

National Election Results

What do the outcomes mean to the industry?



Midterms: Referendum on Sitting President



WARNING!

VARIOUS OPINIONS AHEAD



U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



HOUSE: DEMOCRATS TAKE OVER

- Democrats take majority in House
- Relationship between Administration and Congress now changes
- Democrats control calendar, investigations, subpoena executive branch, schedule hearings
- Impeachment proceedings a conversation between Democrat factions

116TH CONGRESS

- 116th Congress Democrats more diverse, younger, female
- Speaker may or may not be Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
- Republicans elect Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) Minority Leader
- Republican Senate will thwart House D's but common ground exists-
 - Infrastructure
 - Judicial reform
 - Drug prices
 - Immigration reform (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, too)

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR 2020

- Democrats will prioritize goals crucial to 2020 Presidential election
- Health care, gun control, along with oversight of Trump Administration
- Republicans will need to adjust to life in the minority
- Path back to majority for R's includes forcing Democrats to take many difficult votes

U.S. SENATE



SENATE: REPUBLICANS KEEP CONTROL

- Republicans remain in majority
- Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) will be longest-serving Republican Leader (surpassing Bob Dole)
- Chuck Schumer (D-NW) remains top Democrat
- Expected to remain:
 - Dick Durbin (D-IL) as WHIP
 - Patty Murray (D-WA) as Assistant Democratic Leader
 - Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) as Chair/Policy & Communications Cmte

SENATE PATH STILL PAVED WITH CHALLENGE

- D's will still push their agenda as R's do not have 60 votes required to pass most legislation (Senate rule)
- Schumer to hold caucus together and push for vote
- At least nine D's considering 2020 Presidential run
- Reduce health care costs, promote college access, skills training, infrastructure investment
- \$1 TRILLION infrastructure pkg offset by return of 39.6% top marginal tax rate

ISSUE AREAS - AGRICULTURE

- Do or die for Farm Bill during Lame Duck
- If no agreement, they start over in January
- Pressure is on for bipartisan agreement
- Disagree over SNAP, farm program funding, conservation programs
- Senate Ag Committee likely stays same
- House Ag Committee likely to change
- Key issues Trade, Farm Bill implementation, oversight

ISSUE AREAS -

- Appropriations
- Education
- Energy & Environment
- Health
- Homeland Security
- Tax
- Trade
- Transportation & Infrastructure

What does this mean for us?

- We love all our politicians equally
 - R's and D's and I's
 - Elected - Appointed - Staff
- Wine is apolitical
- Long track record of working with both sides of aisle
- Unified approach--Growers and vintners work DC together, with other states and with national organizations

THANK YOU.

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to DC or to Olympia.

