

Legislative Update

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The NIH Director and Congress

Director Bertagnolli got to know Congress and the great work NIH is doing across the country.

- 56 meetings and calls with Members.
- 9 campus or district site visits.
- 2 congressional hearings.

Picture of Director Bertagnolli visiting West Virginia University with Senator Shelley Moore Capito.



Snapshot of OLPA Congressional Activity

OLPA has:

- Had over 150 briefings for members of congress and staff.
- Responded to over 150 requests for information.
- Hosted 10 campus visits.
- Had over 40 meetings with NIH leadership.
- Five congressional hearings.



OLPA began hosting Friday NIH Lunch & Learns for congressional staff.

- Hosted 39 Lunch & Learns.
- Variety of topics, with the assistance of 33 NIH ICOs.
- 515 House staffers in attendance.
- 401 Senate staffers in attendance.

Lunch & Learn



NIH Reauthorization Proposals

- A variety of ideas have been proposed for an NIH reauthorization bill.
- Senate HELP and House Energy & Commerce both released proposals during the 118th Congress indicating NIH reauthorization was overdue.
 - Issued public RFIs requesting input on ideas.
- Some of the topics discussed include:
 - Maximizing the effectiveness of current NIH funding.
 - Restoring public trust in science.
 - Sustaining the U.S. competitive advantage in biomedical research.
 - Reforms to NIH structure and leadership.
- We expect continued interest during the 119th Congress.

Lame Duck



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Newly Elected Members Joining the 118th Congress

- **NJ-09:** Democrat **Nellie Pou** won the special and general election.
- **WI-08:** Republican **Tony Wied** won the special and general election. Rep. Wied was sworn in November 12.
- **NJ:** In an arrangement laid out by the governor when former Senator Menendez resigned and the governor appointed George Helmy as Senator, Helmy agreed to step down so that **Senator-elect Andy Kim** can start work this year as a Senator. Helmy resigned from the Senate on Dec. 8 and Kim was sworn in the next day.
- **CA: Senator-elect Adam Schiff** resigned from his House district on Dec. 8 and was sworn in as the newest Senator from California.
- Getting sworn in as new Members this Congress gives **Pou, Wied, Kim, and Schiff** seniority over the rest of the freshman class and means they will get better room and committee assignments.

End of year To-Do List

- **FY25 Appropriations.** Congress is expected to pass a second FY25 CR providing funding through mid-March.
- **Disaster Supplemental.** Administration requested approximately \$100 billion in supplemental emergency discretionary appropriations in response to the recent hurricanes and other natural disasters
- **FY25 NDAA.** For the last 63 years, Congress has enacted a defense authorization bill. Both chambers have put forward their own versions which must be reconciled into a final package that can pass both chambers. There is often NIH-related language in the NDAA.
- **End-of-Year Health Package.** Congress considering a health care policy package.
- **Oversight Investigations.** House has to wrap up all investigations by the end of the year.
- **Committee Reports.** Many committees will issue final reports (some on what the cmte has done this year/Congress and others on specific issues).
- **Farm Bill Reauthorization.** Congress considering another extension.



Election Snapshot



2024 Election Results

Topline Numbers: 77 new Members, including: 12 newly elected Senators; 63 newly elected Representatives; and 2 new Delegates

White House

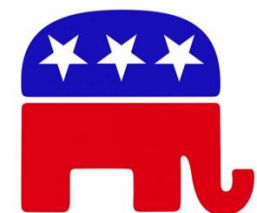
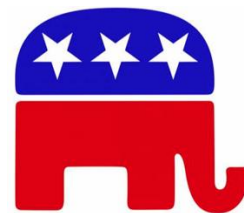
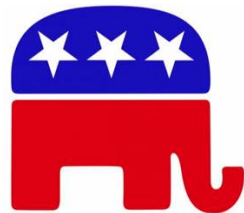


