

# D.C. Update

*January 12, 2026*

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 <sup>[1]</sup>
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.)

*First elected or appointed:* 2014  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, Jan. 28, 2025



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

*First elected or appointed:* 2017  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, Feb. 13, 2025



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

*First elected or appointed:* 1984  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, Feb. 20, 2025



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

*First elected or appointed:* 2008  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, March 12, 2025



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

*First elected or appointed:* 1996  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, April 23, 2025



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

*First elected or appointed:* 2014  
*Details:* Announced intention  
to retire, June 29, 2025



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

*First elected or appointed:* 2014  
*Details:* Announced intention  
to retire, Sept. 2, 2025



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

*First elected:* 1998  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, May 5, 2025



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

*First elected:* 2016  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, June 30, 2025



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

*First elected:* 1996  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, July 31, 2025



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

*First elected:* 2016  
*Details:* Announced intention  
to retire, June 30, 2025



**REP. JERROLD  
NADLER**  
(D-N.Y.)

*First elected:* 1992  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, Sept. 2, 2025



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

*First elected:* 2022  
*Details:* Announced intention  
to retire, Sept. 11, 2025



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

*First elected:* 2004  
*Details:* Announced intention  
to retire, Sept. 14, 2025



**REP. JESÚS  
"CHUY" GARCÍA**  
(D-Ill.)

*First elected:* 2018  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, Nov. 5, 2025



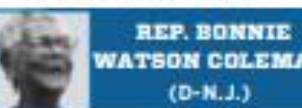
**REP. JARED  
GOLDEN**  
(D-Maine)

*First elected:* 2018  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, Nov. 5, 2025



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

*First elected:* 1987  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, Nov. 6, 2025



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

*First elected:* 2014  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, Nov. 10, 2025



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

*First elected:* 2016  
*Details:* Announced intention  
to retire, Nov. 11, 2025



**REP. NYDIA M.  
VELÁZQUEZ**  
(D-N.Y.)

*First elected:* 1992  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, Nov. 20, 2025



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

*First elected:* 2020  
*Details:* Announced intention  
to retire, Nov. 29, 2025



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

*First elected:* 1994  
*Departure details:* Announced  
intention to retire, Dec. 5, 2025



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

*First elected:* 2012  
*Details:* Announced intention  
to retire, Dec. 15, 2025



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

*First elected:* 2014  
*Details:* Announced intention  
to retire, Dec. 17, 2025



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

*First elected:* 2020  
*Details:* Announced intention  
to retire, Dec. 19, 2025



**REP. ELISE  
STEFANIK**  
(R-N.Y.)

*First elected:* 2014  
*Details:* Announced intention  
to retire, Dec. 19, 2025

# Casualty List Continued...

## RUNNING FOR OTHER OFFICE:

 <b>REP. ANDY BIGGS</b> (R-Ariz.) First elected: 2016 Details: Announced intention to run for governor, Jan. 25, 2025	 <b>REP. BYRON DONALDS</b> (R-Fla.) First elected: 2020 Details: Announced intention to run for governor, Feb. 25, 2025	 <b>REP. JOHN W. ROSE</b> (R-Tenn.) First elected: 2018 Details: Announced intention to run for governor, March 20, 2025	 <b>REP. CHRIS PAPPAS</b> (D-N.H.) First elected: 2018 Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, April 3, 2025	 <b>REP. JOHN JAMES</b> (R-Mich.) First elected: 2022 Details: Announced intention to run for governor, April 7, 2025
 <b>REP. ANDY BARR</b> (R-Ky.) First elected: 2012 Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, April 22, 2025	 <b>REP. HALEY STEVENS</b> (D-Mich.) First elected: 2018 Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, April 22, 2025	 <b>REP. ANGIE CRAIG</b> (D-Minn.) First elected: 2018 Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, April 29, 2025	 <b>REP. ROBIN KELLY</b> (D-Ill.) First elected: 2013 Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, May 6, 2025	 <b>REP. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY</b> (D-Ill.) First elected: 2016 Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, May 7, 2025
 <b>REP. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER</b> (R-Ga.) First elected: 2014 Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, May 8, 2025	 <b>SEN. TOMMY TUBERVILLE</b> (R-Ala.) First elected or appointed: 2020 Details: Announced intention to run for governor, May 27, 2025	 <b>REP. DUSTY JOHNSON</b> (R-S.D.) First elected: 2018 Details: Announced intention to run for governor, June 30, 2025	 <b>REP. RALPH NORMAN</b> (R-S.C.) First elected: 2017 Details: Announced intention to run for governor, July 27, 2025	 <b>REP. MIKE COLLINS</b> (R-Ga.) First elected: 2022 Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, July 28, 2025
 <b>REP. NANCY MACE</b> (R-S.C.) First elected: 2020 Details: Announced intention to run for governor, Aug. 4, 2025	 <b>REP. BARRY MOORE</b> (R-Ala.) First elected: 2020 Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, Aug. 12, 2025	 <b>REP. CHIP ROY</b> (R-Texas) First elected: 2018 Details: Announced intention to run for Texas attorney general, Aug. 21, 2025	 <b>REP. ASHLEY HINSON</b> (R-Iowa) First elected: 2020 Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, Sept. 2, 2025	 <b>REP. TOM TIFFANY</b> (R-Wis.) First elected: 2020 Details: Announced intention to run for governor, Sept. 23, 2025
 <b>REP. DAVID SCHWEIKERT</b> (R-Ariz.) First elected: 2010 Details: Announced intention to run for governor, Sept. 30, 2025	 <b>REP. WESLEY HUNT</b> (R-Texas) First elected: 2022 Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, Oct. 6, 2025	 <b>REP. SETH MOULTON</b> (D-Mass.) First elected: 2014 Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, Oct. 15, 2025	 <b>REP. RANDY FEENSTRA</b> (R-Iowa) First elected: 2020 Details: Announced intention to run for governor, Oct. 28, 2025	 <b>REP. ERIC SWALWELL</b> (D-Calif.) First elected: 2012 Details: Announced intention to run for governor, Nov. 21, 2025
 <b>REP. JASMINE CROCKETT</b> (D-Texas) First elected: 2022 Details: Announced intention to run for Senate, Dec. 8, 2025	 <b>REP. HARRIET M. HAGEMAN</b> (R-Wyo.) 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. Ashley 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:

