

Sixth Annual

STATE OF THE SIXTH

Monday, **February 24, 2025**

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
CHRISSEY
HOULAHAN
—  —

OATH OF OFFICE

"I, Chrissy Houlahan, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."



OPENING REMARKS



AGENDA

6:00 – Welcome,
Ceremonial Swearing in,
and Opening Remarks

6:10 – Presentation

6:55 – Q&A, moderated
by Peter Urscheler, Mayor
of Phoenixville

7:25 – Closing Remarks



WHAT IS THE STATE OF THE SIXTH?

This evening is our annual event to gather our community together and do the following:

- Reflect on events of 2024 and new challenges ahead in 2025
- Ask questions and share your concerns
- Leave with new information and ways you can be more involved and aware in our community!

SOME TOPICS WE'LL COVER THIS EVENING

- Economy and workforce development
- Health and families
- Safety and security
- Housing
- Immigration
- Infrastructure
- Energy and environment
- National security

MEETING NORMS



We will:

1. Treat each other with respect and leave titles at the door
2. Use our time wisely by sticking to the agenda*
3. Address any conflict by dealing with the issue, not the person
4. We will discuss policy, not politics

*Topics requiring further discussion will be documented for follow-up

PREPARING FOR Q&A

Please write your questions on the comment card and pass them to a staff member.

If your question is not addressed during the town hall, we will respond to you via email or a phone call!

Please write clearly to ensure a response.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
CHRISSY HOULAHAN
PROUDLY SERVING PENNSYLVANIANS

STAY IN TOUCH WITH US

LET US KNOW A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

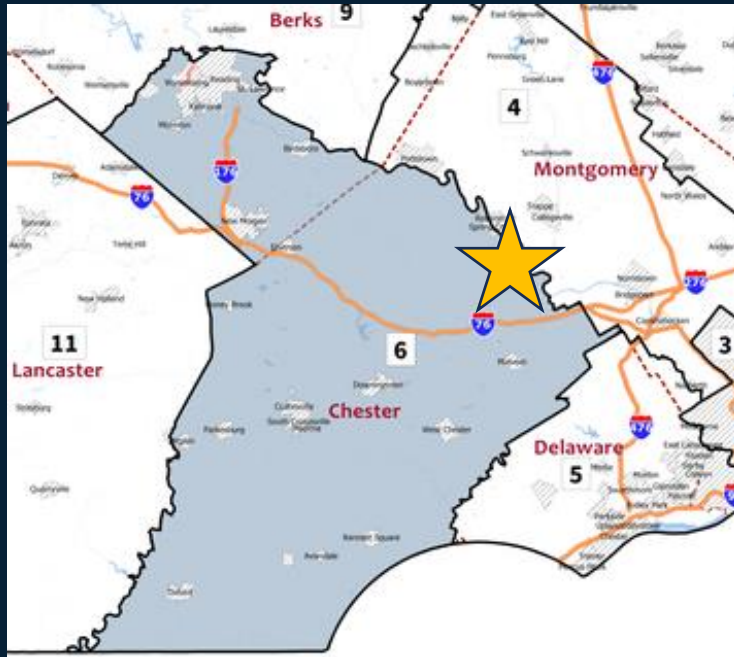
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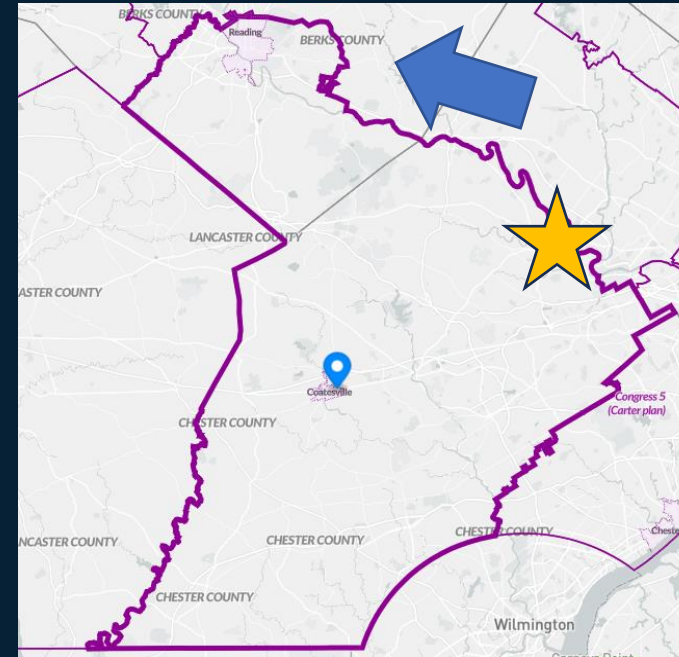
CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE



WHO DO I REPRESENT?



