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Legislative Update

Election of Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives

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The NASCOE Legislative Committee would like to share with members the announcement of Congressman Mike Johnson (R-LA) as the 56th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. Congressman Johnson was elected Speaker earlier today by a margin of 220-209. Congressman Johnson was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2016 and represents the 4th District of Louisiana.

In 2021, Congressman Johnson was elected to serve as Vice Chairman of the House Republican Conference, a role he was re-elected to in November 2022. Congressman Johnson also serves as a Deputy Whip for the 118th Congress. Congressman Johnson serves on the Judiciary Committee and Armed Services Committee as well as multiple House Caucuses prior to being elected Speaker.

Speaker Johnson has announced his plans to advance legislative priorities including the White House request to approve \$100 billion for national security support for Israel and Ukraine, funding the Federal Government beyond the current Continuing Resolution (CR) deadline of November 17th and complete the passage of all remaining appropriations bills, including the **Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug bill**. In a letter to House colleagues, Speaker Johnson proposed the following schedule for bringing appropriation bills to the House floor: week of 10/23-Energy & Water, week of 10/30- Interior & Environment & THUD, week of 11/6-FSGG & CJS and week of **11/13-Labor/HHS & Agriculture**. In addition, the Speaker has recommended the passage of the **Farm Bill** during the month of December and advancing their version of the Farm Bill to the U.S. Senate for negotiations as soon as possible. As a reminder some current Farm Bill programs expired on September 30th with other programs set to expire on December 31st. Refer to the NASCOE [Legislative bulletin dated October 20th](#) for additional details regarding annual Agricultural Appropriation funding and passage of a Farm Bill.

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