

Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE) — Congressional Activity Brief

TOP STORY

WAR POWERS / IRAN / COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF **UPDATED**

S.J.Res. 191 — Iran War Powers Resolution Enters Day 12 in Foreign Relations Committee; Senate Returns from Weekend with Markup Pressure Mounting

S.J.Res. 191, the joint resolution directing removal of U.S. Armed Forces from hostilities within or against Iran not authorized by Congress, enters its twelfth day in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as the Senate reconvenes Tuesday. Coons is listed as a cosponsor of this resolution that would constrain the President's ability to respond to Iranian threats. With the resolution nearing two full weeks in committee, Democratic sponsors are expected to intensify pressure for a markup or discharge petition this week, particularly if any escalatory developments occur in the Middle East.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports the President's constitutional authority as Commander-in-Chief to protect American forces and interests against Iranian aggression. Per Dr. Katz's defense and veterans platform, which emphasizes sustaining a robust military force essential for preserving global peace and maintaining international stability, cosponsoring a resolution to tie the Commander-in-Chief's hands during an active threat from Iran sends the wrong signal to adversaries and allies alike.

• TALKING POINTS

- Coons cosponsored a resolution to hamstring the Commander-in-Chief's ability to respond to Iranian threats — Dr. Katz believes the President must have the authority to protect American troops and interests
- Iran is the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism — this is no time for Washington to signal weakness through legislative handcuffs on our military
- Dr. Katz supports a strong national defense posture, especially against adversaries like Iran that threaten our allies and regional stability
- Delawareans with family at Dover AFB understand the stakes — our military personnel deserve a government that supports decisive action, not congressional paralysis

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) — S.J.Res. 191 · [Senate Foreign Relations Committee](#) † [INDEX](#)

FY2027 Defense Budget Hearing Series — Week Ten Begins; Coons Expected to Continue Anti-DOGE Messaging as Ranking Member

The Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee enters its tenth week of FY2027 budget hearings as the Tuesday session convenes. As Ranking Member, Coons has consistently used these hearings to frame DOGE-driven efficiency reviews as threats to military readiness and defense workforce stability, rather than engaging on the substance of waste reduction. Staff should monitor Tuesday's hearing schedule for specific witness lists and any Coons questioning that generates news coverage.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility and believes taxpayers deserve accountability for every defense dollar spent, consistent with his platform calling for fiscal responsibility and his Delaware Senate record of authoring legislation to restructure and reorganize state government for efficiency (Katz's Five Year Plan to Restructure State Government). Opposing efficiency reviews of Pentagon spending is not defending the troops — it is defending bureaucratic bloat.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz supports a strong military AND fiscal responsibility — those aren't contradictory, they're complementary
- Coons frames every efficiency review as an attack on readiness — that's defending bureaucracy, not defending troops
- Dr. Katz authored legislation in the Delaware Senate to restructure state government for efficiency — he believes the same principles apply to federal spending
- Every dollar wasted on Pentagon overhead is a dollar not going to warfighter equipment, training, or family support

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · C-SPAN — Senate hearings ↑ INDEX

Dover AFB FY2027 Military Construction — Tuesday Status; No New Developments

Dover Air Force Base, home to the 436th and 512th Airlift Wings and the Charles C. Carson Center for Mortuary Affairs, remains a critical Delaware equities item as FY2027 defense appropriations hearings continue into week ten. No new MILCON funding requests or announcements specific to Dover AFB have been identified since the last brief. Staff should

monitor Coons' office for any Tuesday press releases or appropriations requests tied to Dover facilities.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports robust funding for Dover AFB, which is vital to both national security and the Delaware economy. Per his veterans and defense platform, Dr. Katz believes military infrastructure investment is a core federal responsibility that should be prioritized over partisan spending battles.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dover AFB is Delaware's most important federal asset — Dr. Katz supports full funding for its mission and modernization
- Military construction at Dover shouldn't be a bargaining chip in partisan budget fights
- Dr. Katz recognizes Dover's unique role housing the nation's mortuary affairs center — that sacred mission deserves sustained investment
- Both parties should unite behind Dover AFB funding — Dr. Katz can acknowledge bipartisan wins while pushing for more

