



# **Federal Issues Facing the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress Impacting the Surveying Profession**

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# NSPS FEDERAL REPRESENTATION

**Tim Burch, PLS, is now in his 5<sup>th</sup> year as the  
Executive Director of NSPS**



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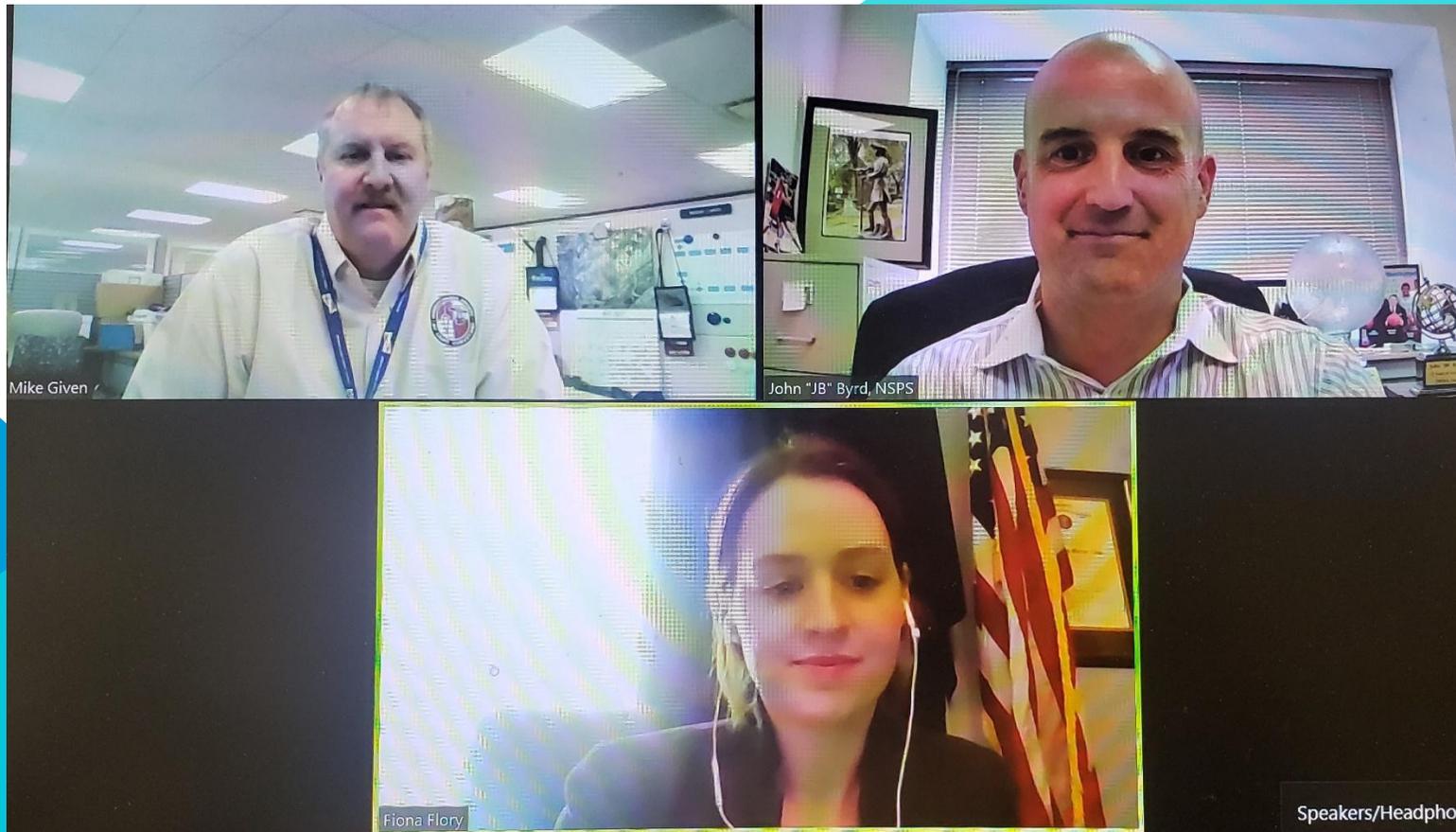
**Brent Birth has completed his service on the Mapping Working Group of the FCC Task Force for Reviewing the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States;  
Constituent of Rep. Dan Meuser (R-PA), 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**



