

# Policy & Politics Monthly Webinar: Post-Election Update

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# Today's Speakers



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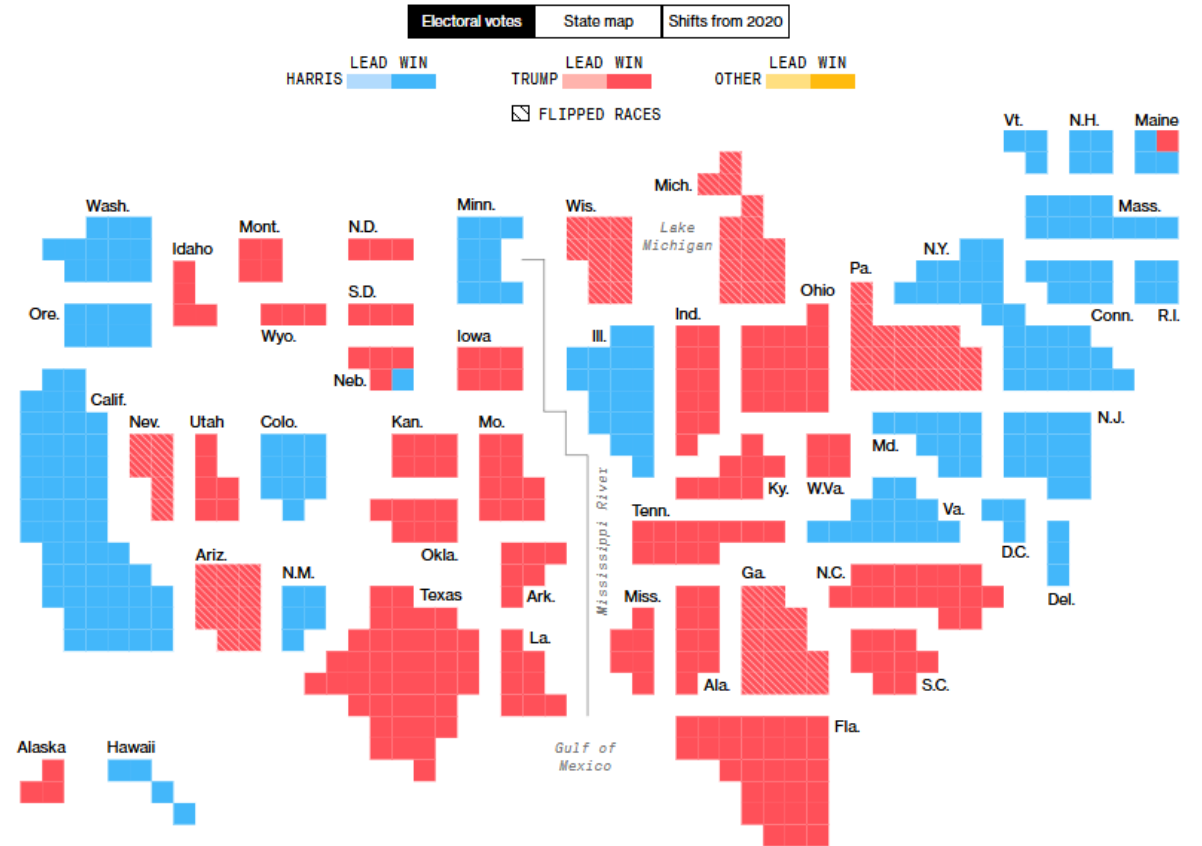
# Presidential Election Result

**312** Trump ✓ 77,646,675 VOTES



**226** Harris 74,957,398

Trump won both the popular vote and the electoral college (312 to 226).



Note: Maine gives two electoral votes to the candidate who wins statewide, and one to the winner of each of its two congressional districts. Nebraska gives two electoral votes to the candidate who wins statewide, and one to the winner of each of its three congressional districts.