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · Dover AFB — Official Site ↑ INDEX

DEFENSE / BORDER SECURITY **UPDATED**

[STAFF VERIFY] Coons Statements on National Guard Border Deployment — No Confirmed Public Position Through Day 63 of Tracking

Staff has been tracking for sixty-three days whether Coons has issued any formal statement, floor remarks, committee questions, or social media posts regarding the Administration's expanded National Guard deployment to the southern border. As of this brief, no confirmed Coons public position has been identified. His silence as Defense Appropriations Ranking Member on a major military deployment is itself a data point. Staff should check Coons' official website, social media, and Tuesday hearing transcripts for any new statements.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong border security and robust ICE enforcement, per his platform on secure borders. Sixty-three days of silence from Delaware's senior senator on a major military deployment to the border suggests Coons is caught between his caucus's anti-enforcement stance and the reality that most Delawareans support border security.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- 63 days and counting — Coons still won't say whether he supports or opposes deploying the National Guard to secure our border

- Dr. Katz supports strong borders, strong ICE enforcement, and using every tool available to stop illegal crossings
- Coons' silence speaks volumes — he's trapped between his party's open-border wing and Delaware voters who want security
- A senator who chairs defense spending shouldn't be hiding from the border security debate

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov](https://coons.senate.gov) — Press · C-SPAN

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RECENT LEGISLATION

ENERGY / NATIONAL SECURITY / MINERALS **UPDATED**

S. 4392 — Allied Energy and Mineral Security Act — Day 15 in Foreign Relations Committee; Zero Cosponsors

Introduced April 27 by Coons, S. 4392 promotes 'United States and allied energy and mineral security.' Now in its fifteenth day in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with zero cosponsors. The bill has attracted no bipartisan support and no committee action has been scheduled. Bill text has not yet been published on Congress.gov, limiting independent analysis of its scope and provisions.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports American energy independence as a core platform plank, including advocacy for nuclear energy and the ADVANCE Act. Dr. Katz's energy platform explicitly calls for policies that 'enhance America's global competitiveness and create business opportunities.' A bill with zero cosponsors after two weeks suggests messaging, not legislating — Delawareans need energy solutions that can actually pass.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz supports real American energy independence — including nuclear, domestic oil and gas, and critical mineral development
- Coons' energy bill has zero cosponsors after two weeks — that's a press release, not legislation
- Dr. Katz authored Delaware's Scenic Byway legislation and supports energy policies that balance environmental stewardship with economic competitiveness
- Energy security is national security — Dr. Katz believes we should be producing more at home, not depending on adversaries for critical minerals

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](https://congress.gov) — S. 4392

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LABOR / RETIREMENT BENEFITS **UPDATED**

S. 4362 — Railroad Retirement Fairness Act — Day 21 in HELP Committee; Zero Cosponsors

Introduced April 21 by Coons, S. 4362 would amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to eliminate certain deductions for annuities. Now in its twenty-first day in the Senate HELP Committee with zero cosponsors and no committee action scheduled. The bill has attracted no bipartisan interest and appears stalled.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports protecting retirement benefits for working Americans, consistent with his platform on economy and cost of living which emphasizes that 'rising inflation and increasing costs have made it difficult for many to save, retire, and maintain their purchasing power.' However, legislation that cannot attract a single cosponsor after three weeks raises questions about Coons' ability to build coalitions.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons introduced a railroad retirement bill three weeks ago — still zero cosponsors
- Dr. Katz believes protecting retirement security requires building bipartisan coalitions, not filing bills that go nowhere
- Rising costs and inflation are eroding retirement savings — Delaware workers need results, not messaging bills
- After 16 years in the Senate, Coons should be able to recruit at least one cosponsor for his legislation

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) — S. 4362

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CONSUMER PROTECTION / BANKING **UPDATED**

