



# ASSOCIATION OF OLD CROWS ADVOCACY NEWSLETTER JUNE 2020

## Update on the Defense Budget

The Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) announced last week that it will commence with markups of the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) in early June. The SASC will convene subcommittee markups on June 8-9 and the full Committee will mark up the bill on June 10. Except for the SASC Personnel Subcommittee all markups will be classified and closed to the public and press.

The House will likely follow suit by marking up its version of the NDAA in late June, according to House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer. However, no dates have been set.

While the Coronavirus response has caused an expected delay in the consideration of all FY 2021 spending bills, the NDAA is not far off the mark. The chart below shows the dates the NDAA was ordered to be reported by respective chambers, the dates each chamber voted on the NDAA, the when the NDAA became public law. This year we can expect the committees to report their respective bills by the end of June, similar to 2018. With the General Election in November, there likely will not be a final NDAA signed into Public Law until December. Floor votes and Conference Committee consideration in between will remain uncertain for weeks to come.

Fiscal Year	Senate Bill	House Bill	SASC Mark	HASC Mark	Senate Floor	House Floor	Public Law
2021	TBD	TBD	June	June	TBD	TBD	TBD
2020	S 1790	HR 2500	May 22	Jun 13	June 27	July 12	Dec 20
2019	S 2987	HR 5515	May 24	May 10	June 18	July 26	Aug 13
2018	S 1519	HR 2810	June 27	June 28	Sept 18	July 14	Dec 12
2017	S 2943	HR 4909	May 18	Apr 28	June 14	May 18	Dec 23
2016	S 1118	HR 1735	May 14	May 5	June 18	May 15	Nov 25

## 42 Days: New Congressional Calendar Takes Shape

In the wake of the Coronavirus, the congressional calendar has changed dramatically. The House and Senate have largely been in Pro Forma session over the past 2 months, except for the consideration of virus response bills. Last week, the House released an updated calendar for the remainder of 2020, which provides a glimpse of the limited window for Congress to address numerous competing legislative priorities, including the FY 21 Defense Budget.

According to the new House Calendar, the House will be in a new “Committee Work” period throughout June, and not meeting as a full chamber for votes until June 30 – July 2. They will return to “Committee Work” until July 20 when they meet for two weeks for legislative business. Following a “District Work” period for all of August, the House returns on September 8 for votes and meets each of the next four weeks. This is the last time the House meets until November 16 after Election Day. In total, the House is only in session for votes 42 days for the remainder of 2020. Even then, it is uncertain if the House will be meeting in person or conducting business and votes virtually.

The Senate has not yet updated its calendar, but will likely follow a similar schedule, especially beginning August through the end of the calendar year.

## AOC Virtual EMS Summit

On May 19-20 the AOC held the first ever Virtual EMS Summit. Over 1400 participants from 38 countries joined the event to hear from military and industry leaders on a range of topics from Collaborative EW to EW Capabilities and Gaps to Multi-Domain Operations in the EMS. Click [here](#) for an event summary. For more information on the event and news coverage, please visit [here](#).

## AOC Issue Brief: Next Generation Jammer

The Next Generation Jammer System (NGJ) is the next step in the evolution of Airborne Electronic Attack (AEA) and is needed to meet current and emerging Electronic Warfare gaps, ensure kill chain wholeness against growing threat capabilities and capacity, and to keep pace with threat weapons systems advances and continuous expansion of the AEA mission area. The Department of Defense, led by the Navy, is more than 15 years into this effort to develop the

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technology that will replace the ALQ-99. The NGJ is an evolutionary acquisition program that will be fielded in three increments: Mid-Band (NGJ-MB), Low Band (NGJ-LB), and High Band (NGJ-HB). To view or download the complete AOC Issue Brief, please click [here](#).