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2026 Congressional Outlook

JULY 2026

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Calendar Overview

House & Senate Schedule for the Rest of 119th Congress

- If the schedule holds, the House and Senate have just 20 overlapping voting days remaining between July 13 and the general election.

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- The House has 23 session days left before the election.
- The Senate has 34 session days left before election.

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House Only in Session

Senate Only in Session

House & Senate in Session

Federal Holiday

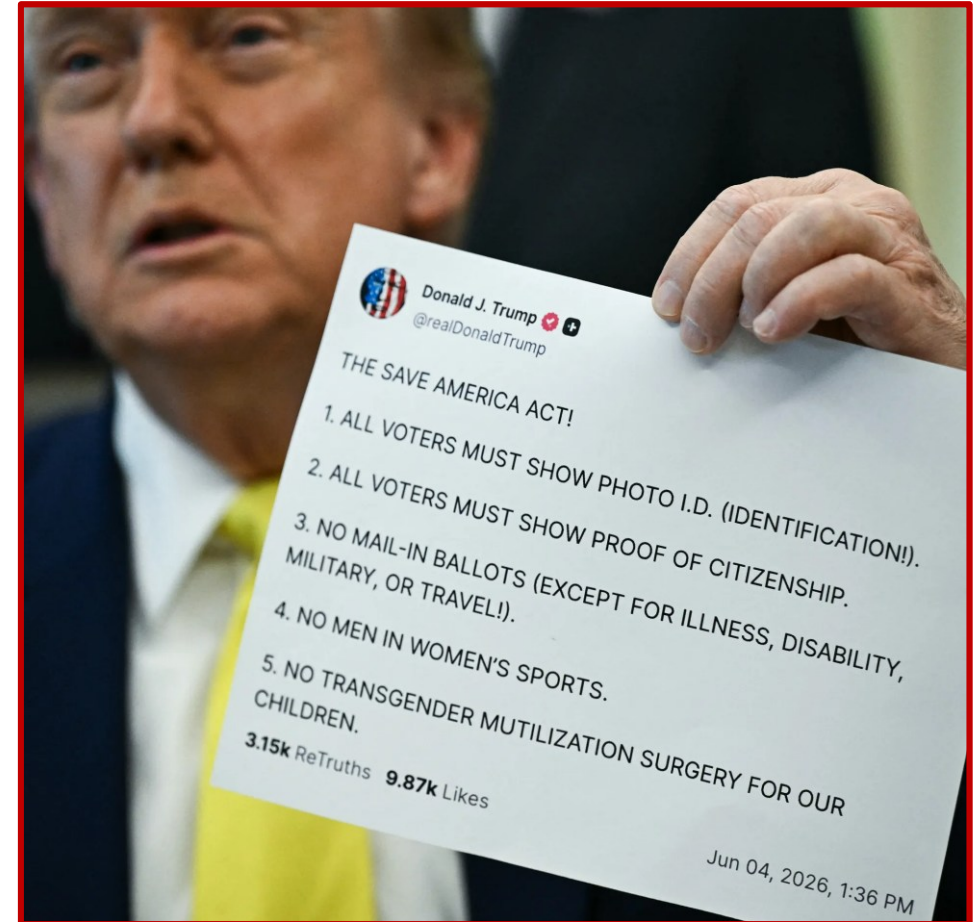
Congressional Calendar: Key Deadlines

The most important deadlines to watch, this year and next.

Sept. 30	→ End of FY 2026; statutory government funding deadline → Farm bill programs covered under November 2025 CR expire → Surface transportation authorization expires → National Flood Insurance Program authorization expires → Various veterans' healthcare extenders expire → SNAP authorization expires → TANF authorization expires → Health care extenders expire: 21st Century Cures NIH initiatives, grants for research on ALS therapies, infant formula reporting requirements, temporary LTCH site-neutral payment adjustment
Oct. 1	→ New Medicaid provider tax limits take effect
Dec. 31	→ Export-Import Bank authorization expires → Target deadline to pass FY 27 NDAA → Target deadline to pass Water Resources Development Act → CHIPS Act Advanced Manufacturing Investment tax credit expires → Health extenders expire: Medicare physician payment increase, Community Health Centers, National Health Service Corps, Special Diabetes Program (Type 1) / for Indians, Medicare hospice surveys funding, National health security / PAHPA authorities, delay of Medicare clinical laboratory payment changes, Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) incentive payment
2027	→ Mid-late 2027: Debt ceiling "X date" → Jan 1: Medicaid work requirements begin → Jan 1: IRA negotiated prices for 15 Part D drugs takes effect → July 1: \$800 de minimis customs exception for Commercial Shipments sunsets → Sept. 30: SNAP state cost-sharing kicks in → Sept. 30: FDA User Fee programs expire → Sept. 30: Maternal, Infant, & Early Childhood Home Visiting program authorization expires → Dec. 31: Additional IRA clean energy tax credits on hydrogen, wind and solar expire → Dec. 31: Medicare telehealth flexibilities expire → Dec. 31: Terrorism Risk Insurance program expires

