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A CAPITOL HILL TRACKING POLL ON  
THE TRUE ISSUES DRIVING WASHINGTON  
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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Legislation most **LIKELY** to pass:

ADDITIONAL ISRAEL FUNDING	87%
ADDITIONAL PENTAGON FUNDING	80%
ADDITIONAL UKRAINE FUNDING	50%
ADDITIONAL BORDER SECURITY FUNDING	50%
FARM BILL REAUTHORIZATION	48%



Most senior staffers (77%) believe the bipartisan tax package is **LIKELY** to pass this Congress.

Nearly all (90%) believe it is **UNLIKELY** the bipartisan Senate border security and immigration package will pass this Congress.

90%

## AROUND THE HILL

Most (59%) accurately **PREDICTED** that 2024 would be Sen. Mitch McConnell's final year as Senate Republican leader.



Senior staffers believe that Sen. John Thune is **MOST** likely (59%) to succeed McConnell as Senate Republican leader.

Most senior staffers (74%) – including a majority of Republicans (58%) – believe Mike Johnson is **INEFFECTIVE** as speaker of the House.



## 2024 ELECTION OUTLOOK

Capitol Hill senior staffers believe immigration (67%), inflation and rising cost of living (63%), the economy (61%), and abortion (53%) will be **MOST** important to voters as they consider who to vote for in this year's elections. In the presidential race, most senior staffers (67%) believe Joe Biden will win re-election this year. Meanwhile, even though nearly all GOP senior staffers (98%) believe Donald Trump will be the Republican nominee for president this year, most (66%) GOP senior staffers still do **NOT** believe Trump is the party's best option for winning the 2024 election. Looking at Congress, the vast majority believe Republicans will take control of the Senate (82%), while Democrats will flip the House (83%).

### METHODOLOGY:

- Anonymous survey of n=118 Capitol Hill chiefs of staff, legislative directors, communications directors, press secretaries, and staff directors
- Fielded online by LSG February 5-23, 2024

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