

The Washington ImPACT

The latest and greatest news coming out of Washington, D.C.

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Congress passed all 12 FY24 appropriations bills

- On March 23, the Senate passed the final six spending bills 74-24, funding the government through the end of FY24
- The second minibus, a \$1.2T appropriations package, allocated funding to the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, Labor, Health and Human Services, and State
- The bill included wins for both the Republican and Democratic parties, featuring enhanced funding for DHS detention beds and authorization for 22,000 Border Patrol agents to satisfy GOP interests, alongside the allocation of 12,000 additional Special Immigrant Visas for Afghan allies, meeting key Democratic priorities

President Biden unveiled his FY25 budget request

- In early March, the Biden administration released its budget request for FY25; at a high level, the proposal totals \$7.3T with \$849.8B allocated for defense, \$13.6B towards border security and immigration services, and \$23B in climate adaptation efforts for at-risk areas
- The budget includes key tax provisions to close tax loopholes, increase taxes on ultra-wealthy Americans and billion-dollar companies, and restore Inflation Reduction Act investments in the IRS

Trivia



What book inspired the creation of Earth Day?

A Silent Spring

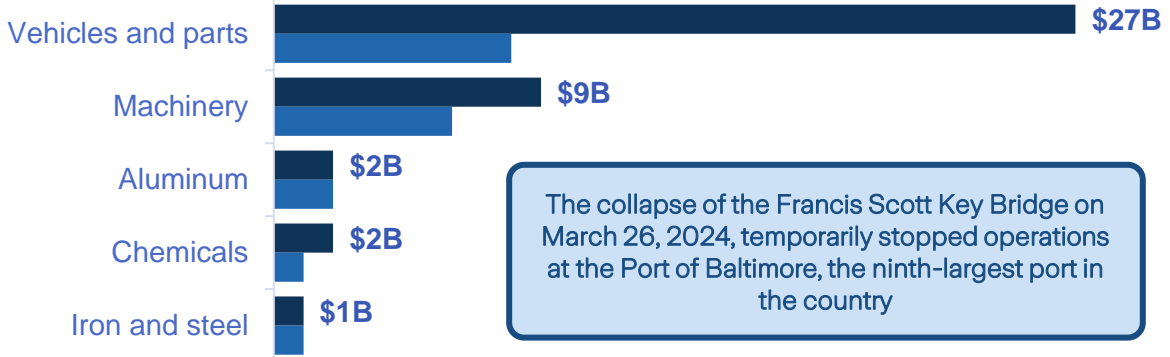
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Key Bridge collapse has cross sector impacts

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The collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge on March 26, 2024, temporarily stopped operations at the Port of Baltimore, the ninth-largest port in the country

Sources: CFRB, Politico, ABC News, AP News, Bloomberg, The White House, Independent, NBC News, NPR, Punchbowl News, Washington Post.

The Look Ahead



CPRG deadline approaches

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) is a program outlined under Biden's Inflation Reduction Act designed to address gaps in federal climate policy

\$5B in federal grants will be distributed

- **Governors across the country have rolled out plans to secure EPA funding for climate-forward state initiatives;** more than 200 states, MSAs, tribes, and territories have already applied ahead of the **May 1 deadline**
- The CPRG program provides federal funding for carbon capture programs, renewable energy infrastructure, municipal electrification, and transportation upgrades
- Democrat governors Wes Moore (MD), Josh Shapiro (PA), Gretchen Whitmer (MI), and Gavin Newsom (CA) have emerged as leaders for state climate policy, unveiling programs that reduce carbon emissions and address current and emerging environmental hazards

Five governors have refused to participate

- Governors Ron DeSantis (R-FL), Kim Reynolds (R-IA), Kristi Noem, (R-SD), Andy Beshear (D-KY), and Mark Gordon (R-WY) have elected to abstain from the program, citing budget funding concerns

Three states could determine the House majority



New York

- In February, Democratic New York state lawmakers took control over drawing new congressional districts
- The **newly adopted map modestly improves Democrat's chances** of securing two key swing states in the 2024 election cycle
- Democrats appear to have learned from their mistakes in 2022 when their aggressive attempt at gerrymandering was overturned and maps were subsequently redrawn by state courts, helping Republicans to several unexpected wins



California

- Four Republican incumbents in California hold toss-up seats according to the Cook Political Report with Amy Walter
- CA's 41st district will feature a contested rematch between 2022 opponents Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-41) and Will Rollins; **California's updated map lines added Palm Springs to the district, favoring the DEM challenger**



North Carolina

- A **new North Carolina district map notably hurt the outlook of four House seats held by Democrats;** three of the four are expected to flip to Republican control
- The Cook Political Report with Amy Walter rates the fourth district, held by incumbent Rep. Don Davis (D-NC-1), as a toss-up heading into the 2024 cycle