



Congressman Mark DeSaulnier Town Hall

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Change in the House

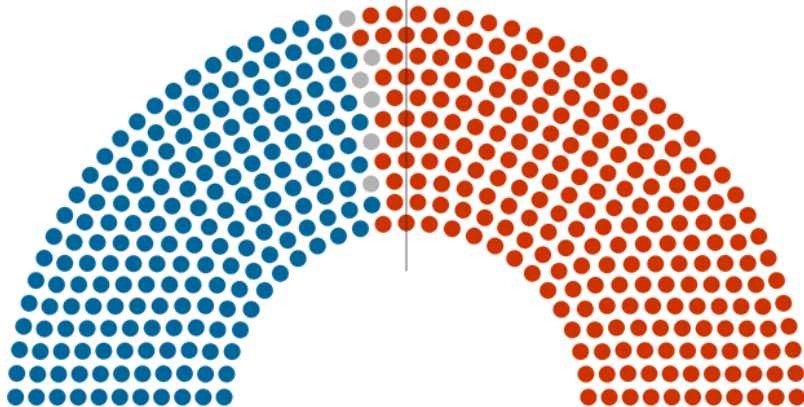
115TH CONGRESS

2017-2018

218 seats for majority

193

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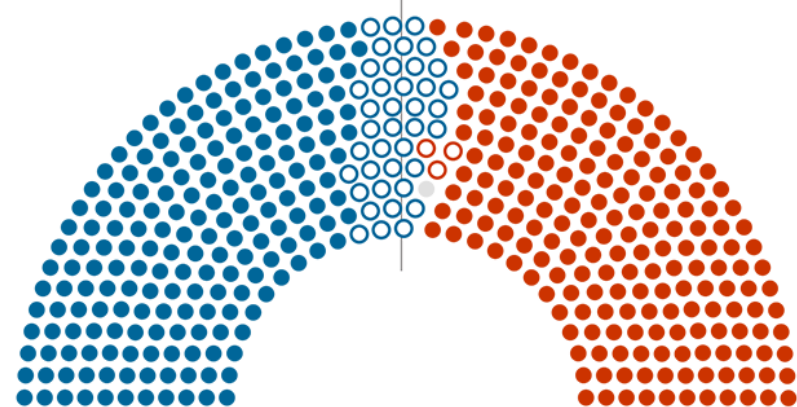
116TH CONGRESS

2019-2020

218 seats for majority

234

200



○ Seats flipped R to D (39) ○ Seats flipped D to R (3)

Committees

- ▶ **One of only a handful of Members on 4 Committees**
- ▶ **Education & Labor**
 - ▶ Ensure that Americans' needs are addressed so that students and workers may move forward in a changing school system and a competitive global economy
- ▶ **Transportation & Infrastructure**
 - ▶ Maintain and improve the transportation and infrastructure in our country to best ensure the efficient flow of people, goods, and ideas
- ▶ **Oversight & Reform**
 - ▶ Main investigative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives
- ▶ **Rules**
 - ▶ Power over which bills are considered on the floor and influence over procedure

Congressional Agenda in the Majority

Democrats' First Priorities in the New Congress:

- ▶ **Passed in the House**
 - ▶ **For the People Act (H.R. 1)** – Most comprehensive voting rights and election protection legislation in decades
 - ▶ **Equality Act (H.R. 5)** – Extends civil rights protections to individuals on the basis of gender identity and sexual orientation
- ▶ **Introduced in the House**
 - ▶ **Voting Rights Advancement Act (H.R. 4)** – Restores federal oversight of changes to voting procedures that could restrict rights
 - ▶ **American Dream and Promise Act (H.R. 6)** – Creates a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers and TPS holders

Congressional Agenda in the Majority

- ▶ **Introduced in the House – continued**
 - ▶ **Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 7)** – Seeks to ensure women and men are paid equally
 - ▶ **Bipartisan Background Checks Act (H.R. 8)** - Expands background checks for private firearms sales
 - ▶ **Climate Action Now Act (H.R. 9)** – Recommits the U.S. to the Paris Climate Agreement
- ▶ **Awaiting Introduction**
 - ▶ **H.R. 2** – Comprehensive infrastructure plan
 - ▶ **H.R. 3** – Prescription drug cost-lowering bill

