



House Ag Committee Breakdown

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An update posted yesterday at The University of Virginia Center for Politics (Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball) [provided an updated look at the midterm races](#) for the U.S. House.

Dr. Sabato noted that, "**The Crystal Ball predicts a net gain for Republicans of 47 seats in the House.** They must pick up 39 seats to control the majority. **There are 116 competitive House races as of today.** Democrats currently hold 99 House seats that are rated as in play, while the GOP is defending only 17 endangered seats."

Recall that a [New York Times midterm election analysis on October 20](#) provided information with respect to the House Agriculture Committee. Yesterday's Crystal Ball update provided the following indications (see page two for more detail):

**New York Times- 10.20**

Leaning GOP

Brad Ellsworth, Ind. (Running for U.S. Senate, but district favors GOP).

Kathleen A. Dahlkemper, Pa.

Betsy Markey, Colo.

**Crystal Ball- 10.21**

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Toss-Up

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Walt Minnick, Idaho

Likely D 24 D, 0 R	Leans D 16 D, 2 R	Toss-Up 29 D, 2 R	Leans R 23 D, 4 R	Likely R 7 D, 9 R
<b>Democratic Held Seats</b>				
AZ-7 Grijalva	CT-4 <i>Himes</i>	AL-2 <i>Bright</i>	AR-1 OPEN	AR-2 OPEN
CA-18 Cardoza	CT-5 Murphy	AZ-5 Mitchell	AZ-1 <i>Kirkpatrick</i>	IN-8 OPEN
CA-20 Costa	GA-2 Bishop	AZ-8 Giffords	CO-4 <i>Markey</i>	KS-3 OPEN
CA-47 Sanchez	IL-17 Hare	CA-11 McNerney	FL-24 <i>Kosmas</i>	LA-3 OPEN
CO-7 Perlmutter	IN-2 Donnelly	CO-3 Salazar	IL-11 <i>Halvorson</i>	NY-29 VACANT
IA-2 Loeb sack	MA-10 OPEN	FL-2 Boyd	MD-1 <i>Kratovil</i>	TN-6 OPEN
IL-8 Bean	MI-9 <i>Peters</i>	FL-8 <i>Grayson</i>	MI-1 OPEN	TN-8 OPEN
KY-3 Yarmuth	MO-4 Skelton	FL-22 Klein	MS-1 Childers	
MN-1 Walz	NM-1 <i>Heinrich</i>	GA-8 Marshall	NC-8 <i>Kissell</i>	
MS-4 Taylor	NY-20 Murphy	ID-1 <i>Minnick</i>	ND-AL Pomeroy	
NC-2 Etheridge	OH-6 Wilson	IA-3 Boswell	NH-1 <i>Shea-Porter</i>	
NC-7 McIntyre	OR-5 <i>Schrader</i>	IL-14 Foster	NH-2 OPEN	
NC-11 Shuler	PA-12 <i>Critz</i>	IN-9 Hill	NM-2 <i>Teague</i>	
NJ-12 Holt	TN-4 Davis	KY-6 Chandler	OH-1 <i>Driehaus</i>	
NY-1 Bishop	VA-9 Boucher	MI-7 <i>Schauer</i>	OH-15 <i>Kilroy</i>	
NY-13 <i>McMahon</i>	VA-11 <i>Connolly</i>	NJ-3 Adler	PA-3 <i>Dahlkemper</i>	
NY-25 <i>Maffei</i>		NV-3 <i>Titus</i>	PA-8 Murphy	
OH-13 Sutton		NY-19 Hall	PA-11 Kanjorski	
PA-4 Altmire		NY-23 <i>Owens</i>	TX-17 Edwards	
PA-17 Holden		NY-24 Arcuri	VA-2 <i>Nye</i>	
RI-1 OPEN		OH-16 <i>Boccieri</i>	VA-5* <i>Perriello</i>	
WA-2 Larsen		OH-18 Space	WA-3 OPEN	
WI-3 Kind		PA-7 OPEN	WI-7 OPEN	
WV-3 Rahall		PA-10 Carney		
		SC-5 Spratt		
		SD-AL Herse th Sandlin		
		TX-23 Rodriguez		
		WI-8 Kagen		
		WV-1 OPEN		
			PA-6 Gerlach	
			OH-12 Tiberi	
			NE-2 Terry	
			MN-6 Bachmann	
			FL-12 OPEN	
			CA-45 Bono Mack	
			PA-15 Dent	CA-44 Calvert
	LA-2 <i>Cao</i>	IL-10 OPEN	FL-25 OPEN	AZ-3 OPEN
	DE-AL OPEN	HI-1 <i>Djou</i>	CA-3 Lungren	AL-5 OPEN
<b>Republican Held Seats</b>				
24 D, 0 R Likely D	16 D, 2 R Leans D	29 D, 2 R Toss-Up	23 D, 4 R Leans R	7 D, 9 R Likely R

**If election was held today: +47 R**

Republican-held competitive seats: 17 total  
(9 Likely R, 4 Leans R, 2 Toss-up, 2 Leans D)

Democratic-held competitive seats: 99 total  
(24 Likely D, 16 Leans D, 29 Toss-up, 23 Leans R, 7 Likely R)

*Italics* indicate freshman members of Congress

\* Wrote a letter to Congressman Jim Moran (VA-8) requesting support of Senator Mark Warner's FY 2010 Labor HHS Appropriations request for the Center for Politics' Youth Leadership Initiative