# NSPS FEDERAL REPRESENTATION

Michael Given, PLS

- NSPS Director for Pennsylvania



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

**Sen. John Fetterman (D-PA) next up in 2028**

**Agriculture Committee;  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation;  
Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee**



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

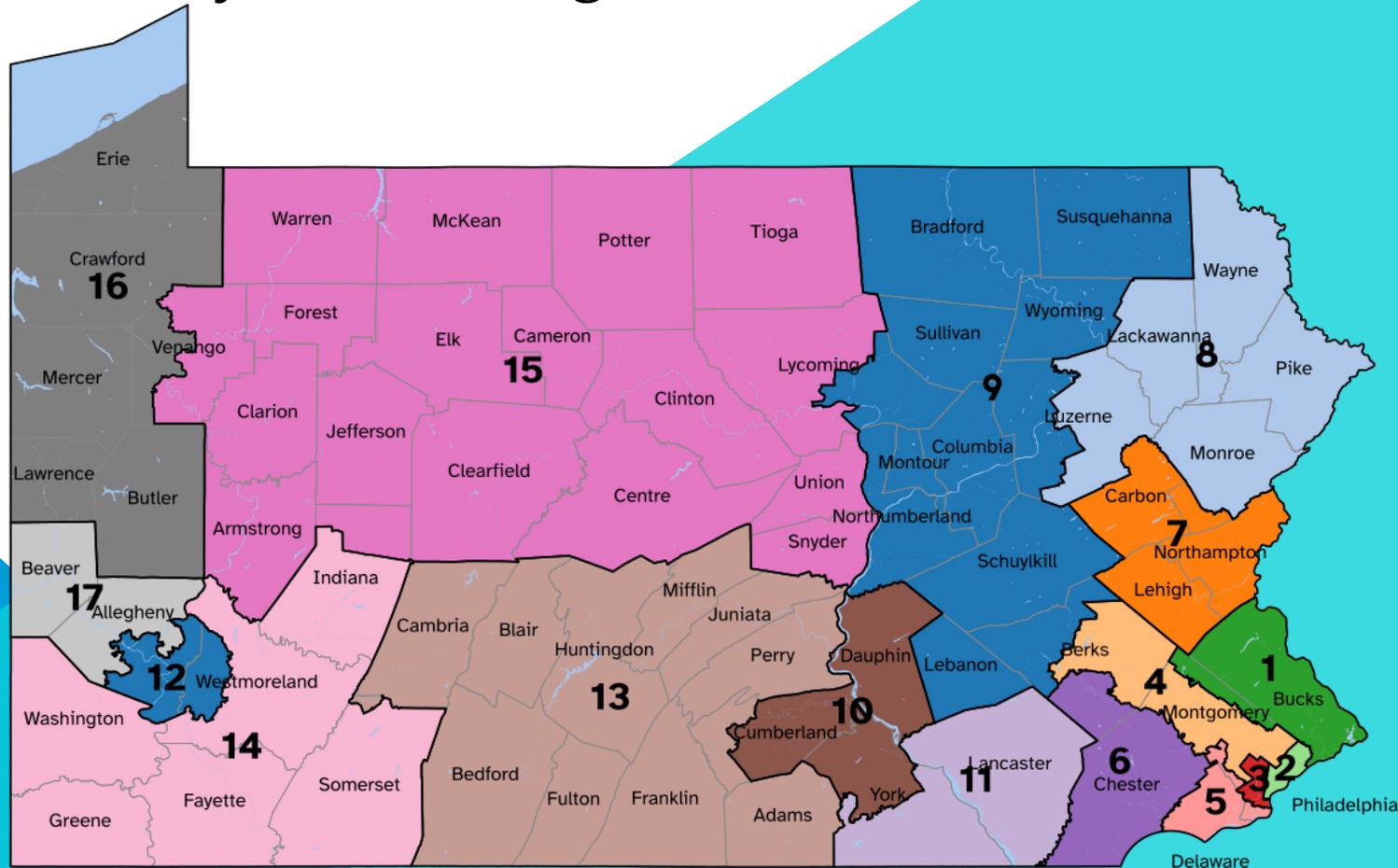
**Sen. Dave McCormick (R-PA) next up in 2030**

