

U.S. Executive Branch Update – July 27, 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*

9:00 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT receives the Presidential Daily Briefing | The White House

11:45 a.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT announces additional actions to protect communities from extreme heat | South Court Auditorium

- [Fact Sheet](#): President Biden Announces New Actions to Protect Workers and Communities from Extreme Heat

3:00 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT holds a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni of Italy | Oval Office

7:05 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT departs the White House en route to the National Archives Building

7:10 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT arrives at the National Archives Building

7:30 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT delivers remarks at the Truman Civil Rights Symposium | National Archives Research Center

8:15 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT departs the National Archives Building en route to the White House

8:20 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT arrives at the White House

VPOTUS' Schedule*

The Vice President is in Washington, D.C., and has no public events scheduled

White House Press Briefing*

1:30 p.m. EDT – Press Briefing by Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre | 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.

Recap of Tuesday-Wednesday, July 25-26, 2023

Note: All colored text denotes hyperlinks.

The White House

July 25

- [Remarks](#) by President Biden on Expanding Access to Mental Health Care
- [Fact Sheet](#): Biden-Harris Administration Takes Action to Make it Easier to Access In-Network Mental Health Care
- [Statement](#) from President Joe Biden on Tentative Agreement Between UPS and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters
- [Remarks](#) by President Biden and Vice President Harris at Signing of the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument Proclamation
- [Proclamation](#) on Establishment of the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument
- [Fact Sheet](#): President Biden Designates Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument
- [Proclamation](#) on Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 2023
- [Fact Sheet](#): Biden-Harris Administration Works to Make it Easier for People with Disabilities to Access Public Services Online
- [Statement](#) from President Joe Biden on Student Debt Relief Action in Colorado
- [Bill Signed into Law](#): S. 111, the “Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2023,” which requires each agency, in providing notice of a rulemaking, to include a link to a 100-word plain language summary of the proposed rule
- [Joint Statement](#) from Mexico and the United States on Shared Efforts to Combat Illicit Fentanyl, Disrupt Arms Trafficking, and Humanely Manage Migration
- [Memorandum](#) on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
- [Transcript](#): Press Briefing by Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre

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- [Nominations](#) Sent to the Senate
 - [Nominations](#): President Biden Announces Key Nominees

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- [Transcript](#): Press Briefing by Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre and National Security Council Coordinator for Strategic Communications John Kirby
- [Statement](#) from National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan On Developments in Niger
- [Bill Signed into Law](#): H.R. 1096, the “250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps Commemorative Coin Act,”
- [Nomination](#): President Biden Announces Nomination of Gen. David Allvin to Serve As U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff
- [Nomination](#): President Biden Announces Intent to Nominate Martin O’Malley to be Commissioner of the Social Security Administration
- [Press Release](#): What They Are Saying | Members of Congress, Labor Leaders, Business Groups, Disability Advocacy Groups, and More Celebrate Martin O’Malley’s Nomination to be Social Security Administration Commissioner
- [Nominations](#): President Biden Announces Key Nominees
- [Nominations](#) Sent to the Senate
- [Statement](#) from President Joe Biden on the 75th Anniversary of the Desegregation of the Armed Forces
- [Readout](#) by NSC Spokesperson of the Principal Deputy National Security Advisor’s Meeting with Representatives of the Three 2022 Nobel Peace Prize Laureates
- [Proclamation](#) on National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, 2023
- [Fact Sheet](#): Biden-Harris Administration Hosts White House Methane Summit to Tackle Dangerous Climate Pollution, while Creating Good-Paying Jobs and Protecting Community Health
- [Fact Sheet](#): Biden-Harris Administration Takes Action to Promote Access to Behavioral Health Care for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Communities

Department of Defense (DOD)

July 25

- [Readout](#): Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III’s Call With Israeli Minister of Defense