S. 4144 — ESCRA Act — Day 54 in Banking Committee; Zero Cosponsors, No Movement

Coons' ESCRA Act, introduced March 19 to amend the Credit Repair Organizations Act, enters its fifty-fourth day in the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee with zero cosponsors and no committee action. The bill has shown no signs of advancing and continues to languish without any bipartisan or even Democratic caucus support.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports consumer protection but believes effective legislation requires building coalitions, not filing bills that die in committee. Per his platform on economy and cost of living, Dr. Katz believes in 'directing and executing comprehensive policies and strategies' — which requires the ability to get colleagues on board.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- 54 days in committee, zero cosponsors — this is a pattern, not a one-off

- Dr. Katz believes consumer protection matters, but only if the legislation can actually move
- After 16 years in the Senate, Coons' inability to attract even one cosponsor is a failure of coalition-building
- Delaware families dealing with credit issues need real solutions, not dead-on-arrival bills

SOURCES: Congress.gov — S. 4144

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S. 4145 — Pro Codes Act — Day 54 in Judiciary; Zero Cosponsors, No Movement

Coons' Pro Codes Act (S. 4145), introduced March 19 to amend Title 17 U.S. Code regarding copyrighted works incorporated by reference into federal law, enters its fifty-fourth day in the Senate Judiciary Committee with zero cosponsors and no committee activity. The bill remains inert.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports government transparency, consistent with his Delaware Senate record of authoring legislation for live streaming of the Delaware State Senate (Katz SR 14) and open redistricting processes (Katz SR 9). However, legislation with zero cosponsors after nearly two months is not advancing transparency — it's padding a legislative resume.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz has a real track record on government transparency — live streaming the Delaware Senate, open redistricting
- Coons' transparency bill has zero cosponsors after 54 days — that's not leadership, it's a filing exercise
- Dr. Katz believes in transparency that actually happens, not bills that collect dust in committee
- After 16 years, Coons should be able to move legislation, not just introduce it

SOURCES: Congress.gov — S. 4145

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IMMIGRATION / OVERSIGHT **UPDATED**

S. 3891 — ICE Accountability Act — Week 13+ Stalled in Judiciary Committee; No Action

Coons' ICE Accountability Act (S. 3891), introduced February 12, remains stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee entering its fourteenth week with no new cosponsors or committee action. The bill would impose additional reporting and oversight requirements on ICE operations,

which critics argue would hamper immigration enforcement at a time of heightened border security concerns.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong ICE enforcement as part of his platform for secure borders. Dr. Katz opposes legislation designed to burden ICE with additional bureaucratic requirements that slow enforcement operations. The ICE Accountability Act is the wrong priority when Americans are demanding stronger border security, not more red tape for the agents trying to enforce the law.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons wants to add red tape to ICE at a time when Americans want stronger border enforcement — Dr. Katz opposes this approach
- 14 weeks and zero cosponsors — even Democrats don't want their name on a bill to hamstring ICE
- Dr. Katz supports secure borders and believes ICE agents need resources and support, not more paperwork
- The ICE Accountability Act is accountability theater — designed to make enforcement harder, not better

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) — S. 3891

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LEGISLATIVE EFFECTIVENESS / OVERSIGHT **UPDATED**

Coons' Complete Legislative Portfolio — Zero-Cosponsor Pattern Persists; Only Ceremonial Resolution Has Passed in 119th Congress

