

REDC 2018 MIDTERM ELECTION ANALYSIS

The Executive Summary

Center Road Solutions conducted a 2018 midterm election analysis to help the REDC understand specifically what changes we expect for the overall Congress and the Committees related to both our ACA and TRICARE work.

A. Overall 2018 Mid-Term Election Results:

The 2018 Mid-Term Election was a heated one, leading to a significant shift in control in both Congress and in some Governorships. As we predicted, the Democratic party gained control of the U.S. House of Representatives receiving over the 218 required majority, and the Republicans maintained their control over the Senate receiving over the 51 majority, adding a tad stronger control. As of November 9, 2018, the results are as follows:

- **House of Representatives:** 226 Democrats; 198 Republicans- with 11 races still in progress (4 Ds leading; 7 Rs leading)
- **Senate:** 51 Republicans; 46 Democrats (including 2 Independents who vote D)- with 3 races still in progress (1 D leading (AZ); 2 R leading (FL & MS))

B. Big Takeaways for REDC ACA and SERVE Act Work:

Overall, we expected the new shift in Congress to affect our work as follows:

- **SERVE Act/TRICARE: Slight Change.** The House & Senate Armed Services Committee are typically a very bipartisan Committee and will continue to require the passage of the NDAA each year. On the Senate side, we do not expect any significant changes. On the House side, we do expect some potential slight changes. We already planned for Rep. Moulton (D-MA) to lead the legislation as Rep. Jones (R-NC) to be his Republican co-lead and expect them both to remain on the House Armed Services Committee.
 - However, with Rep. Coffman (R-CO) losing his seat, Rep. Jones will may take over as the Ranking Member on the Military Personnel Subcommittee, assuming he does not choose to switch subcommittees or is not moved by leadership. If this were to happen, there is a chance that he would not want to co-lead the legislation as it would now sit before his committee of jurisdiction and create a potential conflict of interest. However, it would be very helpful for us to have Rep. Jones leading the panel, as we now know that the Ranking Member of the personnel subcommittee is familiar with and receptive to eating disorders issues.
- **ACA Repeal and Stabilization: Significant Change.** With Republicans losing control of the House, we can now firmly say that ACA Repeal will not occur on the Congressional level in 2019 and 2020; as the House Democrats have long fought to keep the ACA. Additionally, with the highlighted pressure on pre-existing conditions and ACA affordability during the midterm elections on both sides of the aisle, there is a window of opportunity for bipartisanship- looking to the Alexander/Murray stabilization compromise from March 2018- for stabilization. The largest challenge will be working with the House Democrats to **moderate** whatever may be passed on the House side so that it will be picked up and passed on the Senate side.

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- **Governors Races: Significant Change.** Additionally, with new Regulatory Actions from the Trump Administration opening up flexibility for states including permitting State Innovation Waivers (Sec. 1332) to remove the essential health requirements (mental health coverage) as well as current law suits against the ACA, these results will also have a significant effect on how each center in each state will be affected. Overall, there were 19 races, of which 7 of those switched from Republican controlled Governors to Democrat controlled Governors and none of them switched from Democrat controlled to Republican controlled. This will add more protections to those states to protect them from the regulatory actions from the Trump Administrations; however, depending on how conservative specific Republican Governor changes are- may create some risk in those R-controlled states.

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House Armed Services Committee Summary:

There are numerous House of Representatives related to the REDC's TRICARE work who are retiring from Congress or running for different offices as well as quite a few, including Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ-02), Bill Shuster (R-PA-09), and Martha McSally (R-AZ-02). On the Democratic side, Bob Brady (D-PA-01), Niki Tsongas (D-MA-03), Beto O'Rourke (D-TX-16), Colleen Hanabusa (D-HI-01), Carol Shea Porter (D-NH-01), and Jacky Rosen (D-NV-03) all either retired or ran for another office.

Moderates Mike Coffman (R-CO-06) and Stephen Knight (R-CA-25) both lost reelection and will not be returning to the Committee. Shockingly, Steve Russell (R-OK-05) also lost re-election in a heavily Republican-leaning district. Rep. Russell was the co-chair of the Warrior's Caucus.

With Democrats taking the House, Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA-09) will become Chairman. Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX-13) will most likely become Ranking Member.

Military Personnel Subcommittee:

The Military Personnel Subcommittee in particular will be very different next Congress. Current Chairman Mike Coffman lost reelection. Steve Russell also lost, and Martha McSally left the House to run for Senate. Given this, the Republican line of leadership for the Military Personnel Subcommittee, based on seniority, is Walter B. Jones (R-NC-03), Don Bacon (R-NE-02), Ralph Abraham (R-LA-05), and Trent Kelly (R-MS-01).

On the Democratic side, Jackie Speier (D-CA-14) will likely become Chairwoman of the Subcommittee. Outside of her, the only returning member on the Democratic side is Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-07), as Bob Brady, Niki Tsongas, and Carol Shea-Porter all retired, and Jacky Rosen won a Senate seat in Nevada.