**Banking Committee;  
Energy & Natural Resources Committee**



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

## Pennsylvania Congressional Districts, 119<sup>th</sup> Congress



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

**Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District  
Chair, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Subcommittee on CIA;  
Ways & Means Committee**



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

**Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA), 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District  
Ranking Member, Budget Committee;  
Ways & Means Committee**



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA), 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District  
Ways & Means Committee; NOT seeking re-election



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

Rep. Madeline Dean (D-PA), 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Appropriations Committee



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

**Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA), 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Judiciary Committee;  
Rules Committee**



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

**Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Ranking Member, Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel;  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence;**



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

**Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-PA), 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Education & Workforce Committee;  
Homeland Security**



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

**Rep. Rob Bresnahan (R-PA), 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Agriculture Committee; Small Business Committee;  
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee**



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

**Rep. Dan Meuser (R-PA), 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Chair, Small Business Subcommittee on  
Oversight & Investigations;  
Financial Services Committee**



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

**Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA), 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Chairman, Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic  
Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management;  
Oversight & Government Reform Committee;  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Committee**



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

**Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA), 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Ways & Means Committee;  
Budget Committee**



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

**Rep. Summer Lee (D-PA), 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Oversight & Government Reform Committee;  
Science, Space, and Technology Committee**



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

Rep. John Joyce (R-PA), 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Energy & Commerce Committee



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

**Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA), 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
House Chief Deputy Whip;  
Appropriations Committee;  
Co-Chair, Critical Materials Caucus**



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

Rep. “GT” Thompson (R-PA), 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Chairman, Agriculture Committee;  
Education & Workforce Committee



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA), 16<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Chairman, Ways & Means Subcommittee on Tax



# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

**Rep. Christopher DeLuzio (D-PA), 17<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Armed Services Committee;  
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee**



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## NSPS Resources:

October 2025 Government Affairs Update

[https://cdn.ymaws.com/nsps.us.com/resource/resmgr/2025\\_fall\\_meeting/nsps\\_government\\_affairs\\_upda.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/nsps.us.com/resource/resmgr/2025_fall_meeting/nsps_government_affairs_upda.pdf)

Government Affairs updates & reports

<https://nsps.us.com/page/GACReports>

Issues & Advocacy

<https://nsps.us.com/page/advocacy>

NSPS Podcasts – Surveyor Says!

<https://www.nsps.us.com/page/Podcast>

NSPS Surveyor Says (published weekly)

<https://multibriefs.com/briefs/NSPS/>

NSPS PAC

<https://www.nsps.us.com/page/PAC>

# **NSPS FEDERAL POLICY**

## **2026 Status:**

**In November, Congress and the President worked together and enacted H.R. 5371 into law to reopen the federal government, thereby ending the longest government shutdown in U.S. history, over 40 days**

**Public Law 119-37 funds military construction, veterans' affairs, the Department of Agriculture and the legislative branch through the remainder of fiscal 2026, which ends on September 30, and the rest of the government through January 30, 2026**

# **NSPS FEDERAL POLICY**

## **2026 Opportunities**

### **Appropriations:**

**USGS 3DEP (report language in House and Senate)**

**USGS NLLC/Subsidence (starting from scratch)**

**NOAA Digital Coast (report language in the Senate)**

**FEMA NFIP (report language in the House)**

# **NSPS FEDERAL POLICY**

## **2026 Opportunities**

### **Reconciliation:**

- In July, President Trump signed into law the "One Big Beautiful Bill" (H.R. 1), otherwise known as the Reconciliation Bill (P.L. 119-21), after narrowly passing the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives**
- Includes extension and expansion of the 2017 Jobs Creation and Tax Act (JCTA), increased spending for defense, new energy development and production initiatives, reductions in certain social programs to address improper payments and funding for resumption of construction of the border wall**