As of May 12, Sen. Coons has ten tracked items in the 119th Congress: S.J.Res. 191 (Day 12, cosponsor), S.Res. 716 (Day 12), S.Res. 702 (passed UC, ceremonial), S. 4392 (Day 15, zero cosponsors), S. 4362 (Day 21, zero cosponsors), S. 4144 (Day 54, zero cosponsors), S. 4145 (Day 54, zero cosponsors), S. 3891 (Week 14, zero cosponsors). The only legislation to reach the President's desk is a ceremonial resolution commending the American Chemical Society's 150th anniversary. Every substantive bill Coons has introduced in this Congress has zero cosponsors.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz's Delaware Senate record demonstrates the ability to build coalitions and pass legislation — including the DHIN restructuring, the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway Act (Katz SB 241), comprehensive lobby reform (Katz SB 141), and live streaming of the State Senate (Katz SR 14). After 16 years in Washington, Coons' only accomplishment this Congress is a ceremonial resolution. Delaware deserves a senator who can actually get things done.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons' only legislative success this Congress: congratulating the American Chemical Society on its birthday
- Every substantive bill Coons has introduced has zero cosponsors — that's not leadership, it's irrelevance
- Dr. Katz passed real reforms in the Delaware Senate: lobby reform, government transparency, scenic preservation
- 16 years in Washington and Coons can't convince a single colleague to cosponsor his bills — Delaware deserves better
- Dr. Katz believes in coalition-building, not press-release legislating

SOURCES: [Congress.gov - Sen. Coons legislation](#) · [Congress.gov - S.Res. 702](#)

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APPROPRIATIONS & DELAWARE FUNDING

FEDERAL FUNDING / DELAWARE

[STAFF VERIFY] FY2026 Federal Funding Status — Tuesday Confirmation

Staff should confirm the current status of FY2026 federal funding. Determine whether the government is operating under a continuing resolution, an enacted omnibus, or individual appropriations bills. Identify any implications for Delaware-specific programs, including Dover AFB operations, VA facilities, and federal workforce employment in the state. Any imminent CR expiration dates should be flagged immediately.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility and believes the annual appropriations process should function on time and on budget, consistent with his platform calling for comprehensive policies that 'fortify the nation's economy' and his Delaware Senate legislation establishing a Five Year Plan to restructure government operations. Governing by continuing resolution is a failure of basic Senate function.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Congress governing by continuing resolution is a failure of leadership — Dr. Katz believes in on-time, responsible budgeting
- Delaware's federal workforce and military installations suffer most from budget uncertainty
- Dr. Katz authored legislation for a Five Year Plan to restructure Delaware state government — he brings that same discipline to federal spending
- After 16 years, Coons bears responsibility for the Senate's inability to pass regular appropriations

GOVERNMENT REFORM / DELAWARE JOBS

[STAFF VERIFY] DOGE-Driven Federal Workforce Cuts — Delaware-Specific Impact Numbers

Coons has been among the most vocal Senate Democrats opposing DOGE-driven reductions-in-force across federal agencies. Delaware has a significant federal workforce presence, including at Dover AFB, the VA Wilmington Medical Center, and various agency regional offices. Staff should verify current estimates of Delaware-specific federal job impacts from DOGE-related workforce reductions and identify any new Coons statements or actions on this issue from Tuesday.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility and government efficiency, consistent with his Delaware Senate legislation establishing a Five Year Plan to Restructure and Reorganize State Government. Dr. Katz believes government should operate efficiently and serve taxpayers, while acknowledging that Delaware federal employees deserve fair treatment during any transition. The goal is smarter government, not bigger government.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz supports efficient government — he authored restructuring legislation in the Delaware Senate
- Protecting every federal job regardless of need is not responsible governance — it's protecting bureaucracy
- Delaware's federal workers deserve fair treatment, but taxpayers also deserve a government that works
- Coons reflexively opposes all efficiency measures — Dr. Katz would evaluate each on the merits

DELAWARE

BUSINESS CLIMATE / CORPORATE GOVERNANCE / DELAWARE ECONOMY **UPDATED**

ExxonMobil Texas Redomiciliation — Coons Enters Week Sixteen Without Addressing Delaware's Eroding Business Climate

