



2021 Federal Update

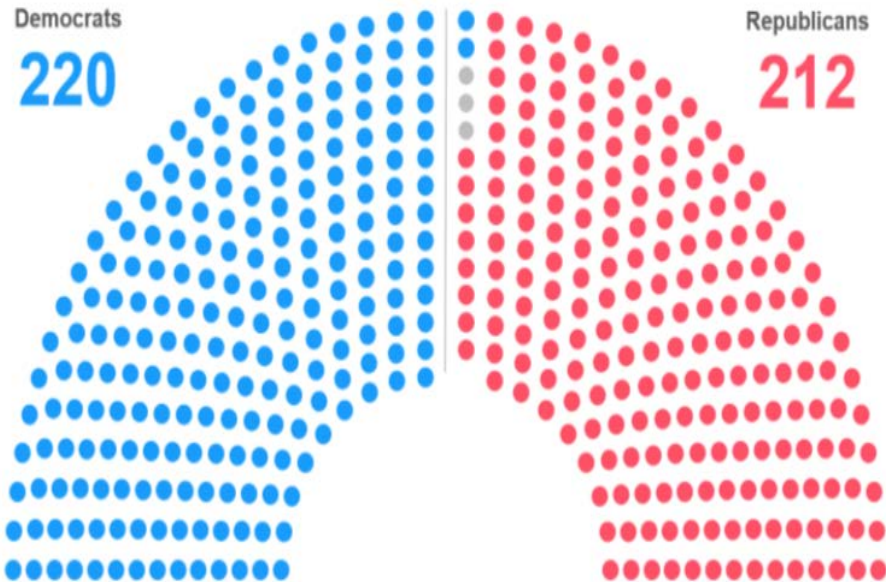
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Placer County

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Congress – 2021 Balance of Power

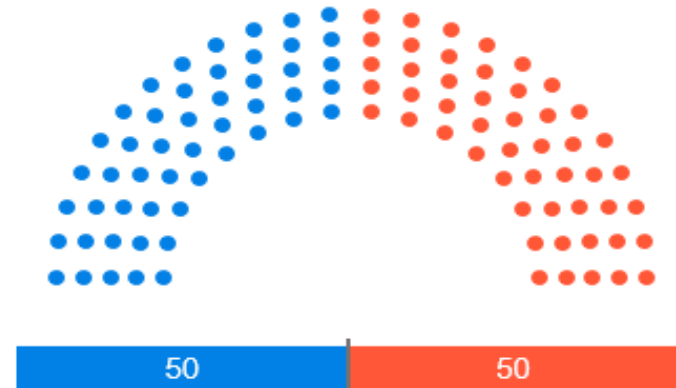
House Balance of Power



Source: U.S. House clerk
Note: Gray indicates three vacant seats

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SENATE



51 Votes for Majority*

Vice President breaks tie

*Independent Senators Sanders (I-VT) and King (I-ME) counted as Democrats

- Presidents below 50% approval see party lose midterm 37 House seats, on average
- Midterm seat loss has averaged 14 for presidents above 50% job approval



2021 Congressional Action To Date

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2021 Federal COVID Response – American Rescue Plan Act

- COVID response laws to cost more than \$5 trillion over a decade

Covid-19 Relief Laws	10-year deficit effects (in billions)
Health and international aid (Public Law 116-123)	\$8.0
Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116-127)	\$192.0
CARES Act (Public Law 116-136)	\$1,721.0
Paycheck Protection Program and health-care funds (Public Law 116-139)	\$483.0
Year-end spending and coronavirus relief package (Public Law 116-260)	\$868.0
American Rescue Plan Act (Public Law 117-2)	\$1,856.0

2021 Congressional Activity - ARPA

- » ARPA (March 2021) provided \$360B in state and local aid
 - Covered costs incurred through Dec. 31, 2024
 - Funds can be used to address economic effects of Covid-19, provide premium pay to essential employees, support government services affected by a revenue drop, and invest in infrastructure.

