

The Day After the Midterms

Post-Election Analysis & Outlook

Friends and Colleagues,

Score one for conventional wisdom. Heading into Election Night, political analysts stung by the results of the 2016 election were reluctant to make definitive predictions. The consensus view, however, prevailed: Democrats were expected to ride historic trends, a wave of Republican retirements, and an energized base back to power in the House of Representatives and several state capitals; while Republicans were expected to hold, and possibly expand, their majority in the U.S. Senate. This is what happened. Now the task is to interpret, but not over-interpret, the results. As we saw in 2012, the outcome of a midterm is a weak predictor of the following election, so we caution against making early-predictions about 2020. Still, some clear trends are worth noting.

One is the continuing Republican consolidation in red states. Even as Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) again demonstrated his political skills by resisting the trend, Republicans won decisive victories in red states: newcomer Mike Braun over Sen. Joe Donnelly (D-IN), Missouri AG Josh Hawley over Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO), and Rep. Kevin Cramer over Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND). Candidates from minority parties found out just how hard it has become to win statewide.

Last night's results also suggest that many voters were willing to look past reservations about President Trump's style and be guided instead by their strong approval for his policies and the galloping economy, which has fueled record-low unemployment. This should give pause to Democratic lawmakers looking to use the House majority solely to oppose the president. Independent and suburban voters, however, did send a message to the president by electing Democrats. A forward-looking Republican Party should now tack to the center.

What does it all mean: Our expectation is that House Democratic leaders will work hard to rein in the impulse to simply resist Trump and search for ways to work with the president, even as they aggressively pursue the oversight everyone expects. This means real opportunities and risks for clients in several issue areas, potentially even more so than previously expected.

House Democrats will soon re-learn that it is far easier to be united in the minority than in the majority, particularly given the growing number of sub-caucuses within the broader membership, many of which will have the ability to shape or stop legislation altogether. For Democratic leaders, the goal is clear: demonstrate an ability to govern and yield results; conduct vigorous oversight that is viewed as professional rather than retaliatory; stop the administration's regulatory (or deregulatory) agenda; and force strategic confrontations with the White House and Senate Republicans that show favorable contrasts.

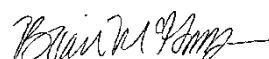
Expect cooperation on infrastructure, a continuation of efforts to lower prescription drug prices, and movement on data security and privacy, among other priority issues. Democrats will also insert themselves into the administration's trade and tariff agenda, including consideration of the U.S.–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA). Their oversight regime will focus on actions by the administration and its officials, along with financial services, oil and gas, healthcare, and technology companies. Finally, Democrats will push measures dealing with immigration, healthcare, and renewable energy. Such proposals will need to be negotiated into must-pass legislation. That is why the role of the committees is critical. Meanwhile, the Republican Senate with its enhanced majority will continue to focus on reshaping the federal judiciary in a more conservative direction and staffing the administration.

Looking back to our post-election analysis from 2016, we got many things right and a few things wrong. We overestimated the Democrats' willingness to work with President Trump. We feel confident in predicting that this opposition will thaw somewhat given last night's results. We are also as confident as ever in our firm's unique ability to serve our clients in a divided government. Our strong bipartisan bench of veteran and young talent spans the ideological spectrum in Congress. We stand ready to help navigate the many new opportunities we see.

Kind Regards,



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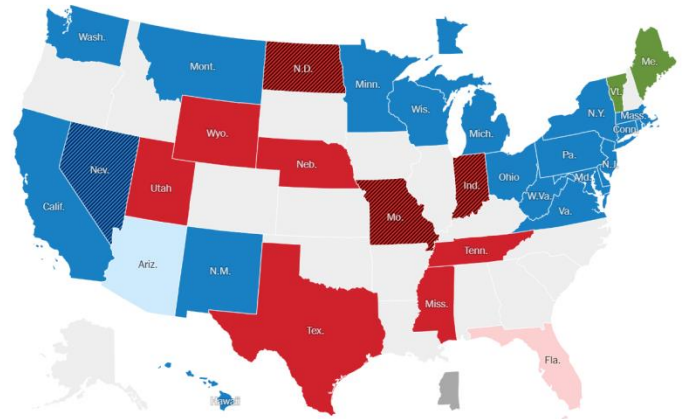
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Senate Election Results

