

D.C. Update

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CIRB

Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau, Inc.

CIRB Strategy

- CIRB's Executive Committee led the development of a strategic plan that guides the organization's work.
- The plan is built on four “pillars”:
 1. The Capital Voice
 2. D.C. Information Source
 3. Membership Services
 4. Collaboration



CIRB Core Pillars

The Capital Voice

CIRB monitors, advocates and communicates to influence government decisions and preserve the farm safety net.

DC Information Source

CIRB is the leading legislative resource for the industry, media, and decision makers.

Membership Services

CIRB provides exemplary membership benefits and continues to expand its membership base.

Collaboration

CIRB works cooperatively with all insurance and reinsurance organizations, agents, customers, lenders and others in the agriculture value chain.

Crop Insurance Coalition



The DC Landscape

What Must Be Done vs. What Will Be Done

Congressional To Do List

MUST PASS

- Appropriations
 - Remaining FY26 bills
 - FY27
- National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
- Transportation Package
 - Surface Transportation/WRDA

OTHER PRIORITIES

- Healthcare
- Immigration
- Permitting Reform (as a part of Surface Transportation?)
- Farm Bill

Taking Up Airwaves...

- International Affairs – Venezuela, Russia/Ukraine, China/Taiwan
- IEEPA – Tariffs
- Waste, Fraud and Abuse Debate
- Slim Republican Majority – Discharge Petitions
- The Trump Factor
- Additional Retirements – Klobuchar?
- November Elections (Fourth of July is the unofficial cutoff)

International Relations

ZOOMING IN ON VENEZUELA

- Take a look back at history...
 - Varying factors re: previous examples – existing US influence, dynamics within the region, interests (oil)
- This is not a "kitchen table" issue, but how will actions impact the broader US and global economy?
 - US is the second-largest exporter of agricultural goods to Venezuela, with a 26% market share. (Brazil is top exporter.)

LOOKING TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD

- A declared focus on the Western Hemisphere, but other global actions will continue...
 - Russia/Ukraine, China/Taiwan

OTHER COMPLICATING FACTORS

- On top of all of that, a Supreme Court ruling on tariffs could further complicate trade relations and business operations.
- Messaging discipline within the Administration

2026 Election

Landscape, The Republican Dilemma, Open Seats

2026 Elections

Partisan composition, U.S. Senate	
119th Congress	
Party	Members
Democratic	45
Republican	53
Independent	2 ^[1]
Vacancies	0
Total	100

Partisan composition, U.S. House	
119th Congress	
Party	Members
Democratic	213
Republican	219
Vacancies	3
Total	435

Looking ahead to the 2026 general elections:

- **House** - Democrats will need to gain a net of three seats to win the majority.
- **Senate** - Democrats will need to gain a net of four seats to win the majority.

Casualty List

RETIRING:



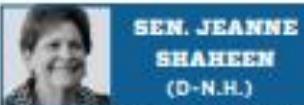
**SEN. GARY
PETERS**
(D-Mich.)



**SEN. TINA
SMITH**
(D-Minn.)



**SEN. MITCH
MCCONNELL**
(R-Ky.)



**SEN. JEANNE
SHAHEEN**
(D-N.H.)



**SEN. RICHARD J.
DURBIN**
(D-Ill.)



**SEN. THOM
TILLIS**
(R-N.C.)



**SEN. JONI
ERNST**
(R-Iowa)



**REP. JAN
SCHAKOWSKY**
(D-Ill.)



**REP. DWIGHT
EVANS**
(D-Pa.)



**REP. DANNY K.
DAVIS**
(D-Ill.)



**REP. DON
BACON**
(R-Neb.)



REP. JERRY NADLER
(D-N.Y.)



**REP. MORGAN
LUTTRELL**
(R-Tex.)



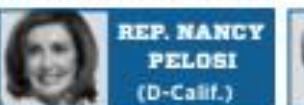
**REP. MICHAEL
MCCAUL**
(R-Tex.)



**REP. JESÚS
"CHUY" GARCÍA**
(D-Ill.)



**REP. JARED
GOLDEN**
(D-Maine)



**REP. NANCY
PELOSI**
(D-Calif.)



**REP. BONNIE
WATSON COLEMAN**
(D-N.J.)



**REP. JODEY C.
ARRINGTON**
(R-Tex.)



**REP. NYDIA M.
VELÁZQUEZ**
(D-N.Y.)



**REP. TROY
NEHLS**
(R-Tex.)



**REP. LLOYD
DOGGETT**
(D-Tex.)



**REP. MARC
VEASEY**
(D-Tex.)



**REP. DAN
NEWHOUSE**
(R-Wash.)



**SEN. CYNTHIA
LUMMIS**
(R-Wyo.)

Casualty List Continued...

