



(December 22, 2025) Preparing your end-of-year reporting on Congress and midway points of the 119th session? Here's a quick reminder that C-SPAN online resources can help. If you go to our Congressional Chronicle page <https://www.c-span.org/congress/> you'll find some unique data points.

One notable example was the impact the 43-day government shutdown had on Congress in 2025: the House was in for fewer hours while the Senate continued in session.

We also learn from the data about Trump administration nominees ...

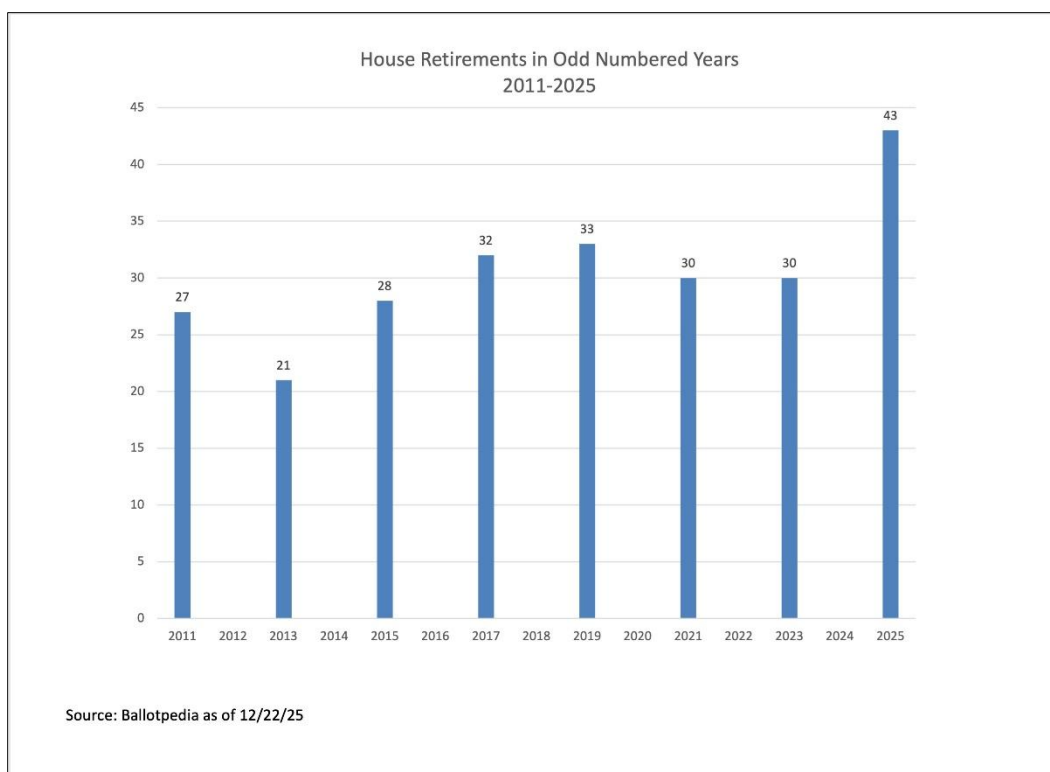
- President Trump's nomination success is 55%, same as his first term.
- This success rate is higher than President Biden, but lower than other presidents at the end of the first year.
- The Senate Republican Leadership used the nuclear option to allow nominations to be approved en bloc. A total of 155 of the 311 nominations were approved in two resolutions raising Trump's success rate from a low of 29% to 55%.

Plus ...

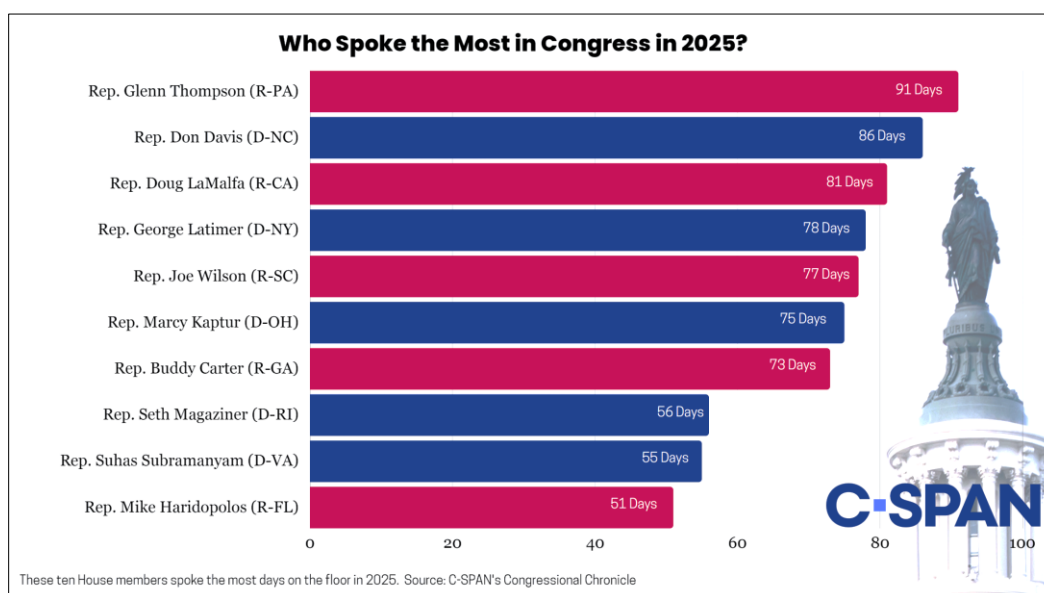
- The Senate voted more this year than in the first year of Biden's term.
- There was an increase in cloture votes (214 versus 117 last year).
- Cloture and nomination votes were 58% of all Senate votes.

And retirements

- So far in 2025, with only the 1st session of the 119th Congress completed, there have been 43 House retirements (19 Democrats and 24 Republicans). Going back to 2011, no other odd year has had the number of House retirements this high.
- Nine incumbent Senators are not seeking reelection (Four Democrats and five Republicans).



There's much, much more in the Congressional Chronicle. Like the perennial favorite: Who spoke the greatest number of days on the floor of Congress? As of December 22, here are the ten House members who spoke the most in 2025 (measured by number of days they made at least one set of remarks for the record):



All this data can be compared with prior years in Congress, clickable from the same page. [Click here to see the raw data.](#)

We invite you to use C-SPAN data -- and video -- to fashion your end-of-session stories. If you do, please credit C-SPAN. Also, if you'd like a personalized deep dive to explore the wealth of data contained inside C-SPAN's Congressional Chronicle, I can help arrange a one-on-one session with Dr. Robert Browning. He is the Director of the C-SPAN Archives and a professor in the political science department at Purdue University.

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