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What's New

- Congress Back to Work
 - Climate Change / Green New Deal
 - Oversight
- EPA Still Working
- Election Snapshot

Climate at the Forefront

- Over a dozen climate hearings
- Republicans focusing on HOW, to address it, not IF it's happening.
- Polling and 2018 election leading the way

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Select Committee on the Climate Crisis

Shortly after the 2018 election, Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced she would reinstate the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis. Chairwoman Kathy Castor said the panel will "press for urgent action to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and move toward a clean energy economy with a qualified workforce and a just transition" and "will propose new national policies for a clean energy economy based upon recommendations from citizens across America ... [and] informed by settled, cutting-edge science and research."



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Note: Ideological caucus memberships are as of Feb. 27 and are subject to change. Chairwoman Castor is not affiliated with an ideological caucus; ranking member Graves is a member of the Republican Study Committee.

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The Green New Deal

Q: As you may know, Democratic lawmakers recently introduced a **Green New Deal resolution** in the House and Senate, calling for the elimination of greenhouse gas emissions to the maximum extent possible and for meeting 100 percent of U.S. power needs with clean, renewable and zero-emission energy sources over a “10-year national mobilization.” The resolution does not set a date by which oil, gas or coal would be phased out and does not explicitly exclude energy sources like nuclear or hydropower. Based on what you know now, do you support or oppose the resolution?



THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US
 Establish a Select Committee for a Green New Deal & reject fossil fuel campaign donations.

Read the resolution at jdems.us/GND

SunriseMovement.org #GreenNewDeal JusticeDemocrats.com

WHY THE GREEN NEW DEAL IS A BAD DEAL FOR AMERICA!

By Martin Capages Jr. PhD
 With Foreword by Andy May
 Author of Climate Catastrophes: Science or Science Fiction?

Investigations in Full Swing

Oversight of Trump Administration

Security Clearances

Ranking Member Cummings is committed to conducting vigorous oversight of our nation's security clearance processes. Deficiencies in this process may represent urgent and grave risks to our national security, not only with respect to systemic challenges, but also with respect to specific individuals who should not have access to our nation's most highly guarded secrets.

Russia

Since 2016, Ranking Member Cummings has been calling for an investigation of ties between Trump affiliates and the Russians and an independent outside commission to investigate Russian interference in our election—legislation that is supported by all House Democrats and one Republican. Ranking Member Cummings will continue examining President Trump's financial dealings with entities in Russia, as well as multiple reports of communications between Russian officials and the President's advisors.

Emoluments Clause

President Trump is defying warnings from Republican and Democratic ethics experts and refusing to do what every previous president has done for decades — divest himself of his ownership interests, liquidate his business assets, and place them in a truly blind trust operated by an independent entity. As a result, Ranking Member Cummings is conducting oversight to protect against violations of the Emoluments Clause of the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits the President from obtaining any benefit of any kind from foreign governments or affiliated entities "without the consent of Congress." Potential Emoluments Clause violations could include foreign government officials who buy up entire floors of hotel rooms, pay higher rents at Trump Tower, lower interest rates on loans, speed up permits for development

Oversight of Trump Administration

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Security Clearances
Russia
Emoluments Clause
Trump Hotel in Washington, DC
Ethics and Transparency
Former National Security Advisor
Michael Flynn
Immigration and Border Issues
National Security Issues
Voting Rights



To What End?

- Setting up 2020 (First Debates in 3 months)
 - And Beyond?
- Have to get done still
 - Budget (Debt Limit / Sequestration / Border)
 - USMCA
- Maybe?
 - Infrastructure
 - Tax

EPA Keeps on Ticking....

- Wheeler Confirmed
- ACE Rule
- RFS
- WOTUS
- NSR
- Lots and Lots of Oversight Requests



Looking to the 2020 Election

“Our initial Electoral College ratings reflect a 2020 presidential election that starts as a Toss-up. **248 electoral votes at least leaning Republican, 244 at least leaning Democratic**, and 46 votes in the Toss-up category. About 70% of the total electoral votes come from states and districts that have voted for the same party in at least the last five presidential elections.” – Larry Sabato

QUESTIONS?