

Legislative and Political Landscape



Update on the U.S. House

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House of Representatives

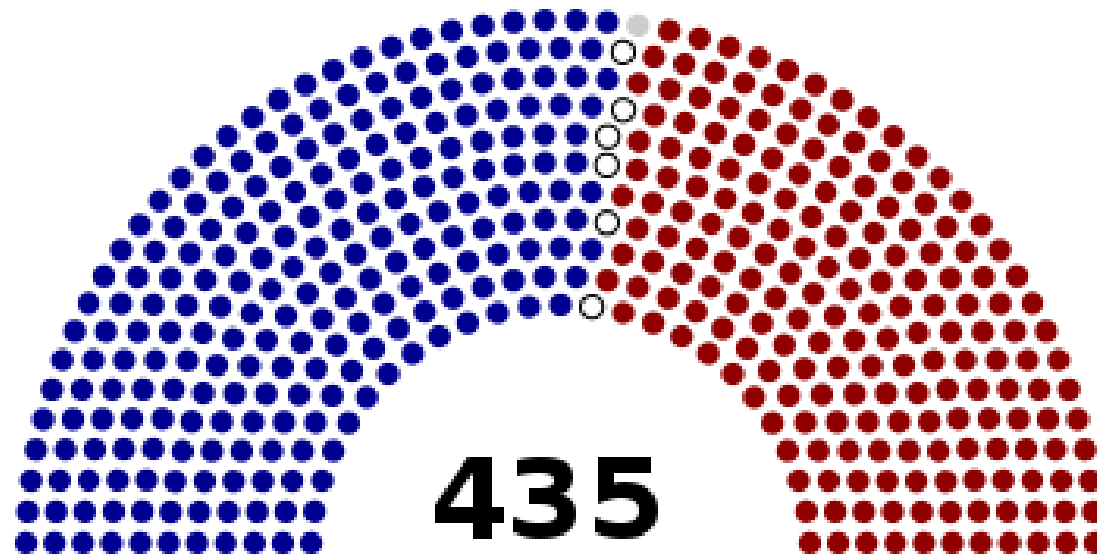
Current Party Divisions of the House

232 Democrats

196 Republicans

1 Independents

6 Vacancies



House Leadership

1. Majority Leadership

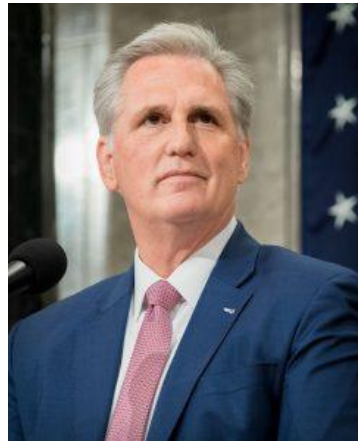
- Speaker of the House—Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
- Majority Leader—Steny Hoyer (D-MD)
- Majority Whip—Jim Clyburn (D-SC)



House Leadership

Minority Leadership

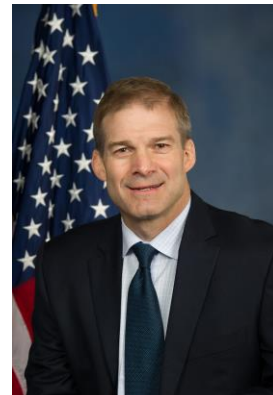
- Minority Leader—Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)
- Minority Whip—Steve Scalise (R-LA)



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 \(ID-02\)](#)

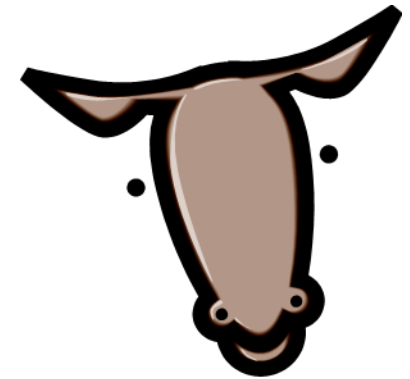
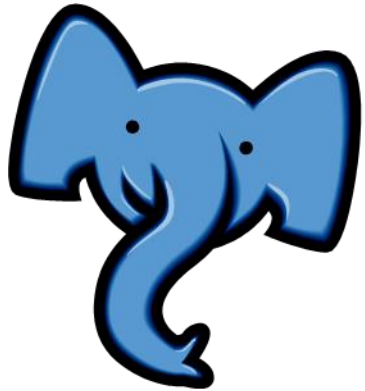
[Chris Stewart \(UT-02\)](#)

[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



STEAM Caucus

84 Members

[Suzanne Bonamici \(D-OR\)](#) – Co-Chair
[Elise Stefanik \(R-NY\)](#) – Co-Chair



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



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