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2025 Legislative Outlook
February 11, 2025

Presentation Overview



About Townsend Public Affairs



Politics: Unified Republican Governance



Policy: Must Pass Legislation



Process: Legislative Timelines

About Townsend Public Affairs

Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. (TPA) was founded in 1998 by Christopher Townsend with a mission to support organizations that improve our communities.

TPA has a team of 16 registered federal lobbyists and grant writers, with the policy expertise, advocacy experience, and bi-partisan relationships necessary to achieve legislative and funding results.

TPA has offices in Washington, DC, Sacramento, and Fresno.



About Townsend Public Affairs

Advocate for Fresno County's federal goals and objectives

Work with Fresno County to draft annual legislative platform

Serve as liaison between Fresno County and the County's Congressional Delegation

Conduct bi-weekly federal update calls with Fresno County staff.

Share real-time updates on all federal activities of interest to Fresno County.

Provide monthly federal update reports.

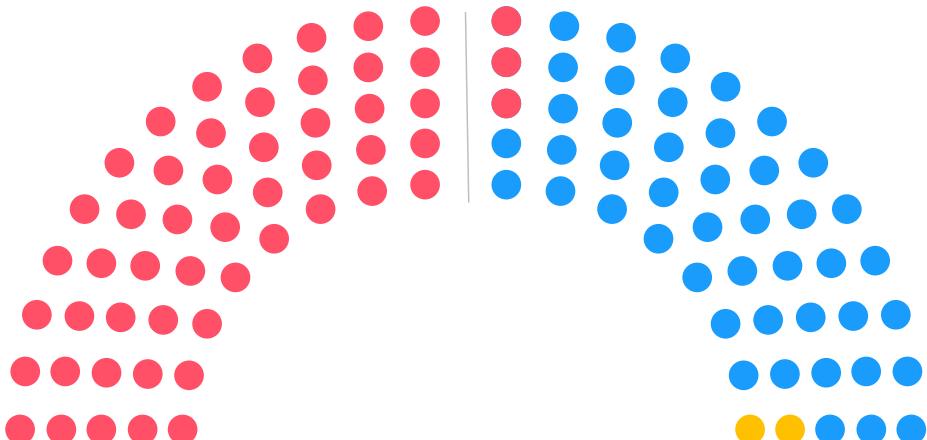
Coordinate with the National Association of Counties.

Services TPA Provides Fresno County



Politics

Senate

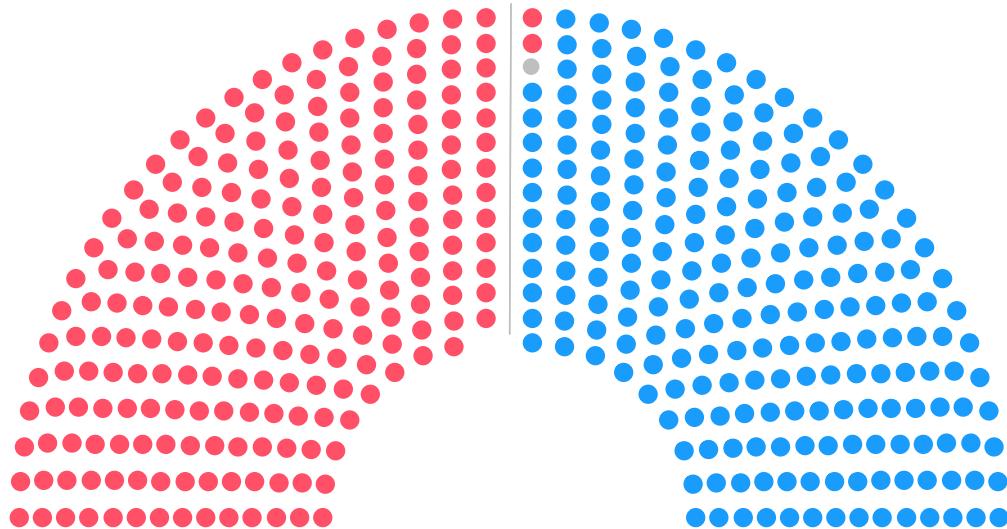


53 REPUBLICANS

45 DEMOCRATS

2 INDEPENDENTS
who caucus with Democrats

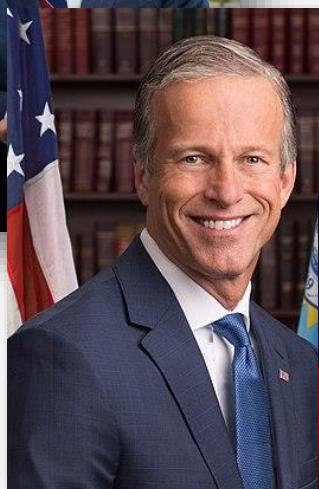
House of Representatives



219 REPUBLICANS

215 DEMOCRATS

Governing Leadership



- ✓ President Donald Trump
- ✓ Speaker Mike Johnson
- ✓ Senate Majority Leader John Thune

