

# **Federal Update**

## **Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District**

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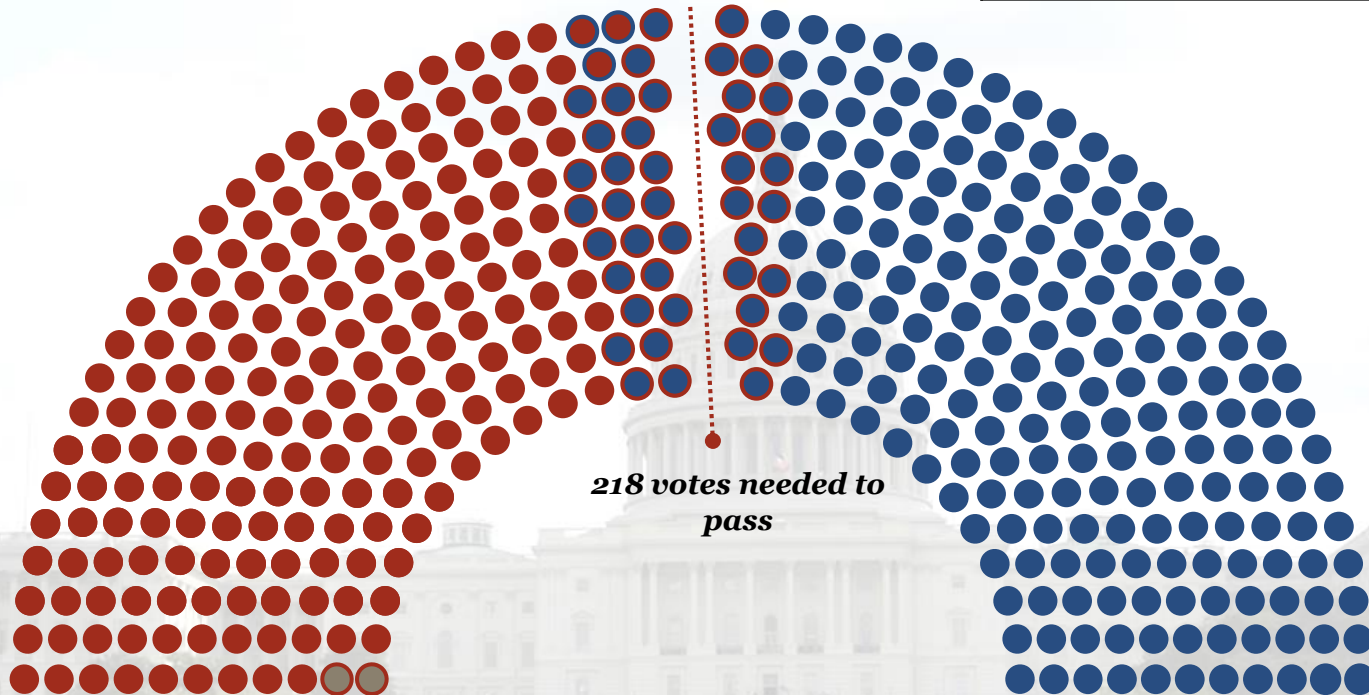
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# Composition of the 116th Congress: House

## Partisan makeup of the House compared to the previous Congress

- Seats flipped R to D (Total: **43**)
- Seats flipped D to R (Total: 3)
- Not yet called (color outline is incumbent's party)

	115 <sup>th</sup>	116 <sup>th</sup>
Republican	236	199
Democrat	195	235
Not yet called		1



