



Federal Legislative Program 115th U.S. Congress

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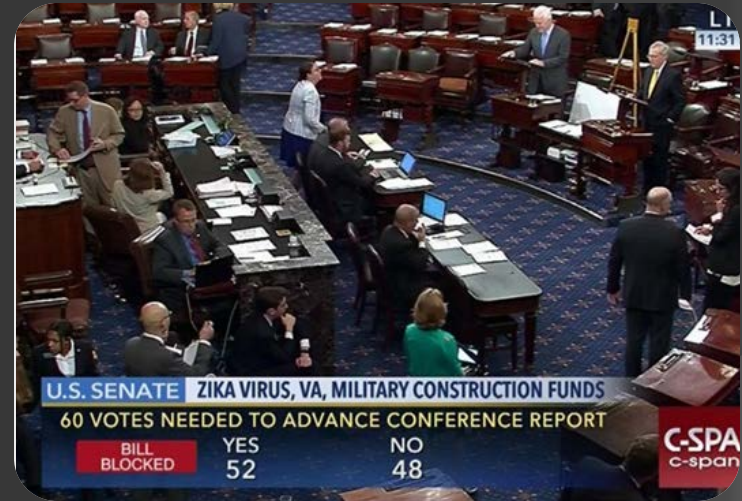
- 115th Congress will convene on January 3, 2017 for a two year legislative session ending January 3, 2019
- Senate: 100 members
- House of Representatives: 435 members



114th Congress Recap



- Continued political gridlock – 229 Bills passed to date
- 12 appropriations bills did not pass
- Short term CR passed Sept. 28 funding government until Dec. 9
- Nov. 14 – Dec. 16 “lame duck” session is likely to see a flurry of legislative activity



114th Congress Recap



COSA Accomplishments



Political Landscape



- 2016 Election (November 8)
 - Presidential election determines which party controls executive branch
 - Congressional elections determines which party controls the Senate and House for the next two years
- 34 Senate seats up for election
- All 435 Representative seats up for election
- Texas' 23rd Congressional District only competitive seat in State



Political Landscape



- Nov. 29 – Dec. 16 – “Lame duck” session with final action on FY 2017 appropriations and election of Congressional party leadership
- Nov. 2016 – Jan. 2017 – Presidential transition teams prepares comprehensive recommendations on programs and initiatives
- January 3, 2017 – First day of 115th Congress
- January 20, 2017 – Presidential inauguration



Program Timeline



DATE	ACTIVITY
August 2016	Priority issues requested from City Departments & Community Partners
September/October	Discussions with Congressional Delegation Offices
October 11-12	Legislative Work-Session with Federal Consultants
October/November	Briefings for Mayor, IGR Chairman and City Manager
November 8	IGR Council Sub-Committee Meeting Approval
November/December	B Session Briefing
December	City Council consideration and final approval

Structure of Federal Legislative Program



- I. Federal Priorities
- II. Legislative Issues
- III. Agency Initiatives
- IV. Community Partners

Federal Priorities



- FAA Reauthorization
- Military protection
- Transportation funding



Legislative Issues



- Community Oriented Policing
- Municipal Bond Tax Exemption
- Marketplace Fairness Act
- Public, Education & Government Access

Legislative Issues



- Promise Zone Tax Credit
- Downtown Historic District
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention



Agency Initiatives



- Workforce, Education & Training
- Smart Cities
- San Antonio Tricentennial
- Homeless Services for Individuals with Mental Illness



Protection of Community Interests



Support federal regulations or legislation which clearly benefits the City and oppose regulations or legislation adverse to the City's interests

Community Partners



- VIA Metropolitan Transit
- Port San Antonio
- Brooks City-Base
- San Antonio Mobility Coalition
- San Antonio Housing Authority
- San Antonio River Authority
- SAWS
- CPS



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