

S 2296

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 5, 2025
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 8, 2025
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 9, 2025
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 9, 2025
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Reported Original Measure	Jul 16, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 8751	Related bill	May 12, 2026: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 4474	Related bill	Apr 30, 2026: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 HR 8554	Related bill	Apr 28, 2026: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 1204	Related bill	Dec 19, 2025: Held at the desk.
119 S 1071	Related bill	Dec 18, 2025: Became Public Law No: 119-60.
119 S 3436	Related bill	Dec 18, 2025: Held at the desk.
119 S 3563	Related bill	Dec 18, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 HR 6562	Related bill	Dec 10, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
119 HR 6586	Related bill	Dec 10, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
119 HR 6475	Related bill	Dec 4, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
119 HR 6483	Related bill	Dec 4, 2025: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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.
119 S 3288	Related bill	Dec 1, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence.
119 HR 6269	Related bill	Nov 21, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
119 HR 6107	Related bill	Nov 18, 2025: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Rules, 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.
119 HR 6009	Related bill	Nov 10, 2025: Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.
119 HR 5938	Related bill	Nov 7, 2025: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Energy and Commerce, 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.
119 HR 5962	Related bill	Nov 7, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
119 HR 5975	Related bill	Nov 7, 2025: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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.
119 HR 5990	Related bill	Nov 7, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
119 S 3163	Related bill	Nov 7, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 HR 5912	Related bill	Nov 4, 2025: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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.

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 3067	Related bill	Oct 28, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
119 S 3050	Related bill	Oct 23, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
119 S 3052	Related bill	Oct 23, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 3053	Related bill	Oct 23, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 HR 5623	Related bill	Sep 30, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
119 S 2642	Related bill	Aug 1, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
119 S 2647	Related bill	Aug 1, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
119 S 2669	Related bill	Aug 1, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
119 S 2599	Related bill	Jul 31, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 2600	Related bill	Jul 31, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 2601	Related bill	Jul 31, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 2602	Related bill	Jul 31, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 2603	Related bill	Jul 31, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 2604	Related bill	Jul 31, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 2605	Related bill	Jul 31, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 2606	Related bill	Jul 31, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 2607	Related bill	Jul 31, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 2453	Related bill	Jul 24, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
119 S 2259	Related bill	Jul 10, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 2091	Related bill	Jun 17, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 HR 3917	Related bill	Jun 11, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 1988	Related bill	Jun 9, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 HR 3552	Related bill	May 21, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
119 S 1843	Related bill	May 21, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
119 HR 3241	Related bill	May 7, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 1632	Related bill	May 7, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
119 HR 2557	Related bill	Apr 1, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
119 S 1231	Related bill	Apr 1, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

Summary (as of Jul 15, 2025)

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026

This bill sets forth policies and authorities for FY2026 for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, military construction, and the national security programs of the Department of Energy (DOE). It also authorizes the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for FY2026. The bill authorizes appropriations but it does not provide budget authority, which is provided by appropriations legislation.

Among other elements, the bill

- authorizes the procurement of various items, including aircraft, ships, and missiles;
- authorizes active duty and reserve component personnel strength levels;
- authorizes specified military construction projects and extends the authorization of certain projects from previous fiscal years;
- requires DOD to develop a strategy on the national security implications of emerging biotechnologies;
- requires the Navy to implement certain processes to improve the material condition and combat readiness of Navy surface ships maintained and repaired at private shipyards;
- extends the Pacific Deterrence Initiative (an initiative to enhance U.S. deterrence and defense posture, assure allies and partners, and increase capability and readiness in the Indo-Pacific region) through FY2026; and
- repeals various statutory provisions related to diversity, equity, and inclusion within DOD, including a provision establishing the position of Chief Diversity Officer of DOD.

For additional information on the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) see

- [In Focus IF10516, Defense Primer: Navigating the NDAA](#), and
- [In Focus IF10515, Defense Primer: The NDAA Process](#).

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 12, 2025:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 12, 2025:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 10, 2025:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 9, 2025:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S7062-7087)
- **Oct 9, 2025:** Motion by Senator Thune to recommit to Senate Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with the following amendment (SA 3866) withdrawn in Senate.
- **Oct 9, 2025:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate under the order of 10/9/2025, having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 77 - 20. Record Vote Number: 570.
- **Oct 9, 2025:** Passed Senate under the order of 10/9/2025, having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 77 - 20. Record Vote Number: 570.
- **Oct 9, 2025:** Considered by Senate.
- **Oct 8, 2025:** Considered by Senate.
- **Oct 6, 2025:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S6943-6944)
- **Oct 6, 2025:** Considered by Senate.
- **Oct 1, 2025:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S6889-6893)
- **Oct 1, 2025:** Considered by Senate.
- **Sep 30, 2025:** Considered by Senate.
- **Sep 29, 2025:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S6805-6813)
- **Sep 19, 2025:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S6781-6784)
- **Sep 17, 2025:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S6667)
- **Sep 16, 2025:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S6625)
- **Sep 11, 2025:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S6561)
- **Sep 10, 2025:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S6512)
- **Sep 10, 2025:** Motion by Senator Thune to recommit to Senate Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with the following amendment (SA 3866) made in Senate. (text: CR S6512)
- **Sep 4, 2025:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate. (CR S6050)
- **Sep 4, 2025:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 83 - 13. Record Vote Number: 503. (CR S6054)
- **Sep 4, 2025:** Measure laid before Senate by motion.
- **Sep 3, 2025:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate. (CR S5989)
- **Sep 2, 2025:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate. (CR S5539)
- **Sep 2, 2025:** Cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 84 - 14. Record Vote Number: 500. (CR S5544)
- **Sep 2, 2025:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate. (: CR S5539)
- **Aug 2, 2025:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (CR S5522)
- **Aug 2, 2025:** Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure presented in Senate. (CR S5522)
- **Aug 2, 2025:** Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure presented in Senate. (: CR S5522)
- **Jul 15, 2025:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 15, 2025:** Committee on Armed Services. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Wicker. With written report No. 119-39.
- **Jul 15, 2025:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 115.
- **Jul 15, 2025:** An errata sheet on written report No. 119-39 was printed.
- **Apr 9, 2025:** Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Cybersecurity. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 119-75, pt. 8.
- **Apr 9, 2025:** Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 119-75, pt. 6.
- **Apr 8, 2025:** Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 119-75, pt. 5.
- **Mar 5, 2025:** Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 119-75, pt. 3.

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