Efforts Passed by Congressman DeSaulnier Since January

- ▶ **Amendment to H.R. 9**: Study of the impacts of withdrawing from the Paris Climate Agreement on our global economic competitiveness
- ▶ **Amendment to H.R. 987**: Study on how pharmaceutical companies use federal money and how much they profit off of the public investment
- ▶ **Amendment to H.R. 1500**: Would hold student loan companies accountable to borrowers and the government, and increase industry transparency

Appropriations Victories

- ▶ **25** of Mark's priority submissions have been approved by the Appropriations Committee so far, including the below efforts he led:
 - ▶ \$15 million for Statewide Family Engagement Centers (\$5 million increase);
 - ▶ \$30 million for Parent Information Centers (\$2.6 million increase);
 - ▶ \$298 million for Wage and Hour Division at the Department of Labor (\$69 million increase); and
 - ▶ Protecting the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board from elimination

Mark's Actions Since Coming to Congress

22 initiatives enacted into law, including efforts to:

- ▶ Expand John Muir National Historic Site
- ▶ Rename post office in Richmond after the site's first African American postmaster
- ▶ Empower pharmacists to fight the opioid crisis
- ▶ Create and fund statewide family engagement centers to help families participate in their children's education

20 legislative efforts passed the House and Committee including efforts to:

- ▶ Require that prescription drug monitoring programs becoming interoperable between states
- ▶ Provide \$1 million to study how we can improve communication for cancer patients

Caucuses & Initiatives:

- ▶ **Future of Work Wages and Labor**
- ▶ **Bipartisan Cancer Survivors Caucus**, *Founder & Co-Chair*
- ▶ **Urban Regional Studies Caucus**, *Founder*

What Congressman DeSaulnier is Doing

- ▶ **Bots Research Act (H.R. 2860)**: Introduced legislation to require the FTC to bring together a group of experts to study the impact of bots on elections and public discourse
- ▶ Supported the **For the People Act (H.R. 1)**, which would shore up state and local election security, expand the ban on foreign spending on U.S. elections, and establish stricter campaign finance reporting requirements
- ▶ Hearing in the Oversight Subcommittee on National Security on **how we can protect our elections** by improving relationships between the government and social media platforms
- ▶ **Meeting with social media companies** to find ways to address misinformation and stop bad actors online
- ▶ **Member of House Committee on Oversight and Reform, which has:**
 - ▶ 20+ ongoing investigations
 - ▶ 70+ requests for documents or other information

House Committee on Oversight and Reform

- ▶ **Jurisdiction:** Oversight of the Executive branch, all federal agencies, and private organizations. **Primary jurisdiction over ensuring accountability and transparency of all Executive branch actions**
- ▶ **February 26, 2019**: Subpoenas to Attorney General Barr, then-Secretary of Homeland Security Nielsen, and HHS Secretary Azar for records on the Trump Administration's child separation policy
- ▶ **March 27, 2019**: Subpoena to Mazars USA LLP for documents related to the President's financial statements
- ▶ **April 2, 2019**: Subpoenas to DOJ Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General John Gore, Attorney General Barr, and Secretary of Commerce Ross for records related to adding the citizenship question to the 2020 Census
- ▶ **April 2, 2019**: Subpoena to former White House Security Director Carl Kline for testimony connected to the Committee's investigation into the White House Security Clearance Process
- ▶ **May 20, 2019**: Judge denies Trump family bid to block release of Trump financial records
- ▶ **May 22, 2019**: Judge rejects Trump's bid to block release of Deutsche Bank records

House Committee on the Judiciary

- ▶ **Jurisdiction:** Oversight of the Department of Justice, administration of federal courts and administrative bodies, and law enforcement agencies - including the Attorney General and Special Counsel.
Primary jurisdiction of obstruction of justice
- ▶ **April 19, 2019**: Subpoena to AG Barr for the unredacted Mueller report
- ▶ **April 22, 2019**: Subpoena for testimony and documents from former White House Counsel Don McGahn
- ▶ **May 8, 2019** – Held AG Barr in contempt for refusal to comply with subpoena
- ▶ **May 21, 2019** – Former White House Counsel Don McGahn skips hearing about Mueller Report

House Select Committee on Intelligence

- ▶ **Jurisdiction:** Oversight of U.S. intelligence community and operations – including efforts to stop foreign influence in the U.S. **Primary jurisdiction of Russian interference in U.S. elections**
- ▶ **April 15, 2019**: *With House Financial Services* – Subpoena for Trump business records related to credit with Deutsche Bank and Capital One
- ▶ **May 8, 2019**: Subpoena to AG Barr for counterintelligence and foreign intelligence materials produced during the Special Counsel's investigation