- [Transcript](#): Sabrina Singh, Deputy Pentagon Press Secretary, Holds A Press Briefing
- [Fact Sheet](#): Secretary Austin's Eighth Trip to the Indo-Pacific Region
- [Article](#): Austin First Defense Secretary to Visit Papua New Guinea
- [Press Release](#): Biden Administration Announces Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine
- [Publication](#): Ukraine Fact Sheet – July 25, 2023
- [Press Release](#): DOD Launches Reserve Component Spouse Survey
- [Article](#): The Journey to Becoming an Air Force Cadet
- [Contracts](#) for July 25, 2023

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- [Press Release](#): Department of Commerce and Department of Defense Sign Memorandum of Agreement to Strengthen U.S. Defense Industrial Base
- [Advisory](#): Pentagon Commemorates 75th Anniversary of Desegregation in the Federal Workforce and Armed Forces
- [Statement](#) by Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III Marking 75 Years Since the Desegregation of the Department of Defense
- [Closing Remarks](#) by Deputy Secretary of Defense Kathleen Hicks at the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Racial Desegregation in the Armed Forces and Federal Workforce
- [Article](#): Austin, Papua New Guinea Leaders Discuss Plans for Defense Cooperation
- [Article](#): Austin Meets Papua New Guinea Leaders to Chart Security Course
- [Article](#): Austin Visits Papua New Guinea, Australia on Latest Trip to Pacific
- [Article](#): U.S. Military Integration Spawned Peerless Fighting Force
- [Article](#): Graduate Program Fosters Strategic Leaders
- [Article](#): Talisman Sabre 23 Field Exercise Sets Benchmark for Combined Military Training in Indo-Pacific
- [Contracts](#) for July 26, 2023

Europe, Ukraine

- July 25: [Statement](#) | Additional U.S. Military Assistance for Ukraine

Asia-Pacific

- July 25: [Readout](#) | Secretary Blinken's Meeting with Tongan Prime Minister Hu'akavameiliku and Foreign Minister Utoikamanu
- July 26: [Remarks](#) | Secretary Antony J. Blinken and Tongan Prime Minister Hu'akavameiliku at a Joint Press Availability
- July 26: [Remarks](#) | Secretary Antony J. Blinken at the U.S. Embassy Nuku'alofa Dedication | Tonga
- July 26: [Remarks](#) | Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Peace Corps Engagement | Tonga
- July 26: [Fact Sheet](#) | The United States-New Zealand Relationship
- July 26: [Readout](#) | Secretary Blinken's Meeting with Prime Minister Hipkins of New Zealand
- July 26: [Readout](#) | Fourth U.S.-ROK Working Group Meeting on the DPRK Cyber Threat
- July 25: [Statement](#) | Maldives Independence Day

Africa

- July 26: [Statement](#) | On Reports of an Attempted Takeover in Niger
- July 26: [Readout](#) | Secretary Blinken's Call with Nigerien President Bazoum
- July 26: [Advisory](#) | Special Representative for International Labor Affairs Fay Rodríguez Travels to Lesotho and South Africa
- July 26: [Advisory](#) | Senior Coordinator for Atlantic Cooperation Lapenn's Travel to Namibia, South Africa, and Angola
- July 26: [Statement](#) | Liberia National Day Message

Middle East, Central Asia

- July 25: [Statement](#) | UN Begins Operation to Prevent Catastrophic Oil Spill | Red Sea
- July 26: [Advisory](#) | Special Representative for Afghanistan West and Special Envoy for Afghan Women, Girls, and Human Rights Amiri's Travel to Kazakhstan and Qatar

Climate Investment Statements

- July 26: [Reports](#) | 2023 Investment Climate Statements Released

Other Matters

- July 26: [Interview](#) | Secretary Antony J. Blinken With Jenny Taft of Fox Sports (re: World Cup)
- July 26: [Statement](#) | The Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- July 25: [Statement](#) | The United States Raises its Flag at UNESCO

