**US Forum Report, Carol LaPolice**

The Congressional Calendar

Hope you have been reading the available zoom presentations by the US Forum that I have been forwarding to all state members as they have fantastic speakers.

This Facebook page will update you on upcoming zooms:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2269724846587657>

Updates in Congress shared by Bev Johns:

**Changes in Congress for the 118thSession**

In the Senate, Chuck Schumer (D-NY) will serve as the Majority Leader, and Mitch McConnell will be the Minority Leader. Leadership has officially changed on the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) will serve as the Chairman of the committee and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) will serve as the Ranking Member. Leadership on the Senate Appropriations Committee will be former HELP Committee Chair Patty Murray (D-WA), while Susan Collins (R-ME) will be the Ranking Member.

In the U.S. House, Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) was confirmed as Speaker of the House. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) was unanimously selected as the Minority Leader.  Virginia Foxx (R-NC) was affirmed as Chair of the Education and the Workforce Committee (formerly Education and Labor). Bobby Scott (D-VA) will be the Ranking Member of that Committee. The House Appropriations Committee will be chaired by Kay Granger (R-TX) and Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) will serve as the Ranking Member.

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<https://content.rollcall.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2023CQRCCongressionalCalendar.pdf>

**New legislation** -H.R.287 - To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that local educational agencies applying for certain Federal education funds post the curriculum for elementary and secondary schools online, and for other purposes has 23 cosponsors and has been referred on 01/11/2023 to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.