# President-Elect Trump's Cabinet Picks

- Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Secretary: Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
  - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator: Dr. Mehmet Oz
- Department of Homeland Security Secretary: Kristi Noem
- Department of Commerce Secretary: Howard Lutnick
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary: Doug Collins
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman: Brendan Carr

**\*NOTE:** These all require Senate confirmation/approval – with the EXCEPTION of the FCC because Carr is currently a sitting FCC commissioner and thus no Senate approval is needed to confirm (the President can elevate any commissioner to Chair)

# Other Key Administration Picks



- White House Chief of Staff: Susie Wiles
- Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy: Stephen Miller
- Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE):  
Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy
  - Not actually a “Department”, and unclear what ability to create & effectuate actual policy DOGE would have
  - Trump has said it “will provide advice and guidance from outside of Government, and will partner with the White House and Office of Management & Budget to drive large scale structural reform.”

# Congressional Results

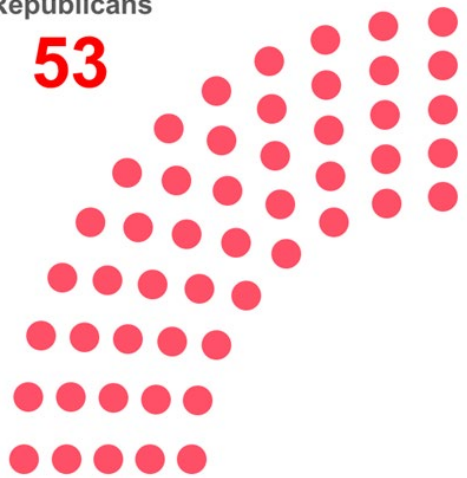
Key Takeaways?

