

THE BG TOP 3

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#1 FARM BILL FAILS IN SENATE COMMITTEE

The Farm Bill markup did not go as planned, with a party-line vote that Republicans ultimately lost. The House has passed their own version, and the Senate is likely to try again in September. Floor time and the dwindling number of legislative days before the election may be the biggest hurdle to moving this bill in the near term. A further complicating factor is the reality that Democrats have a hope of gaining the majority (especially in the House), so they might have more leverage around the bill if they wait until next year.

“America’s farmers and ranchers have pleaded for more farm in the Farm Bill. Republicans provided it, and Democrats rejected it, and they simply cannot afford continued delays. The status quo is not only unsustainable for farm country, but it is catastrophic.”

- Chairman Boozman (R-AR)

#2 THE RACE FOR A CR

The Senate is spending their final moments before adjourning for the August recess to pass a continuing resolution to avoid last-minute panic when they return in September. The House has already passed their own version of the bill as the Senate works to finalize theirs. Both chambers push an extension of funding until early December to get past the elections. The Senate version is not totally clean, but both sides of the aisle are working together on it. The House bill passed along partisan lines.

“It’s good that we were able to produce a much-improved CR to keep the government funded and avert a shutdown that no one wants.”

- Senator Murray (D-WA)

#3 LATE PRIMARIES BRING SURPRISES

The 2026 election season is wrapping up its latest primaries, and some surprising stories are emerging.

Progressives had a big win in Michigan when Abdul El-Sayed won a close primary against Rep. Haley Stephens (D-MI). Rep. Ogles (R-TN) lost his bid for re-election against TN Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher.

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