Fresno County Congressional Delegation

U.S. Senate

Senator Alex Padilla

Senator Adam Schiff

U.S. House of Representatives

Rep. Tom McClintock (CA-5)

Rep. Adam Gray (CA-13)

Rep. Vince Fong (CA-20)

Rep. Jim Costa (CA-21)

Policy

Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations

FY26 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)

Reconciliation Package: Tax Cuts and Jobs Act,
Energy, Immigration

Farm Bill

Debt Ceiling

Surface Transportation Reauthorization (2026)

Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations

- March 14 funding deadline for FY25
- Opportunity for Community Project Funding
- Advocate for programmatic funding
- Support County's funding priorities

Reconciliation Package: Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Energy, Immigration

- Extension and revisions to the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act
- Funding for immigration enforcement
- Changes to federal energy policy

Farm Bill

- Reauthorization of federal agriculture, nutrition, and rural development policy
- Current programs begin to expire on September 30

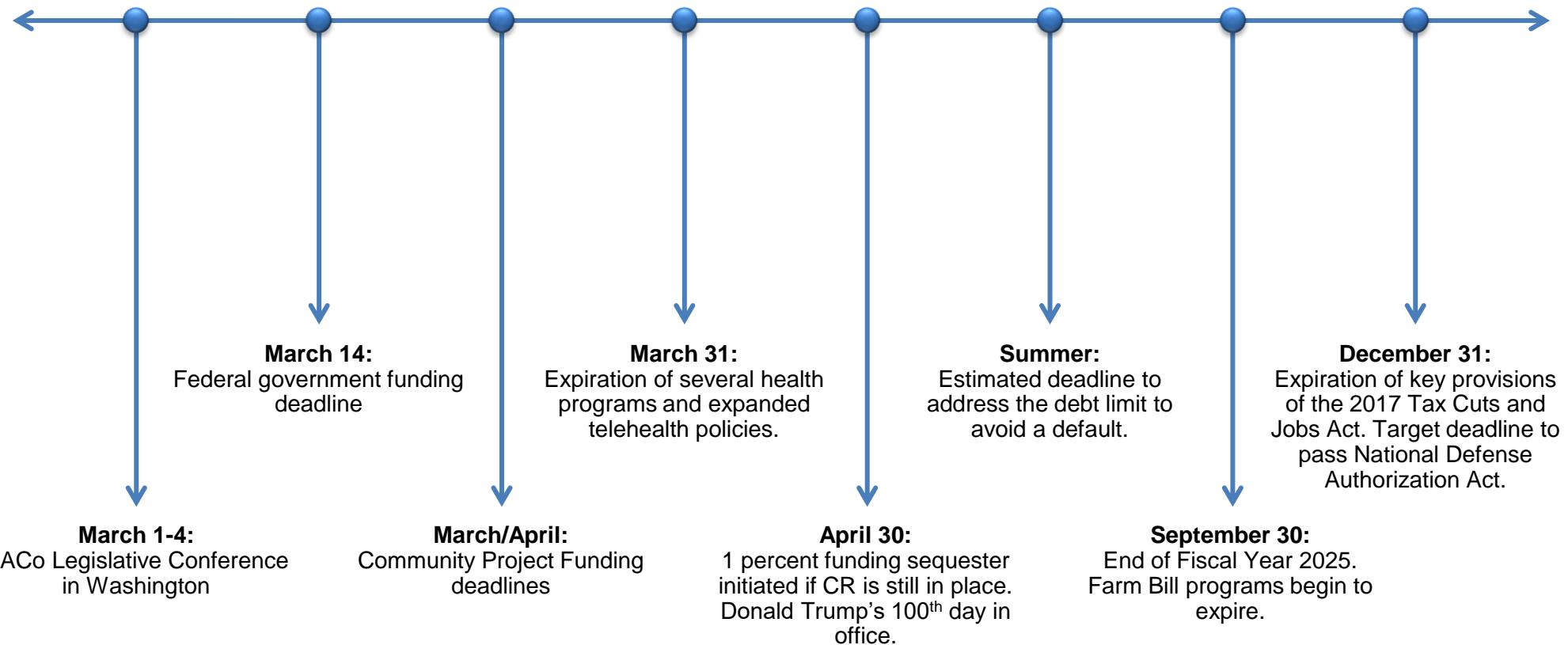
Debt Ceiling

- Congress must raise debt ceiling or risk default
- Congress may use the debt ceiling to negotiate unrelated policies

Surface Transportation Reauthorization (2026)

- Congress will reauthorize federal programs for highways, rail, and transit
- Program authorizations lapse September 30, 2026
- Congress will begin to debate the reauthorization in 2025

Process



Thank You



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