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Looking Ahead: Impact of the 2022 Elections on Ag Law and Policy

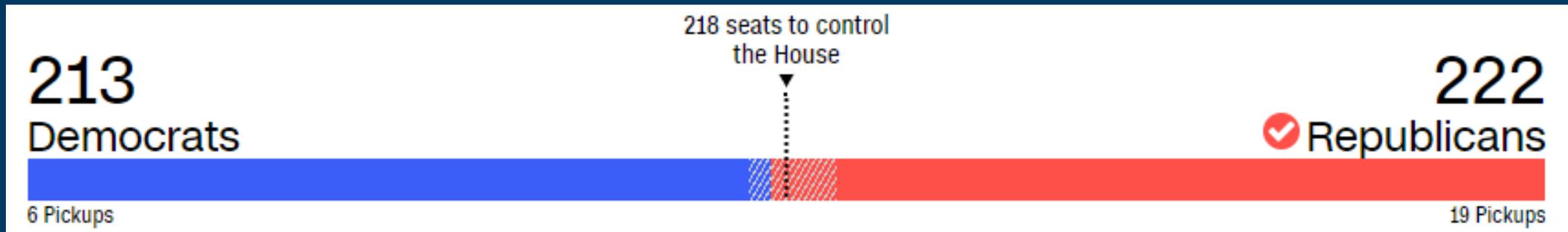


2022 Elections: Key Takeaways and Trends

- Candidates matter
- Issues that motivated turnout:
 - Impact of Dobbs decision & state-ballot initiatives
 - Democrats: healthcare costs, climate, protecting democracy
 - Republicans: inflation/rising costs, crime
- Voter demographics/data – increasing trend of split-ticket voting



Return of Divided Government: Republicans Take the House of Representatives



House GOP Leadership

- House Republican Leadership of the 118th:
 - Speaker – Kevin McCarthy (CA-23)
 - Majority Leader – Steve Scalise (LA-01)
 - Majority Whip – Tom Emmer (MN-06)
 - Conference Chair – Elise Stefanik (NY-21)
- January 3, 2023: Opening day of the 118th Congress & Speaker vote
- After 15 ballots, Rep. McCarthy was elected Speaker by the House Republican conference



What to Expect from the House GOP Majority

- Policy Priorities – “Commitment to America”
 - Economy – inflation and energy prices
 - National Security – increase defense budget, secure the border, reduce crime
 - Health Care & Education – personalize health care and protect rights on parents/students
 - Big Tech – Privacy and data security
 - China – creating a Select Committee to focus on issues related to China
- Oversight
 - Expect each House committee to conduct rigorous oversight of the Biden Administration and federal spending, including:
 - Afghanistan withdrawal; Covid-19 Response; Climate Change (Inflation Reduction Act, ESG, energy policies); Southern Border; Crypto; Activist Investors and Regulators



A New Generation of House Dem Leaders

- House Democratic Leadership for the 118th:
 - Minority Leader – Hakeem Jeffries (NY-8)
 - Minority Whip – Katherine Clark (MA-5)
 - Caucus Chair – Pete Aguilar (CA-31)
- House Democratic Agenda
 - Pushing back on GOP investigations
 - Protecting Biden Administration priorities



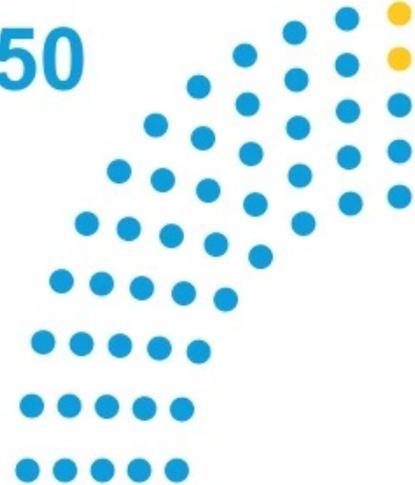
Democrats Increase Senate Margin

- Democrats assumed a larger control of the Senate by a margin of 51-49.
- End of 117th Congress Power-Sharing

Senate Balance of Power for New Congress

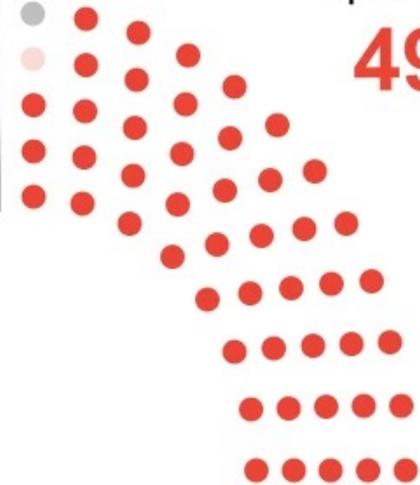
Democrats

50



Republicans*

49



Source: Associated Press calls of races.

