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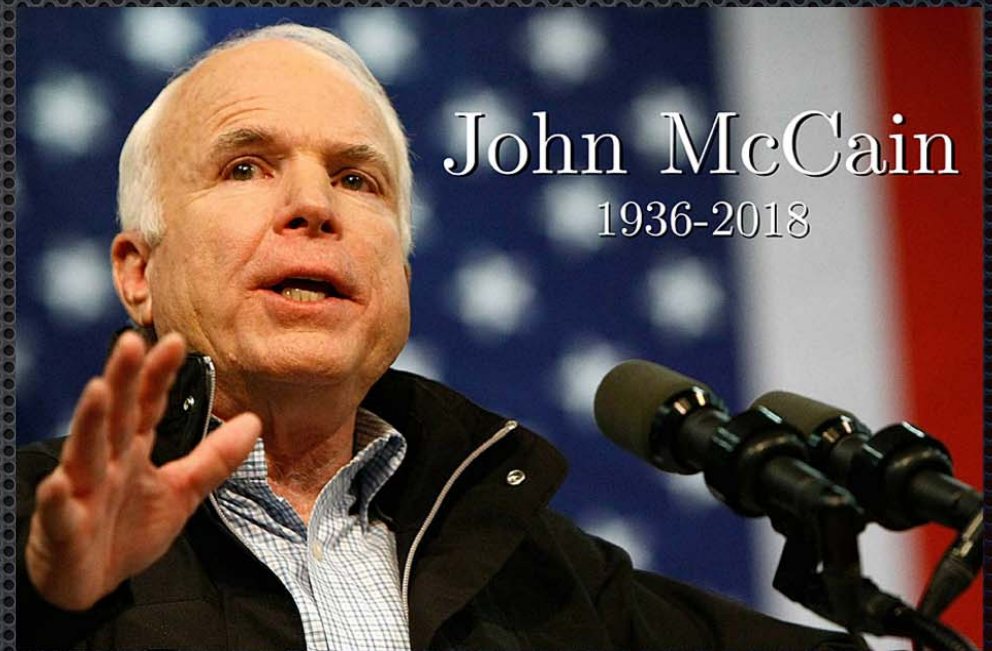


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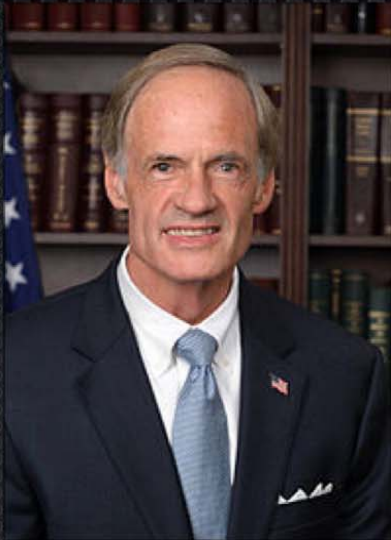
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Senator John McCain

- Co-Chairman,
Congressional Fire
Services Caucus
1989 - 2018
- CFSI Legislator of the
Year: 2006, 2011, 2017



Congressional Fire Services Caucus Leadership



- Senator Susan Collins (ME)
- Senator Tom Carper (DE)
- Senator Jon Tester (MT)
- Congressman Steny Hoyer (MD)
- Congressman Peter King (NY)
- Congressman Bill Pascrell (NJ)
- Congressman Dave Reichert (WA)



