

SRES 547

A resolution encouraging the President to use authorities provided by the Defense Production Act of 1950 to scale up the national response to the coronavirus crisis.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 18, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 18, 2020)

This resolution calls upon the President to use existing authorities under the Defense Production Act of 1950 to increase production of medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic (also known as the coronavirus disease).

The resolution supports the use of such authorities to

- distribute medical materials, including by directing suppliers to prioritize and accept contracts to restock the Strategic National Stockpile; and
- establish voluntary agreements and provide financial incentives to manufacturers and suppliers of critical medical equipment.

Actions Timeline

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