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Washington DC & AFIA: What's Happening

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A dense, chaotic tangle of blue, white, and black wires, filling the entire frame. The wires are intertwined and looped, creating a complex, disorganized pattern. The colors are vibrant and contrast sharply against each other.

In short? Chaos

Weather Unpredictability





Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

Hamas-Israel Conflict



Border-Immigration Pressures



Disruptions of Shipping Lanes



Tensions with China



North Korea





The White House

Biden Administration ~~Priorities~~

pressures

- Preserving legislative gains in a fractured Congress
- A fractured Democratic party heading into a presidential election
- Sustaining support for Ukraine....and now Israel
- Demonstrations at home
- Immigration and growing pressures at the border
- Sustained inflation
- Hunter's indictment
- Government shutdowns – March 1 & March 8

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118th Congress



Senate

President of the Senate

Kamala Harris (D)

since January 20, 2021

Senate president pro tempore

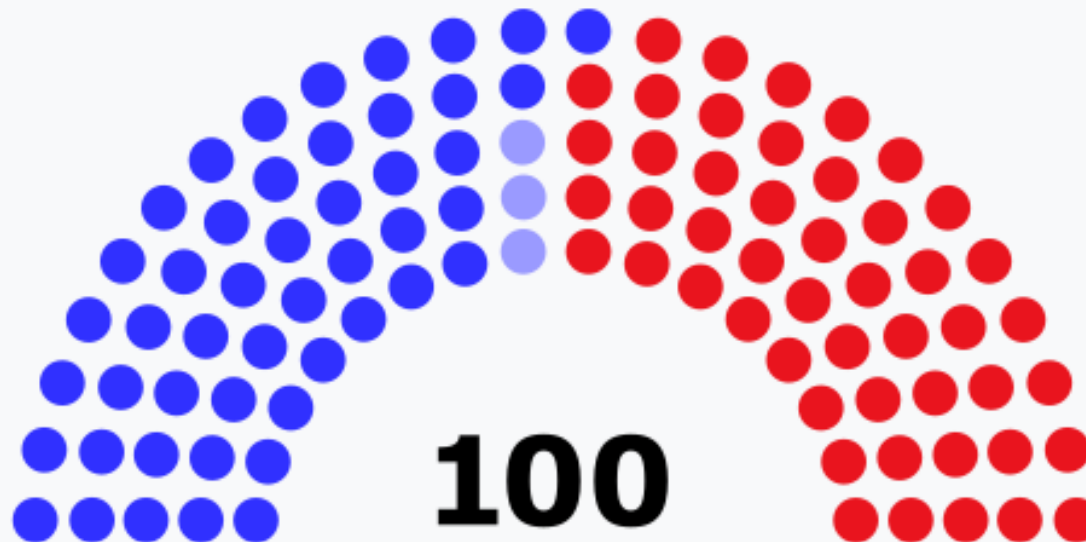
Patty Murray (D)

since January 3, 2023

Senate Majority Leader



Chuck Schumer (D)

since January 20, 2021




Senate political groups

Majority (51)

-  Democratic (48)
-  Independent (3)^[a]

Minority (49)

-  Republican (49)

