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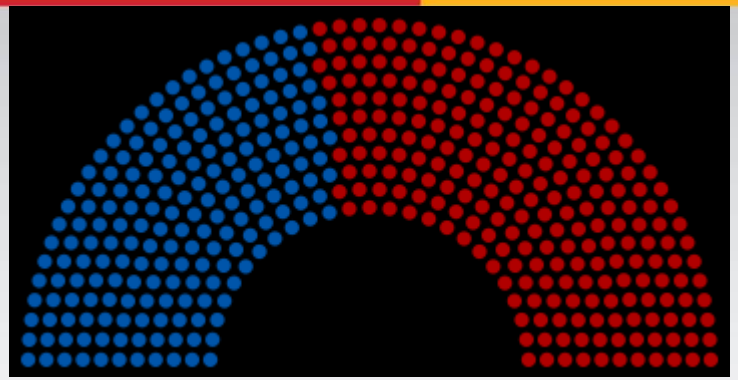

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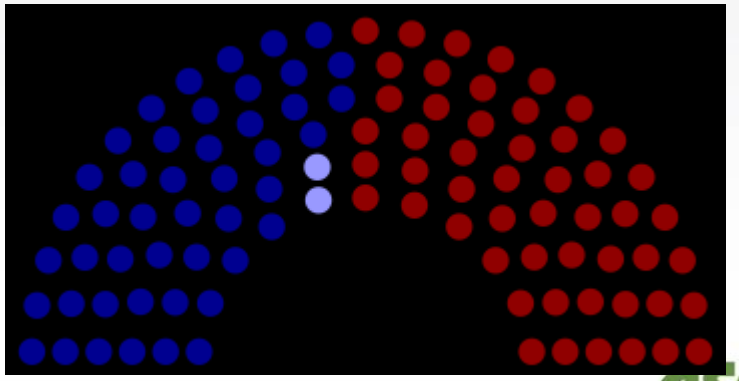

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- Trump Education Platform
  - $20 billion private school voucher plan
    - National goal of school choice for 11 million students in poverty
  - Reduce college costs and student debt in exchange for tax breaks and funds
    - Ease access to 2/4 year college and trade/vocational schools
  - Repeal the Common Core

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- Billionaire family
- Michigan GOP Chair
- All Children Matter, American Federation of Children
- GOP financier
- Voucher initiatives, charters, right-to-work

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– Senate HELP Committee

Lamar Alexander – Tennessee
Mike Enzi – Wyoming
Richard Burr – North Carolina
Johnny Isakson – Georgia
Rand Paul – Kentucky
Susan Collins – Maine
Bill Cassidy – Louisiana
Todd Young – Indiana
Orrin Hatch – Utah
Pat Roberts – Kansas
Lisa Murkowski – Alaska
Tim Scott – South Carolina

Patty Murray – Washington
Bernie Sanders – Vermont
Bob Casey - Pennsylvania
Al Franken - Minnesota
Michael Bennet - Colorado
Sheldon Whitehouse – Rhode Island
Tammy Baldwin - Wisconsin
Chris Murphy - Connecticut
Elizabeth Warren - Massachusetts
Tim Kaine - Virginia
Maggie Hassan – New Hampshire

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Rep. Tim Walberg, Michigan
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Rep. Todd Rokita, Indiana
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Rep. Luke Messer, Indiana
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Rep. Glenn Grothman, Wisconsin
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Rep. Rick Allen, Georgia
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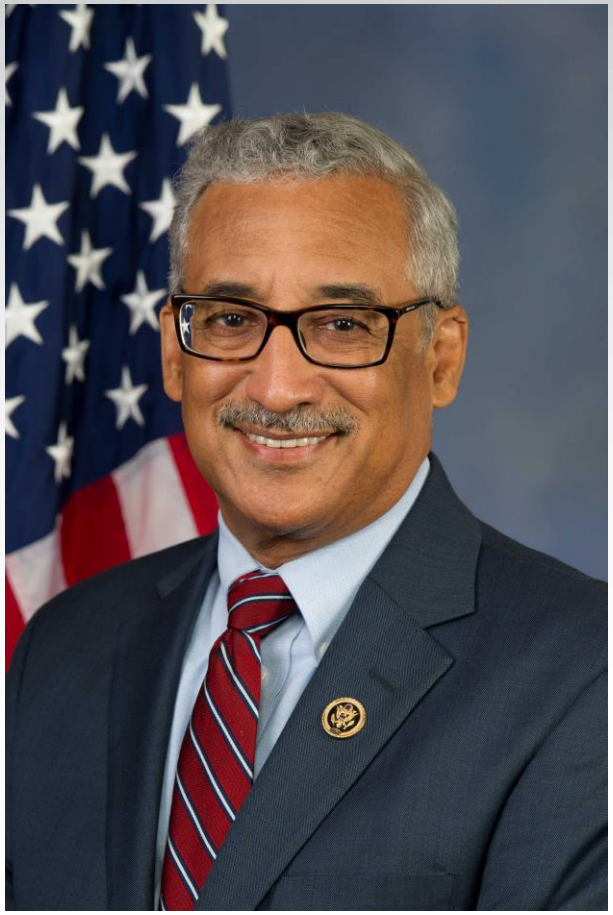