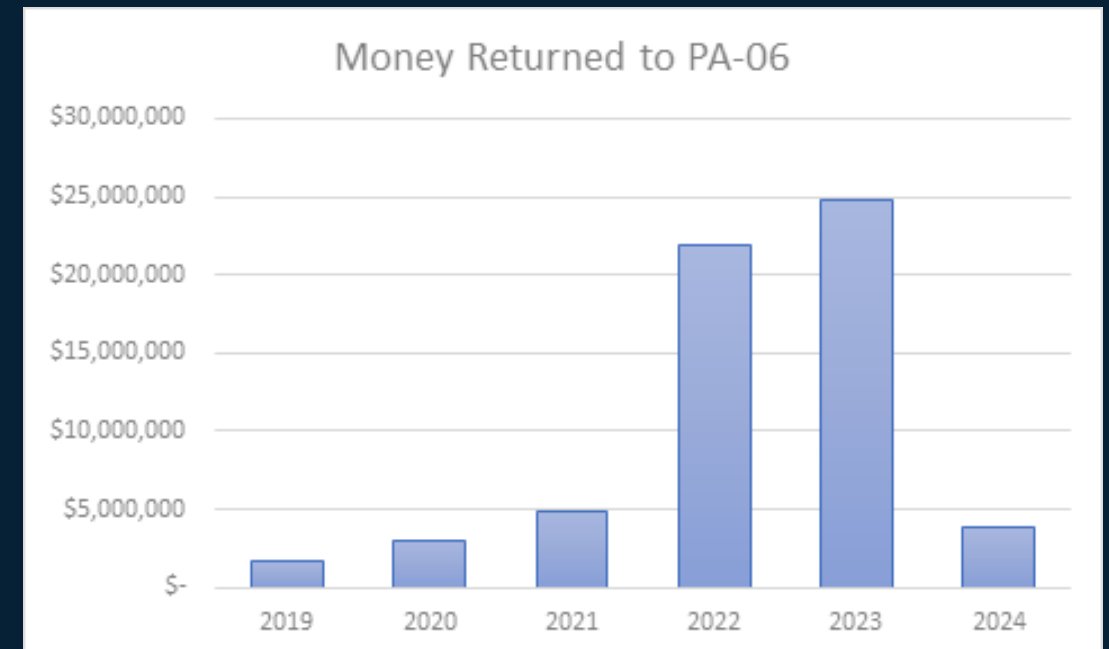
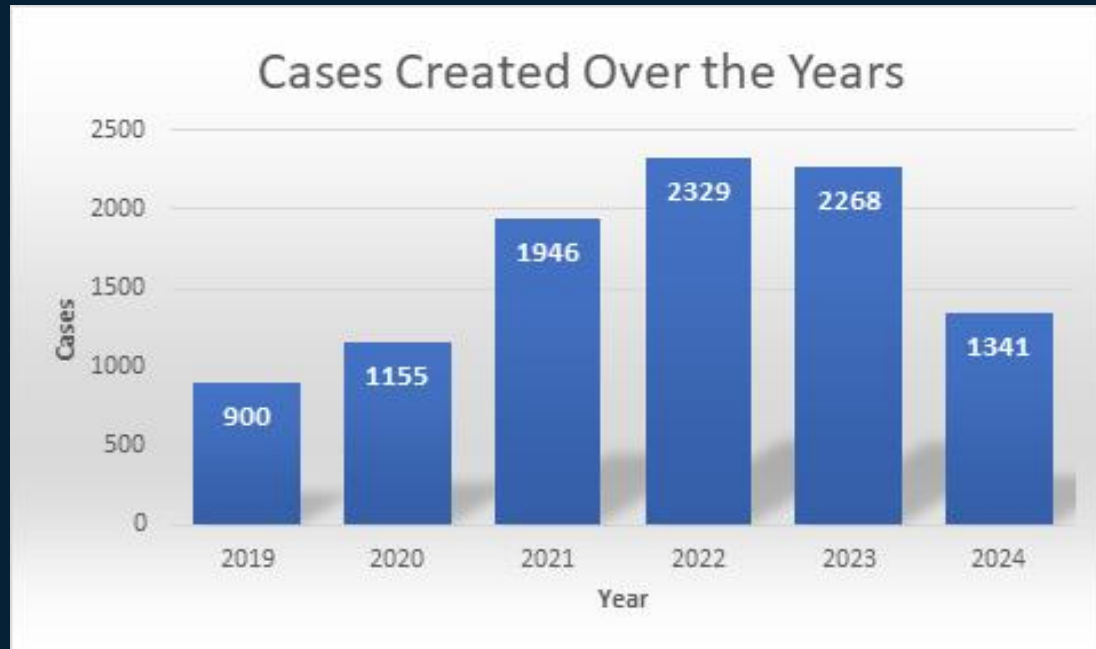
Old PA-06



