THE BG TOP 3

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#1 REPUBLICANS ELECT THEIR LEADERS FOR THE 120TH CONGRESS

The House and Senate Republicans elected their leaders this week - most notably electing Sen. Thune (R-SD) as Senate Minority Leader and Jim Jordan (R-OH) as House Minority Leader. Rep. Jack (R-GA) and Sen. Moreno (R-OH) will lead the House and Senate campaign committees.

> **“For too long, we have operated without a clear plan to survive the hour or the day in front of us. That will not cut it against an emboldened and energetic Democratic Party.”**
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> **Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH)**

#2 VAN HOLLEN ENTERS THE SENATE MAJORITY LEADER RACE

Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) is running for Majority Leader, attempting to unseat Senator Schumer (D-NY) from leading Senate Democrats - a position Schumer has held for nearly 10 years. This is a somewhat surprising move given that he helped lead the Senate Democrats to the majority, but progressive members have helped push an alternative candidate for Majority Leader.

> **“The time is now for change.”**
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> **Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-VT)**

#3 ONE CAMPAIGN REMAINS IN THE SENATE

Senate Democrats have secured 55 seats (flipping 8 formerly Republican seats) with the race for Alaska outstanding, although the Democratic candidate (Mary Peltola) is leading in the current vote count. If Democrats win Alaska, they will have a 56-seat majority, and Republicans will hold 44 seats—enough for Democrats to advance budget reconciliation legislation to the President, but not enough to override a veto.

BRUMIDI GROUP RESOURCES

- Appropriations Update | November 9th 2026
- What to Watch in House Republican Leadership Elections
- Rural Report | November 10, 2026
- How Republican Leadership Elections Predict the Governance Styles of the 120th Congress
- House Republican Leadership for the 120th Congress