History of Impeachment and Removal

- ▶ 19 federal officials have been impeached by the House including:
 - ▶ 15 judges;
 - ▶ 1 Member of Congress - William Blount of TN (1797);
 - ▶ 1 Secretary of War - William W. Belknap (1876); and
 - ▶ 2 Presidents of the United States – Andrew Johnson (1868) and Bill Clinton (1998)
- ▶ 8 individuals, all federal judges, have been found guilty before the Senate and removed from office
- ▶ Presidents Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton were impeached but acquitted by the Senate
- ▶ No Member of Congress or President has ever been removed by the Senate

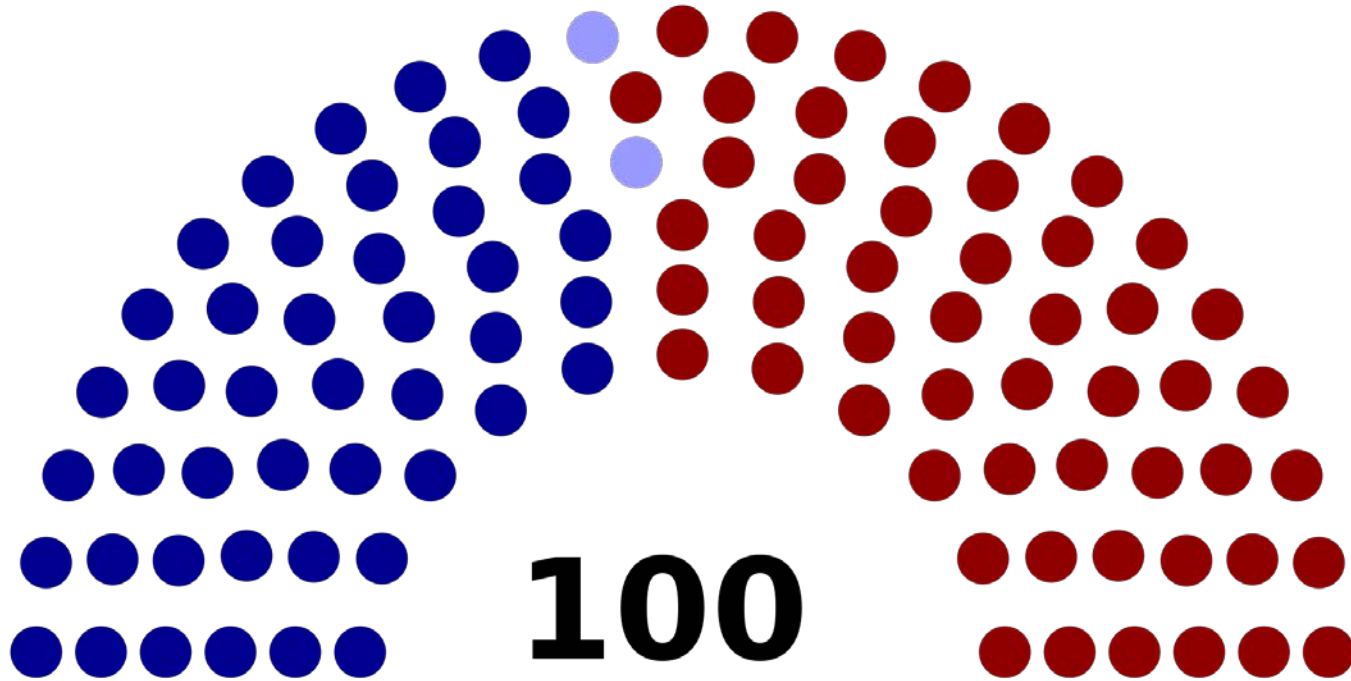
Impeachment

- ▶ Article II, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution allows for the impeachment and removal from office of the President, Vice President, Attorney General, or any civil officer of the United States
- ▶ Any member of the U.S. House of Representatives may introduce a resolution calling for impeachment
- ▶ The House Judiciary Committee has the authority to perform an investigation and pursue articles of impeachment
- ▶ Upon completion of an investigation, the Judiciary Committee reports its findings to the House, and a vote is held with only a simple majority needed to adopt the resolution of impeachment
- ▶ **Impeachment does not automatically remove the individual from office**
- ▶ If the impeachment resolution is adopted, the U.S. Senate must hold a trial to determine removal