Returning Members:

- Mac Thornberry [R-TX-13] [**Likely Ranking Member**]
- Walter B. Jones [R-NC-03] [**Likely Military Personnel Subcommittee Ranking Member**]
- Joe Wilson [R-SC-02]
- Rob Bishop [R-UT-01]
- Michael Turner [R-OH-10]
- Mike Rogers [R-AL-03]
- Michael K. Conaway [R-TX-11]
- Doug Lamborn [R-CO-05]
- Robert Wittman [R-VA-01]
- Vicky Hartzler [R-MI-04]
- Austin Scott [R-GA-08]
- Mo Brooks [R-AL-05]
- Paul Cook [R-CA-08]
- Bradley Byrne [R-AL-01]
- Sam Graves [R-MO-06]
- Elise Stefanik [R-NY-21]
- Scott DesJarlais [R-TN-04]
- Ralph Abraham [R-LA-05]
- Trent Kelly [R-MS-01]

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- Mike Gallagher [R-WI-08]
- Matt Gaetz [R-FL-01]
- Don Bacon [R-NE-02]
- Jim Banks [R-IN-03]
- Liz Cheney [R-WY-AL]
- Jody Hice [R-GA-10]
- Paul Mitchell [R-MI-10]

- Adam Smith [D-WA-09] [**Likely Chairman**]
- Susan Davis [D-CA-53]
- Jim Langevin [D-RI-02]
- Rick Larsen [D-WA-02]
- Jim Cooper [D-TN-05]
- Joe Courtney [D-CT-02]
- John Garamendi [D-CA-03]
- Jackie Speier [D-CA-14] [**Likely Military Personnel Subcommittee Chairwoman**]
- Marc Veasey [D-TX-33]
- Tulsi Gabbard [D-HI-02]
- Donald Norcross [D-NJ-01]
- Ruben Gallego [D-AZ-07]
- Seth Moulton [D-MA-06]
- Donald McEachin [D-VA-04]
- Salud Carbajal [D-CA-24]
- Anthony Brown [D-MD-04]
- Stephanie Murphy [D-FL-07]
- Ro Khanna [D-CA-17]
- Tom O'Halleran [D-AZ-01]
- Thomas Suozzi [D-NY-03]
- Jimmy Panetta [D-CA-20]

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Members Not Returning:

Incumbent	Replacement	Replacement About
Frank LoBiondo [R-NJ-02]	Jeff Van Drew [D]	A dentist by trade, Van Drew is a conservative Democrat, who believes in bringing Republicans and Democrats together. Before being elected, he served in the New Jersey General Assembly. ¹ He believes that the American healthcare system needs to be accessible and affordable. He wants to reform the ACA to protect families and small businesses, and work to lower the high cost of healthcare and prescription drugs. ² He has earned a reputation as a strong advocate for veterans, by fighting to bring a veterans' hospital to South New Jersey, as well as urging the federal government to allow veterans to go to their area hospital to receive their medical care. ³
Bill Shuster [R-PA-09]	Dan Meuser [R]	Meuser is a business owner and conservative. ⁴ He believes we need to allocate stronger resources towards mental health, veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder [PTSD] and from Traumatic Brain Injuries [TBI] and that we should support beneficial combat veteran peer-to-peer programs and ensure expedited mental health care accessibility. He believes that vets facing long wait times at the VA should be able to seek care in the private sector. ⁵ He believes that Obamacare should be repealed and replaced. ⁶
Mike Coffman [R-CO-06]	Jason Crow [D]	Crow is a former U.S. Army Ranger and attorney. He served three tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan and served on the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs from 2009-2014. ⁷ There, he oversaw the Veterans Trust Fund, which is used to improve veterans' access to healthcare, stable housing, and support services. He has campaigned on veterans' issues, especially mental health and treatment issues. He fought to secure funding for a new VA hospital in Aurora, CO. He believes that the Affordable Care Act needs fixing rather than replacing. ⁸

¹ <https://www.vandrewforcongress.com/about/>

² <https://www.vandrewforcongress.com/issues/>

³ https://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/press/atlantic/van-drew-bill-urges-action-on-veterans-hospital-care/article_fda20489-940b-5332-8a1d-e45301b508e8.html

⁴ https://www.meuserforcongress.com/meet_dan

⁵ https://www.meuserforcongress.com/policy_veterans

⁶ https://www.dailyitem.com/news/snyder_county/meuser-nix-obamacare-but-keep-provisions/article_267d2048-5200-5787-af2a-4cf5e035f1a1.html

⁷ <https://jasoncrowforcongress.com/about/>

⁸ <https://jasoncrowforcongress.com/values/>

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Martha McSally [R-AZ-02]	Ann Kirkpatrick [D]	Ann Kirkpatrick formerly served in Congress from 2009-2011 and 2013-2017. ⁹ While in Congress, she voted for the ACA and has voted against numerous attempts to repeal it. On health care, she believes that the solution is to let people buy into Medicare at any age – the “Medicare Buy-In Plan.” She has previously worked to reform the VA and has a record of support for veterans’ programs. Her legislation, VA CORE, was signed into law to help reduce the VA claims backlog. She stressed to the Veterans Affairs Committee that veterans’ hospitals need to hire more mental health professionals. She believes Congress has an obligation to ensure that military members and their families have good jobs, housing, and access to affordable education and healthcare. ¹⁰
Stephen Knight [R-CA-25]	Katie Hill [D]	Hill is the former executive director of People Assisting the Homeless [PATH], California’s largest non-profit provider of homes for the homeless. ¹¹ Hill wants to invest in proper treatment and mental health services facilities. She believes that mental health needs to be addressed in schools and the healthcare system. She has spoken about her younger brother, who dealt with addiction issues in the past. She has also stated that she wants to provide the best possible care for mental health for veterans. ¹²
Steve Russell [R-OK-05]	Kendra Horn [D]	Horn is an attorney with experience in running nonprofits as well as the aerospace industry. ¹³ <u>She believes that mental illness and addiction treatment need to be taken just as serious as other health care matters.</u> She wants to focus on improving access to health care, such as by expanding Medicaid. ¹⁴
Bob Brady [D-PA-01]	Madeleine Dean [D]	Dean is a former trial lawyer who served as the Executive Director of Philadelphia Trial Lawyers and later as in-house counsel to her husband’s bicycle business before being elected to the PA State House. ¹⁵ Dean believes that everyone should have equal rights to healthcare. She believes in universal healthcare and solving the opioid epidemic. She has stated that she is committed to accommodating veterans in the best way possible. ¹⁶
Niki Tsongas [D-MA-03]	Lori Trahan [D]	Trahan is the former chief of staff for Congressman Marty Meehan. She has worked as an executive at an early-stage tech firm as well. ¹⁷ She believes in expanding the ACA, bringing down out-of-