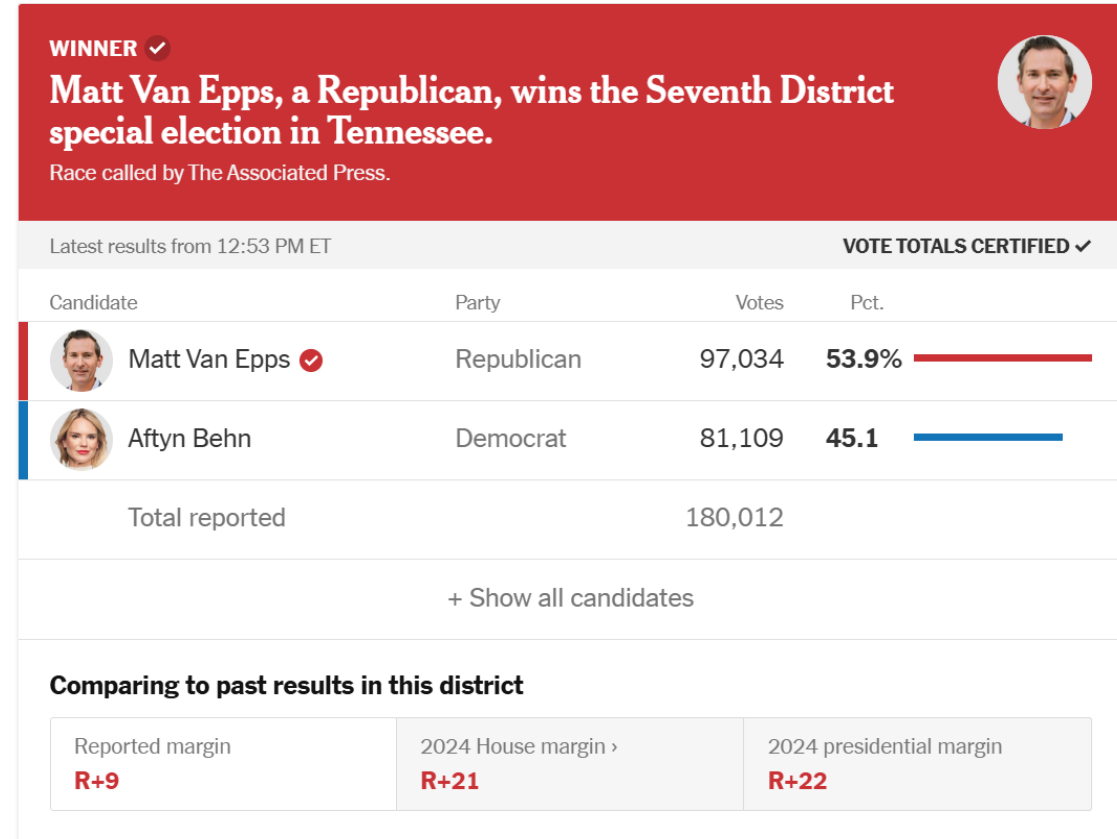

**REP. SYLVESTER TURNER**  
(D-Texas)  
First elected: 2024  
Died: March 5, 2025


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



SOLID D	LIKELY D	LEAN D	TOSS UP
CO-Hickenlooper DE-Coons IL-OPEN ★ MA-Markey NJ-Booker ★ NM-Luján OR-Merkley RI-Reed VA-Warner	MN-OPEN ★	NH-OPEN	GA-Ossoff MI-OPEN

TOSS UP	LEAN R	LIKELY R	SOLID R
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

# 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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