Trial by the Senate

- ▶ The Senate conducts a trial with witnesses and evidence from both the defendant and prosecution
- ▶ The Chief Justice of the United States presides, members of the House stand as prosecutors, and all 100 Senators act as the jury
- ▶ When arguments are concluded, all Senators meet in a closed session to discuss a verdict
- ▶ If 2/3 of the Senators vote to find the accused guilty, they are removed from office effective immediately, and possibly barred from holding future office
- ▶ An individual removed from office is still subject to potential criminal investigations brought through the Department of Justice or state prosecutors

Makeup of the Senate

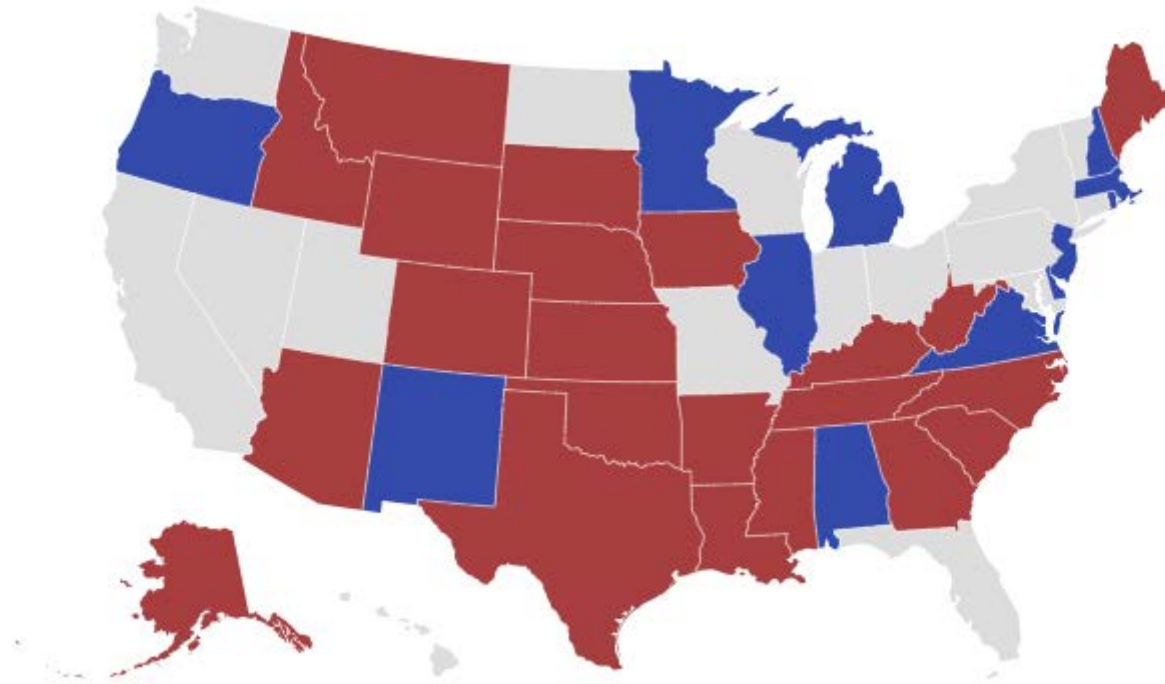


Republicans – 53

Democrats – 45

Independents – 2

Senators up for Reelection in 2020



Democracy Awards

- ▶ **Transparency, Accountability, and Innovation Award – 2019 Finalist (1 of 2 Democrats)**
 - ▶ *“The office believes Americans deserve an efficient and effective government that works on their behalf each and every day. **In order to build public trust, Congressman DeSaulnier and staff strive to be transparent and accountable to constituents by providing a higher-level of customer service.**”* – Brad Fitch, President & CEO of the nonpartisan Congressional Management Foundation
- ▶ **Constituent Service Award – 2018 Finalist (1 of 3 Democrats)**
 - ▶ *“**Constituent service has been the hallmark of Representative Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11) and his office since his election in 2015...**To keep constituents informed, Representative DeSaulnier uses Facebook Live to explain hot button issues happening in Washington in real time, and maintains an impressive four-day response time for constituents who send questions or concerns regarding his congressional activity. ”* – Brad Fitch, President & CEO of the nonpartisan Congressional Management Foundation

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