⁹ <https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/414355-dems-pick-up-seat-in-arizona>

¹⁰ <https://www.kirkpatrickforcongress.com/issues/>

¹¹ <https://www.katiehillforcongress.com/about>

¹² <https://www.katiehillforcongress.com/issues>

¹³ <https://www.kendrahornforcongress.com/meet>

¹⁴ <https://www.kendrahornforcongress.com/issues>

¹⁵ <https://www.mad4pa.com/meet-mad-1/>

¹⁶ <https://www.mad4pa.com/priorities/>

¹⁷ <https://loritrahan.com/meet-lori/>

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		pocket costs, and reducing the price of prescription drugs. She has also made fighting addiction and substance use disorders a large part of her platform. ¹⁸
Beto O'Rourke [D-TX-16]	Veronica Escobar [D]	Escobar has served two terms as an El Paso County Judge, and one term as a County Commissioner. Before being elected to those positions, she was the Executive Director of a local non-profit that hired high school students to do policy research about El Paso's challenges. She believes that veterans deserve access to world-class health and mental health care. She supports a single-payer healthcare system.
Colleen Hanabusa [D-HI-01]	Ed Case [D]	Case previously served in Congress from 2002-2007, where he positioned himself as a Blue Dog / moderate Democrat. He previously worked in Congress as a Legislative Assistant when he was younger, before going to law school and then entering private practice for 20 years. ¹⁹ He believes in fully funding all veterans' health, mental health care, education, housing, and other education programs. He supports community health centers, telemedicine and other health care components of greater utility in an island state. ²⁰
Carol Shea-Porter [D-NH-01]	Chris Pappas [D]	Pappas has been both an elected official in New Hampshire as well as co-owner of a restaurant. ²¹ He supports universal healthcare and voted for New Hampshire's Medicaid expansion. He campaigned on bringing a full-service veteran's hospital to New Hampshire and opposes VA privatization while also supporting the Veterans Choice Program. He is also committed to fighting the opioid and substance abuse issues that have affected New Hampshire. ²²
Jacky Rosen [D-NV-03]	Susie Lee [D]	Lee is the founding director of an after-school nonprofit, as well as the President of a dropout prevention organization. ²³ She supports a fully funded VA that provides returning vets the care she needs. <u>She notes that this care must be extended to mental health services and suicide prevention. She will push for increased funding for veterans' mental health programs.</u> ²⁴

¹⁸ <https://loritrahan.com/healthcare/>

¹⁹ <https://www.edcase.com/story/>

²⁰ <https://www.edcase.com/agenda/>

²¹ <https://www.chrispappas.org/about-chris/>

²² <https://www.chrispappas.org/issues/>

²³ <https://susieleeformcongress.com/susies-story>

²⁴ <https://susieleeformcongress.com/national-security-and-veterans>

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SENATE ARMED SERVICES

Three members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, all Democrats, lost re-election: expected Bill Nelson (D-FL), Claire McCaskill (D-MO), and Joe Donnelly (D-IN). Senator McCaskill is a member of the Personnel subcommittee.

Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK) will likely remain Chairman of SASC, with Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) likely remaining Ranking Member. Senators Thom Tillis (R-NC) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) are likely to retain Chairman and Ranking Member of the Personnel Subcommittee. With only minor changes to the panel, we do not expect that the midterm election results will have any impact on the SERVE Act in the Senate.

However with Sen. McCaskill not being re-elected, there will be an opportunity from another Democrat to join the Military Personnel Subcommittee, which may work in our favor since McCaskill did not show interest in leading the SERVE Act, Gillibrand would likely not lead being the Ranking Member (creating a conflict of interest), and Warren being too progressive to find a corresponding Republican counterpart to lead the legislation.

Members Returning:

- Jim Inhofe [R-OK] [**Likely Chairman**]
- Roger Wicker [R-MS]
- Deb Fischer [R-NE]
- Tom Cotton [R-AR]
- Mike Rounds [R-SD]
- Joni Ernst [R-IA]
- Thom Tillis [R-NC] [**Likely remains Personnel Chairman**]
- Dan Sullivan [R-AK]
- David Perdue [R-GA]
- Ted Cruz [R-TX]
- Lindsey Graham [R-SC]
- Ben Sasse [R-NE]
- Tim Scott [R-SC]
- Jon Kyl [R-AZ]
- Jack Reed [D-RI] [**Likely Ranking Member**]
- Jeanne Shaheen [D-NH]
- Kirsten Gillibrand [D-NY] [**Likely remains Personnel Ranking Member**]
- Richard Blumenthal [D-CT]
- Mazie Hirono [D-HI]
- Tim Kaine [D-VA]
- Angus King [I-ME]
- Martin Heinrich [D-NM]
- Elizabeth Warren [D-MA]
- Gary Peters [D-MI]

Members Not Returning:

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Incumbent	Replacement	Replacement About
Bill Nelson [D-FL] ²⁵	Rick Scott [R]	Scott is the current governor of Florida. He served in the Navy and later became a law firm partner and founder of a private for-profit health care company. ²⁶ This company was fined for defrauding government health care programs, including TRICARE. ²⁷ He has been a critic of the ACA but has said that preexisting conditions should be protected. ²⁸
Claire McCaskill [D-MO]	Josh Hawley [R]	Hawley is the current Attorney General of Missouri. He joined 20 other Republican-led states in a lawsuit challenging the ACA. ²⁹ Hawley was attacked by veterans during his campaign for not standing up to the administration on predatory lending to servicemembers. ³⁰
Joe Donnelly [D-IN]	Mike Braun [R]	Braun is the founder and CEO of an auto parts distribution company, as well as a logistics business. He opposes the ACA, and touts that he covered preexisting conditions with no lifetime caps at his business before the ACA was enacted. ³¹ He has stated that he will work to reform the VA, reduce wait times at the VA, allow vets to receive care closer to home, and <u>improve mental health services for veterans. He has specifically outline helping veterans suffering from PTSD as a campaign plank.</u> ³²