Current Composition of Congress

- Senate

- Republicans - 51

- Democrats - 47

- Independents - 2

- House

- Republicans - 237

- Democrats - 193

- Independents - 0

- Open - 5

2018 Mid-Term Elections

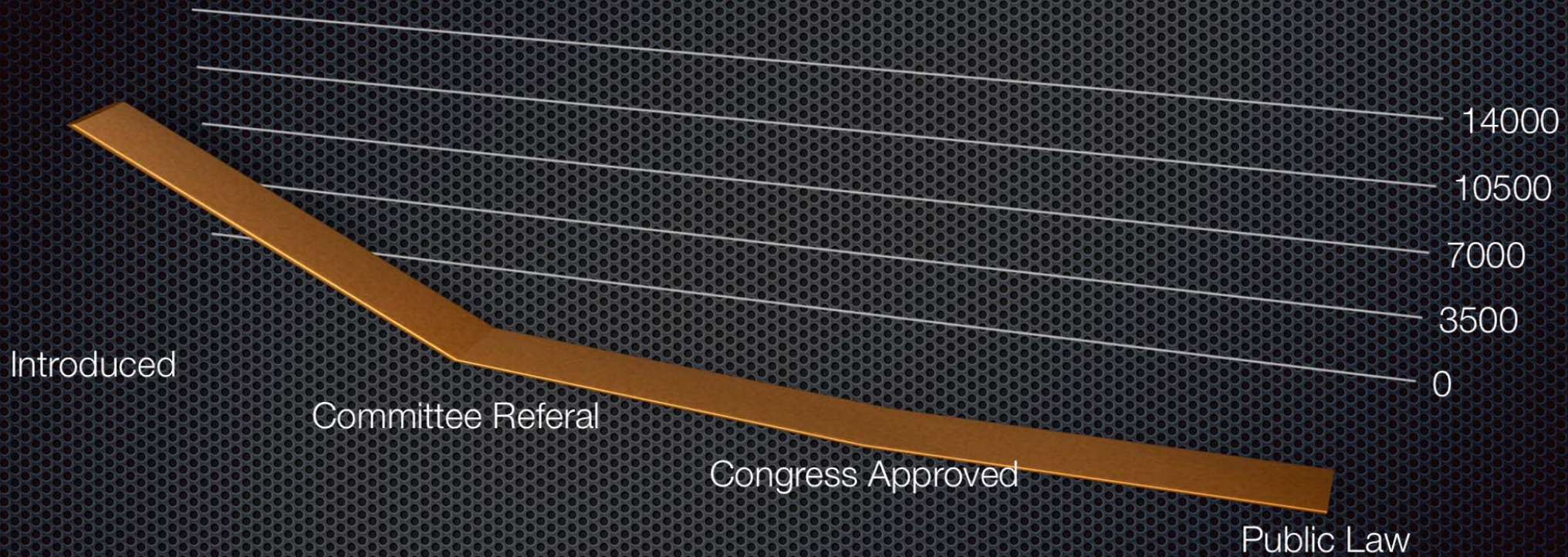
- Senate
 - 35 seats
 - 26 Democrat, 9 Republican
- House of Representatives
 - All 435 seats

Important Implications of mid-term elections on Capitol Hill

- Democrats need a net gain of 2 seats in the Senate and 24 House seats
- Control of the gavel
- Control of legislative agenda
- Control of committees



Legislative Activity in the 115th Congress



- Legislation introduced in Congress - 12,266
- Referred to committee - 1,816
- Approved by both the House and Senate - 286
- Public Law - 237

Fire Service Legislative Achievements in the 115th

- AFG/SAFER/USFA Reauthorization
 - Signed into law on January 3, 2018
 - Reauthorizes USFA through FY2023
 - Contains sunset provision that would end AFG/SAFER at the end of Fiscal Year 2024

- ✦ Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act
 - ✦ Legislation to provide economic incentives to retrofit properties with automatic fire sprinklers
 - ✦ -year effort in response to Station Club Fire in West Warwick, RI
 - ✦ Tax bill contained provision that allows small/medium businesses to write-off up to \$1 million for installation of sprinklers (Section 179 of Tax Code)



✦ Firefighter Cancer Registry Act

- ✦ Signed into law on July 9, 2018.
- ✦ Creates a specialized national volunteer registry to help researchers and epidemiologists study cancer in the fire service.
- ✦ Senate FY19 Labor/HHS funding measures includes \$1 million for the registry

Legislative Priorities for the Remainder of the 115th

- FY 2019 Appropriations (*in millions*)

PROGRAM	FY2018	WH-FY19	House-FY19	Senate-FY19
USFA	\$44.397	\$44.993	\$44.993	\$45.5
AFG/SAFER	\$700	\$688.9	\$700	\$700
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$16	\$11.02	\$18	\$16
State Fire Assistance	\$80	\$65.93	\$80	\$80

Status of FY 2019 appropriations

- 12 appropriation measures to fund the federal government
 - 9 approved by Senate
 - 6 approved by House
- Homeland Security appropriations
 - Separate measures approved by the House and Senate
 - Challenge: Reaching agreement with the White House
- Strong likelihood of CR to prevent partial shutdown

- ✦ Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act

- ✦ Fire service is working on a second provision that wasn't included in the Tax Bill: 15-year depreciation schedule and bonus depreciation for fire sprinklers and other qualified investment properties (QIPs)

- ✦ Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act
 - ✦ H.R. 1550 and S. 1238
 - ✦ Extends an income tax exemption on volunteer benefits that lapsed in 2010.
 - ✦ Also increases to \$600 the benefit amount that volunteers can receive tax-free in a year.