Senate

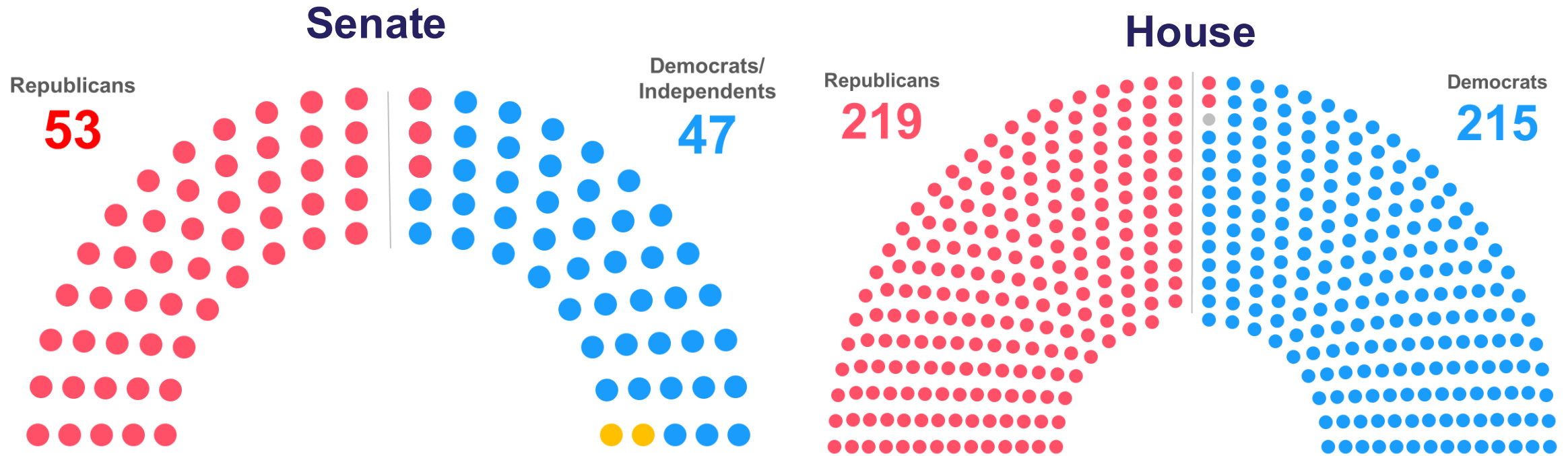
- Senate has 100 Members; 51 seats needed for control
- Heading into the election, Democrats held a 51-49 majority in the Senate
- 34 Senate seats were up for election
- Republicans flipped the Senate with wins in WV, OH, PA and MT

House of Representatives

- The House has 435 Members; 218 seats needed for control
- Heading into the election, Republicans held a 220-212 majority (there were 3 vacancies)
- Every House seat was up for election
- Republicans will maintain a narrow majority

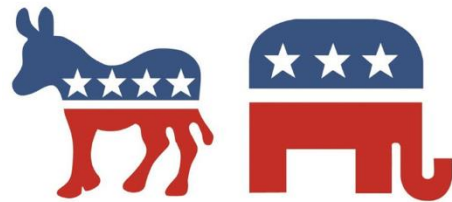


GOP Will Have Slim Majorities for 119th Congress



Notes: The yellow dots in the Senate graphic reflect two independents who caucus with the Democrats. The gray dot in the House graphic represents the seat held by Matt Gaetz (R-FL), who resigned from the 118th Congress and has said he will not take his seat in the 119th Congress. The balance of power in the House may change in January: Rep. Mike Waltz (R-FL) intends to resign Jan. 20 to become Trump's national security adviser, and Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) is also set to resign if confirmed as ambassador to the UN.

Congressional Leadership



119th Congress: House Leadership



House Speaker*:
Mike Johnson (LA)



Majority Leader:
Steve Scalise (LA)



Majority Whip:
Tom Emmer (MN)



Conference Chair:
Lisa McClain (MI)



Policy Committee Chair:
Kevin Hern (OK)



Minority Leader:
Hakeem Jeffries (NY)



Minority Whip:
Katherine Clark (MA)



Caucus Chair:
Pete Aguilar (CA)



**Policy & Communications
Committee Chair:**
Debbie Dingell (MI)

Note: *The speaker is elected by the full House when the new Congress convenes. Members in *italics* are new to leadership.