²⁵ Note: Race has not yet been called

²⁶ <https://rickscottforflorida.com/meet-rick/>

²⁷ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2018/10/13/florida-governor-rick-scott-navy-hat-attack-midterm-ad/1620149002/>

²⁸ <https://www.politifact.com/florida/statements/2018/sep/12/florida-democratic-party/fact-checking-rick-scott-and-risk-pre-existing-con/>

²⁹ <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/409267-gop-senate-candidate-hawley-no-regrets-on-backing-anti-obamacare-lawsuit>

³⁰ <https://missouridemocrats.org/press-release/icymi-missouri-veterans-across-state-call-josh-hawley-claire-fights-vets-tour/>

³¹ <https://www.mikebraunforindiana.com/about/#>

³² <https://www.mikebraunforindiana.com/issues/>

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HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE and HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Energy & Commerce Committee:

With regards to the House Energy & Commerce Committee, the biggest losses for the REDC are the flipped red to blue seat of Rep. Leonard Lance [R-NJ-7], retiring Rep. Gregg Harper [R-MS-3], and retiring member Rep. Ryan Costello [R-PA-6] as they have both been the eating disorder community's Congressional champions for years.

Rep. Frank Pallone [D-NJ-6] will be Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee in 2019, wielding broad power over the Democratic health agenda. The committee's chief goal will be protecting the Affordable Care Act, which Rep. Pallone has stated he would explore negotiating a bipartisan bill stabilizing the ACA insurance marketplaces. Other agenda items will focus on rolling back the Trump administration's moves against the ACA, which would include legislation restricting the sale of short-term, limited duration insurance plans and reinstating funding for "navigator" groups that aid ACA enrollees. With the retirement of Rep. Gene Green [D-TX-29] as Ranking Member of the Health Subcommittee on Energy and Commerce, Rep. Jan Schakowsky [D-IL-9] is likely next in line to become Chairwoman of the Subcommittee.

Ways & Means Committee:

Rep. Richard Neal [D-MA-1] is poised to take the gavel as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and is committed to defend Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. The retirement of Rep. Sander Levin [D-MI-9] as the Ranking Member of the Health Subcommittee leaves the new Chairman position open to Rep. Lloyd Doggett [D-TX-35]. On the Republican side, the Health Subcommittee lost 5 seats to retirements or reelection bids and it is unclear who the ranking member will be.

Members Returning:

- Gus Bilirakis [R-FL-12]
- Susan Brooks [R-IN-5]
- Larry Bucshon [R-IN-8]
- Michael Burgess [R-TX-26] [**Likely Ranking Member of the Health Subcommittee**]
- G.K. Butterfield [D-NC-1]
- Tony Cardenas [D-CA-29]
- Buddy Carter [R-GA-1]
- Kathy Castor [D-FL-14]
- Yvette Clarke [D-NY-9]
- Debbie Dingell [D-MI-12]
- Michael Doyle [D-PA-18]
- Jeff Duncan [R-SC-3]
- Eliot Engel [D-NY-16]
- Anna Eshoo [D-CA-18]
- Bill Flores [R-TX-17]
- Morgan Griffith [R-VA-9]
- Brett Guthrie [R-KY-2]
- Joseph Kennedy [D-MA-4]
- Adam Kinzinger [R-IL-16]
- Robert Latta [R-OH-5]
- David Loebsack [D-IA-2]
- Billy Long [R-MO-7]
- Ben Ray Lujan [D-NM-3]

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- Doris Matsui [D-CA-6]
- David McKinley [R-WV-1]
- Jerry McNerney [D-CA-9]
- Markwayne Mullin [R-OK-2]
- Pete Olson [R-TX-22]
- Frank Pallone [D-NJ-6] [**Likely Chairman**]
- Scott Peters [D-CA-52]
- Raul Ruiz [D-CA-36]
- Bobby Rush [D-IL-1]
- Steve Scalise [R-LA-1]
- Jan Schakowsky [D-IL-9] [**Potential Chairwoman of the Health Subcommittee**]
- Kurt Schrader [D-OR-5]
- John Shimkus [R-IL-15]
- Paul Tonko [D-NY-21]
- Fred Upton [R-MI-6]
- Tim Wahlberg [R-MI-7]
- Greg Walden [R-OR-2] [**Potential Ranking Member**]
- Mimi Walters [R-CA-45]
- Peter Welch [D-VT-At Large]

Members Not Returning:

Incumbent	Replacement	Replacement About
Joe Barton [R-TX-6]	Ronald Wright [R]	He has been District Director for Rep. Joe Barton, as well as his Chief of Staff, and has been the Tax Assessor-Collector of Tarrant County since 2012. He is prioritizing tax reform, as well as repealing Obamacare. He is a conservative Republican. ³³
Ryan Costello [R-PA-6]	Chrissy Houlahan [D]	This is expected to be flipped red to blue seat going to Chrissy Houlahan [D], a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. She became the COO of AND1 Basketball and worked as the COO of the nonprofits B-Lab and Springboard Collaborative. She wants to expand access to healthcare and control costs through legislation that incorporates sound competitive practices into drug development and distribution, and hospital management. ³⁴
Kevin Cramer [R-ND-AL]	Kelly Armstrong [R]	A conservative Republican who wants to reduce the size of government and eliminate the ACA. Armstrong believes states are the best to deal with healthcare problems and is currently a state representative in the ND legislature. He favors a health care system similar to those outlined in the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill [eliminating subsidies for low-income individuals and families, eliminate Medicaid expansion, and give