## Senate



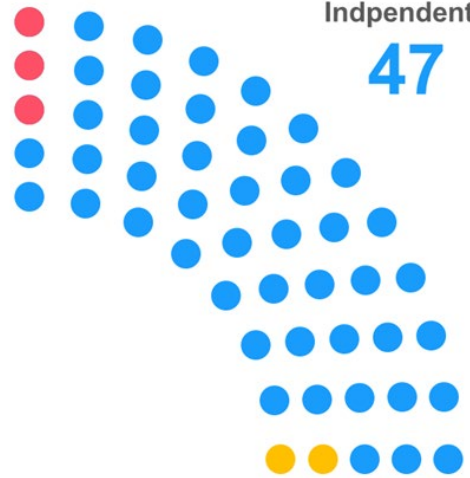
Republicans

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Democrats/  
Independents

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## House

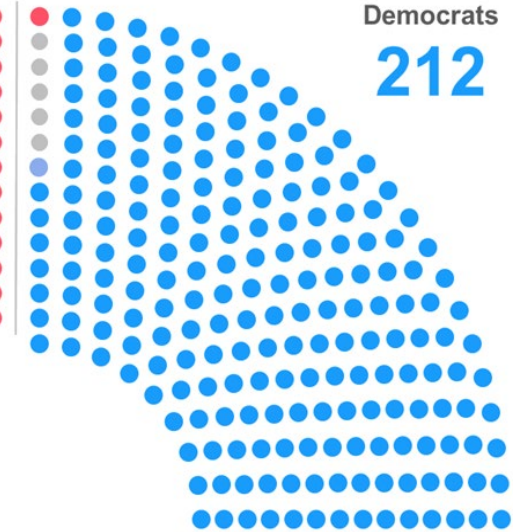
Republicans

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Democrats

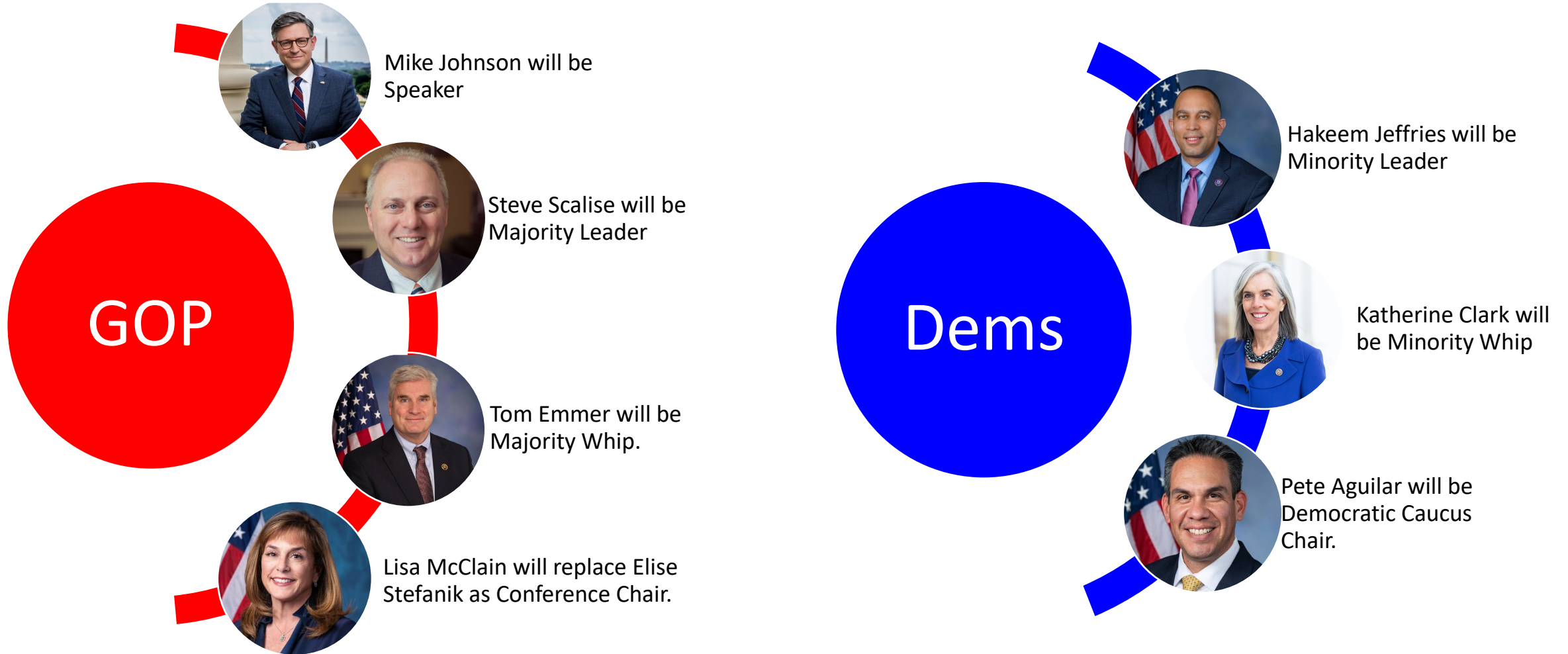
