

## S 179

A bill to authorize the appropriation of an additional \$10,000,000,000 to secure critical materials and supplies to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 2, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Feb 2, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/179>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 2, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 2, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Feb 2, 2021)

This bill authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to secure critical supplies to combat COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

In securing these supplies, HHS must coordinate with the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security.

HHS may also use authorities available under the Defense Production Act of 1950 to secure supplies. That act confers upon the President a broad set of authorities to influence domestic industries to provide essential materials and goods needed for the national defense.

## Actions Timeline

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