³³ <https://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/fort-worth/article187665558.html>

³⁴ <https://www.chrissyhoulahanforcongress.com/gun-violence-prevention/>

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		states block grants for health care], and insists that ND was already covering pre-existing conditions before the ACA required them to do so. ³⁵
Gene Green [D-TX-29]	Sylvia Garcia [D]	Garcia has a JD from Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University and has worked as a social worker and a legal aid lawyer and is currently Texas State Senator. Garcia worked to expand Medicaid in Texas and expand local community clinics – she is in favor of a Medicare for All healthcare system. ³⁶
Gregg Harper [R-MS-3]	Michael Guest [R]	Guest has a JD from the University of Mississippi and was elected as a district attorney in 2007. He is VP of Mississippi Prosecutor’s Association. He bills himself as a “conservative Christian leader,” who wants to repeal the ACA and sell health insurance across state lines. ³⁷
Leonard Lance [R-NJ-7]	Tom Malinowski [D]	Malinowski served on President Clinton’s National Security Council, worked for the Human Rights Watch, and was the Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor in Obama’s administration. Malinowski wants to defend and fix the ACA, achieve universal and affordable health coverage, implement a national insurance mandate, reaffirm pre-existing coverage nationally, create an opt-in option for Medicare, allow the government to negotiate drug prices, require drug companies to provide advanced notice of price increases over 15%, and stop bad actors in the pharma industry from blocking generic drug alternatives from reaching the market. ³⁸
Marsha Blackburn [R-TN-7]	Mark Green [R]	Green was a State Senator, physician, Army veteran, and was appointed as the US Secretary of the Army by Trump before he withdrew. Green advocates for the repeal of the ACA, implementing free market principles in health care – points to his work as State Senator to implement a medical expense swipe card with “a reduced amount of dollars available for medical purchases coupled with a catastrophic insurance plan...incentivizes them to shop for lower prices and save money.” ³⁹

³⁵ https://www.willistonherald.com/news/armstrong-hopes-to-be-a-voice-of-north-dakota-reason/article_12da71cc-b873-11e8-ae13-cfd80d8f5198.html

³⁶ <http://sylviaforcongress.com/issues/>

³⁷ <https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/politics/elections/2018/10/24/how-michael-evans-michael-guest-vote-if-elected-congress/1646968002/>

³⁸ <https://malinowskifornj.com/affordable-healthcare-for-all/>

³⁹ <https://www.markgreen4tn.com/>

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HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Members Returning:

- Earl Blumenauer [D-OR-3]
- Kevin Brady [R-TX-8] [**Potentially Ranking Member**]
- Vern Buchanan [R-FL-16]
- Judy Chu [D-CA-27]
- Danny Davis [D-IL-7]
- Suzan DelBene [D-WA-1]
- Lloyd Doggett [D-TX-35] [**Potential Chairman of the Health Subcommittee**]
- Brian Higgins [D-NY-26]
- George Holding [R-NC-2]
- Richard Hudson [R-NC-8]
- Mike Kelly [R-PA-16]
- Ron Kind [D-WI-3]
- Darin LaHood [R-IL-18]
- John Larson [D-CT-1]
- John Lewis [D-GA-5]
- Kenny Marchant [R-TX-24]
- Richard Neal [D-MA-1] [**Potentially Chairman**]
- Devin Nunes [R-CA-22]
- Bill Pascrell [D-NJ-9]
- Tom Reed [R-NY-23]
- Tom Rice [R-SC-7]
- Linda Sanchez [D-CA-38]
- David Schweikert [D-AZ-6]
- Terri Sewell [D-AL-7]
- Adrian Smith [R-NE-3]
- Jason Smith [R-MO-8]
- Mike Thompson [D-CA-5]
- Jackie Walorski [R-IN-2]
- Brad Wenstrup [R-OH-2]

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Mike Bishop [R-MI-8]	Elissa Slotkin [D]	Slotkin was former Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense in the Obama administration. She worked for the CIA, served in Iraq, and also served on George W. Buh’s national security staff. She opened a consulting business in Michigan. Slotkin wants to fix the ACA, allow people to buy into Medicare, reform the prescription drug industry, protect essential health benefits and pre-existing conditions coverage, and end discrimination based on gender and lifetime coverage caps.
Diane Black [R-TN-6]	John Rose [R]	Rose has a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics from Purdue and a Law degree from Vanderbilt. He owns and operates his family’s farm. He considers himself a conservative Christian. Rose supports repealing the ACA and replacing it with market-based reforms. ⁴⁰
Joe Crowley [D-NY-7]	Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez [D]	Ocasio-Cortez has degrees in Economics and International Relations from Boston University, and has experience as an Educational Director for an education community organization. She is an advocate for Improved and Expanded Medicare for All to make a universal, affordable healthcare system and reduce costs.
Carlos Curbelo [R-FL-26]	Debbie Mucarsel-Powell [D]	Mucarsel-Powell has worked for several nonprofits organizations and was the director of development for Florida International University. She wants to expand access to healthcare, defend pre-existing condition protections, lower prescription drug costs, and secure Medicare. ⁴¹
Lynn Jenkins [R-KS-2]	Steve Watkins [R]	Watkins is a West Point and MIT graduate and veteran. After serving in Iraq for 10 years he was an independent contractor working predominately with the Department of Defense. He supports repealing the ACA and working to replace the law with a patient-centered system that “promotes competition, reduces costs and gives patients more control of their health care.” ⁴²
Sander Levin [D-MI-9]	Andy Levin [D]	Levin created a job-retraining program in Michigan, founded a clean energy business, and has helped organize unions. He was Deputy Director and Acting Director of the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth and Michigan’s Chief Workforce Officer. He is a proponent of Medicare For All, shoring up the ACA, and protecting protections for pre-existing conditions. ⁴³