Results as of Noon on Friday, November 9

Projected 2019-20 Makeup: 53-47

- **Republican Holds:** 6 of 9 (1 Runoff; 1 Too Close; 1 Loss)
- **Republican Pickups:** 3 (Potentially 4 Total)
- **Democratic Holds:** 22 of 26 (1 Too Close; 3 Losses)
- **Democratic Pickups:** 1 (Potentially 3 Total)
- **Runoff or Too Close To Call:** 3 (MS, FL, AZ)



Democratic Holds: Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Chris Murphy (D-CT), Tom Carper (D-DE), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Angus King (I-ME), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Tina Smith (D-MN), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Bob Casey (D-PA), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Joe Manchin (D-WV)

Montana (Democratic Hold; Previously Too Close to Call)

John Tester (D) defeats Matt Rosendale (R) - 50.1% to 47.0%

Nevada (Democratic Pickup)

Jacky Rosen (D) defeats Dean Heller (R) - 50.4% to 45.4%

Arizona (Too Close to Call - Projected Democratic Pickup)

Kyrsten Sinema (D) leads Martha McSally (R) - 49.1% to 48.6%

Mississippi (Race Heads to Runoff on November 27)

Cindy Hyde-Smith (R) leads Mike Espy (D) - 41.5% to 40.6%

Florida (Too Close to Call - Projected Republican Pickup)

Rick Scott (R) leads Bill Nelson (D) - 50.1% to 49.9%

Missouri (Republican Pickup)

Josh Hawley (R) defeats Claire McCaskill (D) - 51.5% to 45.5%

Indiana (Republican Pickup)

Mike Braun (R) defeats Joe Donnelly (D) - 51.8% to 44.3%

North Dakota (Republican Pickup)

Kevin Cramer (R) defeats Heidi Heitkamp (D) - 55.4% to 44.6%

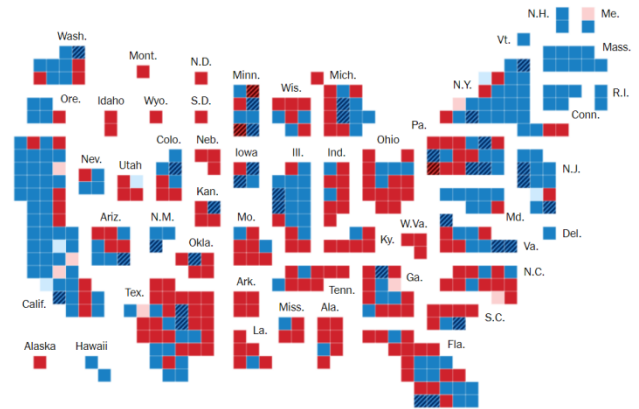
Republican Holds: Roger Wicker (R-MS), Deb Fischer (R-NE), Tennessee Open Seat (Marsha Blackburn replacing Bob Corker); Ted Cruz (R-TX), John Barrasso (R-WY), Utah Open Seat (Mitt Romney replacing Orrin Hatch)

House Election Results

Results as of Noon on Friday, November 9

Projected 2019-20 Makeup: 229-206

- **Democratic Pickups:** 30+
- **Republican Pickups:** 2
- **Too Close To Call:** 11



Democratic Pickups

AZ-02 (Open): Kirkpatrick	MI-11 (open): Stevens	PA-06 (Open): Houlahan
CA-49 (Open): Levin	MN-02: Craig def. Lewis	PA-07 (Open): Wild
CO-06: Crow def. Coffman	MN-03: Phillips def. Paulsen	PA-17: Lamb def. Rothfus
FL-26: Mucarsel-Powell def. Curbelo	NJ-02 (Open): Van Drew	SC-01 (Open): Cunningham
FL-27 (Open): Shalala	NJ-07: Malinowski def. Lance	TX-07: Fletcher def. Culberson
GA-06: McBath def. Handel	NJ-11 (Open): Sherrill	TX-32: Allred def. Sessions
IA-01: Finkenauer def. Blum	NM-02 (Open): Torres Small	VA-02: Luria def. Taylor
IA-03: Axne def. Young	NY-11: Rose def. Donovan	VA-07: Spanberger def. Brat
IL-06: Casten def. Roskam	NY-19: Delgado def. Faso	VA-10: Wexton def. Comstock
IL-14: Underwood def. Hultgren	OK-05: Horn def. Russell	WA-08 (Open): Schrier
KS-03: Davis def. Yoder	PA-04 (Open): Dean	
MI-08: Slotkin def. Bishop	PA-05 (Open): Scanlon	

