Legislative and Political Landscape

Update on the U.S. House

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House of Representatives

Current Party Divisions of the House

232 Democrats  196 Republicans  1 Independents  6 Vacancies
House Leadership

1. Majority Leadership
   - Speaker of the House—Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
   - Majority Leader—Steny Hoyer (D-MD)
   - Majority Whip—Jim Clyburn (D-SC)
House Leadership

Minority Leadership

• Minority Leader—Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)
• Minority Whip—Steve Scalise (R-LA)
House Leadership

Committee Leaders

• Appropriations—Chair: Nita Lowey (D-NY); RM: Kay Granger (R-TX)
• Ways & Means—Chair: Richie Neal (D-MA); RM: Kevin Brady (R-TX)
• OGR—Chair: Carolyn Maloney (D-NY); RM: Jim Jordan (R-OH)
2020 Congressional Calendar

- In flux due to COVID-19
- House is supposed to meet next on May 4, 2020.
- House is currently looking into potentially establishing proxy voting, but House Leadership is hoping for a bipartisan agreement before moving forward with a rules change.
Legislative Landscape

- COVID-19 Response—CARES Act 2.0
- FY 2021 Appropriations
House Appropriations Interior Subcommittee

Democrats

Betty McCollum (MN-04) – Chair
Chellie Pingree (ME-01)
Derek Kilmer (WA-06)
Jose Serrano (NY-15)
Mike Quigley (IL-05)
Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12)
Brenda Lawrence (MI-14)

Republicans

David Joyce (OH-14) – Ranking Member
Mike Simpson (ID-02)
Chris Stewart (UT-02)
Mark Amodei (NV-02)
FY 2021 Appropriations Process

• FY 2020 was largely a bipartisan process, with both parties and the President coming to a two-year spending agreement
• President’s FY 2021 Budget Request—already submitted to Congress
• House began some Appropriations subcommittee hearings
• 302(b) numbers released by Chairwoman Nita Lowey (D-NY)
• Currently, appropriations process has been suspended due to Congress’ focus on COVID-19
• FY 2021 Begins on October 1, 2020
The Arts are Bipartisan
House Arts and STEAM Caucuses

Arts Caucus

142 Members

Chellie Pingree (D-ME) – Co-Chair
Elise Stefanik (R-NY) – Co-Chair

Ask Your Members to Join the Arts and STEAM Caucuses!!!

STEAM Caucus

84 Members

Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) – Co-Chair
Elise Stefanik (R-NY) – Co-Chair
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