



2016 ELECTION UPDATE

Presidential Election

Donald Trump pulled off a surprising victory to win the White House. He currently has 279 electoral votes with a handful of states that are still too close to call. Regardless of the outcome of the outstanding states, Trump exceeded the 270 votes needed and is now the 45th President-elect.

The U.S. House of Representatives

With a substantial 247-185 majority heading into election day, the House is now still in Republican hands at 239-182, with very slim gains on the Democrat side. A few seats are still too close to call.

No major changes are anticipated in the organization of House Republican Committees or the Leadership.

HOUSE GOP LOSSES:

David Jolly (FL-13), John Mica (FL-7), Scott Garrett (NJ-5), VA-04 (redistricted), Cresent Hardy (NV-4), Frank Guinta (NH-1), Bob Dold (IL-10), FL-10 (redistricting), NV-03 (Heck Open seat)

HOUSE GOP PICKUPS:

FL-18 Open (Brian Mast), FL-02 (redistricting), NE-02 - Ashford (Don Bacon)

The U.S. Senate

As a reminder, there were 34 Senate seats up on Election night and 24 of those seats were held by Republicans. Republicans held the majority at 54 Republicans, 44 Democrats and 2 Independents.

On election night, the Senate Republicans held the majority. The results are currently at 51-48. The Louisiana run off on December 10 pits Republican John Kennedy against Democrat Foster Campbell.

Illinois and New Hampshire are the only Senate race to flip to the Democrats with the loss of incumbent Mark Kirk to Democrat Tammy Duckworth (IL) and Kelly Ayotte to Maggie Hassan (NH).

Here is a breakdown of the Senate races state by state

STATE	INCUMBENT	ELECTION RESULT
Arizona	John McCain (Republican)	John McCain (R)
Alaska	Lisa Murkowski (Republican)	Lisa Murkowski (R)
Alabama	Richard Shelby (Republican)	Richard Shelby (R)
Arkansas	John Boozman (Republican)	John Boozman (R)
California	Barbara Boxer (Democrat)	Kamala Harris (D)
Colorado	Michael Bennet (Democrat)	Michael Bennet (D)
Connecticut	Richard Blumenthal (Democrat)	Richard Blumenthal (D)
Florida	Marco Rubio (Republican)	Marco Rubio (R)
Georgia	Johnny Isakson (Republican)	Johnny Isakson (R)
Hawaii	Brian Schatz (Democrat)	Brian Schatz (D)
Iowa	Chuck Grassley (Republican)	Chuck Grassley (R)
Idaho	Mike Crapo (Republican)	Mike Crapo (R)
Illinois	Mark Kirk (Republican)	Tammy Duckworth (D)
Indiana	Dan Coates (Republican) – <i>did not run for re-election</i>	Todd Young (R)
Kansas	Jerry Moran (Republican)	Jerry Moran (R)
Kentucky	Rand Paul (Republican)	Rand Paul (R)
Louisiana	David Vitter (Republican) <i>did not run for re-election</i>	<i>run off 12/10 Kennedy vs. Campbell</i>
Maryland	Barbara Mikulski (Democrat) – <i>did not run for re-election</i>	Chris Van Hollen (D)
Missouri	Roy Blunt (Republican)	Roy Blunt (R)
North Carolina	Richard Burr (Republican)	Richard Burr (R)
North Dakota	John Hoeven (Republican)	John Hoeven (R)
New Hampshire	Kelly Ayotte (Republican)	Maggie Hassan (D)
Nevada	Harry Reid (Democrat) – <i>did not run for re-election</i>	Catherine Cortez Masto (D)
New York	Chuck Schumer (Democrat)	Chuck Schumer (D)

Ohio	Rob Portman (Republican)	Rob Portman (R)
Oklahoma	James Lankford (Republican)	James Lankford (R)
Oregon	Ron Wyden (Democrat)	Ron Wyden (D)
Pennsylvania	Patrick Toomey (Republican)	Patrick Toomey (R)
South Carolina	Tim Scott (Republican)	Tim Scott (R)
South Dakota	John Thune (Republican)	John Thune (R)
Utah	Mike Lee (Republican)	Mike Lee (R)
Vermont	Patrick Leahy (Democrat)	Patrick Leahy (D)
Washington	Patty Murray (Democrat)	Patty Murray (D)
Wisconsin	Ron Johnson (Republican)	Ron Johnson (R)

Lame Duck – A Look Ahead

As a reminder, the pre-election work period which began on September 6 wrapped up quickly with passage of the continuing resolution (CR) on Wednesday, September 28. The short-term CR keeps the budget at current levels through **December 9**.

Additionally, it addressed the nation’s Zika crisis, provided funding for the heroin and opioid epidemic, funding for veterans and flood relief for Louisiana, West Virginia and Maryland.

Congress will return on **November 14** for its “lame duck” session. Prior to election night, the session was anticipated last until at least December 9 when the CR funding expires. It remains unclear with Trump winning the White House how the Republican Majority will handle the CR – but one thing most agree on is that the lame duck is likely to be quick. While there are several issues that may be addressed, at this juncture the only “must pass” legislation is to continue government funding once the CR expires on December 9.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Congress returns for Lame Duck Session: November 14, 2016

Current CR expires: December 9, 2016

House and Senate Leadership Elections: The week of November 14

HOUSE

- Leadership Elections: Tuesday, November 15, 1-5pm

- House Freshmen class elections: Wednesday, November 16

Out from Friday November 18th thru Monday, November 28th

- Steering Committee -Chairman Interviews 1-5pm: Tuesday, November 29 & 30.