Too Close to Call / Runoff

CA-10: Denham (R) leads Harder (D) 50.6% to 49.4%	NC-09: Harris (R) leads McCreehy (D) 49.4% to 48.8%
CA-25: Hill (D) leads Knight (R) 51.3% to 48.7%	NJ-03: MacArthur (R) leads Kim (D) 49.8% to 48.9%
CA-39: Kim (R) leads Cisneros (D) 51.4% to 48.6%	NY-22: Brindisi (D) leads Tenney (R) 50.3% to 49.7%
CA-45: Walters (R) leads Porter (D) 51.7% to 48.3%	TX-23: Hurd (R) leads Jones (D) 49.1% to 48.8%
CA-48: Rouda (D) leads Rohrabacher (R) 50.7% to 49.3%	UT-04: McAdams (D) leads Love (R) 51.3% to 48.7%
ME-02: Poliquin (R) leads Golden (D) 46.0% to 45.9%	

Republican Pickups (Both Open Seats)

MN-08: Stabuer def. Radinovich	PA-14: Reschenthaler def. Boerio
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Republican Hold (Key Races)

AK-AL: Young	CO-03: Tipton	KY-06: Barr	NC-13: Budd	NY-23: Reed	PA-10: Perry	WA-03: Beutler
AR-02: Hill	FL-16: Buchanan	MI-01: Bergman	NE-02: Bacon	NY-24: Katko	PA-12: Marino	WA-05: Rodgers
AZ-06: Schweikert	FL-18: Mast	MI-03: Amash	NJ-03: MacArthur	NY-27: Collins	PA-16: Kelly	WI-06: Grothman
AZ-08: Lesko	FL-25: Diaz-Balart	MI-06: Upton	NY-01: Zeldin	OH-01: Chabot	TX-10: McCaul	WV-02: Mooney
CA-01: LaMalfa	IA-04: King	MI-07: Walberg	NY-02: King	OH-10: Turner	TX-22: Olson	
CA-04: McClintock	IL-12: Bost	MN-08: Stabuer	NY-21: Stefanik	OH-12: Balderson	TX-24: Marchant	
CA-21: Valadao	IL-13: Davis	MO-02: Wagner	NC-02: Holding	OH-14: Joyce	TX-31: Carter	
CA-22: Nunes	IN-02: Walorski	MT-AL: Gianforte	NC-08: Hudson	PA-01: Fitzpatrick	VA-05: Garrett	

Gubernatorial Election Results

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Projected Results: Democrats to gain eight gubernatorial seats, while Republicans pick up Alaska seat.

Incumbent Democratic Holds: Hawaii (Ige), New York (Cuomo), Oregon (Brown), Pennsylvania (Wolf), Rhode Island (Raimondo)

Open Seat Democratic Holds: California (Newsom), Colorado (Polis), Minnesota (Walz)

Illinois (Democratic Pickup)

J.B. Pritzker (D) defeats Bruce Rauner (R) - 54.2% to 39.2%

New Mexico (Democratic Pickup)

Michelle Lujan Grisham (D) defeats Steve Pearce (R) - 57.1% to 42.9%

Michigan (Democratic Pickup)

Gretchen Whitmer (D) defeats Bill Schuette (R) - 53.3% to 43.8%

Maine (Democratic Pickup)

Janet Mills (D) defeats Shawn Moody (R) - 50.8% to 43.2%

Kansas (Democratic Pickup)

Laura Kelly (D) defeats Kris Kobach (R) - 47.8% to 43.3%

Nevada (Democratic Pickup)

Steve Sisolak (D) defeats Adam Laxalt (R) - 49.4% to 45.3%

Connecticut (Democratic Pickup)

Ned Lamont (D) defeats Bob Stefanowski (R) - 49.2% to 46.3%

Wisconsin (Democratic Pickup)

Tony Evers (D) defeats Scott Walker (R) - 49.6% to 48.4%

Georgia (Too Close to Call)

