

US Congress and Supreme Court Updates: Key Legislation and Rulings This V

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1. Which US House of Representatives chamber currently holds a narrow Republican majority?

- A) Democratic
- B) Republican**
- C) Independent
- D) No Majority

2. What major legislative challenge did House Republicans face regarding critical bills like surveillance authorities and DHS funding in early May 2026?

- A) They easily passed all bills with bipartisan support.
- B) They struggled to move forward due to internal clashes.**
- C) The Senate blocked all their proposed legislation.
- D) They focused solely on foreign policy, neglecting domestic issues.

3. The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass a war powers resolution for the fourth time, aimed at curbing the President's ability to use further military force against which country?

- A) Russia
- B) China
- C) Iran**
- D) North Korea

4. Which U.S. state's congressional map was struck down by its Supreme Court, giving Republicans a win in the redistricting process?

- A) California
- B) Texas
- C) Virginia**
- D) Florida

5. What significant change occurred in the U.S. Senate's approach to funding agencies like ICE, as reported in recent news?

- A) Democrats successfully blocked all funding for ICE.
- B) The Senate adopted a budget resolution to fund ICE without Democratic support.**
- C) ICE was defunded entirely due to political disagreements.
- D) The funding for ICE was significantly reduced due to budget cuts.

6. Which U.S. state's Supreme Court decision regarding congressional maps was characterized as a win for Republicans?

- A) Alabama
- B) Michigan
- C) Virginia**
- D) Pennsylvania

7. In a recent Supreme Court decision regarding the Voting Rights Act, what was the outcome for Louisiana's congressional map?

- A) The map was upheld, creating an additional majority-Black district.
- B) The map was struck down, with the Court finding it an unconstitutional racial gerrymander.**
- C) The map was sent back for review with no immediate decision.
- D) The map was upheld, but with minor revisions to be made.

8. What legislative action did the House of Representatives recently take concerning a bill passed by the Senate to fund the Department of Homeland Security?

- A) The House rejected the Senate bill outright.
- B) The House approved the Senate-passed bill.**
- C) The House proposed significant amendments to the Senate bill.
- D) The House sent the bill back to the Senate for further debate.

9. Which of the following is NOT a candidate in the 2024 United States Presidential Election as of the latest available information?

- A) Kamala Harris
- B) Donald Trump
- C) Ron DeSantis**
- D) Jill Stein

10. The U.S. Senate recently rejected an effort to limit whose war powers?

- A) The Speaker of the House
- B) The Secretary of Defense
- C) The President**
- D) The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

11. What economic indicator for April showed inflation rising and exceeding expectations, impacting the US Dollar?

- A) Producer Price Index (PPI)
- B) Consumer Price Index (CPI)**
- C) Unemployment Rate
- D) Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Price Index

12. What action did the U.S. Court of International Trade recently take regarding a tariff enacted by the Trump administration?

- A) It upheld the tariff, allowing it to remain in place.
- B) It ruled against the tariff, dealing a blow to the global import tax.**
- C) It temporarily paused the ruling against the tariff pending further review.
- D) It modified the tariff, reducing the percentage of the tax.

13. According to recent reports, which country's President is scheduled to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping?

- A) South Korea
- B) Russia
- C) United States**
- D) Japan

14. What significant event occurred during the 2024 Presidential Election that led to Vice President Kamala Harris becoming the Democratic nominee?

- A) Joe Biden won re-election and chose Harris as his running mate.
- B) Kamala Harris won a contentious primary election against multiple strong opponents.
- C) Joe Biden withdrew from the race, endorsing Kamala Harris.**
- D) Kamala Harris was the only candidate to file for the Democratic nomination.

15. Which U.S. Senator from Maine, the Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, expressed a need for more data regarding a proposed \$1 billion increase for the Secret Service?

- A) Angus King
- B) Susan Collins**
- C) Jack Reed
- D) Cynthia Lummis

16. In a recent Supreme Court decision, what was the ruling concerning Louisiana's congressional map and the Voting Rights Act?

- A) The map was deemed constitutional as it did not unduly consider race.
- B) The map was found to be an unconstitutional racial gerrymander because race was overemphasized.**
- C) The map was sent back to Louisiana for further review by state officials.
- D) The map was upheld, but with a requirement for a second majority-minority district.

17. As of May 2026, which political party holds a narrow majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?

A) Democratic Party

B) Republican Party

C) Independent Coalition

D) No single party holds a majority

18. Which U.S. state's House of Representatives is considering a bill that would make state records easier to find?

A) New York

B) California

C) Michigan

D) Texas

19. According to the latest reports, President Trump claimed that hostilities have ended in which country in a letter to congressional leaders?

A) Afghanistan

B) Iran

C) Syria

D) Iraq

20. Which U.S. Senator, known for their role as the ranking member on the Judiciary Committee, stated that Democrats would "certainly be able to put our colleagues on record" regarding additional Secret Service funding?

A) Ted Cruz (R-TX)

B) Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

C) Dick Durbin (D-IL)

D) Mitch McConnell (R-KY)