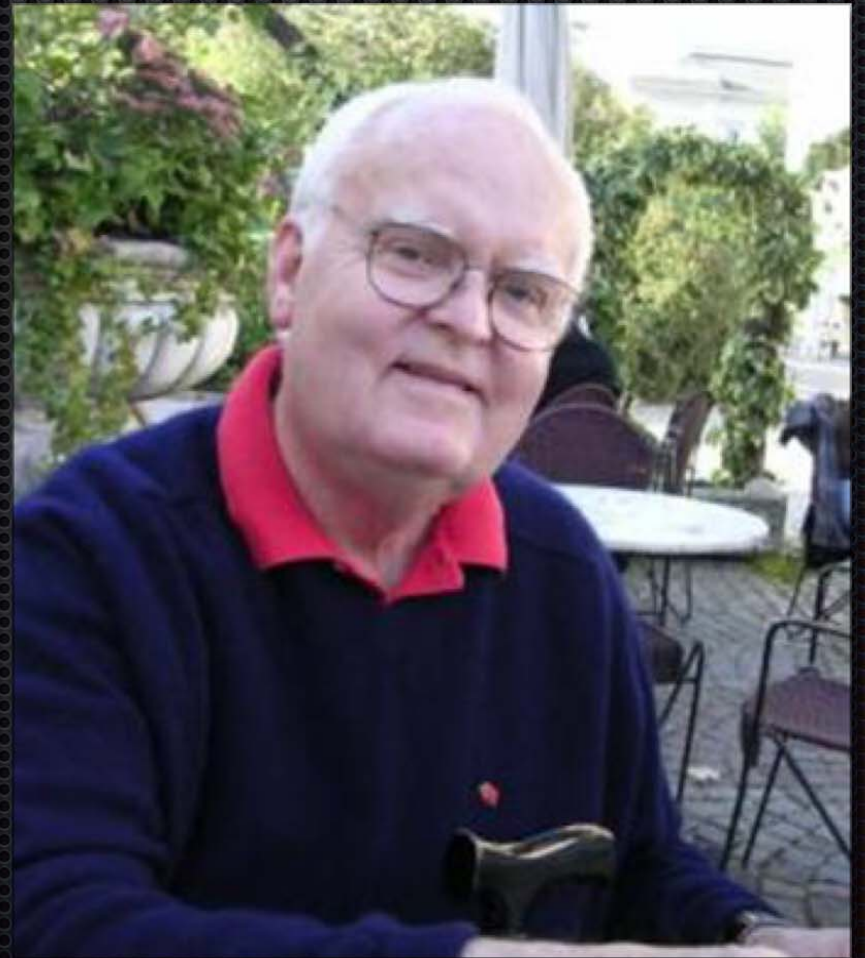
How you can help CFSI

- Are your members of Congress serving on the Congressional Fire Services Caucus?
- Do you know the congressional staff assigned to fire service issues?
- Have you invited your members and their staff to your fire stations?
- Get involved with the FEMSA/ FAMA GAC!



Robert J. Barraclough Internship Program

- Opportunity for future leaders in public safety to learn about the development of federal legislation and programs that benefit the fire and emergency services.
- Major sponsors include E-ONE, FAMA, HOLMATRO and IFSTA.
- Former interns assuming leadership positions.



2018 National Fire and Emergency Services Ornament

- Proceeds benefit CFSI
- Sale prices
 - \$20: 1-24
 - \$18: 25-99
 - \$16: 100 or more
- Visit www.cfsi.org for details



31st Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner

April 24-25-2019

- Interact with members of Congress and federal agency officials
- Establish key contacts with national fire and emergency services leaders
- Acquire new knowledge on federal and national initiatives and programs