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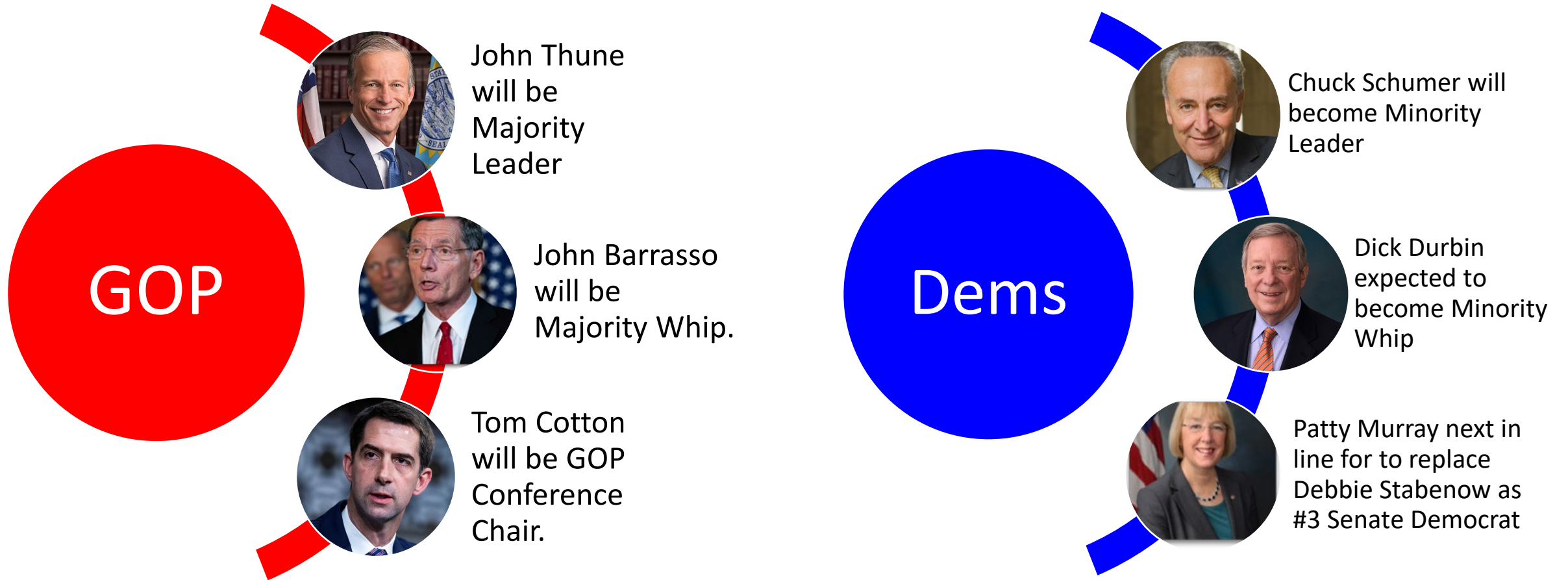
Note: Yellow circles reflect independents who have caucused with Democrats. Five House races have yet to be called by the Associated Press as of Nov. 19. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), Trump's pick for attorney general, [said](#) he doesn't intend to take the House seat he won in this year's election.