New PA-06

Every 10 years, most recently in 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau counts the number of people in the United States. This data is used to redraw Congressional districts, to keep them all equal in population size.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



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CONSTITUENT SUCCESS STORIES

“”

I contacted Rep. Houlahan's office for help with a Medicare refund. Her staff was very knowledgeable and extremely helpful. You got my issue resolved very quickly and I appreciate it so very much. Thank all of you that resolved my issue. I will always recommend your office to others.

Deborah - Reading

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Members of our PA team!

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



In October 2024, Houlahan visited Reading STEM Academy, which was funded primarily with federal funds and will allow approximately 800 Reading students to learn more about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



In October 2024, Houlahan visited Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) and the construction site of their new Child & Career Development Center, Great Valley Campus in Malvern. This campus is an extension of their Coatesville Campus and is set to open in September 2026.

FAMILIES – Health and Wellness



In 2024, Houlahan and Rep. Bice (R-OK) co-chairs of the Paid Family Working Group.



In May 2024, during National Nurses Week, Houlahan welcomed U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra to LCH Health and Community Services of Kennett Square.

FAMILIES - Safety



During Gun Violence Prevention Month, Houlahan met with Chester County DA Chris de Barrena-Sarobe and Chester County Sheriff Kevin Dykes to discuss violence prevention and gun trafficking at our southern border.



In December 2024, Houlahan and Rep. Garbarino (R-NY) advocated for passage of counter-drone bill amid drone sights on east coast.

HOUSING

DAILY LOCAL NEWS

PA v Q

Congresswoman Houlahan tours low-income homes



U.S. Rep. Chrissy Houlahan tours low-income homes. (BILL RETTEW/MEDIA NEWS GROUP)

The ARPA funded Whole Homes Repair Program was incredibly popular in our community!



Convened a panel of Housing stakeholders in Coatesville to discuss solutions to affordable housing.

ECONOMY – A Complex Picture

U.S. economy ends 2024 with solid growth, up 2.8 percent for full year

The US economy, the clear winner of 2024

Rising Rates May Trigger Financial Instability, Complicating Fight Against Inflation 

WORKFORCE IN CHESTER COUNTY

BUSINESS / COATESVILLE

Arrival of CH-46 Helicopters at Coatesville Piasecki Facility Signals Job Growth and Economic Boost

July 3, 2024 - by Maryann Pugh



Worked with Senator Casey, the U.S. Navy, and Piasecki Aircraft Corporation to increase manufacturing capacity at the Heliplex.



Hosted USTR Amb. Helen Tai and Sec. Julie Su at Cleveland Cliffs in Coatesville.

WORKFORCE IN BERKS COUNTY



In May 2024, Houlahan honored Lourdes Peralta, Reading flower shop owner who was named the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) "Eastern Pennsylvania Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year."



In October 2024, Houlahan toured updates to Community General Hospital in Reading with Mayor Eddie Moran, Alan Shuman, and members of the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance team: Lucine Sihelnik, Alex Roché.

IMMIGRATION



Houlahan visited the southern border on a trip with her colleagues in early 2024.



Houlahan advocated for the House to pass the bipartisan DIGNITY Act.

REBUILDING PENNSYLVANIA'S AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

West Chester Borough



EPA Regional Administrator, Adam Ortiz, joined Chrissy in West Chester to demonstrate lead pipe removal and replacement. This work was funded by IJA.

Brandywine Township



Manor Rd & Reeceville Rd Roundabout



Project completed April 2024.

HELPING OUR FARMERS



Houlahan meets with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, PA Ag Secretary Russell Redding, National Climate Advisor Ali Zaidi at Penn State Berks.