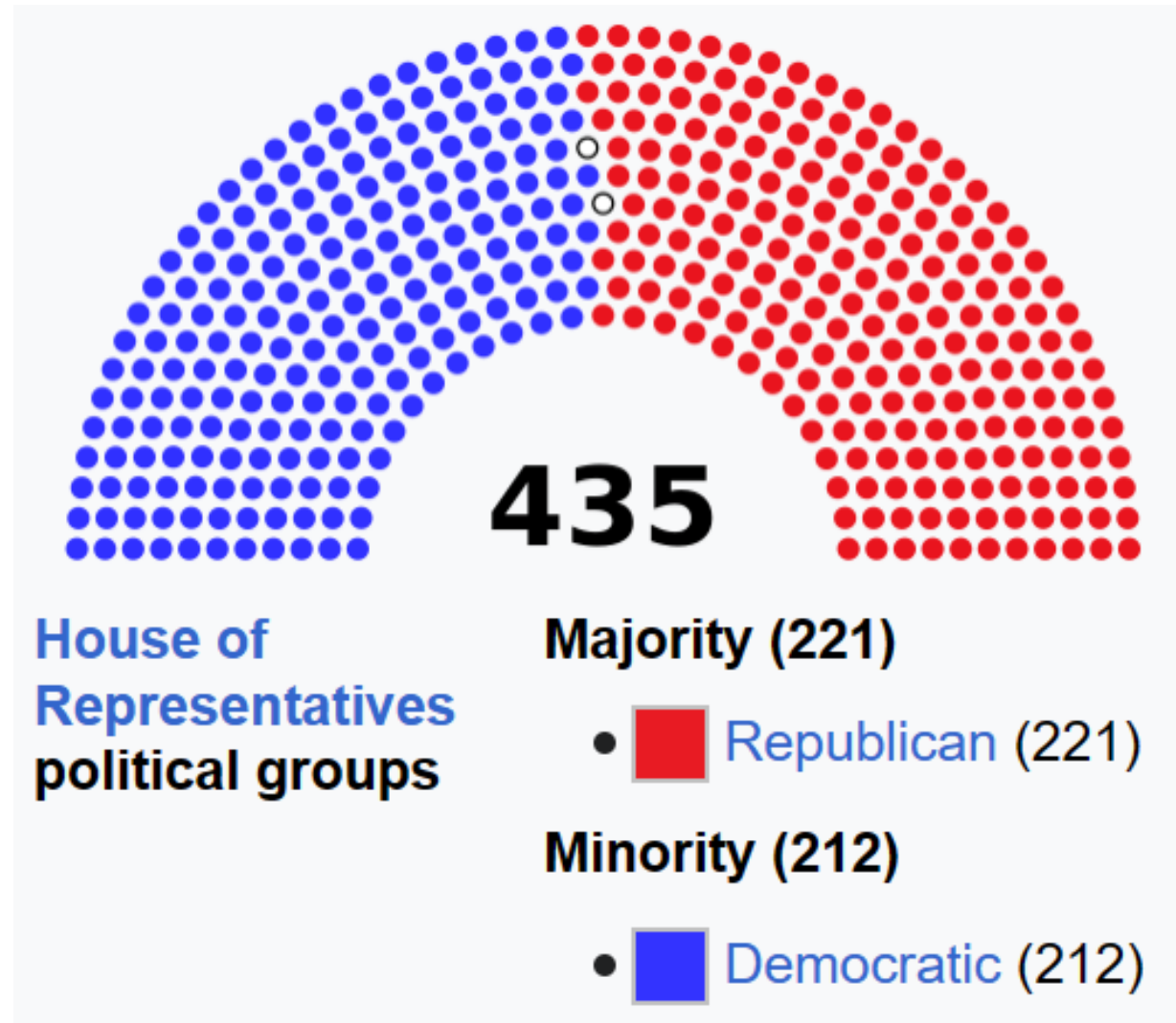
House

Speaker of the House

Mike Johnson (R)
since October 25, 2023

House Majority Leader

Steve Scalise (R)
since January 3, 2023



Congress

Challenges Going Forward

- Election year pressures
- Can they keep the government open?
 - March deadlines
- Funding support for Ukraine & Israel
- Border security funding
- Tax bill
- Farm bill – new pressure coming from dropping farm income



Food & Ag Issues



- Innovative FEED Act
- Farm Bill
 - Extension or passage
 - Potential political football in the House
 - Senate will likely be bipartisan
 - Increasing demands
 - Budget constraints and Speaker's position will work against any increases
 - Failure to pass a farm bill will hurt Republicans in swing districts
- Budget and Appropriations



