THE BG TOP 3

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#1 THE UNUSUAL PATH FOR PERMITTING REFORM

When Congress returns to DC after the election, one item on the agenda will be permitting reform—legislation crafted by a range of committees and carefully negotiated between Republicans and Democrats. Not only is the bill bipartisan, but to complicate matters, it is supported by President Trump, opposed by environmental groups, and questionable among House Democrats. It's a complex legislative landscape during lame duck, but one that suggests permitting reform is highly prioritized on the agenda after the must-pass legislation.

> **"What too often stands in the way is a permitting system that takes too long and costs too much."**
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> **- Senator Lee (R-UT)**

#2 ELECTION IS ONLY FOUR DAYS AWAY

The day some have been excited about and others dreading is almost here - election day! There is little time for miracles, but campaigns are working around the clock. Democrats remain excited about their prospects, especially in the House. Republicans remain nervous, but their spending in the final weeks has been robust. Regardless of who wins next week, DC will face significant change given the dynamics around expected changes in the Administration, a variety of emerging policy challenges, and the politics of 2028.

> **"I'm telling you these polls are off — all of them."**
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> **- Speaker Johnson (R-LA)**

#3 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES GDP GROWING

Some good economic news arrived just prior to the election - the economy grew by an annual rate of 3.4%, which beat many predictions. President Trump was quick to take credit. The White House released a statement saying, "President Donald J. Trump's America First agenda is delivering as promised: faster growth, historic levels of investment, and an economy that continues to outperform the so-called "experts."

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- Appropriations Update | October 26th, 2026
- Rural Report | October 27, 2026
- What Polls Should We Watch for the Remainder of the Election?
- One More Week! What Happens Next?
- What Makes This Lame Duck Different from a Typical Post-Election Session?