RUNNING FOR OTHER OFFICE:



REP. ANDY BIGGS
(R-Ariz.)

First elected: 2016

Details: Announced intention to run for governor, Jan. 25, 2025



REP. BYRON DONALDS
(R-Fla.)

First elected: 2020

Details: Announced intention to run for governor, Feb. 25, 2025



REP. JOHN W. ROSE
(R-Tenn.)

First elected: 2018

Details: Announced intention to run for governor, March 20, 2025



REP. CHRIS PAPPAS
(D-N.H.)

First elected: 2018

Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, April 3, 2025



REP. JOHN JAMES
(R-Mich.)

First elected: 2022

Details: Announced intention to run for governor, April 7, 2025



REP. ANDY BARR
(R-Ky.)

First elected: 2012

Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, April 22, 2025



REP. HALEY STEVENS
(D-Mich.)

First elected: 2018

Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, April 22, 2025



REP. ANGIE CRAIG
(D-Minn.)

First elected: 2018

Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, April 29, 2025



REP. ROBIN KELLY
(D-Ill.)

First elected: 2013

Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, May 6, 2025



REP. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI
(D-Ill.)

First elected: 2016

Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, May 7, 2025



First elected: 2014

Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, May 8, 2025



First elected or appointed: 2020

Details: Announced intention to run for governor, May 27, 2025



First elected: 2018

Details: Announced intention to run for governor, June 30, 2025



First elected: 2017

Details: Announced intention to run for governor, July 27, 2025



First elected: 2022

Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, July 28, 2025



First elected: 2020

Details: Announced intention to run for governor, Aug. 4, 2025



First elected: 2020

Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, Aug. 12, 2025



First elected: 2018

Details: Announced intention to run for Texas attorney general, Aug. 21, 2025



First elected: 2020

Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, Sept. 2, 2025



First elected: 2020

Details: Announced intention to run for governor, Sept. 23, 2025



First elected: 2010

Details: Announced intention to run for governor, Sept. 30, 2025



First elected: 2022

Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, Oct. 6, 2025



First elected: 2014

Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, Oct. 15, 2025



First elected: 2020

Details: Announced intention to run for governor, Oct. 28, 2025



First elected: 2012

Details: Announced intention to run for governor, Nov. 21, 2025



First elected: 2022

Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, Dec. 8, 2025



First elected: 2022

Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, Dec. 23, 2025

RESIGNING:



REP. MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE
(R-Ga.)

First elected: 2020

Details: Announced intention to resign, Nov. 21, 2025

ELECTED TO OTHER OFFICE:



REP. MIKIE SHERRILL
(D-N.J.)

First elected: 2018

Details: Elected governor of New Jersey, Nov. 4, 2025; resigned, Nov. 20, 2025.

RESIGNED:



REP. MARK E. GREEN
(R-Tenn.)

First elected: 2018

Details: Resigned from office, effective July 20, 2025

LEFT FOR OTHER POSITION:



SEN. MARCO RUBIO
(R-Fla.)

First elected or appointed: 2010

Details: Appointed secretary of State, resigned Jan. 20, 2025

Replaced by: Sen. Ashely Moody, R-Fla., appointed Jan. 21, 2025



SEN. JD VANCE
(R-Ohio)

First elected or appointed: 2022

Details: Elected vice president, resigned Jan. 9, 2025

Replaced by: Sen. Jon Husted, R-Ohio, appointed, Jan. 21, 2025



REP. MIKE WALTZ
(R-Fla.)

First elected: 2018

Details: Resigned Jan. 20, 2025 to be national security adviser; removed from position, May 2; confirmed as U.N. ambassador, Sept. 19, 2025

Replaced in House by: Rep. Randy Fine, R-Fla., in a special election, April 1, 2025

Source: Roll Call

DECEASED:



REP. SYLVESTER TURNER
(D-Texas)

First elected: 2024

Died: March 5, 2025



REP. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA
(D-Ariz.)

First elected: 2002

Died: March 13, 2025

Replaced by: Rep. Adelita Grijalva, D-Ariz., in a special election, Sept. 23, 2025



REP. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
(D-Va.)

