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Overview of the 115th Congress

The following guide to the 115th Congress was developed by the North Star Group (NSG) for clients and associates to use in their federal outreach efforts in 2017-2018. It contains a listing of the DC offices of Alaska's elected officials, the Alaska congressional delegation's committee assignments, and the names and areas of expertise of the delegation's key staff members. This guide also includes information about congressional committees that have jurisdiction over issues that impact Alaska, the energy industry, and Indigenous Peoples.

Following the 2016 general election and a series of heavily publicized House special elections, the Republicans retained control of both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate, albeit by a narrower margin than the previous Congress. The Republican House majority stands at 241 seats to 194 Democrat minority seats, compared to 247-188 in 2015-16. The Republican Senate majority narrowed to 52-48 from 54-46.



Sen. Lisa Murkowski is ranked 23rd in seniority in the U.S. Senate. She continues to chair of the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee. She also serves on the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, the Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee, and the Senate Appropriations Committee (a member since 2009), where she chairs the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies.

Even though an earmark moratorium remains in effect, the Appropriations Committee remains vital for Alaska's development. Sen. Murkowski chairs the Appropriations Subcommittee for Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies.

On the Senate HELP Committee, which considers and authorizes many important health and education bills and budgets, she serves on the subcommittees for Children & Families and Primary Health & Retirement Security.



Sen. Sullivan is chairman of the subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard within the Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee. He also serves on the Environment & Public Works, Armed Services, and Veterans' Affairs committees, all with special importance for Alaska.

This is the first time since the 1970's an Alaska senator has served on the Environment & Public Works Committee (EPW). This committee oversees federal environmental and transportation policies. It had

primary responsibility for the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)*, which included the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) and funding for infrastructure maintenance and new transportation projects.

Sen. Sullivan retains Alaska's seat on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, which authorizes the budget for the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Alaska is home to the highest population of veterans per capita in the nation. An active service member in the U.S. Marine Reserves, Sen. Sullivan also serves on the Armed Services Committee.

On the Commerce Committee, Sen. Sullivan sits on the Subcommittee of Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, which has jurisdiction over civil aviation safety and security, with specific oversight responsibility for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) aviation security initiatives.



Rep. Don Young, first elected to Congress in 1973, is now ranked first in seniority among the 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, giving him the title Dean of the House of Representatives.

Rep. Young serves as the Chairman Emeritus of the House Natural Resources Committee, which gives him membership on all of the resources subcommittees. He also serves on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, in which he serves on three subcommittees: Aviation, Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation, and Highways & Transit.

As always for visitors to Capitol Hill, appointments with Senators and Congressmen should be scheduled as far in advance as possible to ensure the opportunity to meet with lawmakers and key staff members. For all meetings, it is advised to arrive with prepared comments and leave a concise written summary of issues. Senators, Representatives, and their staff members are likely to be on tight schedules, and some meetings may be rescheduled at the last-minute due to unexpected floor votes or other events.

Congressional Calendars for the 115th Congress

2018 Senate Calendar

January 2: Senate in Session
January 12-15: MLK Day Holiday
February 19-23: Presidents Day Holiday
March 26-April 6: Easter Recess
April 30-May 4: State Work Period
May 28-June 1: Memorial Day Holiday
July 2-6: Memorial Day Holiday
August 6- Sep 3: State Work Period
September 10-11: 9/11
October 8: Columbus Day
October 29-November 10: State Work Period
November 19-23: Thanksgiving Holiday
December 13: Target adjournment

2018 House Calendar

January 2: House in Session
January 12-15: MLK Day Holiday
January 22-26: District Work Week
February 19-23: Presidents Day Holiday
March 23-April 9: Easter Holiday
April 30-May 4: District Work Week
May 25-June 1: Memorial Day Holiday
July 2-6: July 4th Holiday
July 30-September 3: Labor Day Holiday
September 17-21: Yom Kippur
October 15-November 9: District Work Week
November 19-23: Thanksgiving Holiday
December 14: End of Session

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 - Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
 - Subcommittee on Homeland Security
 - Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
 - Subcommittee on Defense
 - Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies
 - Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, *Chairman*
 - Subcommittee on Energy, *Ex Officio*
 - Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, *Ex Officio*
 - Subcommittee on National Parks, *Ex Officio*
 - Subcommittee on Water and Power, *Ex Officio*
 - Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
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 - Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet
 - Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, *Chairman*
 - Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness
- Committee on Environment and Public Works
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House of Representatives Committees of Interest

House Committee on Natural Resources

Jurisdiction: Fisheries and wildlife, marine affairs, national parks, mining, Native American issues, and oil & gas development. Rep. Young is the senior member, a former chairman, and a current subcommittee chairman.

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Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs

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Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources

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Subcommittee on Federal Lands

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Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans

Jurisdiction: Fisheries management, marine environment, and coastal zone management. Rep. Young is a member.

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House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

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Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

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Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation

Jurisdiction: U.S. Coast Guard, maritime transportation, navigation, port and waterway safety, marine protection, vessel and merchant marine regulation. Rep. Young is a member.

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Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies

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