Department Press Briefings

- July 25: [Transcript](#) | Department Press Briefing
- July 26: [Transcript](#) | Department Press Briefing
- July 26: [Transcript](#) | Digital Press Briefing with Vice Admiral Andrew J. Tiongson, Pacific Area Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
- July 26: [Transcript](#) | Special Online Briefing with Nathaniel C. Fick Ambassador-at-Large for Cyberspace and Digital Policy and Dr. Seth Center Deputy Envoy for Critical and Emerging Technology
- July 26: [Transcript](#) | Digital Press Briefing with Ambassador Julianne Smith U.S. Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

July 25

- [Advisory](#): Administrator Samantha Power to Visit Papua New Guinea and Fiji
- [Readout](#): Administrator Samantha Power Meets with United Arab Emirates Deputy Minister of Cabinet Affairs for Competitiveness and Knowledge Exchange Abdulla Lootah

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- [Readout](#): Administrator Samantha Power Meets with Spanish Minister of Migration, Inclusion, and Social Security José Luis Escrivá
- [Readout](#): Administrator Samantha Power Meets with Interim United Nations Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator for Afghanistan Daniel Endres

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- [Readout](#): Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman's Meeting with OSCE Secretary General Helga Schmid

U.S. Mission to the United Nations (USUN)

July 25

- [Explanation of Position](#) on the UN General Assembly Adoption of the Resolution on Dialogue and Tolerance in Countering Hate Speech

July 26

- [Remarks](#) by Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield at a UN Security Council Briefing on Russia's Attacks on Ukrainian Ports
- [Remarks](#) at a UN Security Council Briefing Called by Russia on Threats to International Peace and Security

Department of the Treasury

July 25

- [Remarks](#) by Secretary of the Treasury Janet L. Yellen at Bilateral Meeting with Minister of Finance of Jordan Mohamad Al-Ississ
- [Remarks](#) By Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions Graham Steele at the Americans for Financial Reform Education Fund

July 26

- [Congressional Testimony](#) of Under Secretary for International Affairs Jay C. Shambaugh Before the Committee on Foreign Relations, U.S. Senate
- [Guidance](#): Publication of Tri-Seal Compliance Note | Voluntary Self-Disclosure of Potential Violations

The Federal Reserve

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- [Press Release](#): Federal Reserve Issues FOMC Statement

Security Exchange Commission (SEC)

July 25

- [Press Release](#): SEC Names Natasha Vij Greiner and Keith E. Cassidy Interim Acting Co-Directors of the Division of Examinations

July 26

- [Press Release](#): SEC Proposes Reforms Relating to Investment Advisers Operating Exclusively Through the Internet
- [Press Release](#): SEC Proposes New Requirements to Address Risks to Investors From Conflicts of Interest Associated With the Use of Predictive Data Analytics by Broker-Dealers and Investment Advisers
- [Press Release](#): SEC Adopts Rules on Cybersecurity Risk Management, Strategy, Governance, and Incident Disclosure by Public Companies
- [Press Release](#): SEC Charges Investor Joseph C. Lewis and Associates with Insider Trading

Department of Justice (DOJ)

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

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- [Press Release](#): Departments of Justice, Commerce and Treasury Issue Joint Compliance Note on Voluntary Self-Disclosure of Potential Violations
- [Press Release](#): Justice Department, EPA and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Reach Agreement with City of Jackson on Proposal to Address Sewer System Issues
- [Press Release](#): Doctor Convicted of Unlawfully Distributing Opioids
- [Press Release](#): Former Oklahoma Private Prisoner Transport Officer Sentenced for Sexually Assaulting Pretrial Detainee
- [Press Release](#): Jacksonville Tax Preparer Pleads Guilty to Preparing False Personal Return
- [Speech](#): Policy Director David Lawrence of the Antitrust Division Delivers Remarks at the Georgetown Center for Business & Public Policy
- [Speech](#): Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke Delivers Remarks at the National Summit on Equal Opportunity in Higher Education

