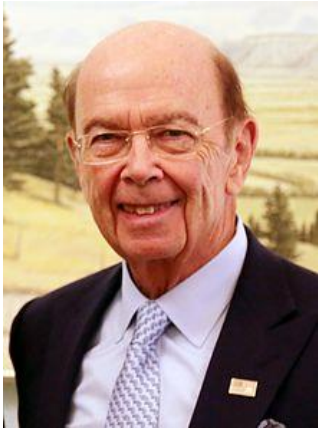

Update on the Administration and Congress

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

February 8, 2017

New Commerce Leadership



Wilbur Ross, Secretary-Designate

- Restructured companies in industries including steel, coal, telecommunications, foreign investment, and textiles
- Priorities in trade, favoring bilateral to multilateral agreements



Todd Ricketts, Deputy Secretary-Designate

- Businessman and investor
- Board of Directors for TD Ameritrade Holdings and Chicago Cubs
- Former CEO for Ending Spending

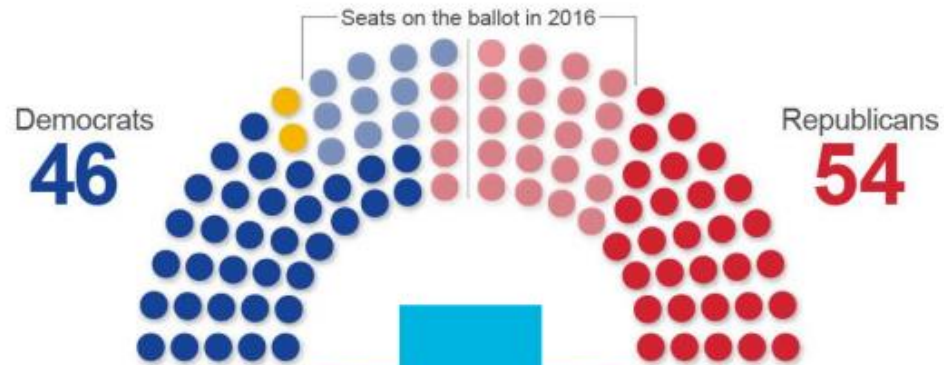
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Executive Orders that could impact NIST

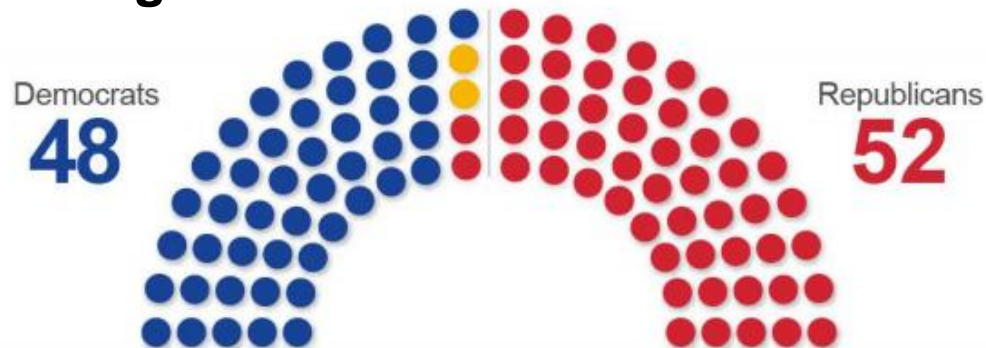
- **Presidential Memorandum Regarding the Hiring Freeze – January 23**
 - Establishes a 90 day freeze on hiring by non-national or public security federal agencies
 - does not affect anyone with start date before Feb 22, other exceptions reviewed on case-by-case basis
- **Presidential Memorandum Regarding Construction of American Pipelines – January 24**
 - Requires Secretary of Commerce to develop a plan under which all US pipelines use materials and equipment produced in the US
- **Presidential Memorandum Streamlining Permitting and Reducing Regulatory Burdens for Domestic Manufacturing – January 24**
 - Directs Secretary of Commerce to coordinate plan for streamlining permitting and reducing regulatory burdens affecting domestic manufacturers

Balance in the Senate

Senate Balance of Power: 114th Congress

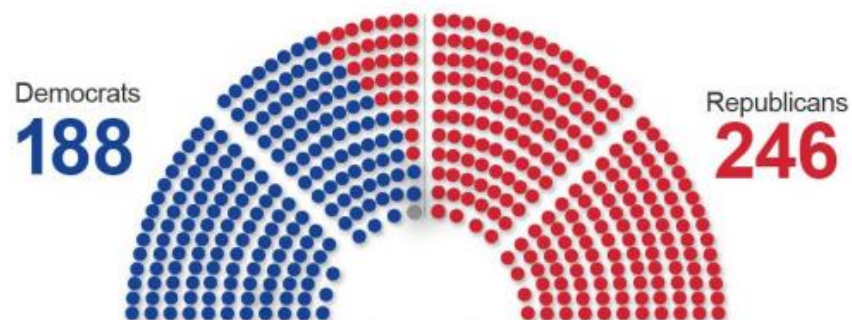


115th Congress

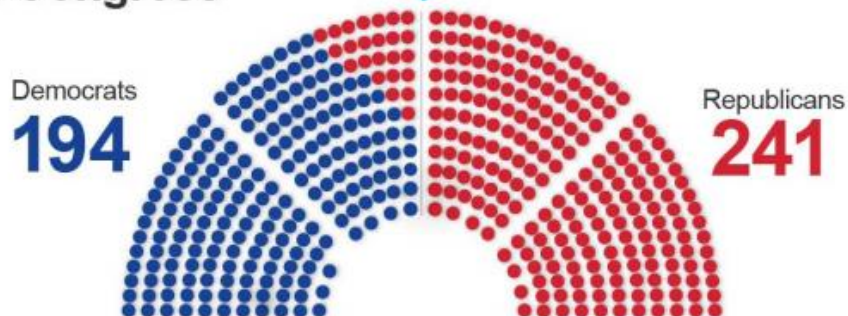


Balance in the House

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115th Congress



Issues for the 115th

- House Science Committee

- Cybersecurity
- Voting Security
- Forensics
- Campus Security
- Quantum Information Science
- Science Prizes – success
- Disaster Resilience/NEHRP
- Infrastructure/Construction

- Senate Commerce Committee

- Cybersecurity
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- Campus Security
- Quantum Encryption
- Manufacturing/MEP
- Gene Editing
- Artificial Intelligence