

## Washington Update

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## Congress

- ◆ Congress adjourned a few weeks ago to go home to campaign.
- ◆ Congress has yet to pass any of the 12 Appropriations bills necessary to fund the federal government.
- ◆ Prior to adjourning, Congress adopted a Continuing Resolution effectively extending the current fiscal year through December 11th

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Congress will reconvene after the election for a lame duck session.

Lame Duck sessions are notoriously unproductive and there is no reason to believe that this one will be any different than previous lame duck sessions.

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Beyond dealing with appropriations bills to prevent a government shut-down and potentially dealing with some expiring tax provisions, no substantive legislation is likely to be considered during the November/December lame duck session.

If the election results come anywhere close to where things stand today, it is highly unlikely that Congress will pass the Labor-HHS appropriations bill. Instead, we are most likely looking at another CR for this account.

The only question is whether it will be for 3 months, 6 months or 9 months.

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Sequester Update

- ◆ Beginning in 2013, Sequester mandated 2% cut in provider payments and similar cuts in appropriate accounts.
- ◆ Some pressure to soften the Appropriations caps (ISIS/ISIL and EBOLA...)
- ◆ Providers should expect that the Sequester cuts are permanent although it is unlikely that Congress will officially make them permanent. What does this mean?

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On the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in November (11/4) all 435 Seats in the House of Representatives and one-third of the seats in the United States Senate will be up for election.

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"Our system depends upon the fullest participation of all its citizens."

-Robert F. Kennedy

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### Congressional Elections - Senate

According to Real Clear Politics

46 Safe, Likely or Leans Democratic

45 Safe, Likely or Leans Republican

9 races are rated as "Toss UP" meaning the polls are too close or too volatile to get a good sense of the way the race is moving.

Republicans need 51 seats to have a majority

Democrats need 50 seats to have a majority

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### Senate Seats rated as Toss Up

State	Incumbent (Party)
Alaska	<b>Begich (D)</b>
Arkansas	<b>Pryor (D)</b>
Colorado	<b>Udall (D)</b>
<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Open (R)</i>
Iowa	<b>Open (D)</b>
<i>Kentucky</i>	<i>McConnell (R)</i>
Louisiana	<b>Landrieu (D)</b>
Kansas	Roberts (R)
North Carolina	<b>Hagan (D)</b>

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### What if election were today?

State	Incumbent (Party)
Alaska	<b>GOP Pick Up</b>
Arkansas	<b>GOP Pick Up</b>
Colorado	<b>GOP Pick Up</b>
<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Dem Pick Up</i>
Iowa	<b>GOP Pick Up</b>
<i>Kentucky</i>	<b>GOP Hold</b>
Louisiana	<b>GOP Pick Up</b>
Kansas	Independent Pick Up
North Carolina	<b>Dem Hold</b>

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### So for the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress

- 46 Democratic Controlled seats
- 51 Republican Controlled seats
- 3 Independent seats –
  - 2 Caucus with Democrats (currently)
  - 1 Caucus Unknown

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### Congressional Elections - House

According to Real Clear Politics  
188 Safe, Likely or Leans Democratic  
230 Safe, Likely or Leans Republican

17 races are rated as a "Toss Up" meaning the polls are too close or too volatile to get a good sense of the way the race is moving. Of those "Toss Up" races, 13 are seats currently held by Democrats and 4 are seats currently held by Republicans.

**A majority is 218**

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What does this mean?

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### Who Will Chair key Committees in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress?

House Appropriations – Labor-HHS Subcommittee

113<sup>th</sup> Jack Kingston (R-GA)  
114<sup>th</sup> Charlie Dent (R-PA), Tom Cole (R-OK),  
Tom Graves (R-AR), Other?

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Who Will Chair key Committees  
in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress?

Senate Appropriations – Labor-HHS Subcommittee

113<sup>th</sup> Congress Tom Harkin (D-IA)

114<sup>th</sup> Congress *Jerry Moran (R-KS), Thad Cochran (D-MS), Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Other?*

**Patty Murray (D-WA), Mary Landrieu (D-LA), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Other?**

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Who Will Chair key Committees  
in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress?

Senate Finance Committee

113<sup>th</sup> Ron Wyden (D-OR)

114<sup>th</sup> Orrin Hatch (R-UT)  
Ron Wyden (D-OR)

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Who Will Chair key Committees  
in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress?

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  
Committee

113<sup>th</sup> Tom Harkin (D-IA)

114<sup>th</sup> Lamar Alexander (R-TN)  
Patty Murray (D-WA)

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**Who Will Chair key Committees  
in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress?**

House Ways and Means Committee – Full  
Committee and Health Sub.

- 113<sup>th</sup> Full – Dave Camp (D-MI)  
Health – Kevin Brady (D-TX)
- 114<sup>th</sup> Full – Kevin Brady, Paul Ryan (R-WI),  
other?  
Health – Kevin Brady or Sam Johnson (D-  
TX) or Paul Ryan or other...

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**Who Will Chair key Committees  
in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress?**

Energy and Commerce Committee and Health  
Subcommittee  
No major changes expected on R side of the aisle

- 113<sup>th</sup> Full – Upton (R-MI)  
Health – Pitts (D-PA)
- 114<sup>th</sup> Full – Upton (R-MI)  
Health – Pitts (D-PA)

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**Who Will Chair key Committees  
in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress?**

Energy and Commerce Committee and Health  
Subcommittee Ranking Minority

- 113<sup>th</sup> Full – Waxman (D-CA)  
Health – Pallone (D-NJ)
- 114<sup>th</sup> Full – Pallone (NJ), Rush (D-IL), Other?  
Health – Engel (D-NY), Capps (D-CA),  
Eshoo (D-CA), Rush (D-IL) Other?

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OIG and CAHs What Do We Expect?

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What Does this Mean?

Budget and Appropriations  
The Affordable Care Act  
Are we looking at two years of Grid lock?

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Questions

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