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Federal Issues Update

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New Administration: Personnel

- EPA Administrator: Scott Pruitt
- Secretary of DOE: Rick Perry
- DHS Secretary: John Kelly
- Secretary of the Interior: Ryan Zinke
- Many positions still need to be filled

New Administration: Policies

- Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS)
- Clean Power Plan (CPP) Executive Order
- Executive Order Expediting Review of “High Priority” Infrastructure Projects
- Executive Order Halting All Pending Regulations
- “2-for-1” Executive Order

115th Congressional Agenda

- “Repeal and replace” Affordable Care Act
- Budget
- Debt Ceiling
- Tax Reform
- Infrastructure
- Endangered Species Act Reform

Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee

- Nominations
 - FERC Commissioners (no quorum – no Republicans)
- Will develop energy title of infrastructure legislation
- Look at issues related to distributed energy resources, pipeline permitting, grid security, grid modernization, and vegetation management

House Energy & Commerce Committee

- Grid security and grid modernization
- Modernizing environmental statutes
- Will draft energy title of infrastructure bill – likely to include some provisions from H.R. 8 (energy bill in 114th Congress)
- Oversight hearings on Federal Power Act
- Ozone legislation and updates to Clean Air Act
- Issues related to distributed energy resources

Senate Environment & Public Works Committee

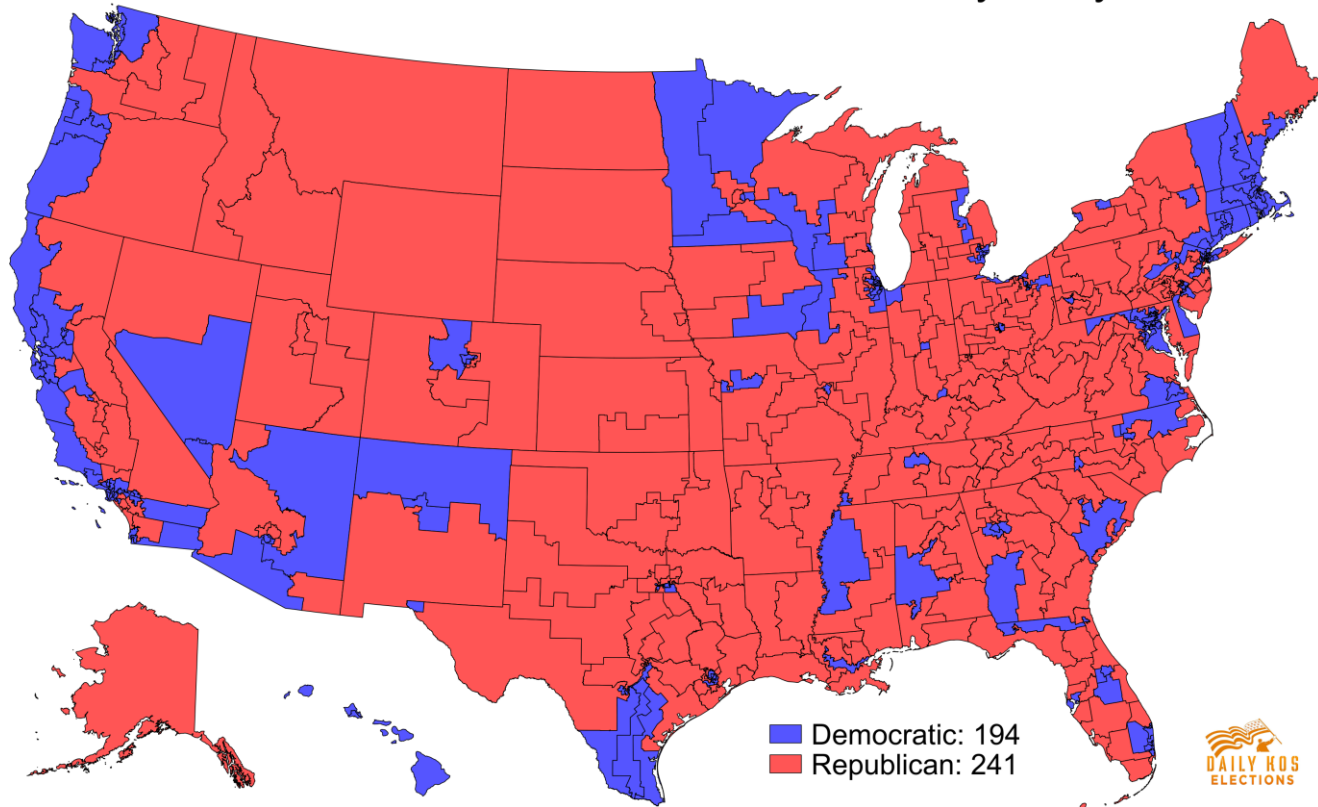
- Nominations
- May look at ozone legislation and updates to the Clean Air Act
- Will examine reforming Endangered Species Act (ESA) – one hearing already held