Brian Kemp (R) leads Stacy Abrams (D) - 50.3% to 48.7%

Alaska (Republican Pickup) - (Current Governor is an Independent)

Mike Dunleavy (R) defeats Mark Begich (D) - 52.3% to 43.8%

Open Seat Republican Holds: Florida (DeSantis), Idaho (Little), New Hampshire (Sununu), Ohio (DeWine), Oklahoma (Stitt), South Dakota (Noem), Tennessee (Lee), Wyoming (Gordon)

Incumbent Republican Holds: Alabama (Ivey), Arizona (Ducey), Arkansas (Hutchinson), Iowa (Reynolds), Massachusetts (Baker), Maryland (Hogan), South Carolina (McMaster), Nebraska (Ricketts), Texas (Abbott), Vermont (Scott)

Senate Committee Tracker: Losses, Retirements, and Other Exits

Senate Committee	Republicans	Democrats	Current Exiting (Potential Total)
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u> Heitkamp (ND), Donnelly (IN)	R: 0 D: 2
Appropriations	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 0 D: 0
Armed Services	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u> Donnelly (IN), McCaskill (MO), <i>Nelson (FL)</i>	R: 0 D: 2 (3)
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	<u>Exiting:</u> Corker (TN), Heller (NV)	<u>Exiting:</u> Heitkamp (ND), Donnelly (IN)	R: 2 D: 2
Budget	<u>Exiting:</u> Corker (TN)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 1 D: 0
Commerce, Science, and Transportation	<u>Exiting:</u> Heller (NV)	<u>Exiting:</u> <i>Nelson (FL)</i>	R: 1 D: (1)
Energy and Natural Resources	<u>Exiting:</u> Flake (AZ)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 1 D: 0
Environment and Public Works	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 0 D: 0
Finance	<u>Exiting:</u> Hatch (UT), Heller (NV)	<u>Exiting:</u> McCaskill (MO), <i>Nelson (FL)</i>	R: 2 D: 1 (2)
Foreign Relations	<u>Exiting:</u> Corker (TN), Flake (AZ)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 2 D: 0
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions	<u>Exiting:</u> Hatch (UT)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 1 D: 0
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u> Heitkamp (ND), McCaskill (MO)	R: 0 D: 2
Judiciary	<u>Exiting:</u> Flake (AZ), Hatch (UT)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 2 D: 0
Rules and Administration	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 0 D: 0
Small Business and Entrepreneurship	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u> Heitkamp (ND)	R: 0 D: 1
Veterans' Affairs	<u>Exiting:</u> Heller (NV)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 1 D: 0
Indian Affairs	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 0 D: 0
Intelligence	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 0 D: 0

