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**“Election 2018: Impact on Science Funding and Policy Issues”**

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# Agenda for Today's Webinar

1. Welcome
2. Overview of Mid-Term Election Results
3. Impact on Science Funding and Policy Issues
4. 2019 Legislative Outlook
5. Questions and Answers

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# What is FASEB?

- A federation of 30 societies
- Representing over 130,000 researchers
- Our Mission...
  - ▣ Advance health and welfare by promoting progress and education in biological and biomedical sciences through service to our member societies and collaborative advocacy.

# Member Societies



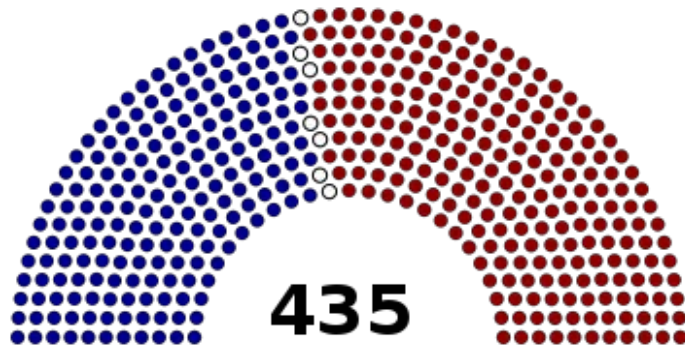
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# Midterm Election Results

## Democrats Will Control the House

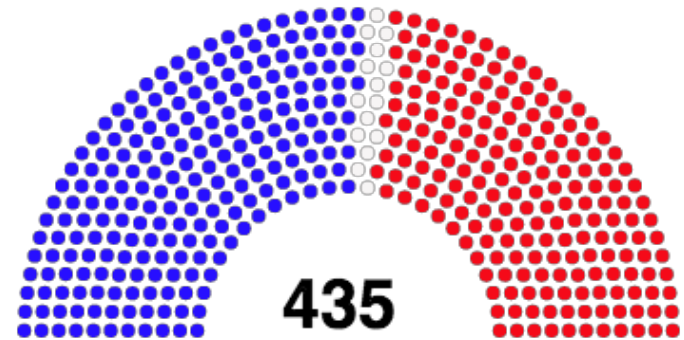
115<sup>th</sup> Congress  
(2017-2018)  
*on 11/5/18*



235 Republicans, 193  
Democrats, 7 vacancies



116<sup>th</sup> Congress  
(2019-2020)  
*as of 11/7/18,  
per Politico*



223 Democrats, 197  
Republicans, 15 undecided

# House Leadership Changes

- Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) expected to become Speaker of the House on January 3, 2019
  - ▣ She may face a challenger since a number of candidates ran on a pledge to not support Pelosi, but she is expected to win.
- Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) expected to become Minority Leader.
  - ▣ He will face a challenge from Freedom Caucus leader Jim Jordan (R-OH), but he is expected to win.

# Likely House Committee Changes

Committee	Chair	Ranking Member	Issues
Appropriations	Nita Lowey (D-NY)	Kay Granger (R-TX) likely, others may challenge (Mike Simpson (R-ID), Tom Cole (R-OK), Tom Graves (R-GA))	Funding for all programs (NIH, NSF, DOD, DOE, etc.)
Energy and Commerce	Frank Pallone (D-NJ)	Greg Walden (R-OR)	NIH authorization
Science, Space, & Technology	Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)	Unclear: Frank Lucas (R-OK)?; Randy Weber (R-TX)?	NSF and DOE Office of Science authorization
Agriculture	Collin Peterson (D-MN)	Mike Conaway (R-TX)	Farm Bill – Agriculture and Food Research Initiative
Armed Services	Adam Smith (D-WA)	Mac Thornberry (R-TX)	Defense biomedical research authorization



# Midterm Election Results

## The Senate

- Republicans will retain and likely gain a seat or two in the Senate (pre-election ratio was 51R/49D).
- Mitch McConnell (R-KY) will remain Majority Leader, and Chuck Schumer (D-NY) will remain Minority Leader.
- Many Senate Committee Chairs/Ranking Members will remain the same, but changes will happen due to party term limits (Chairman Thune at Commerce-Science-Transportation) or election losses (e.g., if Sen. Nelson loses Florida recount, then new Democratic Ranking Member).