Source: Bloomberg Government

# 119<sup>th</sup> Congress: House Leadership Preview



# 119<sup>th</sup> Congress: Senate Leadership Preview





# House Committee Leadership

Exploring committee leadership in the next House of Representatives.

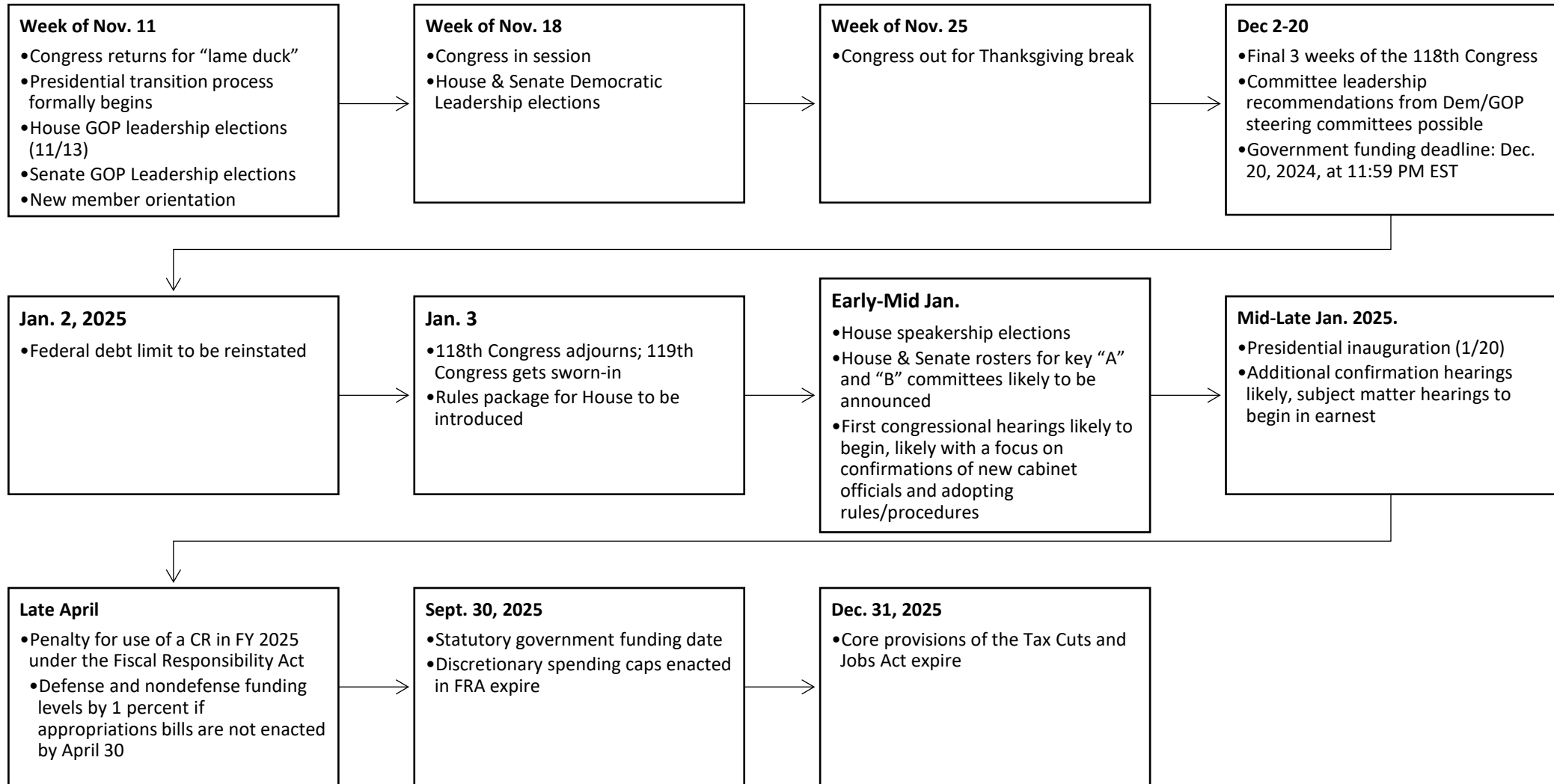
Committee	Republicans	Democrats
<b>Appropriations</b>	Tom Cole is expected to remain as Chair.	Rosa DeLauro is expected to remain as Ranking Member.
<b>Energy &amp; Commerce</b>	Three republicans are vying to replace Cathy McMorris Rodgers: Reps. Brett Guthrie (R-KY), Richard Hudson (R-NC), Bob Latta (R-OH).	Frank Pallone is expected to remain as Ranking Member.
<b>Ways and Means</b>	Jason Smith is in line for another term as Chair, but his past ties to former Speaker Kevin McCarthy could leave him vulnerable to a challenge.	Richie Neal is expected to remain as Ranking Member

# Senate Committee Leadership

Exploring committee leadership in the next Senate.

Committee	Republicans	Democrats
<b>Appropriations</b>	Susan Collins will be Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee.	Patty Murray will be Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.
<b>Commerce</b>	Ted Cruz will be Chair of the Senate Commerce Committee.	Maria Cantwell will be Ranking Member on Commerce.
<b>Finance</b>	Mike Crapo will chair the Senate Finance Committee and will look to shepherd through another Republican-led tax package that builds on the TCJA.	Ron Wyden is expected to be Ranking Member on a Finance Committee that could see Bernie Sanders join its ranks.
<b>Homeland Security &amp; Governmental Affairs</b>	Rand Paul will be Chair of Senate HSGAC.	Gary Peters is expected to be Ranking Member.
<b>HELP</b>	Bill Cassidy will be Chair of Senate HELP.	Bernie Sanders is expected to serve as Ranking Member on HELP.

# Post-Election Timeline



# FY 2025 Appropriations Update

— Congress has until **Friday, Dec. 20, 2024**, to pass a government funding deal.

— We'll be watching to see if the President-elect encourages lawmakers to wrap up spending by the end of this year, giving the next administration more floor time to dedicate toward GOP budget reconciliation priorities.

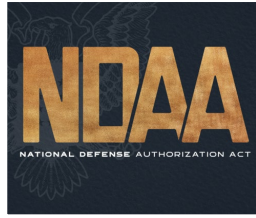
— Lawmakers could also pass another short-term CR into next year to give the new administration and the 119th Congress more leeway over future spending levels.