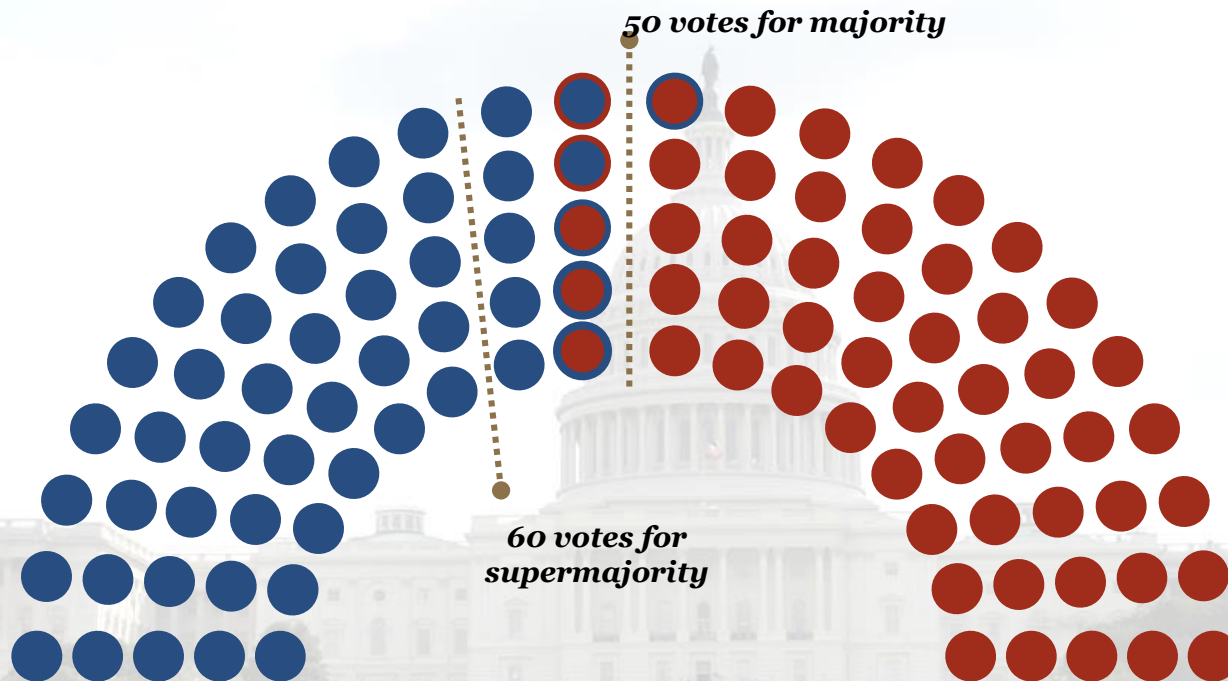
# Composition of the 116th Congress: Senate

## Partisan makeup of the Senate compared to the previous Congress

● Seats flipped R to D (Total: 2)

● Seats flipped D to R (Total: 4)

	115 <sup>th</sup>	116 <sup>th</sup>
Republican	51	53
Democrat	49	47



# 116<sup>th</sup> Congress - House Leaders

Speaker: Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)

Minority Leader: Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)

## House Transportation & Infrastructure

- Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-OR)
- Ranking Republican Sam Graves (R-MO)

## House Appropriations

- Chairman Nita Lowey (D-NY)
- Ranking Republican Kay Granger (R-TX)
  - THUD Subcommittee Chair David Price (D-NC)
  - THUD Subcommittee Ranking Republican Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)

## House Ways & Means

- Chairman Richard Neal (D-MA)
- Ranking Republican Kevin Brady (R-TX)

# 116<sup>th</sup> Congress - Senate Leaders

Majority Leader: Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

Minority Leader: Charles Schumer (D-NY)

## Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs

- Chairman Mike Crapo (R-ID)
- Ranking Democrat Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

## Appropriations

- Chairman Richard Shelby (R-AL)
- Ranking Democrat Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
  - THUD Subcommittee Chair Susan Collins (R-ME)
  - THUD Subcommittee Ranking Democrat Jack Reed (D-RI)

## Finance

- Chairman Charles Grassley (R-IA)
- Ranking Democrat Ron Wyden (D-OR)

# Challenges/Opportunities for AC Transit in 2019

- 116<sup>th</sup> Congress
  - AC Transit delegation will have larger role in majority
  - Senator Feinstein will remain key in Senate
- Budget / Appropriations / Grant Opportunities
  - Need new budget deal or budget sequestration returns
  - FY 2020 THUD bill: Continue pressure on DOT on CIG
  - BUILD/TIGER, Bus & Bus Facilities, LoNo, Mobility on Demand
  - Trump Administration role in funding California projects
    - Strong emphasis on rural projects
- Infrastructure Bill
  - House Democrats have made it one of their top priorities
  - Senate Democrats – Want to tie funding to clean-energy economy, Buy America, and Davis-Bacon
  - White House is still engaged – SOTU Possible
  - Finding revenue will be the key constraint

# Challenges/Opportunities for AC Transit in 2019

- FAST Act Reauthorization
  - Chairman DeFazio hopes to have bill by end of 2019
  - Restoring Highway Trust Fund solvency is critical
  - Congress wants to make transit programs work
- Earmarks
  - House Democrats want to reinstate earmarks
  - Appropriations, Infrastructure, FAST Act - All possibilities
- Automated Vehicles
  - Legislation to create framework fell short last year
    - Privacy, liability, and safety issues of concern in Senate
  - DOT Automated Vehicle guidance 3.0 issued last year
    - Expands DOT AV guidance to all modes
    - Focus on voluntary safety standards
  - DOT to issue grant opportunity early this year



The background of the slide is a faded, light-colored image of the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C. The building's iconic dome and neoclassical architecture are visible, surrounded by green lawns and trees. The sky above is a pale blue with soft, white clouds. The word "Questions?" is centered over the building.

# Questions?