# **NSPS FEDERAL POLICY**

## **2026 NSPS Day on The Hill:**

**NSPS Day on the Hill – April 14, 2026**

### **Issues:**

- **Geodetic Framework as a National Priority**
- **Transition Assistance Program (TAP) pilot for 2027 Defense Bill (NDAA)**
- **Alpha-gal Legislation (Tickborne Disease)**

# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

NSPS Day on the Hill - April 14, 2026



# **NSPS FEDERAL POLICY**

**2026 NSPS Day on The Hill results:**

- **Monument Preservation**
- **On September 3, Monument Preservation language was included in the bipartisan FEMA Reform legislation adopted by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; language was sponsored by Reps. Dusty Johnson (R-SD) and Sharice Davids (D-KS)**

# **NSPS FEDERAL POLICY**

## **2026 NSPS Day on The Hill results:**

- **Licensure**
- **On September 4, a “Sense of the Congress” Resolution (H.Con.Res. 47) on professional licensure was introduced in the House by Rep. John Joyce (R-PA), M.D.**

# **NSPS FEDERAL POLICY**

## **2026 NSPS Day on The Hill results:**

- **Transition Assistance Program (TAP) pilot for 2026 Defense Bill (NDAA)**
- **On September 8, an amendment by Reps. Sheri Biggs (R-SC) and Rob Wittman (R-VA) was offered for consideration before the House Rules Committee**

# **NSPS FEDERAL POLICY**

## **2026 Opportunities:**

- **Implementation of Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA, P.L. 117-58) – Fall of 2026 is the final year;**
- **NTIA Grants (\$48 Billion) for Broadband Mapping & Infrastructure Deployment**
- **Wildland Fire Mitigation & Management Commission – USDA, DOI, DHS coordination on Survey Mark Preservation**

# **NSPS FEDERAL POLICY**

## **2026 Opportunities:**

- **2026 Farm Bill (Rural Broadband Mapping & Related Telecom Infrastructure)**
- **FEMA NFIP Reauthorization & IMAGES Act, H.R. 5229**
- **(NOAA) Digital Coast Reauthorization Act, H.R. 4256/S. 2245**
- **National Landslides Preparedness Act (including USGS 3DEP Reauthorization), H.R. 2250/S. 1626**
- **(USGS) Sinkhole Mapping Act – H.R. 900**

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## **2026 Opportunities:**

- **Privacy Legislation; Geolocation data and definitions**
- **Securing Infrastructure from Adversaries Act, H.R. 4802**
- **USDOT/PHMSA Reauthorization via the PIPES Act**
- **2026 Highway Bill**
- **2026 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)**

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## 2026 Opportunities:

**Railroad Abandonment as part of the 2026 Highway Bill?**



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## **2026 Opportunities:**

### **Ligado Oversight & GPS Interference**

- **NAS Panel authorized in the 2021 NDAA – January 2022 Presentation by NSPS; September 2022 Report helps!**
- **2022 NDAA Provisions (Sections 1613 & 1682)**
- **RETAIN GPS & SatComm Act**
- **April 2025 was the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ligado Order by FCC**

# NSPS FEDERAL POLICY

**NSPS Political Action Committee (PAC) Chair Jon Warren (Washington State)  
addresses the NSPS Board**



# NSPS PAC

- **Contribute to the NSPS PAC**
- **Recruit other NSPS members to contribute to the PAC**
- **NSPS PAC achieved a:**
  - ✓ **Need to raise money for the 2026 Federal Elections**
  - ✓ **100% win rate for the 2022 Federal Elections**
  - ✓ **95% win rate for the 2020 Federal Elections**
- **[Click here](#) to learn more about the NSPS PAC;**
- **The [Jefferson Club](#); and**
- **NSPS PAC Chairman Jon Warren's "[Drive to 75](#)" Campaign**

# **NSPS FEDERAL POLICY**

**2026 NSPS Day on The Hill:**

**NSPS Day on the Hill set for April 14, 2026 during the NSPS Spring Business Meeting in Arlington, Virginia**

**Training webinar & NSPS Day on the Hill website**

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*Questions?*

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