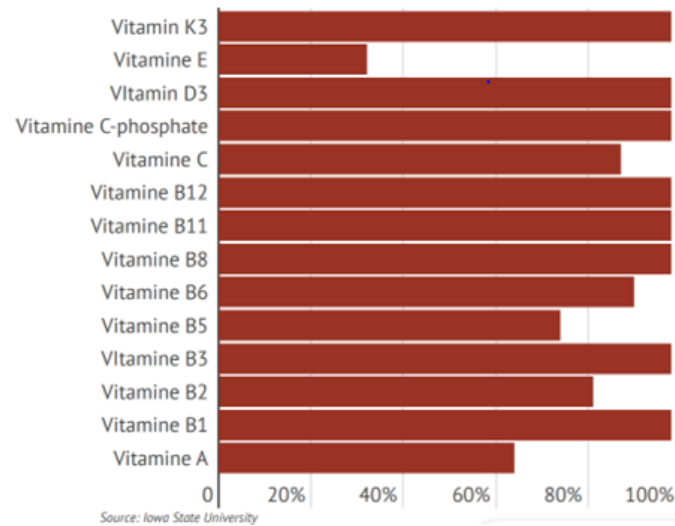
*In the midst of
chaos, there is
also opportunity*

What are our
opportunities?

Industry Resiliency Initiative

- Identifies U.S. reliance on **vitamin** imports from China as a priority concern
 - Gone from 10% in 1992 to 78% in 2022
 - 94% for vitamin B6 and over 91% for vitamin C
- Threat of export restrictions affects both importers and members manufacturing in China
- Goal: secure and diversify US vitamin supply chain
- Strategy:
 - Advocacy with Congress
 - Advocacy with USDA and USTR
 - Enactment of legislation
 - Government interagency task force
- Board created Task Force

Estimated share of China in world production of vitamins

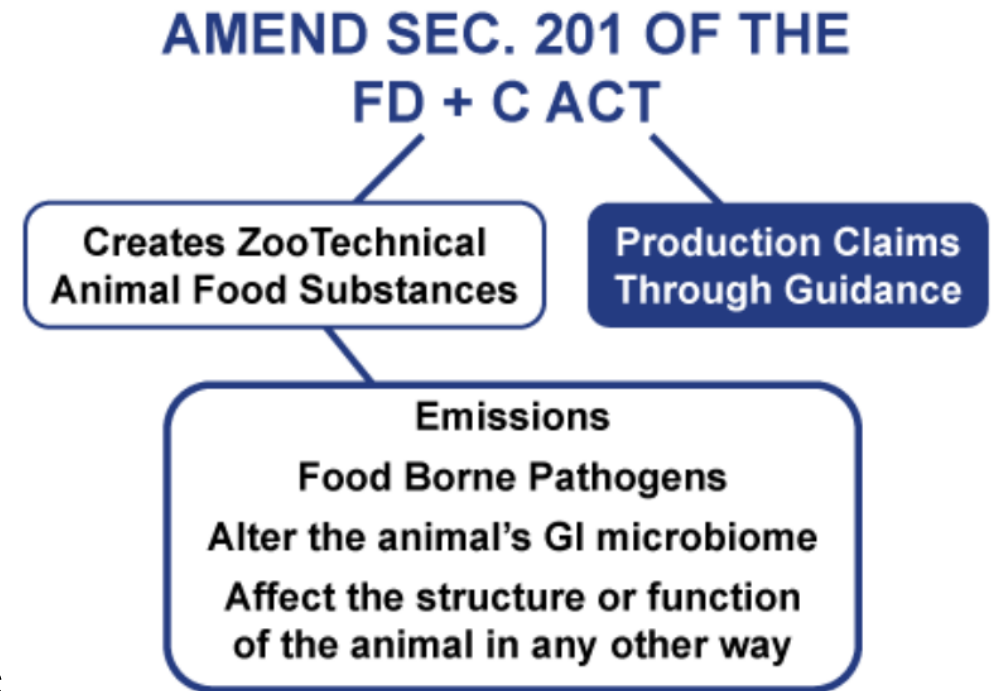


China is responsible for over 85% of global vitamin exports



Regulatory Reform - Innovative FEED Act

- S. 1842
 - Sen. Marshall (R-KS)
 - Sen. Baldwin (D-WI)
 - Sen. Moran (R-KS)
 - Sen. Bennet (D-CO)
- HR. 6687
 - Rep Greg Pence (R-IN)
 - Rep Baird (R-IN)
 - Rep Schrier (D-WA)
 - Rep Craig (D-MN)
- Codifies a regulatory pathway for claims
- Supported by 190 stakeholders



