Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen at Press Conference in Niigata, Japan
- [Remarks](#) by Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen at Bilateral Meeting with Finance Minister of Brazil Fernando Haddad
- [Readout](#): Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen's Meeting with Finance Minister of Indonesia Sri Mulyani

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- [Remarks](#) by Under Secretary for Domestic Finance Nellie Liang at the International Swaps and Derivatives Association Annual General Meeting
  - [Press Release](#): Treasury Office of State and Local Finance Kicks off Summer Series on Climate Transition
  - [Press Release](#): Important Technical Notice for Users of the OFAC website on SSL Certificates | May 10, 2023

## **The Federal Reserve**

- [Press Release](#): Federal Reserve Board announces termination of enforcement action
- [Speech](#) by Governor Waller on climate change and financial stability

## **Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)**

- [Press Release](#): FDIC Board of Directors Issues a Proposed Rule on Special Assessment Pursuant to Systemic Risk Determination

## **Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC)**

- [Press Release](#): SEC Charges HSBC and Scotia Capital with Widespread Recordkeeping Failures
- [Press Release](#): Dutch Medical Supplier Philips to Pay More Than \$62 Million to Settle FCPA Charges

## **Department of Justice (DOJ)**

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) | [Daily Press Releases](#)

- [Press Release](#): Justice Department Seizes 13 Domains Used by Lebanese Hezbollah and its Affiliates
- [Press Release](#): Man Convicted for Running Four Dark Web Child Sexual Abuse Websites
- [Press Release](#): Delaware Man and Woman Charged with Sex and Labor Trafficking of 13 Victims
- [Press Release](#): Four Men Sentenced for Engaging in a Child Exploitation Enterprise
- [Press Release](#): Former U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Assistant Inspector General Sentenced for Falsifying Financial Disclosure Forms
- [Press Release](#): GCI Communications Corp. to Pay More than \$40 Million to Resolve False

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## Claims Act Allegations Related to FCC's Rural Health Care Program

- [Press Release](#): Court Enjoins Alabama Seafood Processor from Distributing Adulterated Seafood Products
- [Press Release](#): Two Men Indicted for Environmental Crimes Committed in the Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and Las Mareas Community of Salinas, Puerto Rico
- [Press Release](#): Nevada Man Charged with Federal Hate Crimes for Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church Shooting
- [Press Release](#): Federal Court Permanently Enjoins Tax Return Preparer in Texas and Orders Disgorgement of Tax Prep Fees
- [Press Release](#): Justice Department Announces Launch of Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands Environmental Crimes Task Force

## Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Customs and Border Protection (CBP)/Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

- [Statement](#) by Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro N. Mayorkas Regarding Immigration Enforcement Efforts (Title 42)
- [CBP Press Release](#): CBP Officers Seize Several Counterfeit Purses Ahead of Mother's Day (New York)
- [CBP Press Release](#): Three shipments containing 3,165 counterfeit items worth over \$3.1M Seized by Louisville CBP in one night (Kentucky)
- [CBP Press Release](#): Cincinnati CBP intercepts over 70 shipments of unapproved cosmetic injectables in two weeks (Ohio)
- [CISA Press Release](#): CISA Releases White Paper Highlighting R&D Needs and Strategic Actions for Enhancing the Resilience of Critical Infrastructure

## Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- [Link](#) to daily press releases

## Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)

- [Remarks](#) by Ambassador Katherine Tai at the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Women's Celebration
- [Remarks](#) by Ambassador Katherine Tai at Special Naturalization Ceremony

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## U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC)

- [Press Release](#): USITC Makes Determinations in Five-Year (Sunset) Review Concerning Certain Hardwood Plywood Products from China
- [Press Release](#): USITC Institutes Section 337 Investigation of Certain LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) Systems and Components Thereof

## Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

- [Press Release](#): FTC Announces Tentative Agenda for May 18 Open Commission Meeting

## Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

- [Press Release](#): FCC Settles with GCI for Rural Health Care Program Violations
- [Press Release](#): FCC Issues First-Ever RoboBlocking Order Against One Eye
- [Press Release](#): FCC to Hold Open Commission Meeting Thursday, May 18, 2023

## Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

- [Press Release](#): CFPB Issues Guidance to Rein in Creation of Fake Accounts to Harvest Fees | May 10, 2023

## Export-Import (EXIM) Bank

- [Press Release](#): EXIM Bank Board Approves Two Deals in Support of Thousands of U.S. Jobs in Transportation, Energy Sectors

## Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- [Press Release](#): Agriculture and Interior Departments Invest \$2.8 Billion to Improve Public Lands Access and Support Conservation Efforts Across the United States
- [Press Release](#): USDA Announces New Steps to Enhance Organic Markets and Support Producers | May 10, 2023
- [Press Release](#): Final Day of AIM for Climate Summit Announces Groundbreaking Initiatives on the Road to COP28 | May 10, 2023

## Department of Energy (DOE)

- [Press Release](#): Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$50 Million To Boost Clean Energy

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## Solutions and Cut Costs for Rural America

- [Press Release](#): Biden-Harris Administration Invests \$26 Million to Support a Modern, Reliable, and Resilient American Clean Energy Grid | May 10, 2023

## Department of the Interior (DOI)

- [Press Release](#): Biden-Harris Administration Awards \$12 Million through Investing in America Agenda to Combat Climate Change in the U.S. Territories
- [Press Release](#): Interior and Agriculture Departments Invest \$2.8 Billion to Improve Public Lands and Support Conservation Efforts Across the United States

## Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- [Press Release](#): EPA Proposes New Carbon Pollution Standards for Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants to Tackle the Climate Crisis and Protect Public Health
- [Link](#) to other EPA press releases

## Department of Transportation (DOT)

- [Press Release](#): Secretary Buttigieg Appoints Members of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Advisory Council | May 10, 2023

## Department of Labor (DOL)

- [Press Release](#): Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims Report
- [Readout](#): U.S. Department of Labor report finds impact of caregiving on mother's wages reduces lifetime earnings by 15 percent
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor awards \$78M for nursing programs to strengthen, diversify workforce to fill quality jobs in 17 states
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor finds San Jose assisted living provider intentionally denied 16 workers overtime pay, recovers \$211K in back wages, damages
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor recovers \$96K for 10 workers on Kauai after finding cleaning company denied pay for overtime, work travel
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor announces 2023 themes to promote importance of advancing disability employment, honor landmark legislation's anniversary

## Department of Education



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- [Statement](#) by U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona on Senate Confirmation of Glenna Wright-Gallo | May 10, 2023

## **Health & Human Services (HHS)**

- [Statement](#) from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
- [HHS Fact Sheet](#): Telehealth Flexibilities and Resources and the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

## **Food & Drug Administration (FDA)**

- [Press Release](#): FDA Approves First Drug to Treat Agitation Symptoms Associated with Dementia due to Alzheimer's Disease
- [Press Release](#): FDA Finalizes Move to Recommend Individual Risk Assessment to Determine Eligibility for Blood Donations

## **Housing & Urban Development (HUD)**

- [Press Release](#): HUD Awards More than \$22 Million to Expand Access to Affordable Housing; Homeownership
- [Press Release](#): HUD Announces More than \$837 Million from President Biden's Investing in America Agenda to Improve Housing Quality and Reduce Energy Costs for Underserved Communities

## **General Services Administration (GSA)**

- [Press Release](#): GSA Administrator cuts ribbon on grid-interactive and smart building technologies at Oklahoma City Federal Building
- [Press Release](#): GSA Administrator announces over \$40 million to boost building efficiency and create jobs in Texas and Louisiana

## **Government Accountability Office (GAO)**

- [Report](#): Bank Regulation | Preliminary Review of Agency Actions Related to March 2023 Bank Failures
- [Report](#): 340B Drug Discount Program | Information about Hospitals That Received an Eligibility Exception as a Result of COVID-19
- [Report](#): Public Health Preparedness | Critical Need to Address Deficiencies in HHS's

## Leadership and Coordination of Emergencies

- [Report](#): Coast Guard | Recruitment and Retention Challenges Persist
- [Report](#): Export Promotion | Commerce Should Improve Workforce Planning and Management of Its Global Markets Unit

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