119th Congress: Senate Leadership



Republican Leadership



Majority Leader:
John Thune (SD)



Majority Whip:
John Barrasso (WY)



Conference Chair:
Tom Cotton (AR)



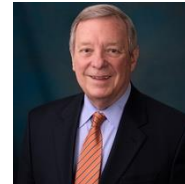
Republican Policy Committee: Shelley Moore Capito (WV)



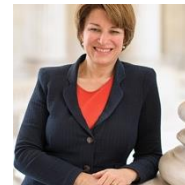
Democratic Leadership



Minority Leader:
Chuck Schumer (NY)



Minority Whip:
Dick Durbin (IL)



Democratic Policy and Communications Committee: Amy Klobuchar (MN)

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Committee Leadership Changes



NIH's Primary Committees

AUTHORIZERS:

- House Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committee
 - Health Subcommittee
 - Oversight & Investigations Subcommittee
- Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee

APPROPRIATORS:

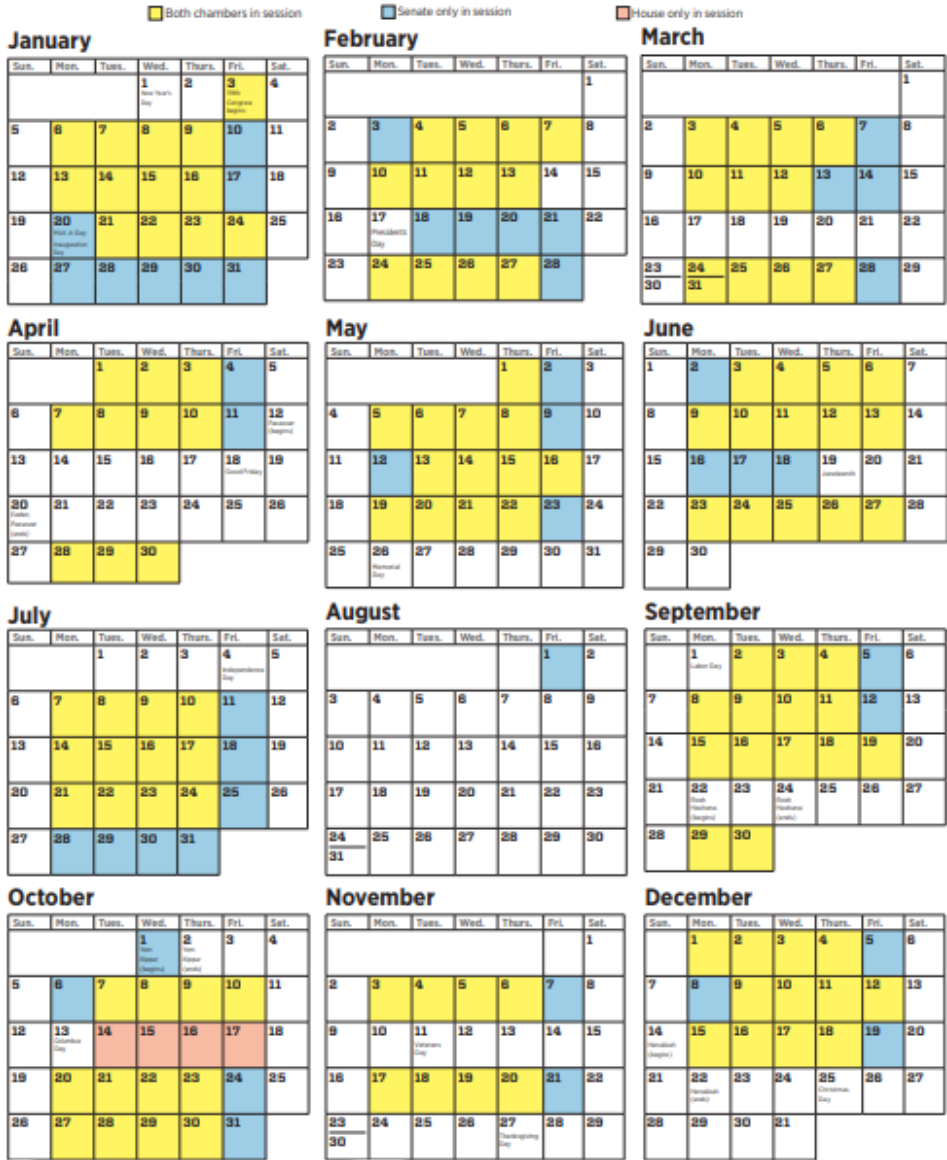
- House Appropriations Committee
 - Labor, Health and Human Services, Education (Labor-HHS) Subcommittee
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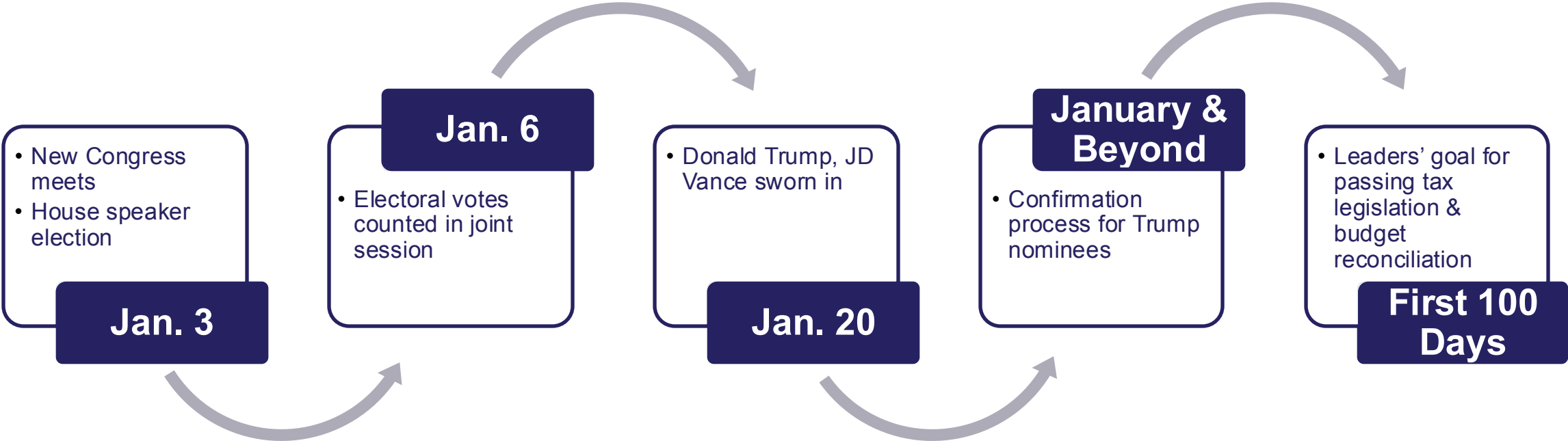
Outlook for 119th Congress

