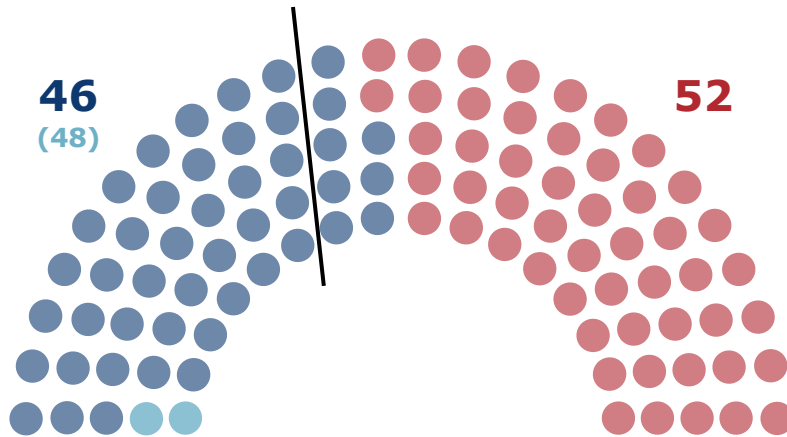


# Government shutdown looks unlikely as moderate Senate Democrats seem eager to make a deal

## 60 Senate votes are needed to pass the spending bill

■ Democrats ■ Independents (caucusing with Dems) ■ Republicans



The Senate must reach 60 votes by Friday, December 8 to prevent a Democratic filibuster and avert a government shutdown



“You’re talking about DACA and dreamers? Yeah, that’s very, very important, and I really sympathize with them, but I’ve told them that I’m not a vote to shut down”

— **Sen. Joe Manchin (WV)**



“I never have made a shutdown threat, and I’m not going to start now.” — **Sen. Brian Schatz (HI)**



“...to make this a binary choice between, you have to do this or this is going to happen—is a misreading of where we really are.”

— **Sen. Chris Coons (DE)**



“We should fix DACA and we should never shut down the government of the United States... and we should never threaten to shut down the government of the United States.”

— **Sen. Tim Kaine (VA)**

Sources: Ed O’Keefe and Mike Debonis, “With shutdown approaching, Democrats also divided on what to push for in spending bill,” Washington Post, December 5, 2017; Gideon Resnick and Andrew Disi derio, “Senate Democrats divided over whether to shut down the government over DREAMer protections,” Daily Beast, December 6, 2017.