House Natural Resources Committee

- PMAs oversight
- ESA reform
- Vegetation Management
- Hydropower

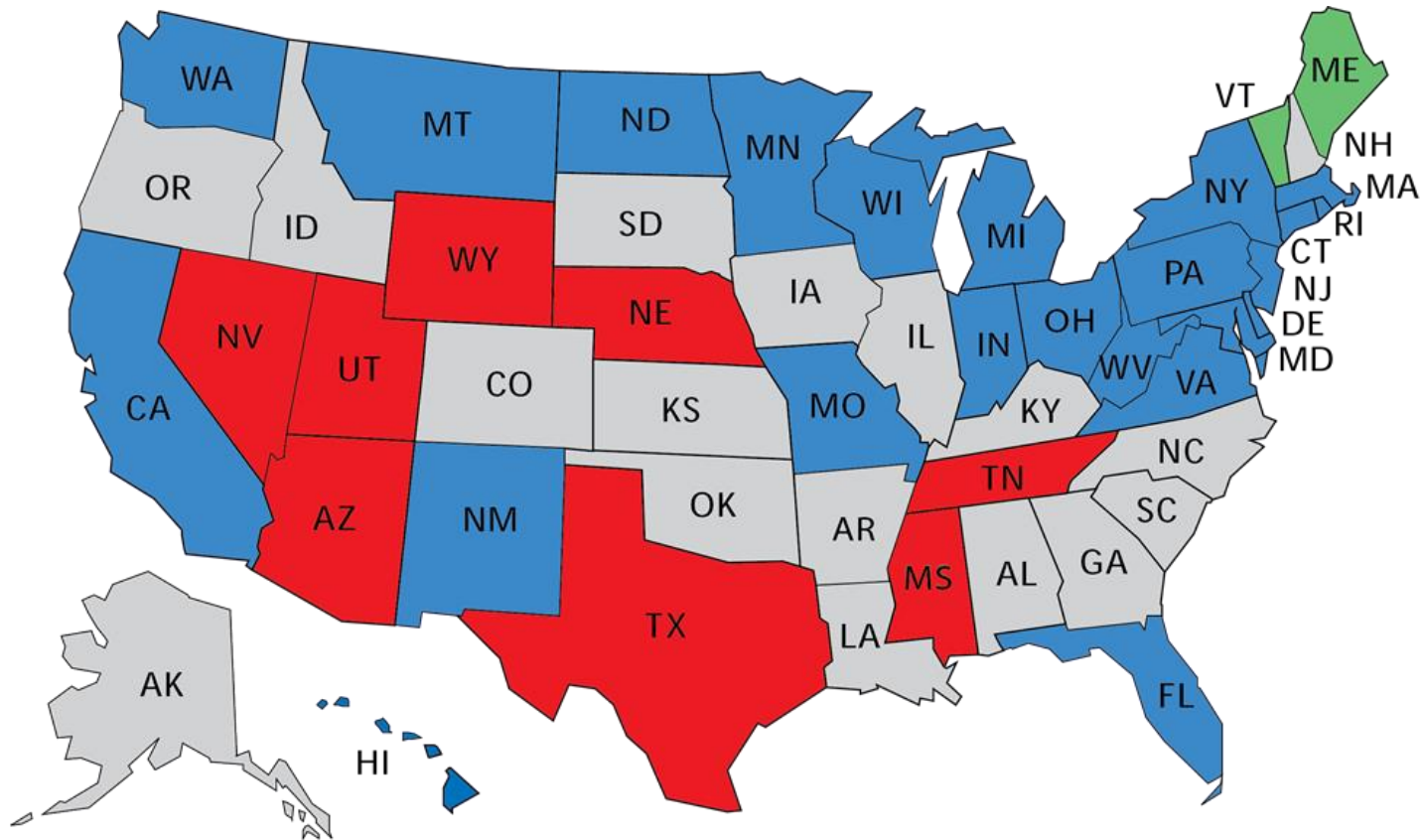
Political Landscape: House

2016 U.S. House Election Outcome by Party



Political Landscape: Senate

2018 Races



Democrat (23) Independent (2)* Republican (8)

*The two independents caucus with Democrats, so practically speaking the Democrats are defending 25 seats.