- » **Key advocacy victory:** Direct funding to counties of all sizes:
 - Placer County: \$77,370,739

Democrats Revive Earmark Process

- » Appropriations Committees set limits on earmarks and requests:
- Total earmarks can't exceed 1% of discretionary spending
 - Earmarked funds can't go to for-profit entities
 - Members had to provide information such as project sponsors, nonfederal match

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BYRNE DISCRETIONARY COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS—Continued

Recipient	Project	Amount
City of Stockton	Safer Streets—Safer Communities: Group Gun Violence Reduction, Ceasefire, and Firearms Reduction Program.	1,000,000
City of Syracuse	Body-Worn Cameras for the City of Syracuse	140,000
City of Thornton	Body-Worn Cameras for the Thornton Police Department	310,000
City of Tracy Police Department ...	City of Tracy Crime Reduction Program	255,000
City of Vallejo Police Department	Vallejo Police Department Community Mobile Mental Health Response Unit Pilot Program.	900,000
Cocaine and Alcohol Awareness Program, Incorporated.	Cocaine and Alcohol Awareness Program, Incorporated (CAAP, Inc) Community Corrections Program.	671,000
Community Leaders Roundtable of Seattle, d.b.a. CHOOSE 180.	Snohomish County Community-Based Diversion with CHOOSE 180	246,000
County of El Paso, Texas	The Crisis Intervention Team	2,015,000
County of Placer	Placer County Body-Worn Camera Program	580,000
County of Ventura	Ventura County Cold Case and Sexual Assault Investigation	950,000
Deerpark Town Police Dept.	Deer Park Body-Worn Cameras	30,000



Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (H.R. 3684)

»On August 10, 2021, the Senate passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ([H.R. 3684](#)). This legislation includes funding for roads and bridges, rail, transit, airports, energy, sustainability, water, broadband, among other priorities.

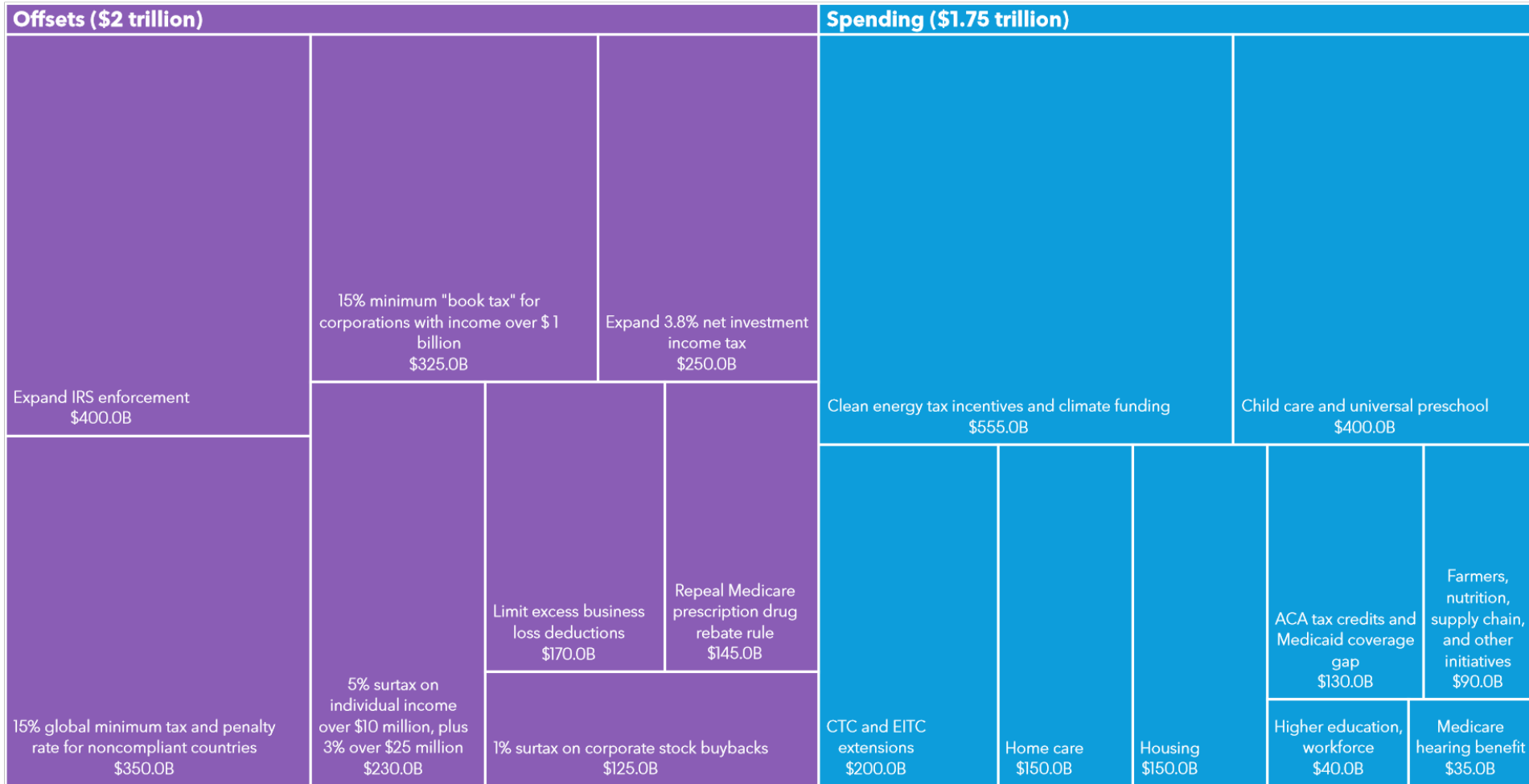
»Provide \$1.2 trillion in total spending over five years, including \$550 billion in *new spending*. It also includes several authorizing bills:

- Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021 ([S. 1931](#))
- Surface Transportation Investment Act ([S. 2016](#))
- Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act ([S. 914](#))
- Energy Infrastructure Act ([S. 2377](#))
- Digital Equity Act ([S. 2018](#))
- RECYCLE Act ([S. 923](#))

»House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) wanted the landmark infrastructure bill on President Joe Biden's desk by Oct. 1 to coincide with the new fiscal year

Reconciliation – “Build Back Better”

Biden’s Plan to Raise Nearly \$2 Trillion, Cost \$1.75 Trillion

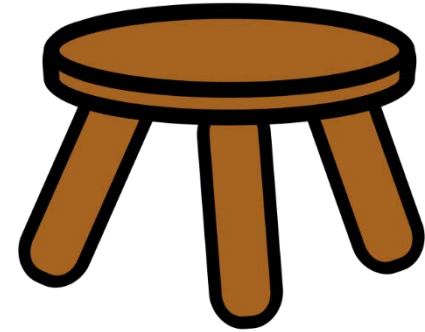


Democrats Want Action in 2021

Issue	What's the Latest	Deadline & What's at Stake
Government funding	Two continuing resolutions gave appropriators more time to negotiate a spending total and the 12 annual appropriations bills	Failure to extend past Feb. 18 would result in a partial government shutdown
Debt limit	Parties agreed to increase limit by \$480 billion, giving time to pass longer-term measure using reconciliation	Amount estimated to last until December, could collide with other deadlines; risk of default would return
Social spending, climate and tax plan (reconciliation)	Democrats haven't agreed on how much to spend – and how to trim the package if they agree on less than \$3.5 trillion	Progressives want a vote on package with Biden priorities alongside the infrastructure bill

2022 Federal Funding Planning - Categories

Three legs of the federal funding stool:



1. *Competitive Federal Grants:*

FY21 FWS Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Grant:

FWS- ES2021001706	8	California	Western Placer County HCP/NCCP	\$5,244,000
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2. *Earmark Process*

Placer County Body-Worn Camera Program 580,000

3. *Special Funding Opportunities*

- Federal Infrastructure Package (Enacted November 15)
- Reconciliation bill (TBD)