House Committee Tracker: Losses, Retirements, and Other Exits

House Committee	Republicans	Democrats	Current Exiting
Agriculture	<u>Exiting:</u> Goodlatte (VA), Faso (NY)	<u>Exiting:</u> Lujan Grisham (NM), Nolan (MN), Walz (MN)	R: 2 D: 3
Appropriations	<u>Exiting:</u> Dent (PA), Frelinghuysen (NJ), Rooney (FL), Yoder (KS), Culberson (TX), Taylor (VA)	<u>Exiting:</u> Evan Jenkins (WV)	R: 6 D: 1
Armed Services	<u>Exiting:</u> Bridenstine (OK), McSally (AZ), LoBiondo (NJ), Shuster (PA), R. Brady (PA), Young (IA), Coffman (CO), Russell (OK)	<u>Exiting:</u> Hanabusa (HI), O'Rourke (TX), Rosen (NV), Shea-Porter (NH), Tsongas (MA)	R: 8 D: 5
Budget	<u>Exiting:</u> Black (TN), Renacci (OH), Rokita (IN), Sanford (SC), Lewis (MN), Brat (VA), Faso (NY)	<u>Exiting:</u> Lujan Grisham (NM)	R: 7 D: 1
Education and the Workforce	<u>Exiting:</u> Barletta (PA), Messer (IN), Rokita (IN), Lewis (MN), Brat (VA), Handel (GA)	<u>Exiting:</u> Polis (CO), Shea-Porter (NH)	R: 6 D: 2
Energy and Commerce	<u>Exiting:</u> Barton (TX), Blackburn (TN), Costello (PA), Cramer (ND), Harper (MO), Lance (NJ)	<u>Exiting:</u> G. Green (TX)	R: 6 D: 1
Financial Services	<u>Exiting:</u> Hensarling (TX), Messer (IN), Pearce (NM), Rittenger (NC), Ross (FL), Royce (CA), Trott (MI), Rothfus (PA), Hultgren (IL)	<u>Exiting:</u> Capuano (MA), Delaney (MD), Ellison (MN), Kihuen (NE), Sinema (AZ)	R: 9 D: 5
Foreign Affairs	<u>Exiting:</u> DeSantis (FL), Issa (CA), Poe (TX), Ros-Lehtinen (FL), Royce (CA), Donovan (NY)	<u>Exiting:</u> Bera (CA)	R: 6 D: 1
Homeland Security	<u>Exiting:</u> Barletta (PA), McSally (AZ), L. Smith (TX), Donovan (NY)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 4 D: 0
Judiciary	<u>Exiting:</u> DeSantis (FL), Farenthold (TX), Franks (AZ), Goodlatte (VA), Gowdy (SC), Issa (CA), Labrador (ID), Poe (TX), L. Smith (TX), Rothfus (PA), Handel (GA)	<u>Exiting:</u> Conyers (MI), Gutierrez (IL)	R: 11 D: 2
Natural Resources	<u>Exiting:</u> Labrador (ID), Pearce (NM)	<u>Exiting:</u> Hanabusa (HI), Tsongas (MA)	R: 2 D: 2
Oversight and Government Reform	<u>Exiting:</u> DeSantis (FL), Duncan Jr. (TN), Farenthold (TX), Gowdy (SC), Issa (CA), Ross (FL), Sanford (SC), Blum (IA), Russell (OK)	<u>Exiting:</u> Cartwright (PA)	R: 9 D: 1
Rules	<u>Exiting:</u> Sessions (TX)	<u>Exiting:</u> Polis (CO)	R: 1 D: 1
Science, Space, and Technology	<u>Exiting:</u> Bridenstine (OK), L. Smith (TX), Comstock (VA), Hultgren (IL)	<u>Exiting:</u> Esty (CT), Hanabusa (HI), Rosen (NV)	R: 4 D: 3
Small Business	<u>Exiting:</u> Blum (IA), Brat (VA)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 2 D: 0
Transportation and Infrastructure	<u>Exiting:</u> Barletta (PA), Duncan Jr. (TN), Farenthold (TX), LoBiondo (NJ), Rokita (IN), Sanford (SC), Shuster (PA), Comstock (VA), Lewis (MN), Faso (NY)	<u>Exiting:</u> Capuano (MA), Esty (CT), Nolan (MN)	R: 10 D: 3
Veterans' Affairs	<u>Exiting:</u> Bergman (MI), Bost (IL), Coffman (CO), Mast (FL), Poliquin (ME)	<u>Exiting:</u> O'Rourke (TX), Walz (MN)	R: 5 D: 2
Ways and Means	<u>Exiting:</u> Black (TN), Jenkins (KS), S. Johnson (TX), Meehan (PA), Noem (SD), Reichert (WA), Renacci (OH), Tiberi (OH), Paulsen (MN), Roskam (IL), Curbelo (FL), Bishop (MI)	<u>Exiting:</u> Crowley (NY), Levin (MI)	R: 12 D: 2
Intelligence	<u>Exiting:</u> Gowdy (SC), LoBiondo (NJ), Rooney (FL), Ros-Lehtinen (FL)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 4 D: 0

Looking Forward: Lame Duck

Key Dates/Weeks to Remember for the Lame Duck Session & January 2019

Lame Duck	Schedule, Key Dates, and Deadlines
November 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House and Senate Reconvene for Lame Duck Session
November 13-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House New Member Orientation (Session 1) House Republican Organizing Conference & Leadership Elections Senate Republican & Democratic Leadership Elections
November 19-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House & Senate in Recess for Thanksgiving Break
November 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mississippi Senate Runoff Election
November 27-December 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House New Member Orientation (Session 2) House Democratic Leadership Elections (Expected) House Committee Leadership Elections (Expected) National Flood Insurance Program Expires (November 30) Joint Select Committees Deadline to Report on Budget/Approps Reform & Solvency of Multiemployer Pensions (November 30)
December 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing Resolution Expires Current CR Includes Extensions of TANF, VAWA, Immigration Programs (e.g EB-5 and E-Verify), EPA Collection of Pesticide Registration Fees, etc.
December 14-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House & Senate Adjourn, Closing the 115th Congress (Scheduled)
December 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certain Farm Bill Commodity Programs Expire Lower Medical Expense Deduction Threshold Expires
January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 116th Congress Swearing-In (January 3) New Member Seminar in Williamsburg, VA (Expected January 4-7) Broader Committee Assignments and “B” Committee Assignments (Expected by mid-January) All Committee Assignments Formalized (Expected by late-January) President’s State of the Union Address (Expected late-January)