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Rep. Jared Polis, Colorado
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Rep. Mark Takano, California
Rep. Alma S. Adams, North Carolina
Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, California
Rep. Donald Norcross, New Jersey
Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester, Delaware
Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, Illinois

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- Congressional Reauthorizations Due
  - Perkins Career Technical Education Act
    - Secretarial authority
  - Higher Education Act
    - College affordability
    - Pell Grants
    - Teacher preparation programs
  - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
    - Endrew F v. Douglas County Public Schools

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- Education Funding
  - FY17 – through April
    - New ESSA programs?
  - FY18 – under development
  - Budget caps still in effect
  - Increase in defense spending vs. parity

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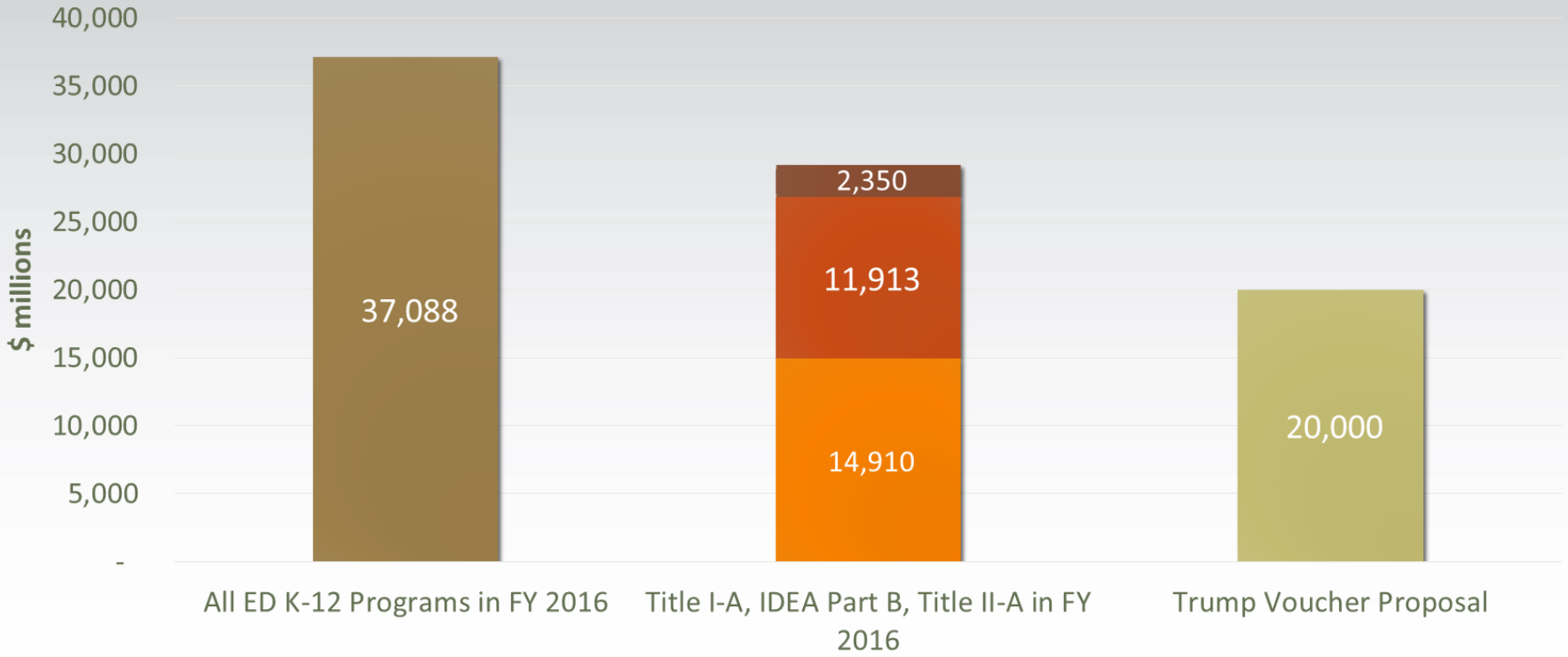

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- Every Student Succeeds Act Implementation
  - Repeal of regulations
  - Implementation continues
  - State plans due
    - Regulations - April or August
    - Statute - March or July
  - Secretarial approval

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Congressional Agenda

- Repeal & Replace the Affordable Care Act
- Tax Reform
- Infrastructure Investment
- Supreme Court Confirmation
- Education?

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- 2/3 of House Republicans have never served under a Republican President
- Senate filibuster = 60 votes (52-48)
- House Freedom Caucus

  40 members

  241 – 40 = 201

  201 < 218

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- ASCD Resources
  - Capitol Connection www.EducatorAdvocates.org
    - Stay up to date and in the know
  - ASCD.org/GR
    - Policy information and advocacy resources
  - ASCD.org/ESSA
    - Everything you need to know about ESSA and implementation

Questions?

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