



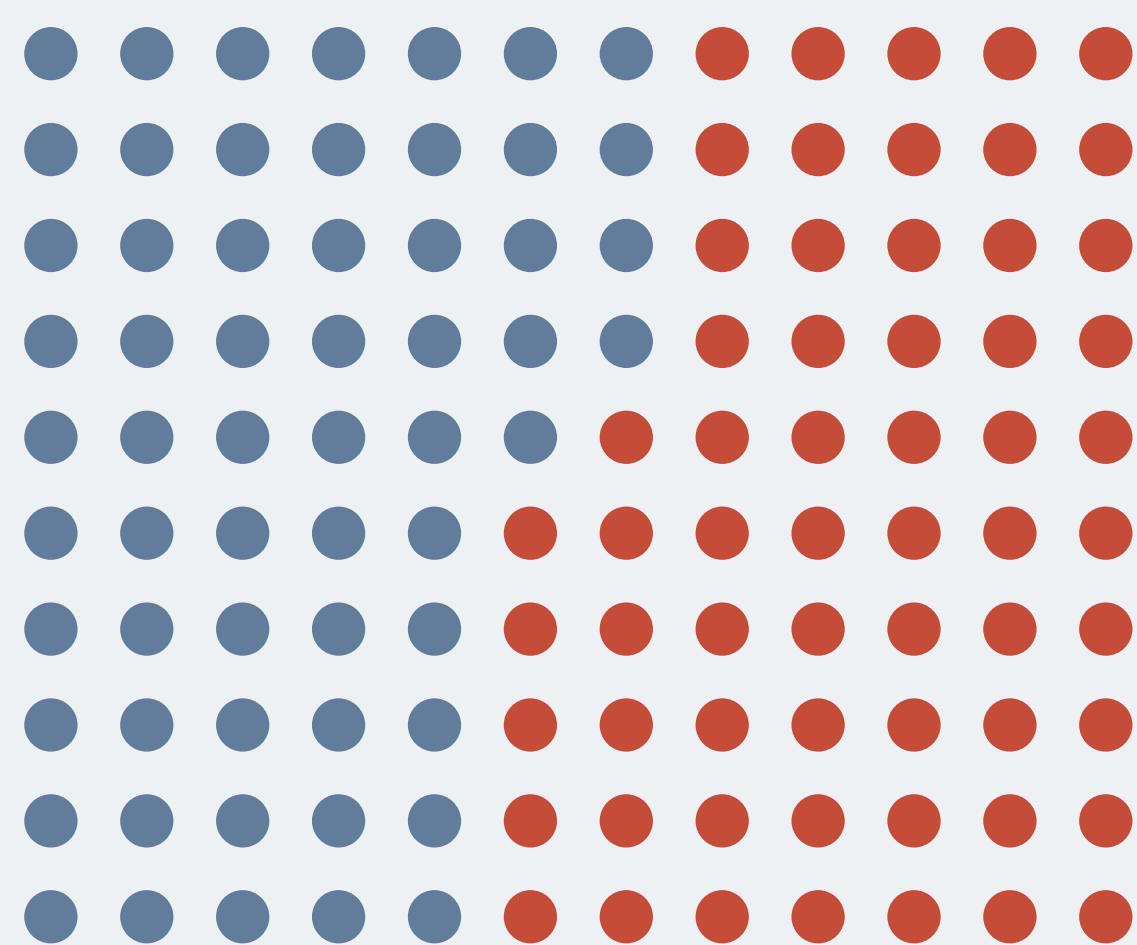
MAKING LAWS IN WASHINGTON IS HARD

EACH OPTION COMES WITH SERIOUS POLITICAL CHALLENGES

Passing major legislation requires enough support in both chambers—and often a 60-vote threshold in the Senate.