SAVE America Stalemate

- ➔ President Donald **Trump is pressing Republicans to pass the so-called “SAVE America Act,”** which would require proof of citizenship and photo ID to vote in federal elections.
- ➔ The bill has **narrow partisan support** in the House and is short of the 60 votes it needs to pass the Senate.
- ➔ The president has insisted that SAVE America must be sent to him before he signs any other bills, **a dynamic that upended the congressional agenda** at the end of June.
 - ➔ He also declined to sign the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act, citing Congress’ failure to pass the SAVE America Act, but allowed the housing bill to become law automatically after the 10-day window expired.
- ➔ **14 Republicans blocked floor action in June** on the House NDAA, FY 2027 spending bills, and more amid the president’s push for the bill.
- ➔ **We’ll be watching to see how long Trump holds firm to this demand,** or if he provides some form of off-ramp that allows legislative business to proceed as usual.



Appropriations Update

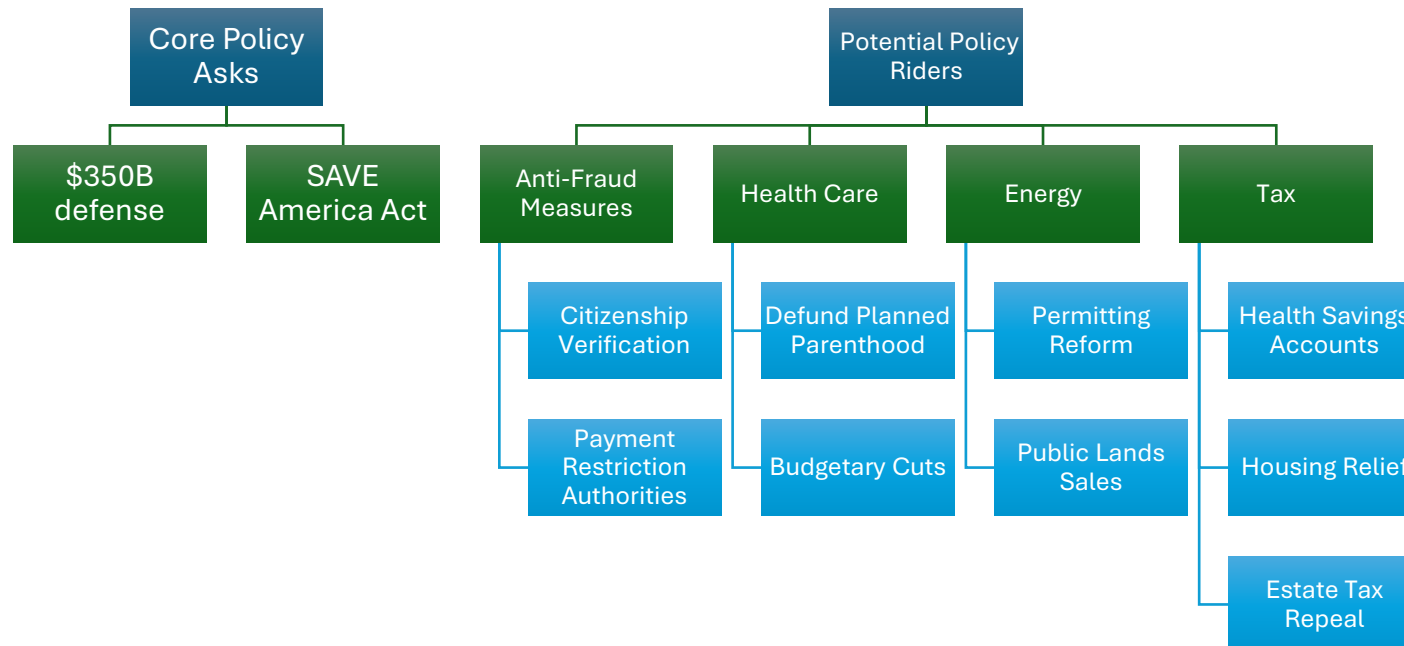
- **Congress has until Sept. 30, 2026, to fund the government** before the start of the new fiscal year.
 - To date, the **House Appropriations Committee (HAC) has successfully reported all 12 of their versions of the appropriations bills out of committee.**
 - The Senate has yet to mark up any of the chamber's bills.
- **Political disagreements over the president's \$1.5T defense budget request** have significantly **hampered progress** toward a bipartisan deal.
 - The politics of the president's \$350B request for defense through reconciliation, coupled with a separate request for a \$67 billion emergency supplemental appropriations bill, are added pain points.
- Senate Republicans **are attempting to move appropriations bills on a partisan basis** absent cooperation from Democrats.
 - However, the absence of **Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)** and the death of **Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)** leaves the GOP short of votes they need to move bills out of committee on a party-line basis.

