

Commerce Committee Budget Reconciliation

Talking Points & Messaging

COAST GUARD REBUILT, MARITIME BORDER SECURE

The largest single investment in Coast Guard history — over \$24 billion — will mean 17 new ice breakers, 21 new cutters to help stop drug runners and human smugglers, 40-plus helicopters, six new C-130J aircraft, three new river cutters, new maritime surveillance equipment, and billions to rebuild aging docks, hangars, and shore facilities.

BIGGEST SPECTRUM PIPELINE IN HISTORY MEANS BETTER TECH, FASTER INTERNET

The largest spectrum pipeline ever — raising \$85 billion for taxpayers — will put 800 MHz of unused and underused spectrum into the private economy, unleashing billions in investment and thousands of new jobs. More spectrum auctions means cheaper and faster Internet for consumers and new kinds of AI-enabled technology to fuel productivity growth.

SAFE AND RELIABLE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

More than \$12.5 billion for urgent tech and safety needs at the FAA, like upgrading 1960s-era radar systems, consolidating old and unneeded facilities, and replacing aging and unreliable copper lines with the latest telecommunications technology.

BEATS CHINA TO MARS AND THE MOON

Dedicates almost \$10 billion to win the new space race with China and ensure America dominates space. Makes targeted, critical investments in Mars-forward technology, Artemis Missions and Moon to Mars program, and the International Space Station.

\$1.2B MORE SAVINGS FOR TAXPAYERS

More than \$1.2 billion in savings beyond the House version, it cuts spending on leftist climate change programs, “green” aviation fuel sourced from Brazil, and technology handouts to corporations.

NO EUROPEAN AI REGULATION

Forbids states collecting BEAD money from strangling AI deployment with EU-style regulation.



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