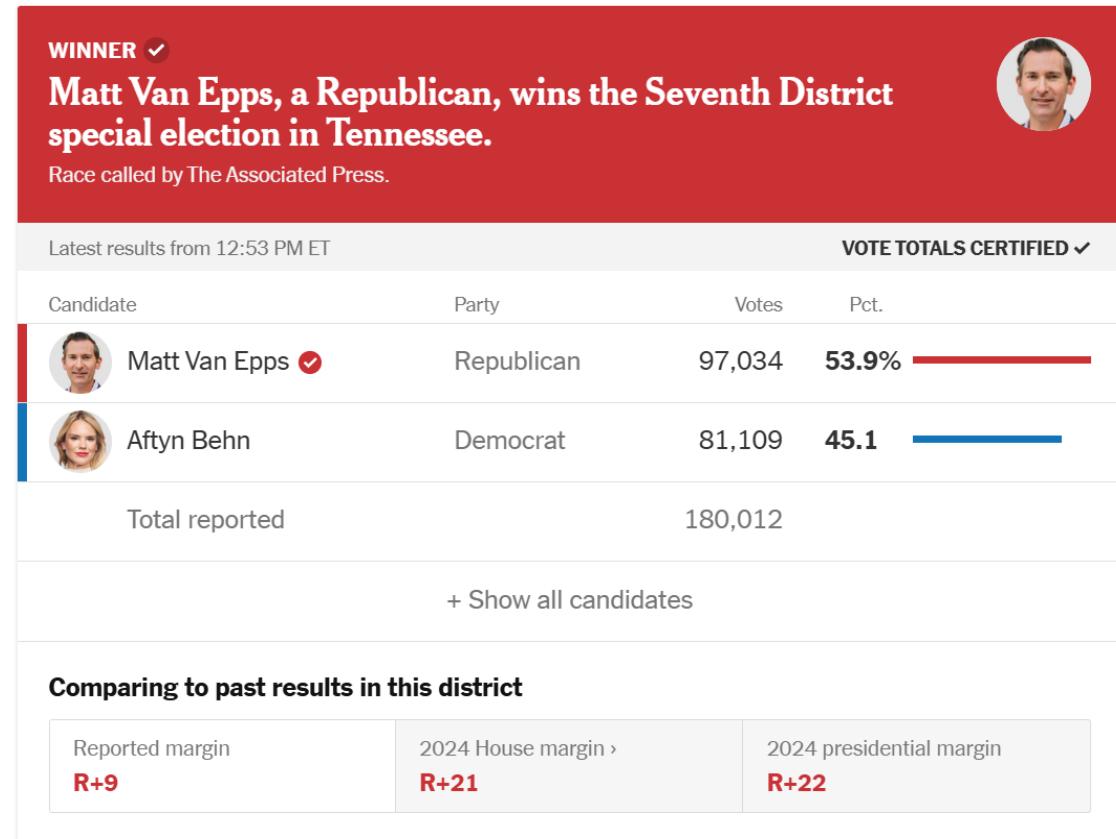
First elected: 2008

Died: May 21, 2025

Replaced by: Rep. James R. Walkinshaw, D-Va., in a special election, Sept. 9, 2025

The Republican Dilemma...

Since 1938, the President's party has lost ground in **20 out of 22** midterm elections.