THE POLITICAL MATH BEHIND EVERY OPTION

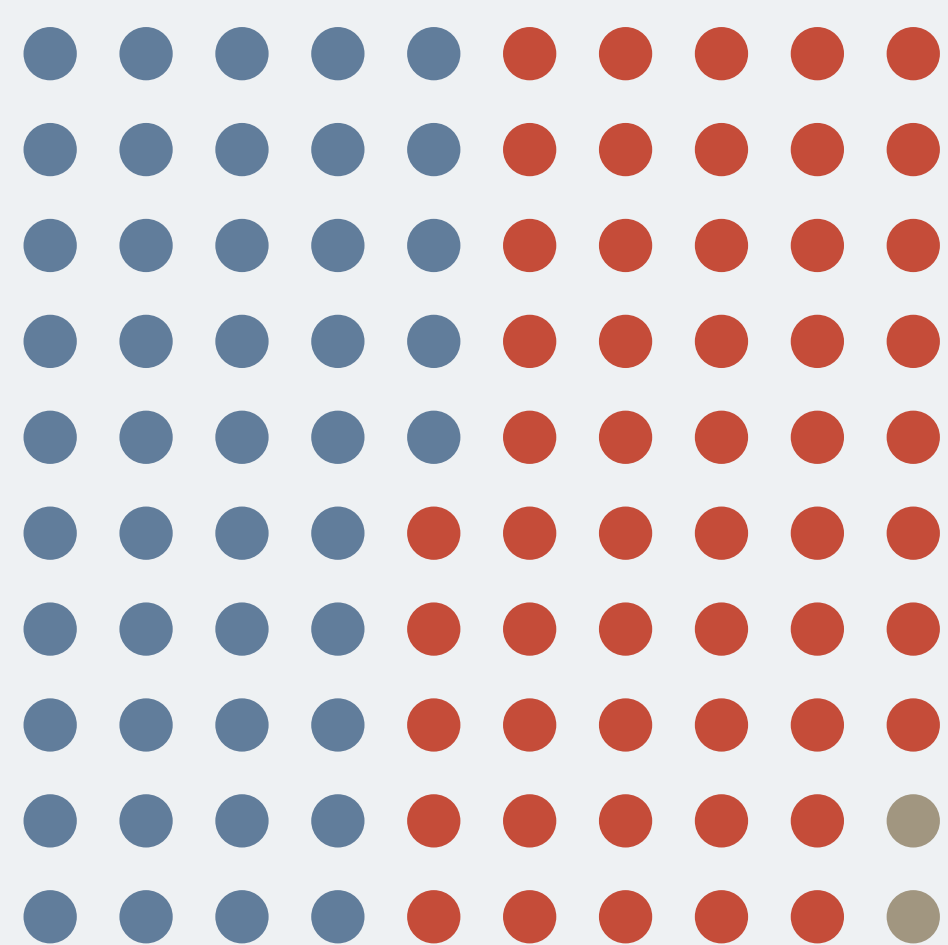
**Includes Independents who caucus with Democrats.*



U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - 435 SEATS

212 DEMOCRATS **218** REPUBLICANS **1** INDEPENDENT (Caucuses with Democrats) **4** VACANCIES

Major legislation is difficult to pass without support from both parties.



U.S. SENATE - 100 SEATS

45 DEMOCRATS **53** REPUBLICANS **2** INDEPENDENT (Caucus with Democrats)

Most major legislation requires 60 votes to avoid a filibuster, meaning bipartisan support can be essential.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH EACH OPTION

1. PASS THE ENTIRE TCAVA PACKAGE, INCLUDING SECTION 108 CHALLENGES	2. REMOVE OR MODIFY SECTION 108 AND IDENTIFY ANOTHER FUNDING SOLUTION	3. ADVANCE THE BROADLY SUPPORTED PROVISIONS WHILE NEGOTIATING SECTION 108 SEPARATELY	4. KEEP THE ENTIRE PACKAGE TOGETHER UNTIL AGREEMENT ON ALL MAJOR PROVISIONS	5. DO NOT PASS TCAVA	6. UNSURE
▶ Opposition to Section 108 could block enough votes in one or both chambers. ▶ May lose support from moderates worried about setting a precedent. ▶ Requires broad bipartisan agreement that may be difficult to achieve. RISK: THE PACKAGE MAY NOT GET ENOUGH VOTES PASS.	▶ Finding \$ to replace savings is extremely difficult without creating a larger deficit. ▶ Replacing the projected savings would require Congress to identify another offset, reduce spending elsewhere, modify the package, or accept a larger deficit impact. RISK: DEFICIT IMPACTS AND NEW OFFSETS COULD DERAIL THE BILL.	▶ Splitting the bill risks losing momentum and leverage to resolve disputes. ▶ The “separate” fight could drag on and delay benefits veterans need now. ▶ Both versions still need enough votes—twice the political lift. RISK: DELAYS DELIVERING BENEFITS AND RESOLVING THE DISPUTE.	▶ Every day of delay means delayed benefits for veterans. ▶ Outside pressures and competing priorities can push the bill down the list. ▶ A single sticking point can hold up everything. RISK: BENEFITS AND REFORMS REMAIN ON HOLD.	▶ Provisions contained in TCAVA would not take effect. ▶ Issues the legislation seeks to address would remain unresolved. ▶ Individual provisions could still return in future legislation. RISK: STATUS QUO PROBLEMS CONTINUE WITHOUT RELIEF.	The issues surrounding TCAVA, Section 108, offsets, and legislative strategy are complex. Respondents who do not yet have enough information to choose among these approaches may select this option.

THERE ARE NO EASY ANSWERS. Every path forward involves trade-offs, risks, and real-world consequences for veterans and the nation.