Note: Light pink reflects Alaska race where one of two Republicans likely to win; yellow indicates independents who caucus with Democrats

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Senate Outlook for the 118th

- Leadership in the Senate
 - Democratic Leaders
 - Majority Leader – Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
 - Majority Whip – Dick Durbin (D-IL)
 - DPCC Chair – Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
 - Republican Leaders
 - Minority Leader – Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
 - Minority Whip – John Thune (R-SD)
 - Conference Chair – John Barasso (R-WY)
- Senate Committee ratios to change in Dems favor



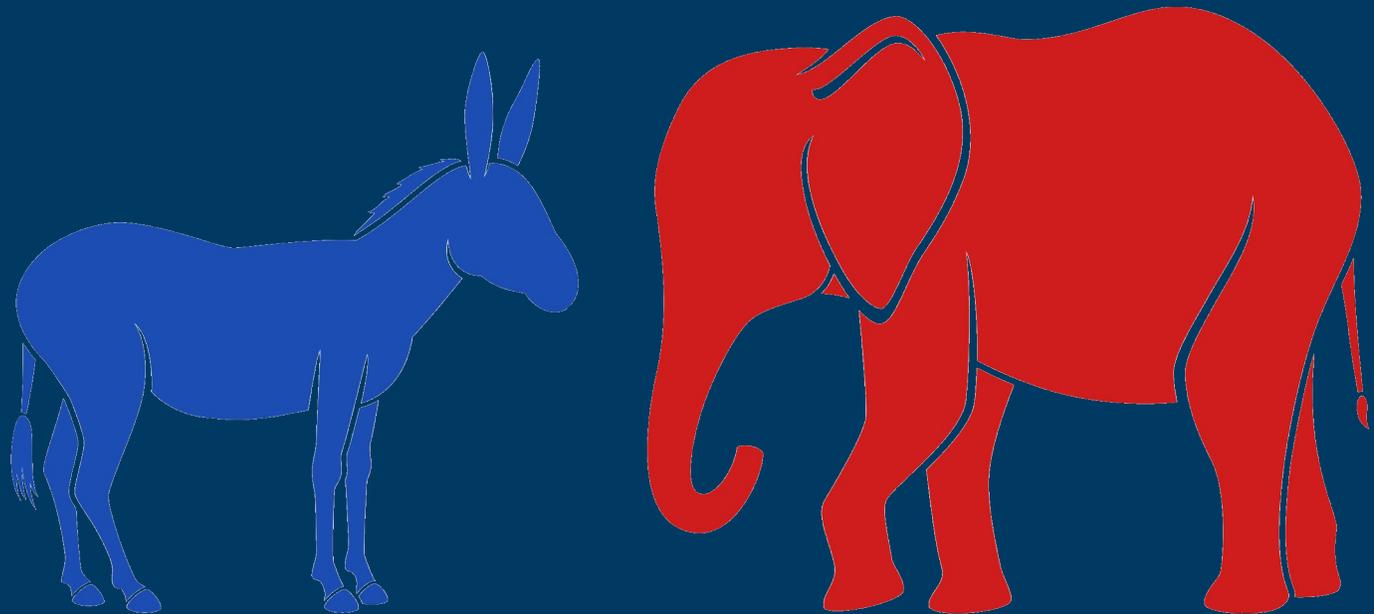
Senate Agenda for the 118th

- Democrats maintain/increase a narrow majority
- Priorities
 - Amplifying Biden Administration legislative accomplishments:
 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
 - Inflation Reduction Act
 - CHIPS and Science Act
 - Nominations – judicial and executive
 - Bipartisan Work



Likely Agendas for the 118th Congress

- Annual “must-pass” bills – NDAA and Appropriations
- Debt Limit Increase
- *Farm Bill?*



Opportunities and Challenges in the New Congress

Will Bipartisanship continue to flourish, or does the partisan divide grow larger?

- Bipartisan gangs on consensus issues – expect discussions to continue on items such as mental health, veterans, workforce, etc.
- Impact of 2024 Presidential and political environment



Appropriations

House Committee Leadership



Chair
Kay Granger (R-TX)



Ranking Member
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

Senate Committee Leadership



Chair
Patty Murray (D-WA)



Vice Chair Member
Susan Collins (R-ME)



Agriculture Appropriations

House Subcommittee Leadership



Chair
Andy Harris (R-MD)



Ranking Member
Sanford Bishop (D-GA)

Senate Subcommittee Leadership



Chair
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)



Ranking Member
John Hoeven (R-ND)



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House Committee Leadership



Chair
GT Thompson (R-PA)



Ranking Member
David Scott (D-GA)

Senate Committee Leadership



Chairwoman
Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)



Ranking Member
John Boozman (R-AR)



House Agriculture Committee Members

Returning Members

Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson (PA-15), Chairman
Rep. Rick Crawford (AR-01)
Rep. Austin Scott (GA-08)
Rep. Scott DesJarlais (TN-04)
Rep. Doug LaMalfa (CA-01)
Rep. David Rouzer (NC-07)
Rep. Trent Kelly (MS-01)
Rep. Don Bacon (NE-02)
Rep. Dusty Johnson (SD-AL)
Rep. Jim Baird (IN-04)
Rep. Tracey Mann (KS-01)
Rep. Mary Miller (IL-15)
Rep. Barry Moore (AL-02)
Rep. Kat Cammack (FL-03)
Rep. Brad Finstad (MN-01)

New Members

Rep. Frank Lucas (OK-03)
Rep. John Rose (TN-06)
Rep. Ronny Jackson (TX-13)
Rep. Mark Alford (MO-04)
Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (OR-05)
Rep. Monica De La Cruz (TX-15)
Rep. John Duarte (CA-13)
Rep. Nick Langworthy (NY-23)
Rep. Max Miller (OH-07)
Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19)
Rep. Zach Nunn (IA-03)
Rep. Derrick Van Orden (WI-03)



Outlook for Food and Agriculture

- 2018 Farm Bill expires in 2023
 - Conversations shaped by impacts of inflation, increased input prices, supply chain challenges, industry consolidation, and Ukraine
- Democratic priorities: climate and conservation, nutrition
- Republican priorities: production agriculture, redirecting allocated climate funding, tightening nutrition program eligibility
- Bipartisan support for rural development, including broadband
- House oversight of pandemic nutrition programs and conservation programs



Questions?

