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The "Last Cuba-Related Legislation Signed Into Law" Clock May Soon Be Reset To Zero

The United States House of Representatives has appointed forty-seven (47) conferees (29 R/18D) and the United States Senate has appointed nine (9) conferees (5R/4D) for H.R. 2/S.3042 (the "Farm Bill").

The United States Senate version of the Farm Bill includes a provision [[Link To Text](#)] authored by Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D- ND): ***“To provide for the use of market access program and foreign market development cooperator program funds in Cuba.”*** In Fiscal Year 2018, the total expenditures for these two programs was US\$200,287,394.00.

For the United States House of Representatives, there are twenty-nine (29) members of the Republican Conference and eighteen (18) members of the Democrat Conference. Seven of the Republican conferees are co-sponsors (including Representative Mike Conaway (R-TX), Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture) of Republic of Cuba-related legislation introduced by Representative Rick Crawford (R- AR); twenty-two are not co-sponsors of the legislation.

Representatives Mario Diaz-Balart (R- FL), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R- FL) and Carlos Curbelo (R- FL) are not conferees. They may believe unnecessary to be conferees as the amendment is structured in a manner which, if the amendment becomes law, may result in further restrictive rule-making which could impact overall travel to the Republic of Cuba by individuals subject to United States jurisdiction; which is their overall goal.

There are fifty-six (56) members of the conference committee; If twenty-nine (29) support S. 3042 as written, then the amendment included by Senator Heitkamp (and the related amendment by Senator Marco Rubio (R- FL) will be in the legislation submitted to President Donald Trump for his signature to become law.

There will likely be a bipartisan majority among the United States Senate conferees and United States House of Representative conferees who support S. 3042 as written and likely oppose an effort to remove the Republic of Cuba-related provisions in S. 3042. [Link to Senator Rubio's amendment](#)

Link to previous Blog post about amendments:

<https://www.cubatrade.org/blog/2018/6/29/fherk61dt99b6qfguvbdu503vcy9i5>

Republican Senate Conferees

<https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/newsroom/rep/press/release/roberts-stabenow-applaud-vote-to-begin-farm-bill-conference-appointment-of-conferees>

Mitch McConnell (R- KY)

Pat Roberts (R- KS)

John Boozman (R- AR)

John Hoeven (R- ND)

Jodi Ernest (R- IA)

Democrat Senate Conferees

<https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/newsroom/rep/press/release/roberts-stabenow-applaud-vote-to-begin-farm-bill-conference-appointment-of-conferees>

Sherrod Brown (D- OH)
Debbie Stabenow (D- MI)
Patrick Leahy (D- VT)
Heidi Heitkamp (D- ND)

Republican House Conferees (as formatted)

<https://www.speaker.gov/press-release/speaker-ryan-names-farm-bill-conference-committee-members>

House Agriculture Committee
Chairman Mike Conaway (R-TX)
2. Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA)
3. Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA)
4. Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK)
5. Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL)
6. Rep. Austin Scott (R-GA)
7. Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR)
8. Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO)
9. Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL)
10. Rep. Ted Yoho (R-FL)
11. Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC)
12. Rep. Roger Marshall (R-KS)
13. Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX)

House Education and the Workforce Committee
1. Chairwoman Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
2. Rep. Rick Allen (R-GA)

House Energy and Commerce Committee
1. Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL)
2. Rep. Kevin Cramer (R-ND)

House Financial Services Committee
1. Chairman Jeb Hensarling (R-TX)
2. Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI)

House Foreign Affairs Committee
1. Chairman Ed Royce (R-CA)
2. Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH)

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee
1. Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC)
2. Rep. James Comer (R-KY)

House Natural Resources Committee
1. Chairman Rob Bishop (R-UT)
2. Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR)

House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

1. Rep. Ralph Abraham (R-LA)

2. Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL)

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

1. Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA)

2. Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-OH)

Democrat House Conferees (as formatted)

<https://www.democraticleader.gov/newsroom/71818/>

House Committee on Agriculture:

Ranking Member Collin Peterson of Minnesota

Congressman David Scott of Georgia

Congressman Jim Costa of California

Congressman Tim Walz of Minnesota

Congresswoman Marcia Fudge of Ohio

Congressman Jim McGovern of Massachusetts

Congressman Filemon Vela of Texas

Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico

Congresswoman Ann Kuster of New Hampshire

Congressman Tom O'Halleran of Arizona

Education and Workforce:

Congresswoman Alma Adams of North Carolina

Energy and Commerce:

Congressman Paul Tonko of New York

Financial Services:

Ranking Member Maxine Waters of California

Foreign Affairs:

Ranking Member Eliot Engel of New York

Natural Resources:

Ranking Member Raúl Grijalva of Arizona

Oversight and Government Reform:

Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett of the Virgin Islands

Science, Space and Technology:

Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas

Transportation and Infrastructure:

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos of Illinois