Looking Forward: Leadership

Senate Republican leadership will change due to the fact that Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) is term-limited as majority whip, creating an opportunity for Sens. John Thune (R-SD), John Barrasso (R-WY), and Roy Blunt (R-MO) to move up in the ranks. Senate Democratic leadership is unlikely to change.



Majority Leader
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)



Majority Whip
John Thune (R-SD)



GOP Conference Chair
John Barrasso (R-WY)



GOP Policy Committee Chair
Roy Blunt (R-MO)



Minority Leader
Chuck Schumer (D-NY)



Minority Whip
Dick Durbin (D-IL)



Assistant Leader
Patty Murray (D-WA)



Dem Policy Committee Chair
Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)

House Democratic leadership is difficult to project, given the possibility new leadership positions are created and potential changes in the top three slots. House Republican leadership is also difficult to project, given uncertainty around whether Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) will be minority leader.



House Speaker
Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
Challenge Possible



Majority Leader
Steny Hoyer (D-MD)
Challenge Possible



Majority Whip
James Clyburn (D-SC)
Could Move Up



Asst. Dem Leader
Bustos (D-IL); Lujan (D-NM);
Cicilline (D-RI)



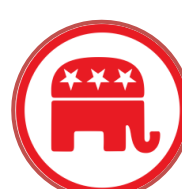
Dem Caucus Chair
Lee (D-CA); Sánchez (D-CA)
Other Candidates Possible



Minority Leader
Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)
Jordan (R-OH) to Challenge



Minority Whip
Steve Scalise (R-LA)
Could Run for Leader



GOP Conference Chair
CMR (R-WA) Not Seeking Post;
Liz Cheney (R-WY) Running



Republicans to Watch
Jordan (R-OH) in
Leadership Mix

Senate Committee Leadership Projections

*Our analysis takes into account Republican committee rules, which state that a Member is not eligible to serve more than six years as Chair or Ranking Member of any standing committee.

Senate Committee	115 th Congress	116 th Congress	BHFS Insights
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Chair: Roberts (R-KS) Ranking: Stabenow (D-MI)	Chair: Roberts (R-KS) Ranking: Stabenow (D-MI)	Unlikely to change.
Appropriations	Chair: Shelby (R-AL) Ranking: Leahy (D-VT)	Chair: Shelby (R-AL) Ranking: Leahy (D-VT)	Unlikely to change.
Armed Services	Chair: Inhofe (R-OK) Ranking: Reed (D-RI)	Chair: Inhofe (R-OK) Ranking: Reed (D-RI)	Unlikely to change.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	Chair: Crapo (R-ID) Ranking: Brown (D-OH)	Chair: Crapo (R-ID) / Toomey (R-PA) Ranking: Brown (D-OH)	In the event Grassley (R-IA) does not chair the Finance Committee, Crapo would move to Finance and Toomey (R-PA) would lead Banking.
Budget	Chair: Enzi (R-WY) Ranking: Sanders (I-VT)	Chair: Enzi (R-WY) Ranking: Sanders (I-VT) / Whitehouse (D-RI)	If Sanders (I-VT) passes on Budget in favor of Energy and Natural Resources, Whitehouse (D-RI) could take the post as Ranking Member.
Commerce, Science, and Transport.	Chair: Thune (R-SD) Ranking: Nelson (D-FL)	Chair: Wicker (R-MS) Ranking: Nelson (D-FL) / Cantwell (D-WA)	Thune (R-SD) is expected to assume Cornyn's (R-TX) leadership position, leaving chair for Wicker (R-MS). If Nelson (D-FL) loses re-election, Cantwell (D-WA) is expected to become ranking.
Energy and Natural Resources	Chair: Murkowski (R-AK) Ranking: Cantwell (D-WA)	Chair: Murkowski (R-AK) Ranking: Cantwell (D-WA) / Sanders (I-VT)	If Nelson (D-FL) loses re-election, Cantwell (D-WA) could go to Commerce and position Sanders (I-VT) as ranking.
Environment and Public Works	Chair: Barrasso (R-WY) Ranking: Carper (D-DE)	Chair: Barrasso (R-WY) Ranking: Carper (D-DE)	Unlikely to change.
Finance	Chair: Hatch (R-UT) Ranking: Wyden (D-OR)	Chair: Grassley (R-IA) / Crapo (R-ID) Ranking: Wyden (D-OR)	Grassley (R-IA) expected to forgo chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee to lead the Finance Committee following Hatch's retirement. If he does not, Crapo (R-ID) would be next in line.
Foreign Relations	Chair: Corker (R-TN) Ranking: Menendez (D-NJ)	Chair: Risch (R-ID) Ranking: Menendez (D-NJ)	Corker (R-TN) is exiting, creating an opportunity for Risch (R-ID) to take over as chair.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions	Chair: Alexander (R-TN) Ranking: Murray (D-WA)	Chair: Alexander (R-TN) Ranking: Murray (D-WA)	Unlikely to change.
Homeland Security and Govt. Affairs	Chair: Johnson (R-WI) Ranking: McCaskill (D-MO)	Chair: Johnson (R-WI) Ranking: Peters (D-MI)	With McCaskill (D-MO) and Heitkamp (D-ND) losing their reelections, Peters (D-MI) is slated to take over as ranking.