⁴⁰ <https://johnrose.com/the-issues/>

⁴¹ <https://debbiemucarselpowell.com/issues/#healthcare>

⁴² <https://steveforkansas.com>

⁴³ <https://www.andylevinforcongress.com/issues>

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Kristi Noem [R-SD-AL]	Dusty Johnson [R]	Johnson worked on Governor Rounds' campaign, served on his policy staff, served on the Public Utilities Commission, then became chief of staff. He also worked for a telecommunications engineering and consulting firm as VP. He believes states should get federal block grants to innovate healthcare models for their constituents' needs, but that these programs should cover pre-existing conditions and offer federally-funded coverage for low-income residents. ⁴⁴
Erik Paulsen [R-MN-3]	Dean Phillips [D]	Phillips has an MBA from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School and is an entrepreneur, most known for the Talenti gelato brand. Phillips wants to fix and improve the ACA to stabilize markets by bringing more competition into states. He also wants to expand Medicare as a public option for all Americans and reduce the costs of prescription drugs by cracking down on predatory pricing schemes. ⁴⁵
Dave Reichert [R-WA-8]	Kim Schrier [D]	Schrier is a pediatrician with a degree from the University of California, Davis School of Medicine. She advocates for moving towards a Medicare for All system. In the short-term she wants to stabilize the markets, build on and restore the ACA, and implement a Medicare public option. She wants to improve price transparency, negotiate prescription drug prices, and invest in healthcare research. Comprehensive healthcare platform on website. ⁴⁶
Jim Renacci [R-OH-16]	Anthony Gonzalez [R]	Gonzalez spent 5 years in the NFL, received his MBA from Stanford, and ran a technology company. He is unsupportive of the ACA, and wants to expand HSAs, increase price transparency, allow Medicare to negotiate prices, implement free market principles into healthcare, equalize tax treatment for individual plans, and cover pre-existing conditions. ⁴⁷
Peter Roskam [R-IL-6]	Sean Casten [D]	Casten is a clean energy entrepreneur and biochemical engineering and has used his personal wealth to heavily finance his campaign. He advocates for universal health care by fixing the problems in the ACA. He wants to add a taxpayer-funded, means-tested base level of healthcare coverage and give people an option to opt-in to it if they don't qualify [similar to Medicare buy-in]. Casten also wants Medicare to be able to negotiate drug prices. ⁴⁸

⁴⁴ <https://www.argusleader.com/story/news/politics/2018/09/28/south-dakota-us-house-election-candidates-trade-health-care-immigration/1409086002/>

⁴⁵ <https://www.phillipsforcongress.org/priorities/healthcare-for-all/>

⁴⁶ <https://www.drkimschrier.com/issues/healthcare/>

⁴⁷ <https://www.voteanthonygonzalez.com/issues/#healthcare>

⁴⁸ <https://castenforcongress.com/blog/issue/health-care/>

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SENATE HELP & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Senate HELP:

On the Senate HELP Committee, retiring Senator Orrin Hatch [R-UT] was replaced by former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. If leadership permits Romney to sit on the HELP panel, it would be positive as Romney is moderate and the original architect of the ACA structure during his MA governorship. Senator Lamar Alexander [R-TN] is expected to return as Chairman of the HELP Committee and Senator Patty Murray [D-WA] as Ranking Member. As it relates to the Primary Health and Retirement Subcommittee, Senator Mike Enzi [R-WY] is likely to remain Chairman and Senator Bernie Sanders [I-VT] as Ranking Member.

Senate Finance Committee:

For Senate Finance, Senator Chuck Grassley [R-IA] is deciding on whether he will take the gavel as Chairman of the Finance Committee and forgo his current post as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. On the Democratic side, Senator Ron Wyden [D-OR] is expected to retain his post as Ranking Member of the Finance Committee. As it relates to the Health Care Subcommittee, Senator Pat Toomey [R-PA] is likely to remain Chairman and Senator Debbie Stabenow [D-MI] as Ranking Member.

Members Returning:

- Bernie Sanders [I-VT] [**Likely to Remain Ranking Member on HELP Subcommittee**]
- Bill Cassidy [R-LA]
- Bob Casey [D-PA]
- Chris Murphy [D-CT]
- Doug Jones [D-AL]
- Elizabeth Warren [D-MA]
- Johnny Isakson [R-GA]
- Lamar Alexander [R-TN] [**Likely Chairmen**]
- Lisa Murkowski [R-AK]
- Maggie Hassan [D-NH]
- Michael Bennet [D-CO]
- Michael Enzi [R-WY] [**Likely to Remain Chairman of the HELP Subcommittee**]
- Pat Roberts [R-KS]
- Patty Murray [D-WA] [**Likely Ranking Member**]
- Rand Paul [R-KY]

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- Richard Burr [R-NC]
- Susan Collins [R-ME]
- Tammy Baldwin [D-WI]
- Tim Kaine [D-VA]
- Tim Scott [R-SC]
- Tina Smith [D-MN]
- Todd Young [R-IN]

Members Not Returning:

Incumbent	Replacement	Replacement About
Orrin Hatch [R-UT]	Mitt Romney [R]	Mitt Romney believes that the ACA should be repealed and not replaced at the federal level, but that states should take the reins concerning their Medicaid funds. Romney advocates for transparency in provider pricing and quality information. He will promote cost-sharing insurance policies and HSAs, as well as requiring pharma companies to spread the cost of drug development with other countries. ⁴⁹

⁴⁹ <https://www.romneyforutah.com/issues-healthcare/>

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Returning Members:

