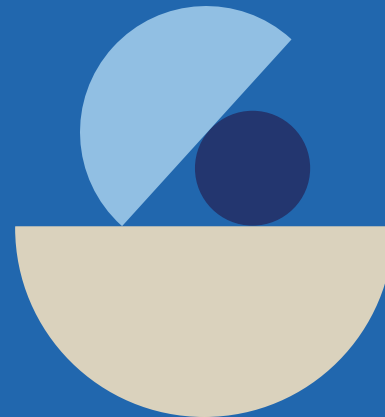


2023 deadlines for the 118th Congress

An overview of key dates and legislative deadlines in 2023, including spotlights on must-pass legislation and programs

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Roadmap

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- **Legislative programs and spotlights**

2023 congressional calendar

Both chambers in session
 House only in session
 Senate only in session

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Upcoming legislative deadlines for 2023

Topic	Expiration date	Description
Debt ceiling	Summer 2023	The US hit its debt ceiling in January 2023 and the Treasury Department has been taking extraordinary measures to avoid default; Congress must approve legislation to suspend the debt ceiling by summer 2023
Government appropriations	September 30, 2023	Government funding will expire at the end of FY2023 if no deal is reached on FY2024 appropriations
Farm Bill	September 30, 2023	Every five years, Congress must approve legislation that includes a range of programs related to food, nutrition, and agriculture; the Farm Bill was last passed in 2018 and expires in 2023
FAA reauthorization	September 30, 2023	Every few years, Congress must reauthorize program funding for the Federal Aviation Administration
National Flood Insurance Program authorization	September 30, 2023	Authorization for NFIP, which aims to reduce the negative impacts of flooding on infrastructure, was extended through the end of FY2023
TANF & related programs	September 30, 2023	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs provide childcare assistance for low-income families; these authorizations expire at the end of FY2023
PEPFAR Reauthorization	September 30, 2023	The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) is due to be reauthorized by the end of FY2023
PAHPA Reauthorization	September 30, 2023	The Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA) is due to be reauthorized by the end of FY2023
National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)	December 31, 2023	The NDAA, which authorizes and funds specialized DoD programs and sets the DoD's policy agenda each year, must be reauthorized annually

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Major actions since the last debt crisis: Jan. 2023 to now



Jan. 7, 2023

- McCarthy became Speaker of the House, promising to accompany any proposal to raise the debt ceiling with commensurate spending cuts – possibly complicating efforts to avoid a government default in 2023



Jan. 19, 2023

- Treasury Department announced that the US has hit the debt ceiling and will start to take extraordinary measures to avoid a default



Mar. 7, 2023

- Senate Subcommittee on Economic Policy held a hearing on the potential impacts of breaching the debt ceiling. Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, testified that the proposed spending cuts by Republicans will cause a recession in 2024 with an estimated loss of 2.6 million jobs



Mar. 23, 2023

- Democratic staff on the Joint Economic Committee released a report on the economic impacts of a debt default. These impacts include increases in prices and the unemployment rate and interruptions to Social Security, Medicare, and Veterans' benefits payments



April 19, 2023

- Speaker McCarthy proposed the Limit, Save, Grow Act that would raise the debt ceiling by \$1.5 trillion while implementing spending cuts in non-defense programs. The House is expected to vote on the bill by the end of April

Budget and appropriations timeline

The timeline established in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is rarely adhered to



Major investments in President Biden's FY2024 budget request



Invests **\$150 billion** over 10 years to expand Medicaid services, including **\$966 million** in 2024 to expand the National Health Service Corps



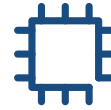
Provides more than **\$15 billion** to increase the reach of the National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health's Community Eligibility Program



Extends solvency of the Medicare Trust Fund by **at least 25 years** by ensuring high-income earners pay into the program



Invests **\$375 billion** into the National Institutes of Standards and Technology's Industrial Technology Services to promote domestic manufacturing



Provides nearly **\$21 billion** in discretionary spending for activities authorized by the CHIPS and Science Act



Provides **\$20.5 billion** for Title I, intended to improve the quality of high-poverty schools



Includes an additional **\$64.4 million** in funding for the EPA with the goal of cutting greenhouse admissions by 50-52% by 2030



Invests over **\$24 billion** to improve community climate resilience against floods, wildfires, storms, extreme heat, and drought



Includes nearly **\$25 billion** for US Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement to hire and train additional officers

The 2023 Farm Bill is one of the biggest legislative priorities of the year

What is the Farm Bill?

- Legislation approved around every five years that includes a range of programs related to **food, nutrition, and agriculture**
- Initially passed as **part of President Roosevelt's New Deal** during the 1930s to address the Dust Bowl and Great Depression
- The 2018 Farm Bill, officially entitled the Agriculture Improvement Act, **expires in 2023**

2018 Farm Bill recap

- The Congressional Budget Office estimated the **five-year spending** at **\$428 billion**
- Three-fourths of spending in the 2018 Farm Bill is for **nutrition assistance programs**
- The legislation **approves hemp cultivation** in the US with several limitations, including a maximum hemp THC level of 0.3%

2023 Farm Bill outlook

- The projected total cost for the 2023 Farm Bill is **\$1.4 trillion**
- In 2018, House Republicans found it difficult to pass the current 2018 Farm Bill; in 2023 they will once again lead the discussions but now have a **much slimmer majority** in the House
- Topics throughout agriculture and nutrition will be covered, including, but not limited to **conservation, nutrition programs, and research spending**

Key policy areas covered in the 2018 Farm Bill



Farm commodity supports



Conservation programs



Agricultural trade



Nutrition assistance



Farm loans and credit



Rural economic development



Research and extension programs



Forestry stewardship



Energy and biofuels



Local foods, organics, and fruits and vegetables



Crop insurance



Socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers

Congress must reauthorize funding for the Federal Aviation Administration every few years

What is the FAA reauthorization?

- Every few years, Congress must reauthorize program funding for the Federal Aviation Administration
- The package has been used as a vehicle for aviation reforms
- The process includes input from both parties in each chamber

2018 FAA reauthorization recap

- The package authorized **\$96.7 B** over five years in aviation spending
- The five-year authorization was the longest extension since the 1980s
- Former President Donald Trump signed the legislation on October 5, 2018

2023 FAA reauthorization outlook

- The reauthorization bill must be passed before September 30, the final day of FY23
- House Transportation Chair Sam Graves has stated he would like a draft of the bill text by July 1
- The House and Senate Transportation committees will begin hearings in February with reauthorization a top priority

Key policy areas covered in the 2018 FAA reauthorization



Airport improvement program



Pilot's bill of rights



Airline fee refunds



Aviation weather reporting



Flight crew labor requirements



Minimum seat size



FAA operations



Transportation Security Administration (TSA) efficiency



Protections for passengers with disabilities