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Congressional Power of the Purse Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 4, 2020
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Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 4, 2020
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 4, 2020
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 4, 2020
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 4, 2020
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 4, 2020
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 4, 2020
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 4, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 4, 2020
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 4, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 4, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 4, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4880	Related bill	Oct 26, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 HR 8363	Related bill	Sep 23, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, the Budget, Transportation and Infrastructure, Rules, Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, Intelligence (Permanent Select), and House Administration, 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 HR 6628	Related bill	Apr 29, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

Summary (as of Jun 4, 2020)

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This bill modifies the budget and appropriations process to establish various requirements for federal agencies, add several new disclosure and reporting requirements, and expand congressional oversight authorities.

Among other changes, the bill requires

- the Office of Management and Budget to release funding to agencies at least 90 days before the funding expires;
- certain presidential emergency declarations to expire within 30 days unless Congress approves the declaration;
- federal agencies to make various reports, documents, and legal opinions available to Congress and the public; and
- federal agencies to respond to certain Government Accountability Office requests within 20 days unless the request includes a different deadline.

Actions Timeline

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