Discussing challenges of family dairy farms in Elverson.

PRODUCING ENERGY AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



Celebrating the work of the Citizens Climate Lobby in West Chester.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers is making a last-minute pitch to House Agriculture Committee leaders to wrap into the 2025 farm bill more than two dozen bills aimed at addressing climate change without sacrificing economic prosperity.

[In a letter](#) Friday to House Agriculture Chair Glenn Thompson (R-Pa.) and ranking Democrat David Scott of Georgia, Reps. **Chrissy Houlahan** (D-Pa.) and Andrew Garbarino (R-N.Y.) said “durable, bipartisan legislation is the best way to achieve our shared goals” including promoting resilient farming practices, expanded research and diverse rural energy. The two lawmakers chair the House Climate Solutions Caucus.

The bills they promoted are all bipartisan and touch on a wide range of agricultural and forest policies, from boosting climate-related research to expanding crop insurance into damage caused by wildfire smoke, to halting the spread of the crop-damaging spotted lanternfly.

LOWERING THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



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UNDER THE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION

9 MILLION

Number of seniors who took the 10 drugs selected for Medicare Price Negotiation in 2022

\$160 BILLION

How much taxpayers will save because of the Inflation Reduction Act's health care provisions

\$3.4 BILLION

Amount Medicare beneficiaries spent in out of pocket costs in 2022 on the 10 drugs

4 MILLION

Number of seniors already benefitting from the Inflation Reduction Act's \$35 per month cap on the cost of insulin.

\$6,497

The out-of-pocket cost seniors had to pay per year for just one of the drugs selected for negotiation

\$400

The amount seniors are projected to save on prescription drugs annually when the \$2,000 out of pocket cap goes into effect.

33 YEARS

Amount of time leaders spent trying to allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices

OVER 8 IN 10

Adults support allowing Medicare to negotiate lower prescription drug prices, according to a recent Kaiser Family Foundation poll



NEW PRICES

NEW PRICES AFTER NEGOTIATION OF THE FIRST TEN DRUGS SELECTED FOR MEDICARE PRICE NEGOTIATION

Under the Biden-Harris Administration

DRUG	LIST PRICE	NEGOTIATED PRICE
ELIQUIS <i>For Blood Clots</i>	\$521	\$231
JARDIANCE <i>For Diabetes, Heart Failure, Chronic Kidney Disease</i>	\$573	\$197
XARELTO <i>For Blood Clots and Coronary Artery Disease</i>	\$517	\$197
JANUVIA <i>For Diabetes</i>	\$527	\$113
FARXIGA <i>For Diabetes, Heart Failure, Kidney Disease</i>	\$556	\$178.50
ENTRESTO <i>For Heart Failure</i>	\$628	\$295
ENBREL <i>For Arthritis, Psoriasis, Psoriathic Arthritis</i>	\$7,106	\$2,355
IMBRUVICA <i>For Blood Cancers</i>	\$14,934	\$9,319
STELARA <i>For Psoriasis, Psoriathic Arthritis, Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis</i>	\$13,836	\$4,695
FIASP <i>FIASP FLEXTOUCH, FIASP PENFILL, NOVOLOG, NOVOLOG FLEXPEN, NOVOLOG PENFILL</i> <i>For Diabetes</i>	\$495	\$119

SUPPORTING FIRST RESPONDERS



Meeting with some of Phoenixville Police Departments incredible officers!



ARPA funded this state-of-the-art fire station in Reading. The new construction replaced the dilapidated former building.

HONORING OUR HEROES



In March 2024, we honored the heroism of our constituent, Larry Liss, with the Silver Star. It is the third highest military commendation and awarded for valor in battle.

