



# Arapahoe County: Federal Legislative Update

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

# 2026 Outlook – Congress Current State of Play

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) remains in a partial shutdown. The House has passed DHS bills multiple times (most recently on March 5<sup>th</sup>) but the Senate has repeatedly failed to reach the 60 votes needed to advance the funding. The following agencies missed their first paycheck on Friday.

## Impacted Agencies:

- TSA
- CBP
- ICE
- FEMA
- Coast Guard

**This Week on the House Floor: Many measures under suspension. Signaling bipartisan support & a push to move a large volume of non-controversial or consensus bills quickly.**

- Small Business Innovation and Economic Security Act
- Post-Disaster Reforestation & Restoration Act of 2025 (Pettersen)
- Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act of 2025
- Enhanced Iran Sanctions Act of 2025
- DIGITAL Applications Act
- Save Our Sequoias Act
- Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment
- Deporting Fraudsters Act of 2026



# 2026 Outlook – Administration Current State of Play

**Presidential FY27 budget expected mid-April**

**Focus:** Housing Affordability, Trade & Consumer Protection, and Energy & Defense Production

## **Executive Orders Signed Last Week:**

- Ensuring Truthful Advertising of Products Claiming to be Made in America
- Removing Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Home Construction
- Promoting Access to Mortgage Credit

**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** – Establishing the Task Force to Eliminate Fraud

## **National Security Backdrop:**

- Ongoing military operations and foreign policy posture abroad
- Western Hemisphere security & counter-cartel initiatives announced in early March



# FY2027 Appropriations Update

The House Appropriations Committee kicked off the FY2027 cycle on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by releasing member guidance and opening the submission portal for:

- ✓ Programmatic requests
- ✓ Bill and report language requests
- ✓ Community Project Funding (earmarks)



House Subcommittee-level FY2027 budget hearings have begun, marking that Congress plans to proceed with or without the President's final budget.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has not yet formally launched the FY2027 cycle.

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century ROAD to Housing Act

The bill is designed to increase housing supply and lower costs by reducing regulatory barriers, modernizing federal housing programs, and limiting investor activity in the single-family housing market.

## Main Policy Components:

- ❖ Expands Manufactured & Modular Housing
- ❖ Updates and Reauthorizes Federal Housing Programs
- ❖ Boosts Housing Supply
  - Streamlines federal permitting and environmental reviews
  - Encourages state and local zoning and land-use reforms
  - Expand tools to convert vacant or underused buildings into housing

## Why it Matters:

- ✓ Broad bipartisan agreement
- ✓ Addresses central drivers of housing costs



**What Happens Next:** The two chambers must reconcile differences around institutional investor restrictions & certain financial and digital currency related provisions.