LIKELY DEMOCRAT	LEAN DEMOCRAT	DEMOCRAT TOSS UP	REPUBLICAN TOSS UP	LEAN REPUBLICAN	LIKELY REPUBLICAN
17 Dem • 0 Rep 0 Ind	10 Dem • 1 Rep 0 Ind	5 Dem • 0 Rep 0 Ind	0 Dem • 12 Rep 0 Ind	3 Dem • 5 Rep 0 Ind	2 Dem • 11 Rep 0 Ind
CA-21 Costa ★	CA-45 Tran	CA-13 Gray ★	AZ-01 OPEN (Schweikert)	IA-03 Nunn ★	AK-AL Begich III
CA-25 Ruiz	FL-23 Moskowitz	NM-02 Vasquez ★	AZ-06 Ciscomani	MI-10 OPEN (James)	AZ-02 Crane
CA-47 Min	MI-08 McDonald Rivet	NY-04 Gillen	CA-22 Valadao	NC-01 Davis ★	CO-03 Hurd
CT-05 Hayes ★	NE-02 OPEN (Bacon) ★	OH-01 Landsman	CA-48 Issa	NY-17 Lawler	FL-13 Luna
IL-17 Sorensen ★	NJ-09 Pou	WA-03 Perez	CO-08 Evans	OH-09 Kaptur	IA-02 OPEN (Hinson) ★
IN-01 Mrvan	NV-03 Lee		IA-01 Miller-Meeks	PA-08 Bresnahan ★	ME-02 OPEN (Golden)
MI-03 Scholten	NY-03 Suozzi		MI-07 Barrett	TX-34 Gonzalez	MI-04 Huizenga
MN-02 OPEN (Craig) ★	NY-19 Riley ★		NJ-07 Kean Jr.	VA-01 Wittman	MT-01 Zinke
NH-01 OPEN (Pappas)	OH-13 Sykes		PA-07 Mackenzie		NC-11 Edwards
NH-02 Goodlander	TX-28 Cuellar		PA-10 Perry		PA-01 Fitzpatrick
NV-01 Titus	VA-07 Vindman ★		VA-02 Kiggans		TX-15 De La Cruz ★
NV-04 Horsford			WI-03 Van Orden ★		TX-35 OPEN (Casar)
NY-18 Ryan					WI-01 Steil
NY-22 Mannion					
OR-05 Bynum					
PA-17 Deluzio					
WA-08 Schrier					



SOLID D	LIKELY D	LEAN D	TOSS UP	TOSS UP	LEAN R	LIKELY R	SOLID R
CO-Hickenlooper	MN-OPEN 	NH-OPEN	GA-Ossoff MI-OPEN	ME-Collins NC-OPEN	OH-Husted	IA-OPEN  TX-Cornyn	AK-Sullivan AL-OPEN  AR-Cotton FL-Moody ID-Risch KS-Marshall  KY-OPEN  LA-Cassidy MS-Hyde-Smith  MT-Daines NE-Ricketts OK-Mullin SC-Graham SD-Rounds TN-Hagerty WV-Capito WY-OPEN
DE-Coons							
IL-OPEN 							
MA-Markey							
NJ-Booker 							
NM-Luján							
OR-Merkley							
RI-Reed							
VA-Warner							

Other Issues to Watch

Safety Net, MAHA, Conservation, Biofuels

Safety Net

- **Trump Admin announced \$12B in "bridge assistance"**
 - Assistance will be rolled out "quickly" and take a broad approach
- **\$11B - Barley, Chickpeas, Corn, Cotton, Lentils, Oats, Peanuts, Peas, Rice, Sorghum, Soybeans, Wheat, Canola, Crambe, Flax, Mustard, Rapeseed, Safflower, Sesame, and Sunflower**
 - Covered losses include market disruptions, elevated input costs, persistent inflation, and market losses from "foreign competitors engaging in unfair trade practices that impede exports"
 - Commodity-specific payment rates have been announced
- Payments expected by Feb. 28, 2026
- Crop insurance is not required
- **\$1B – Other Crops (i.e. specialty crops, sugar)**
 - Additional details on implementation forthcoming

THE BIG QUESTION: IS MORE COMING FROM CONGRESS?

MAHA

- Trump Administration has released two MAHA reports
 - May 22 – Assessment of Issues (crop insurance mention)
 - September 9 – Strategy
- Implementation will be seen through legislation, regulation, and industry commitments; although overall impact and significance are still yet to be determined
 - Focus on food ingredients
 - Dietary Guidelines will focus on whole fat dairy, meat, and fruits/vegetables
- Frustration from the base regarding ag industry influence on MAHA – i.e. pesticides

Conservation

- With the Trump administration, we have seen a major "course change" regarding conservation programs
 - Biden – emissions reduction, climate smart
 - Trump – soil health, regenerative agriculture
- In OBBA, Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) conservation funding was moved to Farm Bill baseline
 - EQIP - \$18.5B; CSP - \$8.1B; ACEP - \$4.1B , and RCPP - \$2.7B
- \$700 million investment in regenerative agriculture pilot within existing USDA conservation programs, focus on transition to regenerative ag
 - Continuing to watch how focus on regenerative ag impacts farm policy

Biofuels

- Major shift in focus from renewable energy in the Biden Administration to oil/natural gas in the Trump Administration
- Pending finalization of RVOs and Reallocation Proposals
- Inclusion of 45(z) provisions in OBBBA
 - Awaiting implementation
 - Expires 2029
- Corn and soybean farmers are anxiously awaiting announcements

Questions?

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