- Ben Cardin [D-MD]
- Bill Cassidy [R-LA]
- Bob Casey [D-PA]
- Bob Menendez [D-NJ]
- Chuck Grassley [R-IA] **[Potential Chairman]**
- Debbie Stabenow [D-MI] **[Likely to Remain Subcommittee Ranking Member]**
- John Cornyn [R-TX]
- John Thune [R-SD]
- Johnny Isakson [R-GA]
- Maria Cantwell [D-WA]
- Mark Warner [D-VA]
- Michael Bennet [D-CO]
- Mike Crapo [R-ID] **[Potential Chairman]**
- Mike Enzi [R-WY]
- Pat Roberts [R-KS]
- Patrick Toomey [R-PA] **[Likely to Remain Subcommittee Chairman]**
- Richard Burr [R-NC]
- Rob Portman [R-OH]
- Ron Wyden [D-OR] **[Likely Ranking Member]**
- Sheldon Whitehouse [D-RI]
- Sherrod Brown [D-OH]
- Tim Scott [R-SC]
- Tom Carper [D-DE]

Members Not Returning:

Incumbent	Replacement	Replacement About
Dean Heller [R-NV]	Jacky Rosen [D]	Jacky Rosen is currently serving her first term in the House of Representatives for Nevada's 3 rd district. She worked as a computer programmer and software developer. Rosen is an advocate for not cutting Medicare

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		funding, for shoring up the ACA, and protecting coverage for pre-existing conditions. She wants to stabilize marketplaces, lower premiums, and address Nevada’s doctor shortages – she has signed on to legislation to repeal the medical device tax. ⁵⁰
Claire McCaskill [D-MO]	Josh Hawley [R]	Josh Hawley is the attorney general for Missouri and considers himself a constitutional conservative and was a part of the Hobby Lobby case against the ACA in the Supreme Court. He wants to get rid of the ACA but keep coverage for pre-existing conditions. ⁵¹
Bill Nelson [D-FL] ⁵²	Rick Scott [R]	Scott is the current governor of Florida and is a Navy veteran. He wants to repeal the ACA, allow health plan sales across state lines, and protect pre-existing condition coverage. He refused to expand Medicaid in Florida. ⁵³
Orrin Hatch [R-UT]	Mitt Romney [R]	Mitt Romney believes that the ACA should be repealed and not replaced at the federal level, but that states should take the reins concerning their Medicaid funds. Romney advocates for transparency in provider pricing and quality information. He will promote cost-sharing insurance policies and HSAs, as well as requiring pharma companies to spread the cost of drug development with other countries. ⁵⁴

GOVERNOR’S RACES

The midterm elections resulted in 7 pick-ups for the Democrats with a current count of 26 R / 23 D governorships. Given the recent federal guidance related to ACA State Innovation Waivers (Section 1332), which would allow for increased flexibility of health care plans on the state exchanges (including the sale of short-term, limited duration insurance plans), the pick up in Democrat seats is favorable. By and large, the Democrat governors are supportive of the ACA and want to work on stabilizing their state’s insurance markets. However, likely with more conservative states like Texas, South Carolina, Alabama, etc., would be that the state would pass a waiver to decrease the baseline requirements under the ACA (negatively affecting our sicker patient population’s coverage), which would contribute to increased premium costs for individuals that need more comprehensive care. Additionally, Idaho, Utah and Nebraska voted to expand Medicaid in their states, which will increase

⁵⁰ <https://www.rosenfornevada.com/issues/>

⁵¹ <https://joshhawley.com/about/>

⁵² *Note: Race has yet to be called.*

⁵³ <https://www.sun-sentinel.com/opinion/fl-op-column-randy-schultz-florida-health-care-rick-scott-20180529-story.html>

⁵⁴ <https://www.romneyforutah.com/issues-healthcare/>

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coverage to approximately 300,000 individuals. It will be interesting to see how Republican governorships work to implement this expansion, which has historically been unpopular with Republicans.

Flipped States & New Governors:

Incumbent	Replacement	Replacement About
Bruce Rauner [R-IL]	J.B. Pritzker [D]	J.B. created a non-profit small business incubator and is a business man. He wants to protect the ACA, preserve full Medicaid funding, and work to expand health coverage. ⁵⁵
Sam Brownback [R-KS]	Laura Kelly [D]	Kelly is a long-time leader of the Kansas Recreation and Park Association and was elected to the Kansas Senate in 2004. She wants to expand Medicaid, increase oversight of KanCare (the state's Medicaid program), and is in favor of the ACA. ⁵⁶
Paul LePage [R-ME]	Janet Mills [D]	Mills was Attorney General for Maine and took Gov. LePage to court over his health care proposals. She wants to create a small business health care access plan, protect the ACA, expand Medicaid, lower the cost of prescription drugs, and streamline/improve Maine's Mental Health Care System. ⁵⁷
Rick Snyder [R-MI]	Gretchen Whitmer [D]	Whitmer graduated from Michigan State University and served in the Michigan Senate and as an Ingham County Prosecutor. She wants to expand Medicaid, increase access to care in rural Michigan, protect pre-existing conditions, and push for a reinsurance program. ⁵⁸
Brian Sandoval [R-NV]	Steve Sisolak [D]	Sisolak was elected to the Clark County Commission, where he now serves as chairman. He wants to create a Patient Protection Commission on health care, fight attempts to rollback Medicaid expansion, protect pre-existing condition protections, create drug price transparency, and invest in mental health services and addiction treatment centers. ⁵⁹
Susana Martinez [R-NM]	Michelle Lujan-Grisham [D]	Lujan-Grisham graduated from the University of New Mexico's law school and is served as a U.S. Congresswoman. She wants to maximize federal

