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How The Government is Planning To HELP US.



Election

Big Change

Senate-was 57(D), 2(I), 41(R)-now 51(D), 47(R), 2(I)

House-was 255(D), 177 (R)-now approx 242(R), 193(D)

Governorships-was 26(D), 24(R)-now 29(R), 20(D), 1(I)

Senate

Remains under Democratic control-smaller majority

Committee leadership the same except for Ag committee

Boxer still chair of Environment Committee

2 Tea Party Senators-KY, UT (plus DeMint, Coburn, Vitter)

House bill consideration

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House

All new leadership and chairmen GOP

- some questions lingering on Dem leadership

Likely very active

- oversight
- budgeting actions
- various repeal actions

Must do

- debt ceiling
- appropriations



What does this mean for us?

Lame Duck Congress

-Little
Activity?

Legislative Action in 2011-2012

-Gridlock?

Regulatory Actions in 2011- 2012

-Full speed
ahead?

Regulatory Action

- Only avenue remaining

- FDA

 - labeling

 - food safety

 - special projects –Sodium, BPA, Acrylamide

- USDA

 - labeling

 - special projects

FDA Regulatory Agenda (through 2015)

Advanced Regulatory Science and Innovation

- Control of Foodborne Pathogens
- Food Irradiation
- Assessing and Managing Risks of Chemicals in Food

Strengthening the Safety and Integrity of the Global Supply Chain

- FDA's border surveillance activities

Strengthening Compliance and Enforcement Activities to Support Public Health

2012 and Beyond

Elections gearing up

Numbers in Senate favor GOP (23-D; 10-R)

Redistricting- gains in Southern states

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