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- [Press Release](#): Final MS-13 Gang Member Sentenced for Role in Rival Gang Member's Murder
 - [Press Release](#): Virginia Man Sentenced to Federal Prison for Conspiring to Violate Iranian Sanctions
 - [Joint Statement](#) from Mexico and the United States on Shared Efforts to Combat Illicit Fentanyl, Disrupt Arms Trafficking, and Humanely Manage Migration
 - [Press Release](#): Three Foreign Nationals Sentenced for Operating an International Fentanyl Trafficking Organization
 - [Press Release](#): Woman Pleads Guilty in Visa Fraud and Immigrant Smuggling Scheme
 - [Press Release](#): South Carolina Man Charged with Sex Trafficking of Four Victims, including a Minor
 - [Press Release](#): Former Oregon Corrections Nurse Found Guilty of Sexually Assaulting Nine Female Inmates
 - [Press Release](#): Oklahoma Man Sentenced for Racially Motivated Hate Crime Against Black Man
 - [Press Release](#): Two Tennessee Law Enforcement Officers Charged with Federal Civil Rights and Obstruction Offenses in Excessive Force Case
 - [Press Release](#): Final Defendant Sentenced in Multi-State Dogfighting Ring
 - [Press Release](#): Justice Department Advances Proposed Rule to Strengthen Web and Mobile App Access for People with Disabilities
 - [Speech](#): Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta Delivers Remarks on the Web Accessibility Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
 - [Speech](#): Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke Delivers Remarks at Program to Commemorate 33rd Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act
 - [Speech](#): Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta Delivers Remarks at the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives Training Conference Award Luncheon

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

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- [Statement](#) From Secretary Mayorkas Regarding the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California Ruling on the Circumvention of Lawful Pathways Rule
- [Joint Statement](#) from Mexico and the United States on Shared Efforts to Combat Illicit Fentanyl, Disrupt Arms Trafficking, and Humanely Manage Migration

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- [CBP Press Release](#): CBP Officers at the Presidio Port of Entry apprehend homicide suspect | Local Media Release (Texas)
 - [CBP Press Release](#): Border Patrol Rescues Climb with Temperatures (Arizona)

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- [CBP Press Release](#): Dulles CBP Agriculture Specialists Cage Two Live Birds Carried by Passenger from Iraq (Virginia)
- [CBP Press Release](#): Philadelphia CBP Intercepts 21-Pound Marijuana Load in UK-Bound Passenger's Baggage (Pennsylvania)
- [CBP Press Release](#): CBP announces decision on hours at six ports of entry following temporary expansion (Washington State)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- [Link](#) to daily press releases

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

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- [Press Release](#): Western Hemisphere Partners Advance Work on Good Regulatory Practices

Department of Commerce

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- [Press Release](#): Department of Commerce and Department of Defense Sign Memorandum of Agreement to Strengthen U.S. Defense Industrial Base

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

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- [Press Release](#): FTC Issues Supplemental Proposed Amendments to its Amplifier Rule to Make Testing Methods More Useful to Consumers
- [Press Release](#): FTC Announces Claims Process for Consumers Who Purchased DreamCloud Mattresses

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- [Press Release](#): Operators of “Blessing Loom” Scheme Banned from Multi-Level Marketing As a Result of Pyramid Scheme Charges Brought by the FTC and Arkansas

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

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- [Press Release](#): Deadline for June 30, 2023 BDC Data Extended
- [Press Release](#): Chair Rosenworcel Proposes Goal of 100% Access to Affordable Broadband

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- [Press Release](#): FCC Announces Nearly \$55 Million in Emergency Connectivity Funding
- [Press Release](#): FCC Requests Information on Private-Led Tracebacks by 11/13

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

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- [Press Release](#): CFPB Exams Find Unfair, Deceptive, and Abusive Practices Across a Wide Array of Consumer Financial Product Lines

Export-Import (EXIM) Bank

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- [Press Release](#): Director Owen Herrnstadt in Seattle and Olympia to Highlight EXIM’s Make More in America Initiative

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

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- [Press Release](#): Biden-Harris Administration Helps Expand Access to Rural Health Care Through Investing in America Agenda

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- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Agriculture Announces Key Staff Appointments and

Department of Energy (DOE)

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- [Readout](#): U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer M. Granholm Concludes Trip to India

