

House Republicans' Dismal Legislative Record

As Republicans head home for the August district work period, they leave behind a disappointing record of unfinished business and partisan message bills. So far, House Republicans have not taken action on crucial legislation, including finishing a budget, stopping the sequester, completing the appropriations process, addressing the debt ceiling to give certainty to our economy, creating jobs, or passing comprehensive immigration reform. While Democrats have continued to call for meaningful action, Republicans have wasted time on political messaging.

Instead of taking action on any of the critical issues facing our country, here's how Republicans have spent the first half of 2013:

22 Bills Signed Into Law

0 Jobs Bills

40 Attempts to Repeal the Affordable Care Act Since 2011, but **0** Alternatives to Replace It

25 Pieces of Republican's Anti-Environment and Energy Legislation Sent to the Senate With Only **2** Energy Bills Signed into Law

129 Days Since the Senate Passed a Budget, Yet Republicans Refuse To Go To Conference

7 Times Refusing to Allow Votes to End the Sequester

13 Legislative Days Remaining Until the End of the Fiscal Year

We're not the only ones who have noticed Republicans' lackluster record and refusal to work with Democrats to get something done for the American people:

New York Times: "Congressional lawmakers will straggle into the Capitol this week for the last legislative days before their long summer recess, crunch time in past Congresses but a **sleepy time for the underachieving 113th**. ... **It is not as if there is no work to do this year**. None of Congress's 12 annual spending bills have reached Mr. Obama's desk." [7/29/13]

Washington Post: "**With five days left on the legislative calendar before the break**, there is still no agreement between the House and Senate on a **long-delayed Farm Bill** (current legislation expires Sept. 30); there is still no accord between congressional leaders and the White House on **how to fund the federal government after Oct. 1**; and both parties are already fighting over the **next increase in the federal debt limit**, which administration officials believe will be needed by October or November." [7/29/13]

Wall Street Journal: "Offered a list of what makes them least happy about Washington, a plurality of **Americans cited... the inability of Congress to get things done**. Next up was the feeling that Washington was **ignoring the needs of middle-class Americans**." [7/24/13]

Roll Call's David Hawkings: "The final week before the August recess in a non-election year: Customarily, it's the occasion for climactic votes on some of the most important matters of the year. **This time, it will come and go with little more than a rhetorical torrent about how little's been done to justify a five-week vacation**." [7/28/13]