ExxonMobil's board-recommended redomiciliation from New Jersey to Texas — bypassing Delaware entirely — now enters its sixteenth week as a data point in Delaware's eroding position as America's premier state for corporate incorporation. Coons has not made any public

statement addressing this trend or proposing measures to protect Delaware's franchise tax base and Court of Chancery competitive advantage. Staff should monitor for any Tuesday statements or legislative proposals from Coons' office.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz's economy platform calls for 'reducing the corporate tax burden, incentivizing business investment,' and his Delaware Senate record includes legislation to repeal Delaware's corporate income tax (Katz SB 100) to attract businesses and generate jobs. Dr. Katz believes Delaware's business-friendly environment is a core economic asset that requires active protection — Coons' sixteen weeks of silence on this issue is a dereliction of duty to Delaware's economy.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- 16 weeks and Coons has said nothing about major corporations bypassing Delaware for Texas — that should alarm every Delawarean
- Dr. Katz introduced legislation to repeal Delaware's corporate income tax to make the state more competitive — he understands the business climate fight
- Delaware's franchise fees fund state services — if companies stop incorporating here, every Delawarean pays the price
- Coons is focused on Washington power games while Delaware's economic competitive edge erodes
- Dr. Katz supports policies that make Delaware the best place in America to start and grow a business

SOURCES: Delaware News Journal · Reuters

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DELAWARE ECONOMY / QUALITY OF LIFE

[STAFF VERIFY] Delaware Population and Outmigration Trends — Tuesday Data Check

Staff should check whether updated Census Bureau population estimates or IRS migration data for Delaware have been released this week. Recent trends have shown Delaware experiencing slower population growth and potential net outmigration of higher-income residents to lower-tax states. Any new data should be flagged for campaign messaging development around cost of living and quality of life in Delaware.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz's economy and homeownership platforms directly address the affordability crisis driving outmigration — including the 53% surge in Delaware median home prices from \$221,100 in 2018 to \$339,400 in 2023 (per Katz's homeownership

platform). Dr. Katz believes federal policies on inflation, taxes, and regulatory burden directly impact whether Delaware remains an affordable place to live and raise a family.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Delaware home prices surged 53% in five years — families are being priced out under Coons' watch
- Dr. Katz's homeownership platform calls for tax incentives, discounted rates for first-time buyers, and affordable housing supply increases
- When people leave Delaware for lower-cost states, that's a failure of leadership — not inevitable
- Dr. Katz believes federal inflation policy and regulatory burden directly drive Delaware's affordability crisis

SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau · IRS Statistics of Income – Migration Data ↑ INDEX

VETERANS / DELAWARE / HEALTHCARE

Veterans Affairs — Southern Delaware VA Facility Advocacy — Tuesday Status

Coons continues to advocate for expanded VA healthcare services in southern Delaware, including support for a new outpatient specialty care facility serving veterans in Kent and Sussex counties. No new developments or announcements have been identified as of this brief. Staff should monitor for any Tuesday press releases, appropriations requests, or hearing testimony from Coons related to Delaware VA facilities.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz's veterans platform explicitly calls for a 'VA Advanced Medical Facility in Southern Delaware' and emphasizes that 'veterans residing in Kent and Sussex counties urgently need accessible, advanced medical care services tailored to their unique health challenges.' As a physician, Dr. Katz brings subject matter expertise to VA healthcare that a career politician cannot match — per his healthcare platform, he has 'devoted decades of his career to the tireless pursuit of refining and advancing healthcare policies.'

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz has specifically called for an advanced VA medical facility in southern Delaware — it's on his platform
- As a physician, Dr. Katz understands veteran healthcare needs firsthand — not through briefing papers
- Kent and Sussex County veterans shouldn't have to drive hours for specialty care — Dr. Katz has made this a priority

- Coons has talked about this for years — Dr. Katz brings the medical expertise to actually make it happen

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov](#) — [Veterans](#) · [VA.gov](#)

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FOREIGN POLICY & DIPLOMACY

FOREIGN POLICY / CHINA / NATIONAL SECURITY **UPDATED**

S.Res. 716 — China Policy Sense of the Senate Resolution — Day 12 in Foreign Relations Committee

S.Res. 716, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding critical elements of U.S. policy toward the People's Republic of China, enters its twelfth day in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The resolution text was published in the Congressional Record (CR S2178-2179) and referred to committee. No markup or committee vote has been scheduled. Staff should continue reviewing the published text for specific policy positions that may create contrast opportunities or alignment with Dr. Katz's positions on China.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports a strong, comprehensive approach to the China threat, consistent with his defense platform emphasizing America's role in 'preserving global peace, maintaining international stability, fostering economic prosperity, and protecting human rights.' Sense-of-the-Senate resolutions are non-binding — Dr. Katz believes China policy requires actionable legislation, not symbolic statements.