# Likely Senate Committee Leadership

Committee	Chair	Ranking Member	Issues
Appropriations	Richard Shelby (R-AL)	Pat Leahy (D-VT)	Funding for all programs (NIH, NSF, DOD, DOE, etc.)
Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP)	Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	Patty Murray (D-WA)	NIH authorization
Commerce, Science, & Transportation	Roger Wicker (R-MS)	TBD (Nelson in recount; Cantwell next senior)	NSF authorization
Energy & Natural Resources	Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)	Maria Cantwell (D-WA)	DOE Office of Science
Agriculture	Pat Roberts (R-KS)	Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative
Armed Services	James Inhofe (R-OK)	Jack Reed (D-RI)	Defense biomedical research authorizations

# Impact on Science Issues

- Divided Congress and Presidential election in two years means little chance for the enactment of significant authorizing legislation.
- Many of the Democratic gains in the House came at the expense of more moderate House Republicans – the divide is greater than ever.
- New House Democratic majorities will spend a significant amount of time on oversight of the Administration.

# 2019 Legislative Outlook

- The early part of next year will be focused on getting the new (116<sup>th</sup>) Congress organized
  - ▣ Leadership elections in House & Senate
  - ▣ Finalizing committee rosters
- The 2019 agenda may also be affected by what does not get done in the “lame duck” session
- The 2020 Presidential race leaves a very short window to strike bipartisan deals
  - ▣ Peak time to pass major bills is January – July 2018

# “Lame Duck” Session

- Current Congress return to Capitol Hill next week
- The length of the session is unknown
- Legislation that could be considered:
  - ▣ Extension of the current “continuing resolution” (expires December 7, 2018)
  - ▣ Remaining FY 2019 appropriations bills
  - ▣ The Farm Bill
  - ▣ Funding a wall on the southern border of the U.S.
  - ▣ Cabinet and judicial nominees (Senate)
  - ▣ Appropriations/budget process reform

# 2019 Legislative Agenda: Big Picture

- The Three “I’s”
  - ▣ Investigations
  - ▣ Immigration
  - ▣ Infrastructure
  
- Trade Issues
  - ▣ NAFTA 2.0
  - ▣ Other trade deals
  
- Concern About Growing Debt/Deficit
  - ▣ Debt ceiling will need to be raised again

# Possible House Agenda

- Fixes to the Affordable Care Act
- Trade deals
- Prescription Drug Pricing
- DACA/ Legislation to Protect Dreamers
- Increased Oversight of Administration
- Tax Reform (expansion of EITC and child tax credits; new education tax credit)

# Possible Senate Agenda

- Confirming More Judicial Nominees
- Regulatory Reform
- Updating the Higher Education Act
- Immigration Reform
- Tax Reform 2.0 (make individual cuts permanent; new middle class tax cut)
- Entitlement Reform (Social Security; Medicare)



# 2019 Budget Outlook

- Administration's FY 2020 Budget Expected in February
- Press reports indicated that the President asked all agencies/departments to cut their budgets 5% below current spending
- Anticipating that Administration budget request will be similar to FY 2018
  - Large cuts to NIH, NSF, domestic agencies
  - Increased spending for the military/defense

# 2019 Appropriations Outlook

- Spending caps and sequestration return in FY 2020
  - ▣ Spending cap for non-defense discretionary programs is \$55 billion (-9%) below FY 2019
  - ▣ Spending cap for defense is \$71 billion (-11%) below FY 2019
- The spending caps will complicate the outlook for the FY 2020 appropriations bills
- “Raise the Caps 4.0”
  - ▣ Another bipartisan deal will be needed to increase the caps

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