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- [Press Release](#): DOE Announces \$33 Million to Advance Energy Research Across America

Department of the Interior (DOI)

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- [Press Release](#): Secretary Haaland Applauds President Biden's Designation of Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument

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- [Press Release](#): Secretary Haaland Wraps Weeklong Pacific Islands Visit, Leads Delegation to Inauguration of the President of the Federated States of Micronesia

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- [Press Release](#): Biden-Harris Administration Proposes to Improve Air Pollution Emissions Data
- [Press Release](#): EPA Seeks Input on Expansion of the Safer Choice and Design for the Environment Programs
- [Press Release](#): EPA, Justice Department and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Reach Agreement with City of Jackson on Proposal to Address Sewer System Issues
- [Link](#) to other EPA press releases

Department of Transportation (DOT)

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- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Transportation Announces First Ships Enrolled in the Tanker Security Program

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- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Transportation Requires Airline Lavatories to Be More Accessible for Wheelchair Users

Department of Labor (DOL)

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- [Statement](#) by Acting U.S. Secretary of Labor Julie Su on tentative collective bargaining agreement reached by Teamsters, UPS
- [Press Release](#): Utah supermarket, wholesaler pays \$525K in back wages, damages, penalties after U.S. Department of Labor investigation, litigation
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor recovers \$64K in back wages for 41 workers after finding Cedar Bluff pest control employer failed to pay overtime
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor recovers \$73K in back wages, damages from Hawaii food wholesaler who denied overtime pay to 11 warehouse employees
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor recovers \$127K in back wages, damages from San Diego cafe owner who denied overtime pay to 18 employees
- [Press Release](#): Workers underserved | Court requires six Connecticut restaurants, owners to pay \$858K to 105 workers after U.S. Department of Labor investigation, litigation
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor finds Louisiana, Texas McDonald's franchisees allowed minors to work longer, later than law permits, operate dangerous equipment
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Department of Labor investigation finds Jacksonville psychiatric treatment facility failed to keep workers safe, follow safety procedures
- [Press Release](#): U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Treasury announce proposed rules to strengthen Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act

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- [Press Release](#): Federal workplace safety inspection at Dollar General store in Austin finds company again exposing employees to fire, other safety hazards
- [Press Release](#): Investigation recovers \$178K for 8 employees from New York gas station, convenience store, Subway franchise operator
- [Press Release](#): Westfield grain bin operator again ignored federal safety standards despite warning during probe into near-tragic engulfment

Health & Human Services (HHS)

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- [Press Release](#): Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Treasury announce proposed rules to strengthen Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act

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- [Press Release](#): HHS Invests \$11 Million to Expand Medical Residencies in Rural Communities
- [Statement](#) from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on the 33rd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Food & Drug Administration (FDA)

- [Press Release](#): FDA Roundup | July 25, 2023

Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

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- [Press Release](#): HUD Announces Research Grant Opportunity and Event Focused on Office-to-Residential Conversions

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- [Press Release](#): HUD and Census Bureau Report New Residential Sales in June 2023
- [Press Release](#): HUD Awards \$370 Million in Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Awards

Congressional Budget Office (CBO)

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- [Blog Post](#): A Call for New Research in the Area of Taxes and Transfers
- [Cost Estimate](#): H.R. 1695, Strengthening Agency Management and Oversight of Software Assets Act
- [Cost Estimate](#): H.R. 2627, Increasing Investor Opportunities Act

- [Cost Estimate](#): H.R. 3565, Spectrum Auction Reauthorization Act of 2023
- [Cost Estimate](#): H.R. 4090, Fire Grants and Safety Act of 2023
- [Cost Estimate](#): S. 843, a bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the use of funds for certain additional Carey Act projects, and for other purposes

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- [Report](#): An Update to the Economic Outlook: 2023 to 2025
- [Presentation](#): CBO's Long-Term Projections of Labor Force Participation Rates
- [Congressional Testimony](#) on Approaches to Reducing the Department of Defense's Compensation Costs
- [Cost Estimate](#): S. 1886, Pray Safe Act of 2023

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