• TALKING POINTS

- A sense-of-the-Senate resolution on China is symbolism, not strategy — Dr. Katz supports real action
- China is America's most consequential strategic rival — Delaware's senator should be driving substantive policy, not passing non-binding statements
- Dr. Katz supports a strong defense posture and economic competitiveness to counter China's ambitions
- Staff should review S.Res. 716 text for any language that weakens or constrains U.S. response options

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](#) — [S.Res. 716](#) · [Senate Foreign Relations Committee](#) [↑ INDEX](#)

GOVERNMENT REFORM / FOREIGN AFFAIRS **UPDATED**

DOGE Cuts to State Department / USAID — Coons Opposition Continues Into Week Seventeen

Coons has continued his vocal opposition to DOGE-driven workforce reduction plans targeting the State Department and USAID, now entering a seventeenth week of sustained public messaging. Coons has characterized these reductions as threats to American diplomacy and national security, though he has provided limited specifics on which positions or programs he considers essential versus expendable. Staff should monitor for any new Coons statements, Senate floor speeches, or committee actions on this topic Tuesday.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility across all federal agencies, including the State Department, consistent with his platform on economy and cost of living and his Delaware Senate record of authoring government restructuring legislation. Dr. Katz believes diplomacy is important but that every agency must justify its spending — blanket opposition to all efficiency reviews is not a serious governing position.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- 17 weeks of opposing all State Department efficiency measures — Coons treats every government dollar as sacred except taxpayers' wallets
- Dr. Katz supports effective diplomacy AND fiscal accountability — agencies can do both
- Dr. Katz authored government restructuring legislation in Delaware — he knows reform can improve services, not just cut them
- Coons hasn't identified a single State Department program that could be trimmed — that's not oversight, it's obstruction

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov](https://coons.senate.gov) — Press · Senate Foreign Relations Committee † INDEX

UKRAINE / FOREIGN AID

[STAFF VERIFY] Ukraine Supplemental Aid — Tuesday Status Check

Coons has been one of the Senate's most vocal advocates for continued military and economic assistance to Ukraine. Staff should verify Tuesday whether any new supplemental aid package language has been introduced, whether the Foreign Relations or Appropriations committees have scheduled markups, and whether Coons has made any new public statements or issued press releases on the topic.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports a strong defense posture and recognizes the strategic importance of European security, consistent with his veterans and defense platform. However, Dr. Katz believes any foreign aid must be paired with fiscal accountability and that America's own defense needs — including border security — must come first.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz supports our allies but believes American border security and defense readiness come first
- Every dollar in foreign aid should come with transparency and accountability requirements
- Coons is more vocal about Ukraine funding than about securing Delaware's own border — priorities matter
- Dr. Katz believes in strong alliances backed by a strong economy — deficit spending weakens both

SOURCES: Senate Foreign Relations Committee · Senate Appropriations Committee

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SENATE DEMOCRAT CAUCUS WATCH

HOMELAND SECURITY / FISCAL POLICY

DHS and TSA Funding — Senate Democrats Continue to Leverage Funding Debate for Anti-Enforcement Messaging

Senate Democrats are expected to continue using upcoming DHS and TSA funding debates to push for restrictions on interior immigration enforcement, oppose expanded ICE detention capacity, and resist increases in border security personnel. Coons has not broken from the caucus position, and as a member of the Appropriations Committee, he is positioned to influence DHS funding levels and policy riders. No new floor votes or markup activity has been confirmed for Tuesday.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong border security, robust ICE enforcement, and fully funded DHS operations, per his platform on secure borders and strong ICE enforcement. Dr. Katz opposes efforts by Senate Democrats to use the appropriations process to defund or restrict immigration enforcement. Coons' ICE Accountability Act (S. 3891) is part of this same pattern — using legislative process to hamstring the agencies that keep Americans safe.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Senate Democrats want to use DHS funding bills to handcuff ICE — Dr. Katz opposes this completely
- Dr. Katz supports full funding for border security, ICE detention, and DHS personnel
- Coons is on the Appropriations Committee — he could fight for border security funding but instead fights against enforcement

