



# Policy & Politics Monthly Webinar: Shutdown Showdown

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## Today's Speakers



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# Government Funding Situation

- Government funding was set to expire at midnight on September 30th
- Lawmakers pulled out a surprise last-minute deal to keep the government open just hours before the deadline
- Federal agencies, including HHS, had started to send out contingency staffing plans for operations in the absence of funding
- What passed?
  - H.R. 5680 - bill text
  - A 45-day continuing resolution (also referred to as a "CR"). New funding deadline is Nov. 17th
  - Included \$16 billion in supplemental disaster relief and other extensions
  - Did NOT include additional military and economic assistance for Ukraine

# Speaker

- As a result of putting that bill on the floor, Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) filed a motion to force a vote on ousting the speaker
- How did this happen?
  - One-Member Motion-to-Vacate policy
- With a 9-seat majority, McCarthy could only lose 5 GOP votes.
- Ultimately, McCarthy was unable to negotiate with Democrats or the handful of Republicans (8) who opposed him, to save his job
- The final vote was 216-210 in favor of removing him
- Currently there is an interim speaker: Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC)



Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) bangs the Speaker's gavel for the first time after being elected the next Speaker- Jan. 7, 2023  
Source: Evelyn Hockstein / Reuters

# Speaker Election

- 217\* votes are needed to win the gavel
- The two candidates that have publicly announced that they are running for the position are Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA) and Judiciary Committee Chair Jim Jordan (R-OH)
- At least one member has thrown out former President Trump's name
- It's unclear whether Leader Scalise or Chair Jordan have the votes needed to win the gavel
- This has fueled speculation about a potential Kevin McCarthy comeback bid.



Source: NBC News /  
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# Speaker Election—Vote Tracker

10/10 Speaker Vote Tracker				
Scalise		Jordan		Other
1. Emmer	24. Wittman	1. Massie	24. Cline	Greene (Trump)
2. Ellzey	25. Graves (MO)	2. Miller (IL)	25. Bishop (NC)	McClintock (McCarthy)
3. Gonzales	26. Luetkemeyer	3. Green (TN)	26. Mills	Rutherford (McCarthy)
4. Arrington	27. Kim (CA)	4. Issa	27. Luna	Gimenez (McCarthy)
5. Wagner	28. Kelly (PA)	5. Banks	28. Moore (AL)	Lawler (McCarthy)
6. Buchanan	29. Letlow	6. Carey	29. Cloud	Duarte (McCarthy)
7. Ferguson	30. Owens	7. Davidson	30. Waltz	Valadao (McCarthy)
8. Wenstrup	31. Lesko	8. Norman	31. Gosar	
9. Diaz-Balart		9. Turner	32. Smucker	
10. Gooden		10. Van Drew	33. Clyde	
11. Barr		11. Mooney	34. Foxx	
12. James		12. Boebert	35. Tiffany	
13. Fleischmann		13. Donalds	36. Roy	
14. Fallon		14. Fitzgerald	37. Harris	
15. Womack		15. Balderson	38. Santos	
16. Calvert		16. Hageman	39. Malliotakis	
17. Hinson		17. Duncan	40. Mace	
18. McClain		18. Miller (OH)	41. Brecheen	
19. A. Scott (GA)		19. Jackson	42. Fry	
20. Carter (GA)		20. Johnson (OH)	43. Latta	
21. Tenney		21. Ogles	44. Self	
22. Miller-Meeks		22. Nehls	45. Weber	
23. Rogers		23. Steube		

# Speaker Election—Schedule

- **Monday:** GOP Conference met in what has been described as a "therapy session" that was "mostly civil"
- **Tuesday:** House Republicans met again yesterday for a more formal candidate forum to hear directly from Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA) and Judiciary Committee Chair Jim Jordan (R-OH), each of whom will make their case as to why they should wield the speaker's gavel
- **Wednesday:** The **tentative** plan is to hold the vote on the floor today. However, according to reports, an internal GOP election for speaker will be held today ahead of any votes on the floor. The meeting started around 10 am ET. The latest is that there was an effort to increase the vote threshold to bring a candidate to the floor, but that effort failed.

# Speaker Election

- Why is electing a speaker so important? Several reasons!



# Shutdown Impact on Federal Agencies

- Agencies will begin to put out contingency plans outlining agency operations in the event of a federal government shutdown (i.e., a lapse in appropriations)
  - Example: HHS FY24 Contingency Plan
  - What does this mean?
- Rules and rulemaking process could be impacted/delayed



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# Federal—Regulatory Action

Check out CHIME's Regulatory Cheat Sheet [here](#)

## Regulations Recently Commented On

- FTC – Health Breach Notification Rule proposal [here](#)
  - CHIME comment letter [here](#)
- CMS – Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) & Quality Payment Program (QPP) [proposal](#) for CY 2024
  - CHIME comment letter [here](#)

## Other Agency Actions

- FDA Final Guidance Document – Cybersecurity in Medical Devices: Quality System Considerations and Content of Premarket Submissions - Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff (Draft Guidance [here](#); Final Guidance [here](#)) & NEW CHIME Cheat Sheet [here](#)
  - CHIME & AEHIS comment letter [here](#)

## Regulations Coming Soon

- ONC proposed rule – Establishment of Disincentives for Health Care Providers who Have Committed Information Blocking
- ONC final rule – Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Certification Program Updates, Algorithm Transparency, and Information Sharing (HTI-1)

# Federal – Update

## Administration AI Efforts Ongoing

- The WH's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will soon release draft policy guidance for federal agencies to ensure the development, procurement, and use of AI systems is centered around safeguarding American's rights and safety – may be in form of Request for Information (RFI)
- New E.O. on AI rumored to be released...potentially as soon as this week



# Fall Forum Policy Sunrise Session



**FALL FORUM  
POLICY SUNRISE SESSION**  
SAT, NOV. 11 | 7-7:45 AM

**BEYOND THE BELTWAY:** FROM AI TO CYBERSECURITY, INSIDER  
PERSPECTIVES ON POLICYMAKING



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