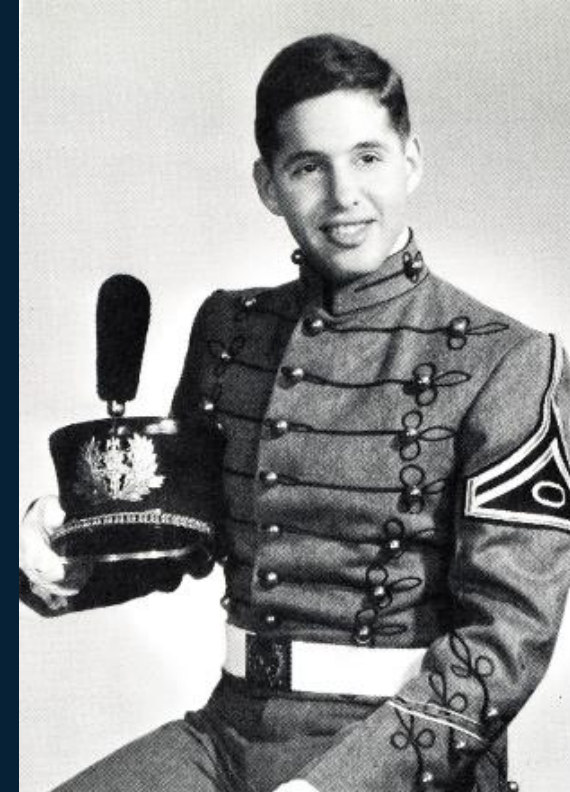


Image of Larry Liss as a young cadet.

MILITARY PERSONNEL AND READINESS



Houlahan and Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE) called for quality-of-life issues to be addressed for military members and their families.



Houlahan toured Butler, PA farm show site with colleagues on bipartisan task force to investigate the Trump assassination attempts.

INTELLIGENCE AND CONFLICTS ABROAD



In 2024, Houlahan went on a bipartisan trip with other lawmakers to Taiwan and met with Taiwan's leader, Lai Ching-te.

A screenshot of a website header for Dan Crenshaw. The header features the name "DAN CRENSHAW" in large white letters, with "SERVING TEXAS'S 2ND DISTRICT" below it. The background is a night view of a city skyline. Below the header, there is a "PRESS RELEASES" section with a navigation menu: "Home / Media / Press Releases".

DAN CRENSHAW
SERVING TEXAS'S 2ND DISTRICT

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Crenshaw, Houlahan Introduce Enhancing Intelligence Collection on Foreign Drug Traffickers Act of 2024



Houlahan went to Munich for the Munich Security Conference and met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

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Houlahan Votes to Keep Government Open

Calls for a return to bipartisan negotiations in the new Congress

Washington, December 20, 2024



Tags: *Jobs & Economy*, *Small Business & Entrepreneurship*, *National Security*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Representative Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), shared the following statement on her vote for the *American Relief Act of 2025*:

“This evening, I voted in favor of the continuing resolution to fund our government and keep vital public services operating through March 2025. This bill provides needed funding to communities to recover from natural disasters, extends authorities used to detect and monitor drone activity, provides essential funding for telehealth access and community health centers, and extends the farm bill. It also prevents 66,000 federal workers in Pennsylvania from being involuntarily furloughed right before the holidays.

“We know that legislating can be messy so while I’m frustrated, I’m not terribly surprised that we went beyond the eleventh hour to figure this out. What is alarming, and unprecedented, is the extent to which one man, Elon Musk, who wasn’t elected and has no official government role was able to torpedo a bipartisan agreement while using his extraordinary wealth to threaten and bully members. Democrats have, once again, been the adults in the room here in Washington – we have compromised with our votes and provided for the needs of the people, not the elite.

BUDGET

Congress closing in on shutdown deadline with no clear plan

House Republicans advance their budget after appeasing hard-liners

The House Budget Committee adopted a budget resolution Thursday as GOP leaders work to unlock the power to enact major Republican priorities along party lines.

BY THE NUMBERS

How much legislation actually passed in the 118th Congress?

If measured by the number of bills signed into law, the 118th Congress was the most unproductive in 40 years:

- The 118th Congress successfully passed less than 150 bills.
- For comparison, the 117th Congress passed more than 350 bills when Democrats held control of both chambers and the White House.
- Since 1989 –when George H.W. Bush was president – each previous Congress passed an average of more than 380 laws.

