

## FedFin Daily Briefing

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## **Beatty Continues Dem's Fed Diversity Attacks**

Signaling a new line of Democratic attack against the FRB on diversity, Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-OH) today introduced H.R. 9705, requiring the Fed to establish goals for the use of diverse asset managers when using its 13(3) asset-purchase powers. Rep. Beatty also introduced H.R. 9706, which requires the Fed to interview at least one gender- and one racially-diverse candidate for all Reserve Bank president positions. Both bills are unlikely to pass the house, but diversity language is possible in bipartisan compromises advancing broad Federal Reserve System reforms in this Congress.

## **Recent Files Available for Downloading**

The following reports and analyses have been sent to retainer clients recently. Copies are also available to retainer clients on the Archives section of Federal Financial Analytics' website: <a href="www.fedfin.com">www.fedfin.com</a> or clients may obtain the reports/analyses by e-mailing <a href="mailto:info@fedfin.com">info@fedfin.com</a> giving the requested item name, firm, and e-mail address. To learn more about GSE Activity Reports, click <a href="mailto:here">here</a>.

- <u>CRYPTO37</u>: The Basel Committee has finalized its second try at global standards governing bank cryptoasset exposures, laying out a path that U.S. agencies plan quickly to implement even as Congress continues to wrestle with this fast-changing sector.
- DEPOSITINSURANCE117: In the wake of increasing instances in which customers are confused and even misled about the extent to which fintech and cryptoasset holdings are insured deposits, the FDIC is proposing new standards addressing this problem as well as ways to modernize IDI representations of their own FDIC-insured offerings in branches and through the fast-changing array of retail banking delivery channels.
- ➤ <u>LIBOR9</u>: Shortly before its statutory year-end deadline, the Federal Reserve finalized its proposal defining legacy-contract benchmarks when there is no clear, practicable contractual fallback rate.
- CONSUMER47: The CFPB is proposing to create a public registry of certain enforcement actions that would initially cover nonbanks (including BHCs) with a goal of drawing public and enforcement-agency attention to what the Bureau's director calls "serial offenders."
- SE-122122: Finally taking what was supposed to be an "interim" final rule in 2009, FHFA yesterday finalized a variation on Mark Calabria's 2020 new-product proposal.
- > <u>CONSUMER46</u>: In this report, we provide an in-depth assessment of the CFPB's unprecedented \$3.7 billion settlement earlier today with Wells Fargo (WFC).
- FSOC28: As promised, this FedFin report provides an in-depth analysis of FSOC's 2022 annual report, focusing on findings with near-term policy implications.
- GSE-121922: As promised Friday when FSOC's annual report was released, we here go into depth on its implications for residential housing.
- CONSUMER45: Despite early warm goodbyes to outgoing Chairwoman Waters (D-CA), GOP members wasted no time trading blows at a fiery HFSC session today with CFPB Director Chopra.

- CRYPTO36: Senate Banking Committee Chairman Brown (D-OH) today backed away from prior statements about crypto legislation, focusing instead on the prospect of additional investigations into failing crypto firms and ongoing work with Secretary Yellen on a government-wide regulatory framework.
- CLIMATE15: Following the pattern set in 2021 by the OCC, the FRB has now proposed climate risk-management standards as high-level principles to guide banking organizations with assets over \$100 billion.
- ➤ <u>GSE-120522:</u> Making an important addition to the ongoing debate about Treasury-market liquidity, a new <u>paper</u> from the Bank for International Settlements provides sobering data on agency MBS liquidity with significant implications not only for secondary-market liquidity, but also primary-market stability.