

BGR REVIEW

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APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

Congress is moving into the core phase of the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations process, with House appropriators advancing several annual funding bills ahead of the upcoming Memorial Day recess. The House passed its first Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations bill, approving the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies measure by a bipartisan vote of 400-15. The move marks the formal start of floor consideration for the FY27 appropriations process and provides an early indication that lower-profile and traditionally bipartisan bills may continue moving first through both chambers.

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MIDTERM STATE OF PLAY

As the midterms approach, the pace of primaries is picking up and the impacts of recent redistricting decisions continue to shape the electoral landscape. Meanwhile, the President's approval rating has been negatively impacted by the unresolved conflict in Iran and higher gas prices. Also this weekend, Louisiana's U.S. Senate primary will take place.

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**ELECTION
COUNTDOWN**

172

DAYS UNTIL
NOVEMBER 3RD

BGR WELCOMES KELLIE ADESINA



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Vice President,
Commerce & Infrastructure

BGR Group is happy to announce that Kellie Adesina has joined the Commerce & Infrastructure Practice as Vice President. Kellie brings elite food and agriculture policy expertise from senior roles at the USDA, Kraft Heinz, and Bayer. As former Chief Counsel for the House Agriculture Committee, she was a key architect of the 2018 Farm Bill and is a founder of Black Professionals in Food and Agriculture.

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TRUMP AND XI MEET IN CHINA

President Trump traveled to China this week for one of the most significant foreign trips of his second term to meet with Chinese President Xi. From robust welcomes to military parades to an official State Dinner, the summit has featured high levels of pomp and circumstance, as both leaders sought to build on the 2025 Busan Summit and create a framework for additional meetings later this year.



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