

S 3267

MAKE CENTS Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

Introduced: Feb 11, 2020

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Feb 11, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]

Party: Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Feb 11, 2020
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Feb 24, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 11, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 565	Related bill	Mar 2, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 435.
116 HR 4559	Related bill	Sep 27, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
116 S 1238	Related bill	Apr 30, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 1917	Related bill	Mar 27, 2019: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
116 S 807	Related bill	Mar 14, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 S 186	Related bill	Jan 17, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 129	Related bill	Jan 3, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

Summary (as of Feb 11, 2020)

Making Americans Know about Excessive spending through Commonsense Efforts to Notice and Target Shenanigans Act or the MAKE CENTS Act

This bill modifies the federal budget process to add reporting requirements, limit spending at the end of a fiscal year, and impose penalties on Congress for failing to approve a budget resolution or the annual appropriations bills on a timely basis.

Among other changes, the bill

- requires federal agencies to report annually to Congress regarding federally funded projects that are more than five years behind schedule or have expenditures that are at least \$1 billion more than the original cost estimate for the project;
- requires recipients of federal funding to disclose specified details regarding the cost to the federal government and nongovernmental sources;
- prohibits an executive agency from spending more in the last 2 months of a fiscal year than the agency's average monthly spending for the previous 10 months;
- prohibits Members of Congress from being paid in a fiscal year until both chambers approve the budget resolution and pass all of the regular appropriations bills for that fiscal year; and
- limits congressional recesses, adjournments, and travel if Congress has not completed work on a budget resolution and the annual appropriations bills by certain deadlines.

Actions Timeline

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