



House and Senate Results

The Senate and House appears divided amongst the two main political parties: Democrats and Republicans. Although there will be a run-off election in December for the remaining Senate seat in Georgia, Democrats retain a majority with 50 seats, and tie-breaking vote going to Vice President Kamala Harris. Several House races are still undecided, but Democrats are projected to lose the majority to Republicans by a slim margin. As of November 18th, 5 House seats are still undecided in California and Colorado, out of which the remaining seats are Republican leaning. The House will come under control of Republicans with a current majority of 218 seats despite the uncalled races. . The very small margins in many House and Senate races across the country, challenges and recounts may convene, postponing a clear picture of final outcomes in the House and Senate.

	Party	Pre-election	Post-election
Senate***	Democrats	48	48
	Republicans	50	48
	Independent	2*	2**
House****	Democrats	220	212
	Republicans	212	218
	Independent	0	0

* *Angus King (ME) and Bernie Sanders (VT) caucused with the Democrats.*

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*** There is one remaining uncalled senate race in Georgia. There will be a runoff race for the seat held on December 6th, 2022 between incumbent Democrat Raphael Warnock and Republican Candidate Herschel Walker.

**** 5 House races have not been called as of 11/18/2022.

Leadership Races

The Republican party has gained the necessary 218 House seats to take control of the House, shifting from Democratic control. House Republicans nominated Rep. McCarthy (R-CA-23) to serve as the next House Speaker. Current House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12) announced on November 17th that she will step down as House Democratic Leader after serving nearly two decades in the top congressional leadership role. Rep. Pelosi will serve the remainder of her elected term.

Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) won an internal vote to remain the Senate Minority Leader for the Republican Party. There is no current information for new leadership changes for Democratic Control of the Senate.

Committee Leadership and Membership

Many of the Committees impacting HIV and hepatitis funding and public health programs will see changes due to retirements and losses. There will be many new Members that will need educating, particularly on Committees of jurisdiction. Some outgoing Members were HIV and hepatitis supporters and bill sponsors. NASTAD will be reaching out to the new Members to provide them with information on our legislative priorities and cultivating champions.

House Committees

The House Appropriations Committee lost the following Members:

- **Retired:** Brenda Lawrence (D-MI-14), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA-40), David Price (D-NC-4), Cheri Bustos (D-IL-17), Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ-2)
- **Other:** Charlie Crist (D-FL-13)

The House Appropriations Committee annually writes the legislation that allocates federal funds to government agencies, departments, and organizations. Twelve subcommittees are tasked with drafting legislation to allocate funds to government agencies within their jurisdictions. The House Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) has jurisdiction over the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This includes the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), which oversees the Ryan White Program, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which oversee HIV and hepatitis prevention.

The House Budget Committee lost the following Members:

- **Retired:** Christopher Jacobs (R-NY-27), Jim Cooper (D-TN-5), Albio Sires (D-NJ-8), David Price (D-NC-4), John A. Yarmuth (D-KY-3) *Chair*

The House Budget Committee is responsible for drafting Congress' annual budget resolution and monitoring action on the budget for the Federal government.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee lost the following Members:

- **Retired:** Fred Upton (R-MI-6), Kathleen Rice (D-NY-4), Jerry McNerney (D-CA-9), Bobby Rush (D-IL-1), G.K. Butterfield (D-NC-1), Adam Kinzinger (R-IL-16), Michael Doyle (D-PA-18)

The House Energy and Commerce Committee has authorizing jurisdiction over the Departments of Energy, HHS, Commerce and Transportation, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Trade Commission, FDA and the Federal Communications Commission. The Subcommittee on Health oversees HHS, National Institutes of Health (NIH), CDC, HRSA, Indian Health Service, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Medicare, and Medicaid. The Energy and Commerce Committee directly oversees the authorization of the Ryan White Program. Its Senate counterpart is the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP).

The House Ways and Means Committee lost the following members:

- **Retired:** Stephanie Murphy (D-FL-7), Ronald James Kind (D-WI-3), Kevin Brady (R-TX-8)
- **Other:** Jackie Walorski (R-IN-21), Devin Nunes (R-CA-22)

The Committee on Ways and Means is the chief tax-writing committee in the House. The Committee has jurisdiction over health programs under the Social Security Act, including Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and other health and human services programs financed by a specific tax or trust fund. Its Senate counterpart is the Committee on Finance.

Senate Committees

The Senate Appropriations Committee lost the following Members:

- **Retired:** Richard Shelby (R-AL), Patrick Leahy (D-VT)

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departments, and organizations. Twelve subcommittees are tasked with drafting legislation to allocate funds to government agencies within their jurisdictions. The Senate Subcommittee on Labor-HHS has jurisdiction over HHS, including HRSA, which oversees the Ryan White Program and CDC, which oversees HIV and viral hepatitis prevention.

The Senate Budget Committee lost the following Members:

- **Retired:** Pat Toomey (R-PA)

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The Senate HELP Committee lost the following Members:

- **Retired:** Richard Mauze Burr (R-NC),

The HELP Committee's jurisdiction covers most of the agencies, institutes, and programs of HHS, including the FDA, CDC, HRSA, NIH, SAMHSA and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. This means that HELP Committee directly oversees The Ryan White Program and is responsible for its reauthorization. Its House counterpart is the Energy and Commerce Committee

It is important to note that several Democrats and Republicans who have championed HIV and hepatitis issues in the past remain in Congress.

Governors

Thirty-six states and three territories held gubernatorial elections. There is one remaining race yet to be called in Alaska.

	Party	Pre-election	Post-election
Governors	Democrat	22	2
	Republican	28	25
	Independent	0	0

Jurisdictional Ballot Measures

Three states passed ballot referendums in response to the overturned Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* to codify protections for reproductive rights and abortion at the.

state constitutional level, including Michigan, California, Vermont. Two states, Montana and Kentucky, failed to pass referendums that would limit the scope of their state constitutions to address abortions. Overall, the majority of voters in each state supported abortion rights at the state constitutional level to some extent. In August 2022, Kansas passed a referendum to keep abortion rights legal in the state constitution.

Missouri and Maryland passed ballot initiatives to legalize recreational marijuana. Notably, Maryland now allows for “the expungement of records for people arrested for marijuana possession, and for people serving time for simple possession to have their sentences reconsidered.” Arkansas, North Dakota, and South Dakota failed to pass amendments that would have legalized the possession or purchase of marijuana.

Colorado was the only state where voters approved a ballot initiative to decriminalize psychedelic mushrooms, which included an additional proposal to create state-regulated “healing centers” where individuals can experience the drug under supervision.

Moving Ahead

NASTAD will be reaching out to the new Members of Congress and providing them with information on our legislative agenda. We will continue to monitor election results and provide a more detailed update about what this election means for the 2023 legislative agenda, as we learn more details. NASTAD also encourages you to reach out to new congressional members once they are sworn-in in January by introducing your jurisdiction’s programs and offering yourself as a resource.

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