



# Election 2024: Outcomes and Key Impacts

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# Agenda

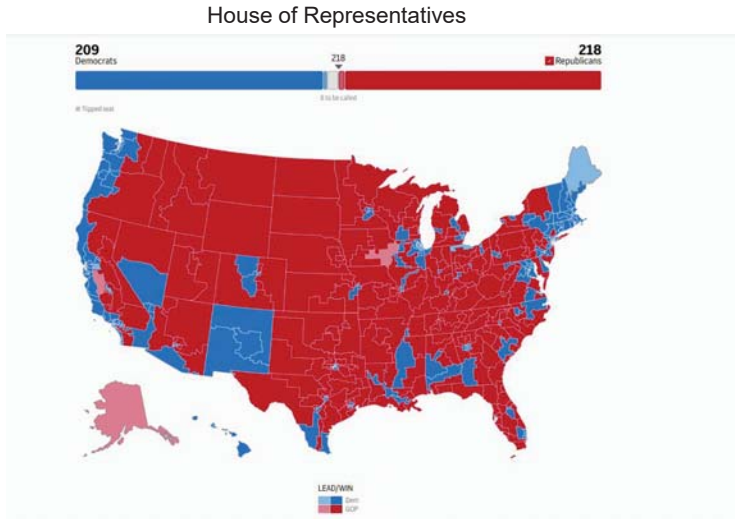
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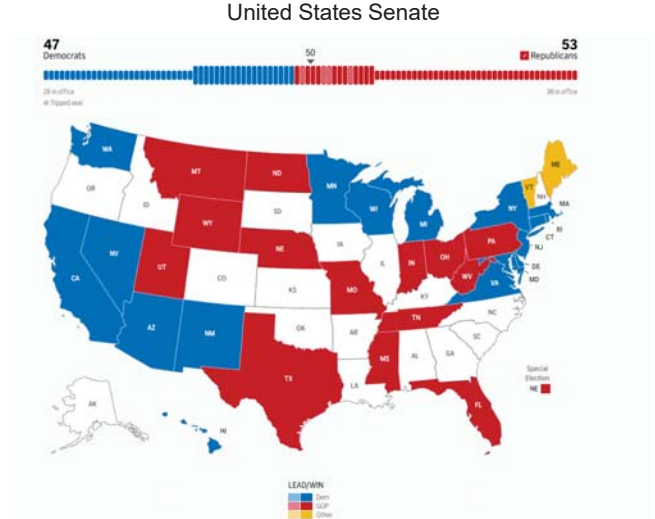
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119<sup>th</sup> Congress Outlook:  
Election Outcomes & Priorities

# 2025 House and Senate Composition



8 Races Yet to be Called



Source: The Associated Press

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## House Overview

- Republicans have held their House majority (218-209), creating a Republican trifecta in Washington.
- The House Republican Caucus unanimously nominated Speaker Mike Johnson to be Speaker of the House. The caucus also elected the following members to conference leadership:
  - Majority Leader: Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA)
  - Majority Whip: Rep. Tom Emmer (R-MN)
  - Republican Conference Chair: Rep. Lisa McClain (R-MI)
- House Democrats will hold leadership elections today (November 19), and are expected to elect the following members:
  - Democratic Leader: Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY).
  - Democratic Whip: Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA) and
  - Democratic Caucus Chair: Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-CA).

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## Changes to SCAG Delegation – House

- District 27 (Santa Clarita): George Whitesides (D)
  - Unseated incumbent Rep. Mike Garcia (R)
- District 29 (San Fernando Valley): Luz Rivas (D)
  - Rep. Tony Cárdenas did not seek reelection.
- District 30 (Burbank/Glendale): Laura Friedman (D)
  - Seat open due to Rep. Adam Schiff securing Senate seat.
- District 31 (San Gabriel Valley): Gil Cisneros (D)
  - Note: Seat open by Rep. Grace Napolitano due to retirement.
- District 45 (Garden Grove): Near tie between incumbent Michelle Steel (R) and Derek Tran (D)
  - Race too close to call as of November 17.
- District 47 (Irvine): Dave Min (D)
  - Rep. Katie Porter did not seek reelection.



## Senate Overview

- Republicans unseated Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Bob Casey\* (D-PA), Jon Tester (D-MT), and won the vacant seat of retiring Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) to secure a 53-47 majority in the U.S. Senate.
- The Republican conference held leadership elections on November 13, with the following members elected to leadership positions:
  - Senate Majority Leader: Sen. John Thune (R-SD)
  - Majority Whip: Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)
  - Republican Conference Chair: Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR)
- Democrats are expected the following members to serve in leadership during their elections on December 3:
  - Minority Leader: Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
  - Minority Whip: Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)
- With control of the Senate, Republicans will oversee the confirmation process of Cabinet members and the federal judiciary.



# Political Landscape

- November 12: 118<sup>th</sup> Congress returned from October recess to begin lame duck session:
  - FY2025 Appropriations: Current funding expires on December 20.
  - National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA): Annual bill setting the nation's defense policy and funding.
  - Water Resources Development Act (WRDA): Biannual bill that authorizes Army Corps of Engineers projects and policy.
  - Emergency Supplemental Funding
- November 25: Congress will adjourn for Thanksgiving recess
- December 2: Congress will return for remainder of 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.
- December 20: 118<sup>th</sup> Congress adjourns.
- January 3, 2025: 119<sup>th</sup> Congress sworn in; House leadership elections.
- January 20, 2025: Presidential Inauguration.