Status of FY 2025 Appropriations Bills		
Bill	House	Senate
Agriculture-FDA	Floor Vote Postponed	Passed Full Committee
Commerce-Justice-Science	Floor Vote Postponed	Passed Full Committee
Defense	Passed House	Passed Full Committee
Energy-Water	Considered on the Floor, Proceedings Postponed	Passed Full Committee
Financial Services & General Government	Floor Vote Postponed	Passed Full Committee
Homeland Security	Passed House	Markup Postponed
Interior-Environment	Passed House	Passed Full Committee
Labor-HHS-Education	Floor Vote Postponed	Passed Full Committee
Legislative Branch	Initial Passage Failed	Passed Full Committee
MilCon-VA	Passed House	Passed Full Committee
State-Foreign Ops	Passed House	Passed Full Committee
Transportation-HUD	Floor Vote Postponed	Passed Full Committee

# Policies to Watch in “Lame Duck” & Beyond



Government Funding



FY 2025 NDAA



Debt Ceiling



Health Extenders +  
Physician Pay



Farm Bill



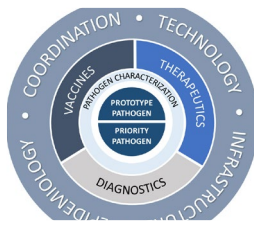
Water Resources  
Development Act



National Flood Insurance  
Program Reauthorization



Artificial Intelligence &  
Data Privacy



Pandemic Preparedness  
Reauthorization



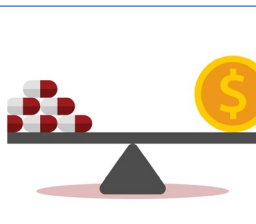
Temporary Assistance for  
Needy Families (TANF)  
Reauthorization



Older Americans Act  
Reauthorization



Digital Assets



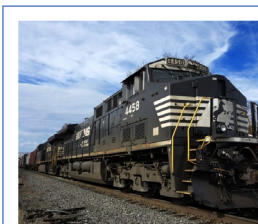
340B Reform



Cannabis Banking  
Legislation



Opioid Treatment/Fentanyl  
Tracking



Rail Safety

# Trump 2.0 Legislative Agenda

- With a GOP-controlled Congress, Trump's legislative priorities are more likely to be taken up/considered
- Possible priorities include:
  - Repeal of wide-range of Biden administration regulations
  - Tax legislation to build on and codify the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) of 2017
  - Merger-friendly Antitrust policy
  - Sixty (60) percent tariff on all Chinese goods
  - Changes to the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
    - Specifically regarding expiring subsidies, Medicaid changes
  - Biden landmark law changes/repeal effort (IRA & CHIPS)

# Trump Impact on Rules

- What we expect in the near-term – only the regulations required by statute will be released by the Biden administration (e.g., Part D annual rule)
- Other rules pending review at the White House's Office of Management & Budget (OMB) – including the Office for Civil Rights' (OCR) “Proposed Modifications to the HIPAA Security Rule to Strengthen the Cybersecurity of Electronic Protected Health Information” – are unlikely to be released
- Other rulemaking required by law that is somewhere in the process of being written – notably the CIRCIA final rule – which is slated for a release in fall of 2025, gives the new administration plenty of time to revise/rewrite (if they want to)
- Repeal efforts on other Biden administration regulations

# The Congressional Review Act (CRA)



- Use of the Congressional Review Act
  - What is it? A tool Congress can use to overturn certain federal agency regulations & actions
    - Issued in the final 60 legislative business days of this Congress (“lookback” window); essentially assures the next Congress has a full 60 days to use the CRA
    - Unknown: what the lookback window date will be (Aug. 1?)
  - The CRA [has been used](#) to overturn a total of 20 rules: one in the 107th Congress (2001-2002), 16 in the 115th Congress; (2017-2018), and three in the 117th Congress (2021-2022)
    - Trump 1.0 (2017) was historic for the CRA, 67 Resolutions of Disapproval (RDs) were introduced, and 16 were signed into law
  - Over 200 attempts to use CRA, which are sometimes messaging tools and meant to influence agency action



