

THE SOUTH CAROLINA BLUES FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE



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Looking ahead to the **2022 Elections - Who to Watch**

The 2022 Congressional elections will take place on November 8, 2022. A total of 469 seats in the U.S. Congress are up for election: 34 Senate seats and all 435 House seats.

U.S. Senators not seeking re-election

- Richard Burr (NC-R)
- Pat Toomey (PA-R)
- Rob Portman (OH-R)
- Richard Shelby (AL-R)
- Roy Blunt (MO-R)

U.S. Representatives not seeking re-election

- Michael Doyle (PA-D)
- David Price (NC-D)
- John Yarmuth (KY-D)
- Anthony Gonzalez (OH-R)
- Ron Kind (WI - D)
- Cheri Bustos (IL-D)
- Kevin Brady (TX-R)
- Filemon Vela (TX-D)
- Tom Reed (NY-R)
- Ann Kirkpatrick (AZ-D)
- Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-D)

U.S. Representatives seeking a seat in the Senate

- Conor Lamb (PA-D)
- Billy Long (MO-R)
- Vicky Hartzler (MO-R)
- Val Demings (FL-D)
- Ted Budd (NC-R)
- Tim Ryan (OH-D)
- Mo Brooks (AL-R)

U.S. Representatives running for Governor

- Charlie Crist (FL-D)
- Lee Zeldin (NY-R)

U.S. Representatives running for another office

- Karen Bass (CA-D) – running for Mayor of Los Angeles
- Jody Hice (GA-R) – running for Georgia Secretary of State

Potential 2022 Candidates to Watch

Georgia Senate Race

Current Officeholder: Sen. Raphael Warnock (D)
Confirmed Opponent: Herschel Walker (R)

Georgia Gubernatorial Race

Current Officeholder: Gov. Brian Kemp (R)
Potential Candidate: Stacey Abrams (D)

Massachusetts Gubernatorial Race

Current Officeholder: Gov. Charlie Baker (R)
***He has yet to announce he will run for a 3rd term in office and his fundraising totals have slowed over the past year.

New Hampshire Senate Race

Current Officeholder: Sen. Maggie Hassan (D)
Confirmed Candidate: Brig. Gen. Donald Bouduc (R)

Texas Gubernatorial Race

Current Officeholder: Gov. Greg Abbott (R)
Potential Candidates: Beto O'Rourke (D) and
Matthew McConaughey (undecided)

Wisconsin Senate Race

Current Officeholder: Sen. Ron Johnson (R)
***He has yet to announce he will run re-election and stated back in April that his preference would be to step down.





White House Thanksgiving Traditions

Please click on the turkey image to read the excerpt from The White House Historical Association



Thanksgiving in the White House has been celebrated ever since President Abraham Lincoln declared in October 1863 that the last Thursday in November would be commemorated as Thanksgiving Day. But who declared the first turkey pardon and what other traditions are followed annually? The White House Historical Association has written an article discussing some of the most interesting facts. Please click on the image to the left to read their write-up.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal passed Congress and has been sent to the President for signature. The bill is centered around rebuilding roads, bridges and rails, expanding clean drinking water, access to high-speed internet, climate crisis, environmental justice, and investing in communities that are normally left out. The White House has stated that the deal will help ease inflationary pressures and strengthen supply chains by making improvements at our ports, railroads, airports, and highways. It is estimated that the deal will add an average of 1.5 million jobs per year for the next decade. Here's a closer look at what this legislation will do:

- Deliver clean water to all American families and eliminate the nation's lead service lines.
- Ensure every American access to reliable high-speed internet.
- Repair and rebuild our roads and bridges with a focus on climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety for all users.
- Improve transportation options for millions of Americans and reduce greenhouse emissions through the largest investment in public transit in U.S. history.
- Upgrade our nation's airports and ports to strengthen our supply chains and prevent disruptions that have caused inflation. This will improve U.S. competitiveness, create more and better jobs at these hubs, and reduce emissions.
- Make the largest investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak.
- Build a national network of electric vehicle chargers.
- Upgrade our power infrastructure to deliver clean, reliable energy across the country and deploy cutting-edge energy technology to achieve a zero-emissions future.
- Make our infrastructure resilient against the impacts of climate change, cyber-attacks, and extreme weather events.
- Deliver the largest investment in tackling pollution in American history by cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites, reclaiming abandoned mines, and capping orphaned oil and gas wells.

President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal on Monday, November 15, 2021.

Next up on Congress's agenda, the rest of the \$1.75 trillion investment in the social safety net and climate policy. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said Democrats aim to pass the social spending bill by Thanksgiving. With no Republican support expected, Democrats can lose no more than three votes in the House. It would then go to the Senate to be passed under the special budget rules, but all 50 members of the Democratic caucus will have to support it for it to pass.