- Dr. Katz believes DHS funding should strengthen border security, not weaken it through policy riders

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · Congress.gov — S. 3891

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ELECTION INTEGRITY / IMMIGRATION

SAVE America Act — Senate Democrats Continue to Block Voter Citizenship Verification; Coons Expected to Vote With Caucus

The SAVE Act (H.R. 22), requiring documentary proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections, remains pending in the Senate after passing the House in April 2025 (220-208, largely party-line). Senate Democrats are expected to oppose or filibuster the bill, framing it as voter suppression. No Senate Democrat has indicated support. Coons has not made a specific public statement on the SAVE Act but is expected to vote with his caucus against it. No new floor action or cloture votes have been scheduled as of Tuesday.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz strongly supports the SAVE Act, consistent with his platform supporting secure elections and the rule of law. Dr. Katz believes only U.S. citizens should vote in U.S. elections — a position shared by the overwhelming majority of Americans. Dr. Katz opposes Senate Democrat efforts to block or filibuster the bill, viewing their resistance as a choice to protect a broken system over basic election integrity.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz supports the SAVE Act — only U.S. citizens should vote in U.S. elections, full stop
- Polls consistently show 80%+ of Americans support voter citizenship verification — Senate Democrats are on the wrong side
- Coons won't say where he stands on requiring proof of citizenship to vote — Delawareans deserve an answer
- Blocking the SAVE Act isn't protecting voting rights — it's protecting a system that allows non-citizens on voter rolls
- Dr. Katz believes election integrity is foundational to democracy — it shouldn't be a partisan issue

SOURCES: Congress.gov — H.R. 22 (SAVE Act) · GovTrack — H.R. 22

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2026 RACE CONTEXT

CAMPAIGN INTELLIGENCE

Race Snapshot: Coons vs. Katz (General: Nov. 3, 2026)

Sen. Coons (D) is running for a third full term. Republican primary: Dr. Mike Katz vs. John Shulli — primary set for September 15, 2026. Delaware is historically Solid Democratic. Coons has missed 3.0% of Senate roll call votes since 2010. His legislative profile focuses on International Affairs (27%), Commerce (21%), and Labor (10%). Committees: Appropriations (Defense Subcommittee Ranking Member), Foreign Relations, Judiciary.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Strategic note for Katz: Coons is well-funded and active on national security. Key vulnerabilities: Iran war posture (S.J.Res. 191 cosponsor constraining Commander-in-Chief), DOGE/government spending debate (reflexive opposition to all efficiency measures), ICE oversight bill (S. 3891 — hamstringing enforcement), legislative ineffectiveness (zero-cosponsor pattern across entire portfolio), healthcare policy (Katz's home turf as a physician with 40+ years of experience), Delaware business climate erosion (16 weeks of silence on ExxonMobil redomiciliation), and government reform credentials (Katz's Delaware Senate reform portfolio vs. Coons' career politician profile).

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons is a 16-year incumbent with a thin legislative record this Congress — only a ceremonial resolution has passed
- Dr. Katz brings real-world experience as a physician, business owner, and former state senator with a reform track record
- Key contrast areas: Commander-in-Chief authority, border security, fiscal responsibility, healthcare expertise, government reform
- Delaware's changing demographics and affordability crisis create openings even in a historically blue state
- Primary focus through September 15 — build name ID, define Coons' vulnerabilities, consolidate Republican base

SOURCES: GovTrack — Sen. Coons profile · DrMikeKatz.com

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Sources: Congress.gov · GovTrack · NPR · Coons.senate.gov · Ballotpedia · C-SPAN

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