



Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Update

- August 28, 2015 – EPA & Army Corp of Engineers implemented new WOTUS rule placing nearly all bodies of water under federal jurisdiction.
- October 9, 2015 – United States Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit temporarily blocked the implementation of the new rule.
- Currently, 31 states including Arizona have filed legal action at the federal or circuit court level seeking to completely halt the rule.
- On February 22, 2016 it was determined that the Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit would be the proper court to review the merits of the rule.
- Appeals could be filed on the above decision further lengthening the process.

Bottom Line – The nationwide stay of the WOTUS rule continues which is positive news for the golf industry.



GCSAA on Capitol Hill



Robert Helland
GCSAA Director of Congressional and Federal Affairs

- Hired in August of 2015
- GCSAA is the only formal golf organization with a federal lobbying presence on Capitol Hill
- Bob's responsibility is to monitor daily activity at the federal level that could have an impact on the golf industry and lobby on behalf of GCSAA members and facilities.
- Bob provides updates to members via the quarterly Government Relations webinar available at gcsaa.org.

GCSAA Grassroots Ambassadors

- Pairing of a GCSAA member (Class A, B, C) with all 535 members of Congress by 2018
- We currently have 249 Ambassadors enrolled in the program
- The goal of the program is to build and maintain relationships with the assigned Representative or Senator
- 1 hour time commitment monthly with 3-4 hours during the August Congressional Recess
- Gives members a chance to learn about GCSAA government relations efforts and the inner workings of the United States Congress.
- Arizona currently has 5 of 11 positions filled and we are still seeking volunteers for AZ districts 1,2,3,7,9 and Senator Jeff Flake.

National Golf Day

May 18, 2016, Washington D.C.

- Golf's leaders will meet with Members of Congress, the Executive Branch and federal agencies to discuss golf's economic, environmental and health benefits.
- CMAA, GCSAA, NGCOA, PGA of America, PGA TOUR, USGA and numerous other allied associations will be represented.
- Focus will be on water management and conservation, WOTUS, pesticide regulations, nutrient management, labor/immigration and the value of golf.



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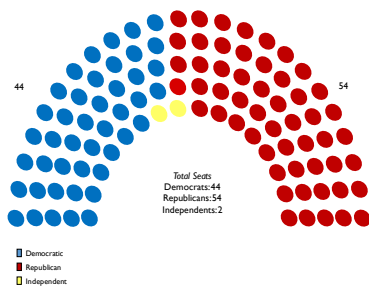
GCSAA/Golf Industry – November Elections

- Elected officials determine laws and regulations particularly in regards to our industries environmental regulations and taxes.
- The golf industry has historically leaned Republican.
- At the current time, GCSAA does not take a position of support in regards to political candidates at national, regional or local levels.
- The possibility of hedging 2020 presidential elections is being discussed. Identify candidates to cultivate; pick a winner, but be ready to work with the other candidate; develop best intelligence on all important races.
- Potential to form a political action committee to expand our brand and influence.
- As an association should we become more politically active to advance our interests?



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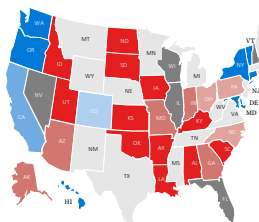


Source: National Journal Research; CNN Election Center; Associated Press; NBC News.

Democrats are Well Positioned to Gain Senate Seats Heading into 2016 Elections

Vulnerability of Senate Seat, by Party

■ Solid Democrat ■ Likely Democrat ■ Lean Democrat ■ Toss Up ■ Lean Republican ■ Likely Republican ■ Solid Republican ■ No Senate Race in 2016



Dynamics of the 2016 Senate Race

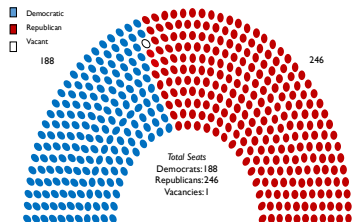
- In 2016, Senate Democrats are defending 30 seats, compared to 24 for Republicans
- According to Charlie Cook, there are 7 Republican Senate seats and only 2 Democratic Seats in danger: Sharr Kirk (R-IL), Ron Johnson (R-WI), Rob Portman (R-OH), Pat Toomey (R-PA), Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Richard Burr (R-NC), Michael Bennet (D-CO), and Harry Reid (D-NV)
- During Presidential years, the demographic of the voting population heavily favor Democrats
- The opposite is true during mid-term elections, when Republicans tend to be favored

Sources: The Cook Political Report, "2016 Senate Race Ratings for November 23, 2015"; Conversation with Charlie Cook; 2016 Election Preview, National Journal LIVE, November 3, 2015



114th Congress: Republicans Control House

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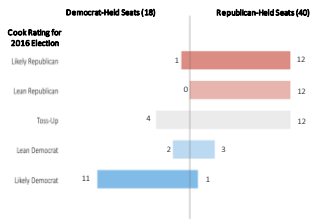


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Republicans Have More at Stake in 2016, But Aren't Expected to See Big Losses in the House

House Seats in Play in 2016, by Cook Political Report Rating



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