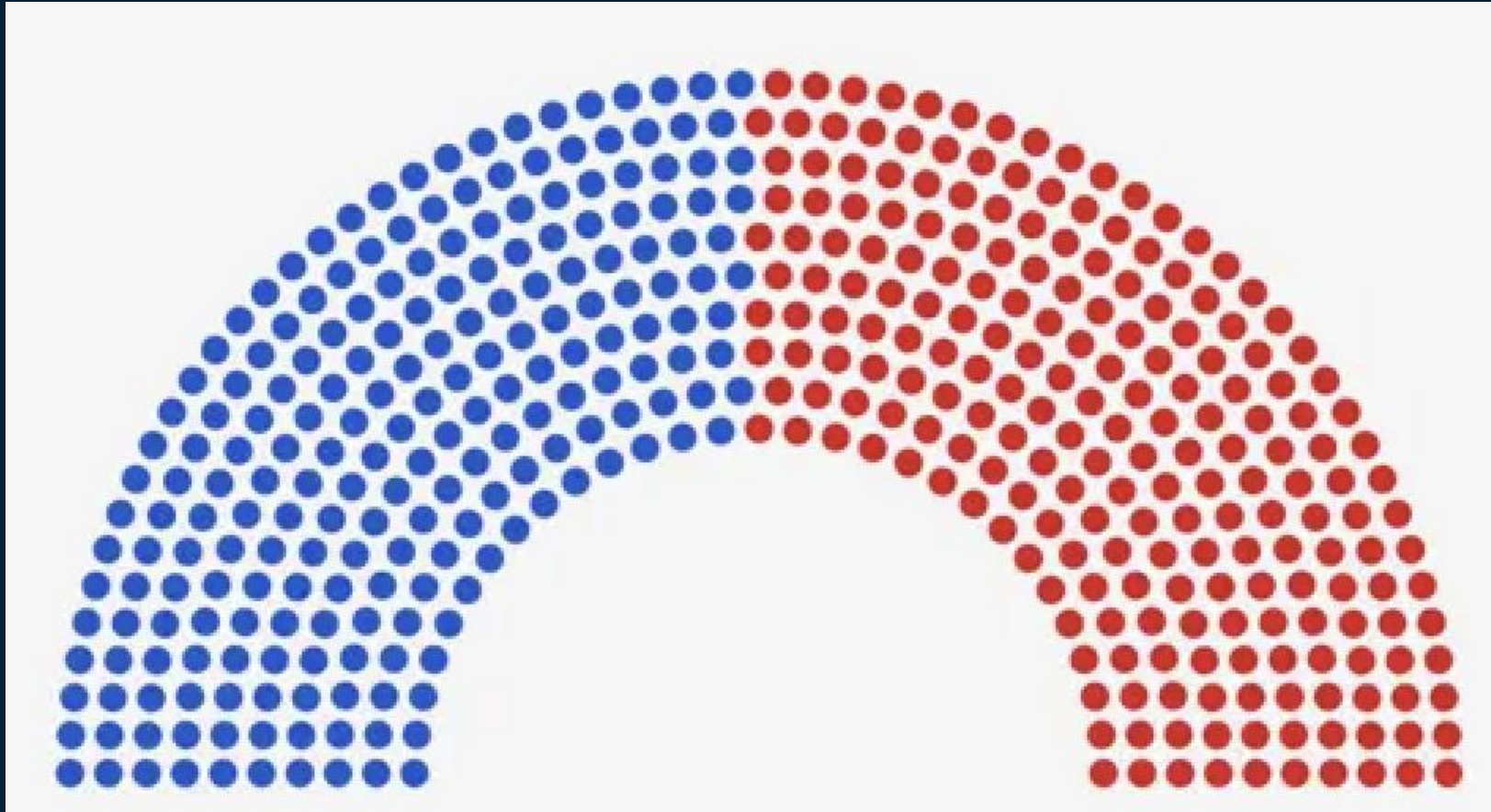
How many of the bills from the 118th Congress were about renaming post offices or other non-critical issues?

- Approximately half of total legislation (more than 70) in the 118th Congress.

What didn't Speaker Johnson bring to the floor?

- Hundreds of bills related to kitchen table issues! We introduced around 9,000 bills as a Congress including legislation about healthcare, education, immigration, etc.

STATE OF THE HOUSE



We only need three.

DO THE RIGHT THING



Q&A

*Moderated by
Mayor Peter Urscheler*

CLOSING REMARKS



IF YOU DO/DON'T LIKE WHAT YOU SEE:

1. Communicate with your government – local, state, federal -- and encourage others in other places to do the same...your voice matters
2. Let us know of specific direct impact stories that we can elevate
3. Contact us if you need help with a federal agency
4. Follow me on social and sign up for newsletter for real time updates
5. Support organizations that are actively working on causes or cases that matter to you
6. Vote (2x a year, every year)...your vote matters
7. Remember that approximately 50% of our community and the country may disagree with you and your vote so commit to be civil/decent and to seek truth and other opinions and perspectives
8. Take care of yourself and others

STAY CONNECTED:



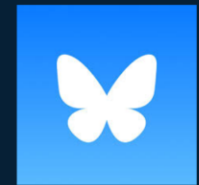
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