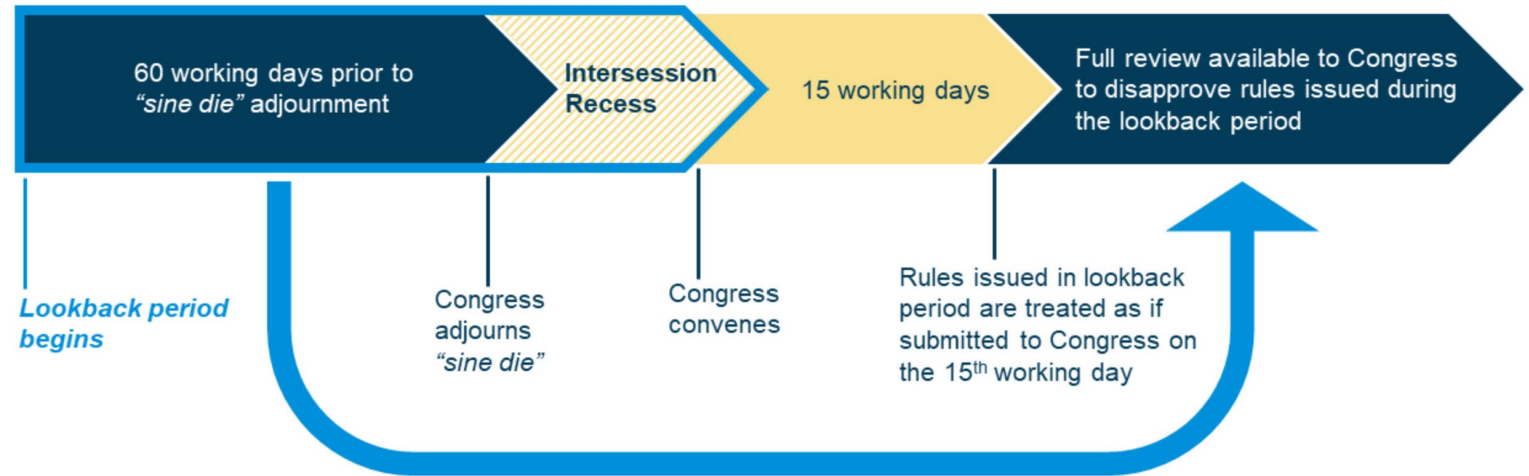
# CRA Lookback



The Spring 2024 Unified Agenda presents 3,698 rules at various stages of production from over 60 federal departments, agencies and commissions.

So – even an unprecedented overturning of 16 rules is really a drop in the bucket.

## Congressional Review Act Lookback Provision



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*In this graphic, "working days" refers to legislative days in the House or session days in the Senate.*

# Trump 2.0 – Deregulation 2.0?

- During Trump’s first presidency, he signed an Executive Order (EO) that would require agencies to revoke two regulations for every new rule they want to issue
  - “Patients Over Paperwork” at CMS
- There are other tools in Trump’s toolbox to revise existing rulemaking
  - There are several options & combinations of these tools to reverse Biden-era rules – including withdrawals, regulatory suspensions, strategic responses to litigation, issuing revised rules through the notice-and-comment process (lengthy, but an option), and other executive actions including EOs
  - Additionally, incoming presidents typically issue a “regulatory freeze” on day one of their administration
- Has pledged to overturn President Biden’s sweeping EO on AI (issued Oct. 2023) on his first day in office
  - President has the power to revoke an EO issued by a predecessor – and will certainly issue new EOs
- Efforts to dismantle/invalidate other Biden administration regulations, policies, and guidance documents are expected

# CHIME Advocacy Opportunity

- Federal policies allowing the delivery of telehealth services, which were established during the COVID-19 pandemic, are set to expire on December 31st unless Congress takes action to extend or modify them.
- Sign onto a letter led by CHIME urging Congressional leadership to extend these policies for another two years.
- Deadline to sign is **Monday, December 2nd**.
- Find the letter [here](#).
- To sign your organization's name onto this important advocacy effort, please fill out the form [here](#), or email Cassie Ballard, CHIME's Director of Congressional Affairs, at [cballard@chimecentral.org](mailto:cballard@chimecentral.org).

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