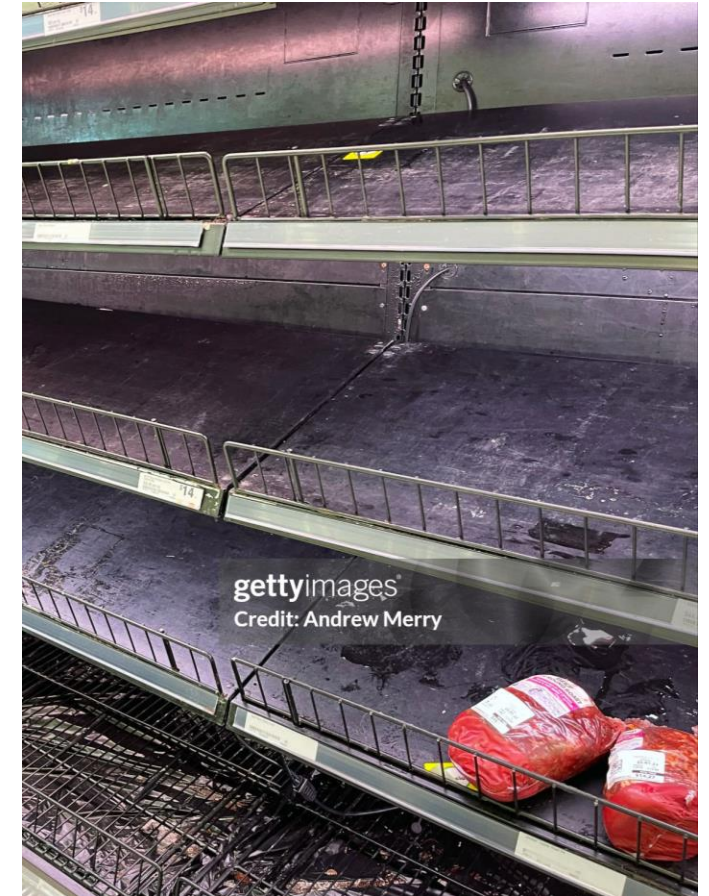
Regulatory Reform – Center for Vet Medicine

- Feb revocation of its 1998 Program Policy and Procedures Manual Guide 1240.3605
- Next Steps?



Reinforcing Importance of Food Security

- Conflicts threatening predictable grain supplies presents a forum to discuss food security
- Supply chain interruptions have highlighted the need for infrastructure and trusted trade relationships
- Animal diseases have demonstrated the need for biosecurity and protection of livestock systems
- Weather unpredictability has raised food security issues across the developing world



Demonstrating Animal Food Industry's Role as a Solution

CLIMATE

BY THE NUMBERS

Over **40%** of ingredients used in feed are coproducts from other industries,¹⁴



which means roughly **113.6M tons** of materials are diverted from landfills annually, avoiding approximately

61.3M metric tons of carbon dioxide & **7.4M metric tons** of methane emissions,¹⁵ all while helping to produce **billions** of servings of protein annually!¹⁶

Today's hens are living longer and producing **27%** more eggs per day, thanks in part to better nutrition. Although they produce more eggs, they are using **50% less feed** than it took to produce a dozen eggs in 1960¹⁷



In 1959, it took **8 pigs** to produce **1,000 pounds** of pork, but today, it only takes **5** thanks to feed management practices and better nutrition.¹⁷

¹⁴ Based on 2019 data. [afia.org/consumptionreport](https://www.afia.org/consumptionreport)

¹⁵ Based on rough AFIA member estimations.

¹⁶ <https://bit.ly/3QrbVHX>

¹⁷ <https://bit.ly/3DJCz7s>



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State Issues



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Vermont H 626 Animal Welfare

\$10 surcharge on commercial feed registration

- \$105 > \$115

Double the rabies fee per dog

- \$1 > \$2

Create a director position

Create a 15-member board

Function
Create centralized support network for local animal cruelty investigations & housing for seized animals
Oversee annual inspections & licensing of animal shelters & rescue organizations
Oversee permitting and enforcement of pet dealer law
Oversee licensing and inspection of pet shops
Oversee licensing, inspection, record-keeping, and quarantine protocols for imported animals



Questions?

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