



FY25 Congressional Cycle Update

Defense Authorizations

President's Budget Release	House Committee NDAA (HASC)	Senate Committee NDAA (SASC)	Full House-passed NDAA	Full Senate-passed NDAA	Conference Committee	Signed Into Law
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Defense Appropriations

President's Budget Release	House Committee Approps. (HAC-D)	Senate Committee Approps. (SAC-D)	Full House-passed Approps. Bill.	Full Senate-passed Approps. Bill	Conference Committee	Signed Into Law
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▲ Current Point

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Legislative Update

Continuing Resolutions

On September 26, 2024, President Biden signed H.R.9746 – *Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025*, into law to avert a government shutdown through December 20, 2024. The bill funds most programs and activities at the FY24 levels. Section 102 of the bill restricts the Department of Defense (DoD) from funding new or accelerated production of certain projects, as well as certain multiyear procurements, until the regular annual appropriations act is passed and enacted.

NDAA

On June 14, 2024, the House of Representatives passed *H.R.8070 – Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025*, with a vote of 217-199. The bill authorizes **\$849.8B** for the DoD for FY2025 and is consistent with the PB Request.

On June 13, 2024, the Senate Armed Services Committee voted 22-3 to advance *S.4638 – National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025*. The bill authorizes **\$875B** for the DoD, a \$25.1B increase from the PB Request.

Next Step: To enact FY25 NDAA in a timely manner, the SASC-passed NDAA and the House-passed NDAA will be combined through a series of negotiations led by leadership of HASC and SASC.

Appropriations

On June 28, 2024, the House of Representatives advanced *H.R.8774 – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2025*, with a vote of 217–198. The bill appropriates **\$833B** for the DoD for FY25, a \$16.8M decrease from the PB Request. **Next Step:** The bill will be sent to the Senate for consideration and changes will be made in the conference committee.

On August 1, 2024, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense advanced *S.4921 – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2025* with a vote of 28-0. The bill appropriates **\$852.2B** for the DoD, a \$2.4B increase from the PB Request. **Next Step:** The bill heads to the Senate floor for consideration.

Other Legislation of Interest

H.R.4221 – Healthcare for our Troops Act provides zero-cost TRICARE Reserve Select for all members of the Reserve Component.

S.2046/H.R.4220 – The Dental Care for Our Troops Act Provides zero-cost Dental Care for all members of the Reserve Component.

S.3873/H.R. 7543 – The Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2024 provides Post 9/11 GI Bill credit for all title 32, to include AT and IDT.

S.3513/H.R. 7088 – The Air Guard Standardizing Tuition Assistance to Unify the Services (STATUS) Act establishes a Tuition Assistance program for the Air Guard.

H.R.8336 – Improving TAP for Guard and Reserve Servicemembers Act Establishes a specific counseling pathway in the Transition Assistance Program for members of the Reserve Component.

S.4116/H.R.7953 – The Servicemembers Healthcare Freedom Act moves TRS eligibility for all federal employees from 2030 up to 2025, saving families up to \$5,000 per year.

S.2307/H.R.3392 – The Fighter Force Preservation and Recapitalization Act of 2023 establishes a Space National Guard as the reserve component of the United States Space Force.

Election Results Overview

Governors: Republicans won 8 of the 11 gubernatorial races, increasing their total to 27 governorships across the country.

Democrats - 23

Republican - 27



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Races to Note:

Republican Kelly Ayotte has been elected as the next Governor of the State of New Hampshire. Previously, she served as a U.S. Senator from 2011 – 2017, where she was an active member of the Armed Services Committee and chaired the Subcommittee on Readiness. While in Congress, Ayotte led efforts to ensure that New Hampshire's 157th Air Refueling Wing was the first ANG base in the nation to receive the next generation KC-46A air refueling tanker.

U.S. House of Representatives: As of 14 November 2024, House Republicans are defending a narrow majority for the 119th Congress.

Democrats - 208

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Republican - 218



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U.S. Senate: As of 14 November 2024, Republicans have regained control of the Senate for the 119th Congress. Republicans currently hold fifty-three seats, having flipped Senate seats in Montana, Ohio, and West Virginia.

Democrats - 47

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Republican - 53



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Races to Note:

Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, Jon Tester (D-MT), lost reelection against Republican Tim Sheehy (R-MT).

Ranking Member, Roger Wicker (R-MS), is set to become the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Presidential: As of 14 November 2024, Donald Trump is expected to return to the White House to serve his second term as the 47th President and Commander in Chief of the United States of America.

Kamala Harris – 226

270 to Win

Donald Trump - 312



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