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LEGISLATIVE & POLITICAL UPDATES

- The [House and Senate sent their continuing resolution to the President's desk](#) in time to avoid a government shutdown. The bill will fund the government at current levels until December 3rd. The bill also includes some additional disaster aid for parts of the country as well as funds to help with the relocation of Afghan refugees. With the signing Congress avoids a costly government shut down and buys time to come to agreement on a long-term budget that will address a number of important policy issues important to working Americans.
- The [Senate Parliamentarian ruled against Democrats' plan](#) to legalize undocumented immigrants by updating a decades-old immigration registry, the latest blow to lawmakers' efforts to include major immigration changes to their reconciliation package. Democrat leaders have vowed to continue the fight, arguing other options they say could still provide a pathway to citizenship.
- The [White House Press Secretary refused to give a timeline for when OSHA](#) will release a new federal rule, put in place by President Joe Biden, that forces companies with more than 100 employees to require a COVID vaccine.
- As part of the Administration's efforts to address food systems challenges arising from the pandemic as well as those going back decades, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that [USDA plans for another \\$100 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act](#). The funding would leverage hundreds of millions more in lending through community and private sector lenders to expand meat and poultry processing capacity and finance other food supply chain infrastructure.
- Senate [Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said Monday that he'll tee up another ill-fated vote](#) on waiving the debt limit, attempting to shame Republicans for blocking action as the country nears the brink of default. The New York Democrat will set a vote later this week to fire up debate on a House-passed bill that would suspend the debt ceiling through the 2022 midterms.