



MEMORANDUM

TO: IEDA Board
RE: Federal Legislative Committee Report
DATE: October 7th, 2025

Hill Visits

The government shutdown didn't stop most visits, but it definitely impacted some. My meetings with Congressman Gosar's office and DOE were postponed due to the shutdown, but I was still able to meet with every other office (except Senator Kelly).

IEDA asked the offices to call the Bureau of Reclamation to encourage them to make an administrative decision regarding utilizing the PRBs. Colorado River Commission of Nevada reached out to them on Thursday (October 2nd) to discuss the legal memo they developed in opposition to the previous solicitor's opinion. The shutdown will delay any action as members will likely not be briefed in a timely fashion.

There was some interest from a few offices in a delegation letter. Gallego's office shared concern about encouraging this administration to take more liberties than they already have. They did encourage any request to come from a Republican office given the composition of the administration.

Adelita Grijalva

The special election for CD-7 turned out as expected, with Raul's daughter following in her father's footsteps into Congress. The timing of the shutdown will likely impact her confirmation, and she has made at least one post about not being seated. Speaker Mike Johnson plans to keep House members away from Capitol Hill as leverage to force the Senate to accept the House passed CR.

Ms. Grijalva is expected to follow in her father's footsteps on committees as well, with a likely pursuit of House Natural Resources (Democratic Vacancy), and Education is also expected.

Schweikert Enters the Governor's Race

Another high-profile candidate has entered the Republican Primary for Arizona Governor. Congressman David Schweikert made it official that he was entering the race. It is speculated that some high-profile businesspeople recruited Schweikert. There seemed to be concerns regarding Karrin Taylor Robson's ability to win the primary and Congressman Biggs' ability to win the general. Congressman Schweikert is expected to get support from the same donor pool as Mrs. Robson.

This puts CD-1 in play, one of the most contested districts in all of the United States. A few possible candidates for CD-1 include Matt Gress, Gina Swoboda (R's) and Amish Shah (and a handful of other D's).

Government Shutdown

There are a variety of opinions on how long this shutdown will last. A lot will have to do with who incurs the blame for the shutdown and when and what political pain is felt.

The Republicans in the House feel that they have nothing to negotiate, while the Democrats would like to get ObamaCare funding extended.

Congressional staffers will miss their paycheck on October 10th, and the military will miss their paycheck on the 15th. Some think that the military might be the motivation to get Trump engaged in making a deal. Others think that it might go to the end of the month. Time will tell.