# 119<sup>th</sup> Congress Agenda Items

- FY 2025-2027 Appropriations – Crafting annual appropriations legislation to set spending for the next fiscal year.
- Debt Ceiling – Congress must raise the federal debt ceiling by January 1, 2025, to avoid default.
- Budget Reconciliation:
  - Extension of 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act - President Trump and congressional Republicans intend to reauthorize the tax bill he signed into law in 2017.
  - Healthcare
  - Could utilize Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) as pay-fors.
  - Other items
- Surface Transportation Reauthorization – Current authorization expires on Sept 30, 2026. Congress will hold hearings and begin drafting legislation.
- Confirmation of judges and Presidential appointments.

# Surface Transportation Reauthorization

- The current surface transportation authorization was included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) and expires on September 30, 2026. The IIJA provided approximately \$550 billion in infrastructure investment over 5 years, including:
  - \$350.8 billion for federal highways
  - \$91.2 billion for federal transit programs
- Congress will continue conversations/hearings on the next surface transportation reauthorization bill in 2025.
- The IIJA created several new DOT programs. Congress likely to eliminate or consolidate programs.
- Key priorities for Republican controlled Congress will include:
  - Emphasis on funding for state DOTs and rural communities
  - Less emphasis on climate and environmental justice
  - Streamlining regulations

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## House Committees of Jurisdiction – Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Expected 119<sup>th</sup> Congressional Leadership)

### **House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee**

- Chair: Rep. Crawford OR Rep. Rouzer
- Ranking Member: Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA)

### **House Ways and Means Committee**

- Chair: Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO)
- Ranking Member: Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA)

### **House Appropriations Committee**

- Chair: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)
- Ranking Member: Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

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## Senate Committees of Jurisdiction – Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Expected 119<sup>th</sup> Congressional Leadership)

### **Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee**

- Chair: Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
- Ranking Member: Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

### **Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee**

- Chair: Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)
- Ranking Member: Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

### **Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee**

- Chair: Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)
- Ranking Member: Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)

### **Senate Finance Committee**

- Chair: Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID)
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### **Senate Appropriations Committee**

- Chair: Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)
- Ranking Member: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)

# Second Trump Administration: Impact on Key Issues

## Second Trump Administration: Key Nominations

Senate confirmation required  
12 of 25 announced



Source: The New York Times



# Second Trump Administration: Key Appointments

## No confirmation required



Source: *The New York Times*

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## Sean Duffy – Nominee for Secretary of Transportation

- Former Member of Congress, WI-07 (Ashland) (2011-2019). While in Congress, Duffy served on the following committees:
  - House Oversight and Investigations Committee (Chair)
  - House Financial Services Committee
  - House Budget Committee
  - Joint Economic Committee
- As a Co-Host on Fox Business, Duffy has expressed strong criticism of electric vehicles, specifically noting that EV trucks are not suitable for driving.
- In his announcement, President-elect Trump noted Duffy's ability to "work in a bipartisan manner" to pass transportation legislation during his tenure in Congress.



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# Transportation

- Surface Transportation Reauthorization: IIJA expires September 2026
- Transit: Trump Administration could potentially make significant cuts to federal funding for transit.
- Less emphasis on labor, climate, and workforce in federal grant applications.
- Emphasis on American manufacturing and jobs created.
- Prioritization of roads and rural communities.
- Emphasis on fiscal responsibility and increased local share.
- Innovative transportation technology and financing, including P3s.

# Housing

- Decreased Funding - President-elect Trump will likely seek less funding through his annual budget requests for affordable housing and homelessness programs.
- Reduced emphasis on Housing First and creating high-barrier shelters.
- Cutting housing benefits through time limits, work requirements, and higher rents.
- Pressuring the Federal Reserve - During his first term, President Trump repeatedly called on the Federal Reserve to decrease interest rates.
- Potentially repeal the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing regulation - This rule directs HUD to take meaningful actions to overcome patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities free from discrimination.

# Energy/Environment

- Rollbacks – President-Elect Trump has also pledged to rescind the remaining funding from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – A second Trump Administration likely will significantly target the EPA through smaller budgets and efforts to decrease the size and reach of the agency.
  - This could also include a rollback of the EPA's interregional enforcement initiatives and its Environmental Justice programming, particularly its grant funding to environmental organizations.
- Increased Deregulation of Water Sector – It is highly likely that the Trump Administration will do an extensive review of water regulations implemented during the Biden Administration (i.e. PFAS CERCLA, Lead and Copper Rule, etc.) and roll-back existing regulation.

## Action Items

- **Finalize Pending Grant Award Agreements:** Obligate funds for outstanding grant agreements (including earmarks).
- **Private-Public Partnerships:** Consider opportunities for public-private partnerships and other innovative financing mechanisms.
- **Explore Additional Pathways for Local/Regional Funding:** With the potential for the Trump Administration likely to prioritize projects with increased local share, it will be imperative to be resourceful with the use of local/regional funds.
- **Continued Tracking of BIL Funding Opportunities:** While the Trump Administration may seek opportunities to rebrand or terminate existing BIL funding opportunities, there will still be discretionary grant opportunities to be awarded that were included in BIL.



Questions?

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