2025 Congressional Calendar

- Aggressive Senate Schedule
 - Scheduled to be in-session 180 days
- House scheduled to be in-session 136 days



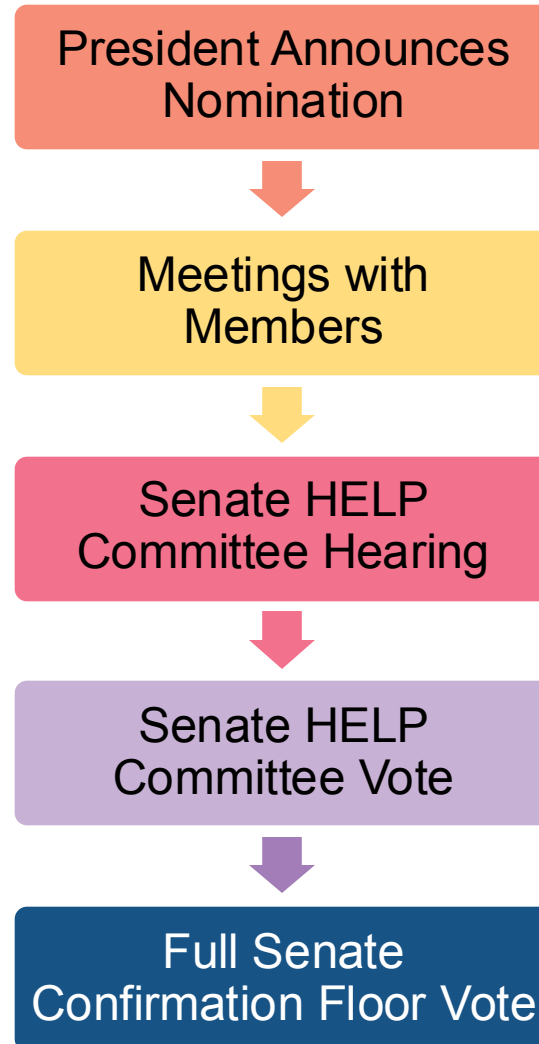
Republican Leaders Plan to Hit the Ground Running in January



Congressional Confirmations



NIH Director Process



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