Status of FY 2027 Appropriations Bills		
Bill	House	Senate
Agriculture-FDA	Passed House	Markup Postponed
Commerce-Justice-Science	Passed Committee	Markup Postponed
Defense	Passed Committee	No activity
Energy-Water	Passed Committee	No activity
Financial Services & General Government	Passed Committee	No activity
Homeland Security	Passed Committee	No activity
Interior-Environment	Passed Committee	No activity
Labor-HHS-Education	Passed Committee	No activity
Legislative Branch	Passed Committee	Markup Postponed
MilCon-VA	Passed House	Markup Postponed
State-Foreign Ops	Passed Committee	No activity
Transportation-HUD	Passed Committee	No activity

Reconciliation 3.0

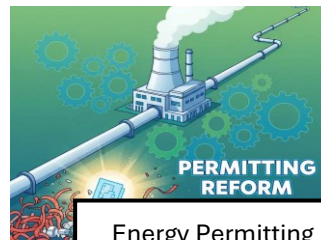
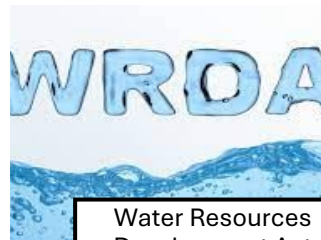
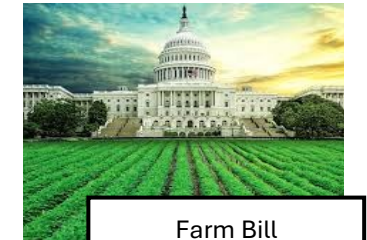
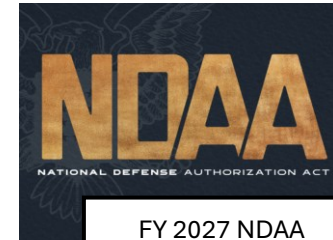
- President Donald Trump has **called on Republicans to send him a third reconciliation package** prior to the end of the summer that includes \$350B in new defense spending, as well as the SAVE America Act.
- House Republicans have been conceptualizing **a follow-up measure to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act** since late last year.
- Much like OBBBA, the **GOP found consensus on the second package** to fund border security operations through 2028.
- **Alignment on the third package has been more difficult** given the close proximity to the midterm elections.
- The key question is whether **the defense request** can serve as a **forcing mechanism** — like expiring tax cuts and immigration enforcement funding — **to drive cooperation** on a third party-line reconciliation bill.
- The sudden death of Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), a key Senate architect of the first two reconciliation bills, along with continued disagreement over the SAVE America Act, **could derail the third reconciliation effort entirely.**

Policy Universe for Third Reconciliation Bill



Work Streams to Watch in 2026

- In addition to deadline-driven items and pending Trump nominees, **lawmakers are looking to tie up several bipartisan efforts before the end of the 119th Congress.**
- The **overwhelming passage of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act** showed that both parties are still willing to set aside contentious fights to deliver wins on key issues.
- Bills covering **energy permitting reform, shipbuilding support, kids' online safety, and crypto** are being primed for an end-of-year vehicle like the NDAA and could make their way through in a "lame duck" Congress.
- The **lack of alignment on AI, data privacy, and college sports** are likely to punt these efforts to the 120th Congress.
- Democrats want to see a **delay in state SNAP cost-sharing requirements** in exchange for support on the Farm Bill 2026.



Balance of Power: Retirements & Departures

Redistricting and ideological primary challenges are accelerating congressional turnover.