⁵⁵ <https://www.jbpritzker.com/>

⁵⁶ <https://www.laurakellyforkansas.com/issues/healthcare/>

⁵⁷ <https://www.janetmills.com/>

⁵⁸ https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/gps-public-static/Gretchen-Whitmer/Whitmer_HealthcarePolicyDocument_09252018.pdf

⁵⁹ <https://stevesisolak.com/plan/>

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		funding for Medicaid, protect pre-existing conditions protections, fix the behavioral health system, and support prevention and public health initiatives. ⁶⁰
Scott Walker [R-WI]	Tony Evers [D]	Evers was a teacher and then became State Superintendent. He wants to expand Medicaid, stabilize the insurance markets, lower drug prices, invest in preventative programs, and protecting pre-existing condition protections. ⁶¹
Rick Scott [R-FL]	Ron DeSantis [R]	DeSantis is a former U.S. Representative and graduated from Yale and Harvard Law School. He is a Navy veteran and was a federal prosecutor. He is a proponent of short-term, limited duration insurance plans and limited benefit plans. However, he wants to protect pre-existing conditions protections. He is passionate about combatting fraud in Medicaid. ⁶²
Nathan Deal [R-GA]	<i>Undetermined</i>	Stacey Abrams founded the New Georgia Project, which is a voter registration organization and is a co-founder of a financial services firm for small businesses. She wants to expand Medicaid, fund critical mental health services, and protect the ACA. ⁶³ Alternatively, Brian Kemp [R] served in the State Senate and as Secretary of State for Georgia. He wants to protect rural hospitals, expand insurance choices through AHPs, and repeal the ACA. ⁶⁴
Bill Walker [I-AK]	Mike Dunleavy [R]	Dunleavy worked as a logger, a teacher, and earned his Master's in Education from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He has criticized the expansion of Medicaid, but has not advocated for rolling it back. ⁶⁵
Jerry Brown [D-CA]	Gavin Newsom [D]	Newsom is a strong proponent for the ACA, the expansion of Medi-Cal, and will protect both of these as governor. He wants to work towards a single-payer model in California. He is dedicated to protecting coverage for pre-existing conditions and investing in mental health care. ⁶⁶

⁶⁰ <http://www.newmexicansformichelle.com/policy/a-healthcare-system-that-works-for-all-new-mexicans>

⁶¹ <https://tonyevers.com/plan/healthcare/>

⁶² <https://rondesantis.com/healthcare/>

⁶³ <https://staceyabrams.com/vision/health-care/>

⁶⁴ <https://www.kempforgovernor.com/posts/news/brian-kemp%E2%80%99s-patient-centered-health-system-proposal>

⁶⁵ <https://www.bna.com/stances-medicaid-factor-n73014481574/>

⁶⁶ https://gavinnewsom.com/california_values

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John Hickenlooper [D-CO]	Jared Polis [D]	Polis advocates for universal healthcare and Medicare for All because it will lower costs and increase coverage. He will protect the ACA and coverage for pre-existing conditions. ⁶⁷
Dannel Malloy [D-CT]	Ned Lamont [D]	Lamont will protect the ACA and patient-rights provisions, increase pricing transparency, negotiate lower prices, and invest in public health emergencies. ⁶⁸
Butch Otter [R-ID]	Brad Little [R]	Little wants to reduce the cost of health care through repealing the ACA, repealing federal mandates, and returning control to the states. ⁶⁹
Mark Dayton [D-MN]	Tim Walz [D]	Walz wants to provide a public health care option in the state, invest in mental health care, and invest in medical research in Minnesota. ⁷⁰
John Kasich [R-OH]	Mike DeWine [R]	DeWine wants to set reasonable work requirements for people to receive Medicaid through its expansion in the state, protect those with pre-existing conditions, and increase drug pricing transparency. ⁷¹
Mary Fallin [R-OK]	Kevin Stitt [R]	Stitt wants to audit Medicaid in the state, establish performance metrics at the Department of Health, sell insurance across state lines, and bring more telemedicine to rural Oklahoma. ⁷²
Dennis Daugaard [R-SD]	Kristi Noem [R]	Noem was formerly the at-large Representative in Congress for South Dakota. She is in favor of repealing the ACA. She supported the Republican House health care plan to repeal the ACA and advocates for returning control of health care to the states. ⁷³
Bill Haslam [R-TN]	Bill Lee [R]	Lee is against expanding Medicaid in the state and is not a fan of the ACA but would work with CMS to obtain a new waiver for their program to try to incorporate new payment and delivery reforms to help rural hospitals. ⁷⁴

⁶⁷ <https://polisforcolorado.com/healthcare/>

⁶⁸ <https://www.nedlamont.com/issues/file/Lamont-Policy-Final-10.17.pdf>

⁶⁹ <https://www.bradlittleforidaho.com/issues/>

⁷⁰ <https://walzflanagan.org/our-agenda/health-care/>

⁷¹ <https://www.mikedewine.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Healthcare-.pdf>

⁷² <https://www.stittforgovernor.com/issues/>

⁷³ http://www.ontheissues.org/Governor/Kristi_Noem_Health_Care.htm

⁷⁴ <https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/politics/tn-elections/2018/10/23/karl-dean-bill-lee-medicaid-expansion-health-care/1670280002/>

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Matt Mead [R-WY]	Mark Gordon [R]	He has said that he would like to see a subscription service for basic care and a catastrophic insurance policies. ⁷⁵ He is not in support of Medicaid expansion and supports high-risk pools. ⁷⁶
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⁷⁵ https://www.rawlinstimes.com/rawlins/gordon-addresses-state-education-healthcare-and-prisons/article_7ba1ff49-c4ac-554f-8b20-fd774c125754.html

⁷⁶ https://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/health/as-rest-of-west-mulls-medicaid-expansion-gordon-and-throne/article_cfae36c9-8148-5b8a-9e07-acabad12a549.html