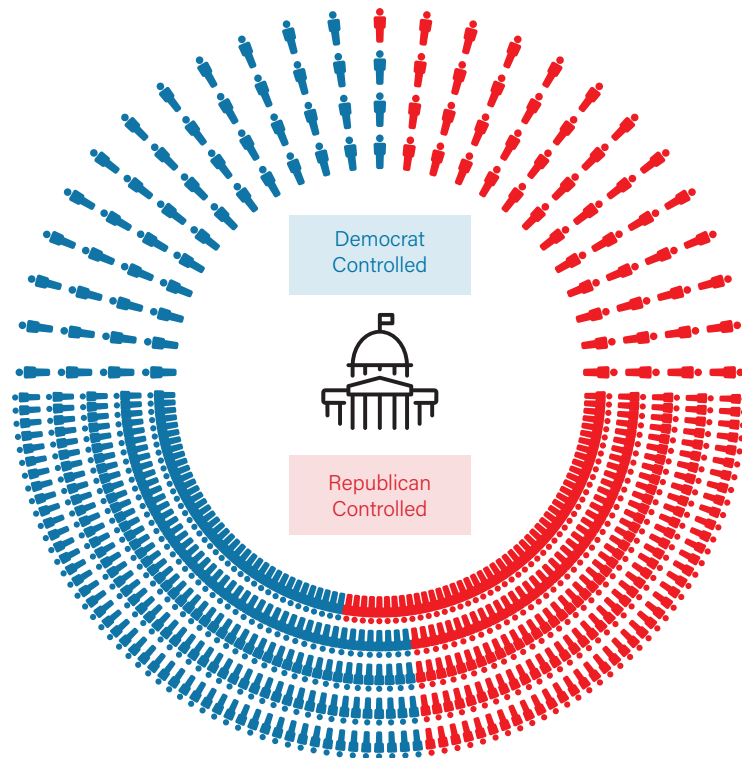




2022 Midterm Election Scorecard

As of December 7

Congressional Party Affiliations



Senate

51 Democrat

49 Republican

House of Representatives

221 Republican

213 Democrat

Balance of Power as called by AP, Dec 7

Committee Shifts

Senate Appropriations

Chairman Leahy (D-VT) and Ranking Member Shelby (R-AL) are retiring at the end of this term. They are expected to be replaced by Sen. Murray (D-WA) and Sen. Collins (R-ME).

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)

Since Chairwoman Murray (D-WA) is expected to lead on the Appropriations Committee, it is expected that Sen. Sanders (I-VT) will lead HELP for Democrats. Ranking Member Burr (R-NC) is retiring; he is expected to be replaced by Sen. Cassidy (R-LA) now that Sen. Paul (R-KY) has indicated he will lead the Homeland Security Committee.

House Ways and Means Committee

Ranking Member Brady (R-TX) is retiring. Candidates to fill the role include Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO), Rep. Buchanan (R-FL), and Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE).

What We Expect in a Divided Government

House Republicans are expected to focus heavily on oversight of the Biden administration. This could range from scrutiny of various administrations actions such as the pull out of Afghanistan and student loan forgiveness to investigations of the president's family. House Republicans are expected to govern using the economic, regulatory and related frameworks they issued earlier in the year and to prioritize economic and related concerns. Divided government suggests that a limited number of bills will advance into law as they will need to clear a Republican House and a Democratic Senate and be signed by President Biden. A big question will be how much legislating can be done before much energy is being expended focused on the 2024 presidential election.

Key Dates

November 14 - Congress reconvenes lame duck session

Week of November 14 - Republican Steering and Policy Committee elections

January 3, 2023 - 117th Congress concludes and 118th sworn in, Speaker of the House election

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