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Judiciary	Chair: Grassley (R-IA) Ranking: Feinstein (D-CA)	Chair: Graham (R-SC) / Grassley (R-IA) Ranking: Feinstein (D-CA)	If Grassley (R-IA) moves over to chair Finance, Graham (R-SC) is in line to chair Judiciary.
Rules and Administration	Chair: Blunt (R-MO) Ranking: Klobuchar (D-MN)	Chair: Blunt (R-MO) Ranking: Klobuchar (D-MN)	Unlikely to change.
Small Business and Entrepreneurship	Chair: Risch (R-ID) Ranking: Cardin (D-MD)	Chair: Rubio (R-FL) Ranking: Cardin (D-MD)	Supposing Risch (R-ID) moves to chair Foreign Relations, Rubio (R-FL) is next in-line to take the gavel.
Veterans' Affairs	Chair: Isakson (R-GA) Ranking: Tester (D-MT)	Chair: Isakson (R-GA) Ranking: Tester (D-MT)	Unlikely to change.
Indian Affairs	Chair: Hoeven (R-ND) Ranking: Udall (D-NM)	Chair: Hoeven (R-ND) Ranking: Udall (D-NM)	Unlikely to change.
Intelligence	Chair: Burr (R-NC) Ranking: Warner (D-VA)	Chair: Burr (R-NC) Ranking: Warner (D-VA)	Unlikely to change.

House Committee Leadership Projections

*Our analysis takes into account Republican committee rules, which state that a Member is not eligible to serve more than six years as Chair or Ranking Member of any standing committee.

