Some of the provisions included in the COVID 19 Relief Legislation approved by the U.S. Senate:

- **Direct payments to Americans:**
  The legislation includes direct cash payments to all low- and middle-income Americans: $1,200 per single filer and $2,400 for joint filers, with an additional $500 per minor dependent.

- **Small business funding:**
  The legislation provides nearly $350 billion in funding for forgivable small business loans. Funding will be provided through local banks, and can be used to cover payroll, rent, mortgage interest, utilities, and other expenses. The portion that is forgiven will be scaled related to how many workers the business retains through the crisis.

- **Expand access to childcare:**
  The legislation includes funding, flexibility, and eligibility for the Child Care & Development Block Grant (CCDBG) to help ensure health care providers and other essential workers have access to childcare during the pandemic.

- **State and local coronavirus relief fund:**
  The legislation includes a $150 billion fund to support state, and local area efforts to address COVID-19. Funding will be provided directly to states and local governments.

- **Historic investment in the health care system:**
  $150 billion Marshall Plan for the health care system to support hospitals and other health care providers impacted by COVID-19 with necessary personal protective equipment, testing supplies, infrastructure, and more.

- **Large business assistance:**
  Loans to larger businesses, subject to strict transparency and accountability requirements, including the establishment of a new Inspector General to oversee distribution, usage, and repayment of funds.

- **Data modernization:**
  The legislation includes $500 million for public health data modernization, to modernize public health data infrastructure so clinicians, state health departments, and the CDC can work together more quickly and seamlessly to identify and respond to health threats like the coronavirus.
• **Help for American manufacturers:**
The legislation includes key provisions to help Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) centers, including the Commonwealth’s MEP affiliate Virginia GENEDGE, stay open during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond. MEP centers provide critical resources for small and medium manufacturers.

• **Expand unemployment assistance:**
The legislation includes key provisions to provide federally funded unemployment assistance to those affected by the coronavirus. Under the agreement, unemployment insurance would be provided to workers impacted by the coronavirus, including gig workers and freelancers.

• **Moratorium on evictions and foreclosures:**
The legislation implements temporary moratoriums on eviction and foreclosure proceedings. Single- and multi-family property owners in mortgages backed by federal agencies will be given the option for forbearance – allowing them to defer payments and add onto the end of the loan. Renters in buildings covered by the Fair Housing Act or backed by federal funding will be protected against evictions for 120 days.

• **Support for schools:**
The legislation provides $30.75 billion for grants to provide emergency support to local school systems and higher education institutions to continue to provide educational services to their students and support the on-going functionality of school districts and institutions.

• **Strengthen America’s supply chain:**
The legislation includes elements of the *Strengthening America’s Supply Chain and National Security Act*, to combat vulnerabilities in America’s pharmaceutical supply chain.

• **Increase funding for community action agencies:**
The legislation includes $1 billion for Community Service Block Grants (CSBG) to support local community-based organizations providing social services and emergency assistance to those most in need.