GOP Organizing Conference Ratify Steering: December 1st, 9-10am

Ryan, McCarthy, Scalise, Morris Rodgers are expected to all be re-elected and Steve Stivers (OH) will be the new NRCC Chair. This should all happen on Tuesday, November 15th.

Note: House GOP Steering Committee determines Chairmanships and members for every committee during the lame duck. The Steering Committee –will look different after the election. Over the last 20 years the steering committee was essentially a rubber stamp for the Speaker of the House. This is no longer the case. Some of the changes resulted from deals cut during the last race for speaker to give the rank-and-file more influence over the process and make the committees very hard to predict.

- *Senate Committee Chairs and assignments are not finalized until the organizing resolution in January.*

Inauguration Day: Friday, January 20, 2017

HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERSHIP

Senate Leadership

While Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) will continue to lead the Republicans whether they are in the majority or minority, Democrat Leader Harry Reid is retiring and will be replaced by Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY).

Republican

Republican Leader – Mitch McConnell (KY)

Republican Whip – John Cornyn (TX)

Republican Conference – John Thune (SC)

Republican Conference Vice Chair – Roy Blunt (MO)

Republican Policy Committee – John Barrasso (WY)

NRSC – Roger Wicker (R-MS) – this is the only likely change as Wicker is in cycle. Likely Tillis or Gardner.

Democrat

Democratic Leader – Chuck Schumer (NY)

Democratic Whip – Richard Durbin (IL) – potential challenge by Patty Murray

Democratic Conference Committee Chair – Currently Chuck Schumer (NY)

Democratic Conference Vice Chair and Policy Committee Chair – Currently Debbie Stabenow (MI)

Democratic Conference Secretary – Currently Patty Murray (WA)

House Leadership

Speaker of the House – Paul Ryan (WI)

Majority Leader – Kevin McCarthy (CA)

Majority Whip – Steve Scalise (LA)

Chief Deputy Whip – Patrick McHenry (NC)

Republican Conference Chairman – Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA)

Republican Policy Committee – Luke Messer (IN)

NRCC – Walden will depart after election, likely replaced by Steve Stivers (OH)

Democratic Leader – Nancy Pelosi (CA)

Democratic Whip – Steny Hoyer (MD)

Assistant Democratic Leader – James Clyburn (SC)

Democratic Caucus Chair – likely Joe Crowley (NY)

Senate Committee Chairs and Ranking Members in the Next Congress

Below are Senate Committee Leadership Charts. These are by no means guaranteed outcomes, but likely Chair and Ranking Member assignments based on seniority and what

Members have indicated. As always, predicting Congressional decisions is not a simple formula and therefore I will provide updated charts once the assignments are actually decided.

Committee	Current Chair	Current Ranking Member	115th Congress
Agriculture	Pat Roberts (R-KS)	Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)	No change.
Appropriations	Thad Cochran (R-MS)	Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)	Chairman: Thad Cochran (R-MS) Ranking: Murray? Durbin? Tester?
Armed Services	John McCain (R-AZ)	Jack Reed (D-RI)	No change.
Banking	Richard Shelby (R-AL) (term limited as Chair and Ranking)	Sherrod Brown (D-OH)	Chairman: Mike Crapo (R-ID) Ranking: Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
Budget	Mike Enzi (R-WY)	Bernie Sanders (D-VT)	No change.
Commerce	John Thune (R-SD)	Bill Nelson (D-FL)	No change.
Energy	Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)	Maria Cantwell (D-WA)	No change.

EPW	Jim Inhofe (R-OK) <i>term limited</i>	Barbara Boxer (D-CA)	Chairman: John Barasso (R-WY) Ranking:
Finance	Orrin Hatch (R-UT)	Ron Wyden (D-OR)	No change.
Foreign Relations	Bob Corker (R-TN)	Ben Cardin (D-MD)	No change.
HELP	Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	Patty Murray (D-WA)	No change.
Homeland Security	Ron Johnson (R-WI)	Tom Carper (D-DE)	Chairman: Johnson or Portman Ranking: Carper or McCaskill?
Indian Affairs	John Barrasso (R-WY)	Jon Tester (D-MT)	Chairman: John Hoeven (R-ND) Ranking: Tester?
Intelligence	Richard Burr (R-NC)	Diane Feinstein (D-CA)	No change.
Judiciary	Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	Patrick Leahy (D-VT)	No change.

Rules	Roy Blunt (R-MO)	Chuck Schumer (D-NY)	Chairman: Richard Shelby (term limits on Banking) likely bumps Blunt Ranking: Schumer
Veterans Affairs	Johnny Isakson (R-GA)	Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)	No change likely. Tester may come to VA from Indian Affairs.
Aging	Susan Collins (R-ME)	Claire McCaskill (D-MO)	No change for Chair. McCaskill may exit.