House Committee	115 th Congress	116 th Congress	BHFS Insights
Agriculture	Chair: Conaway (R-TX) Ranking: Peterson (D-MN)	Chair: Peterson (D-MN) Ranking: Conaway (R-TX)	Unlikely to change.
Appropriations	Chair: Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) Ranking: Lowey (D-NY)	Chair: Lowey (D-NY) Ranking: Granger (R-TX) / T. Graves (R-GA)	Granger (R-TX) is expected to succeed Frelinghuysen (R-NJ), but Aderholt (R-AL) and Cole (R-OK) are also making a play for the gavel. Graves (R-GA) has reportedly received a subtle endorsement from McCarthy (R-CA). Lowey will become the first female chair of the Appropriations Committee.
Armed Services	Chair: Thornberry (R-TX) Ranking: Smith (D-WA)	Chair: Smith (D-WA) Ranking: Thornberry (R-TX)	Unlikely to change.
Budget	Chair: Womack (R-AR) Ranking: Yarmuth (D-KY)	Chair: Yarmuth (D-KY) Ranking: Womack (R-AR)	Unlikely to change.
Education and the Workforce	Chair: Foxx (R-NC) Ranking: Scott (D-VA)	Chair: Scott (D-VA) Ranking: Foxx (R-NC)	Unlikely to change.
Energy and Commerce	Chair: Walden (R-OR) Ranking: Pallone (D-NJ)	Chair: Pallone (D-NJ) Ranking: Walden (R-OR)	Unlikely to change.
Financial Services	Chair: Hensarling (R-TX) Ranking: Waters (D-CA)	Chair: Waters (D-CA) Ranking: McHenry (R-NC) / Luetkemeyer (R-MO)	Hensarling (R-TX) is retiring and we believe McHenry (R-NC) is likely to take the ranking post, unless he moves up in leadership. Luetkemeyer (R-MO) also could fill the slot.
Foreign Affairs	Chair: Royce (R-CA) Ranking: Engel (D-NY)	Chair: Engel (D-NY) Ranking: McCaul (R-TX)	Royce (R-CA) is retiring and McCaul (R-TX) is expected to vie for the top spot but Chabot (R-OH) may also be in the mix.
Homeland Security	Chair: McCaul (R-TX) Ranking: Thompson (D-MS)	Chair: Thompson (D-MS) Ranking: Rogers (R-AL)	If McCaul (R-TX) moves to Foreign Affairs, as expected, Rogers (R-AL) would take over as the leading Republican on the Committee.
Judiciary	Chair: Goodlatte (R-VA) Ranking: Nadler (D-NY)	Chair: Nadler (D-NY) Ranking: Collins (R-GA)	Goodlatte (R-VA) is retiring and Doug Collins (R-GA) is likely to take the ranking slot. Chabot (R-OH) also in the mix.
Natural Resources	Chair: Bishop (R-UT) Ranking: Grijalva (D-AZ)	Chair: Grijalva (D-AZ) Ranking: Bishop (R-UT)	Unlikely to change.

Post-Election Analysis & Outlook

Oversight and Government Reform	Chair: Gowdy (R-SC) Ranking: Cummings (D-MD)	Chair: Cummings (D-MD) Ranking: Jordan (R-OH)	Gowdy (R-SC) is retiring and Jordan (R-OH) could take over, but he is also seeking a leadership role.
Rules	Chair: Sessions (R-TX) Ranking: McGovern (D-MA)	Chair: McGovern (D-MA) Ranking: TBD	Sessions (R-TX) lost reelection.
Science, Space, and Technology	Chair: Smith (R-TX) Ranking: Johnson (D-TX)	Chair: Johnson (D-TX) Ranking: Lucas (R-OK)	Lucas (R-OK) is expected to be the top Republican, but Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has two remaining years to claim on the Science Committee.
Small Business	Chair: Chabot (R-OH) Ranking: Velazquez (D-NY)	Chair: Velazquez (D-NY) Ranking: TBD	If Chabot (R-OH) relinquishes his gavel for another committee, several Republicans could take over. Steve Knight (R-CA) is at the top of the list but has his own tough reelection.
Transportation and Infrastructure	Chair: Shuster (R-PA) Ranking: DeFazio (D-OR)	Chair: DeFazio (D-OR) Ranking: S. Graves (R-MO)	There is likely to be competitive bid between Graves (R-MO) and Denham (R-CA) for the top Republican spot. Denham (R-CA) has remained close to McCarthy, but his support for an immigration discharge petition could hurt him within the conference. Denham (R-CA) is also still in a too close to call race.
Veterans' Affairs	Chair: Roe (R-TX) Ranking: Walz (D-MN)	Chair: Takano (D-CA) Ranking: Roe (R-TX)	Walz (D-MN) is exiting, positioning Takano (D-CA) to be the top Democrat.
Ways and Means	Chair: Brady (R-TX) Ranking: Neal (D-MA)	Chair: Neal (D-MA) Ranking: Brady (R-TX)	Unlikely to change.
Intelligence	Chair: Nunes (R-CA) Ranking: Schiff (D-CA)	Chair: Schiff (D-WA) Ranking: Nunes (R-CA)	Nunes' (R-CA) chances of continuing as top Republican on the committee are not certain. GOP committee leader is not voted on in conference but by the Speaker/Minority Leader.