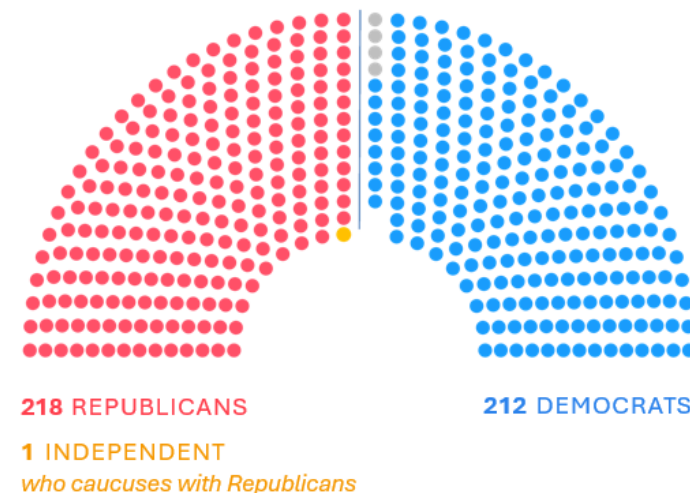
Republicans

- Trump's endorsement has shaped retirement decisions and primary outcomes.
- **Sens. Bill Cassidy (LA)** and **John Cornyn (TX)**, along with **Reps. Thomas Massie (KY)** and **Dan Crenshaw (TX)**, lost to Trump-backed or Trump-aligned challengers.
- Redistricting also created a Member-vs.-Member general election in between **Reps. Ken Calvert (CA)** and **Young Kim (CA)** in California's new 40th District.

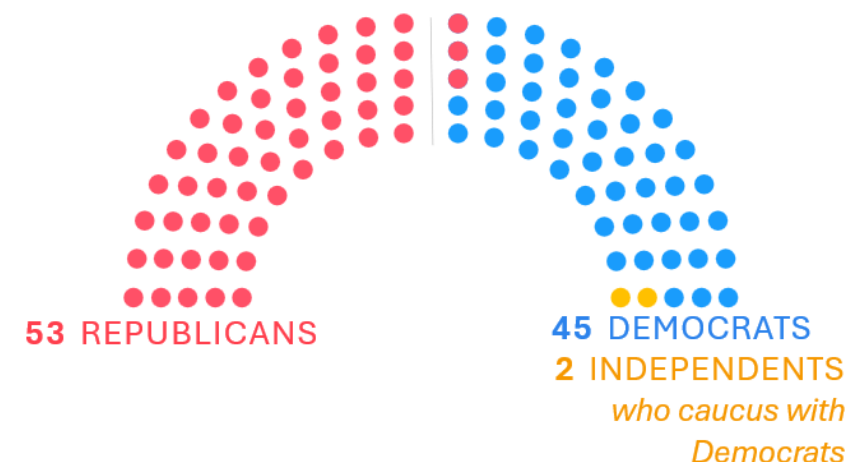
Democrats

- Democratic socialist and progressive challengers are gaining traction against establishment incumbents.
 - **Reps. Diana DeGette (CO)**, **Adriano Espaillat (NY)**, and **Dan Goldman (NY)** lost primaries to candidates aligned with the party's left flank.
 - **Reps. Wesley Bell (MO)**, **Shri Thanedar (MI)**, **Ed Case (HI)**, **John Larson (CT)**, and **Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL)** remain at risk, while **Rep. Doris Matsui (CA)** faces a strong progressive challenger in November.
 - Redistricting contributed to primary losses by **Reps. Julie Johnson (TX)** and **Al Green (TX)** after both were drawn out of their original districts.

House Balance of Power



Senate Balance of Power



House Committee Departures

A look at some of the representatives on key committees who are leaving at the end of this Congress.

Appropriations (35 GOP 28 Dem)*	Energy & Commerce (30 GOP 24 Dem)*	Financial Services (30 GOP 23 Dem)*	Judiciary (25 GOP 19 Dem)*	Ways and Means (26 GOP 19 Dem)*
Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV) Rep. Ashley Hinson (R-IA) Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA) Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-MT) Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA) Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ)	Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA) Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL) Rep. John James (R-MI) Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX) Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) Rep. Marc Veasey (D-TX) Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL) Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)	Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY) Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA) Rep. John Rose (R-TN) Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC) Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL) Rep. Nydia Velaquez (D-NY) Rep. Al Green (D-TX)	Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ) Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) Rep. Troy Nehls (R-TX) Rep. Barry Moore (R-AL) Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-WY) Rep. Wesley Hunt (R-TX) Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY) Rep. Chuy Garcia (D-IL) Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-TX)	Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL) Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ) Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX) Rep. Kevin Hern (R-OK) Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-IA) Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX) Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL) Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA) Rep. Stacey Plaskett (D-VI)

Senate Committee Departures

A look at some of the senators on key committees who are leaving at the end of this Congress.

Appropriations (15 GOP 14 Dem)*	Banking (13 GOP 11 Dem)*	Commerce (15 GOP 13 Dem)*	Finance (14 GOP 13 Dem)*	HELP (12 GOP 11 Dem)*	Judiciary (12 GOP 10 Dem)*
Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI) Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)	Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC) Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)	Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI)	Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC) Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)	Sen. Alan Armstrong (R-OK) Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)	Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC) Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)

Final takeaways

