



Legislative outlook for electric cooperatives now & in the near future?

CHALLENGING!

The 112th Congress has many new Representatives and Senators unfamiliar with our program and our unique needs. Even multi-term legislators don't always understand the Cooperative Difference, yet.

The federal debt, deficit and unemployment will be driving much of the legislative policy. Our program puts money back into government and electric cooperatives are federally subsidized to a much less extent than investor-owned utilities, but there are some who want to slash needed funding. The contribution to lowering the federal deficit – minimal, but the impact of increasing consumers' costs – significant.

There are many more issues developing which could have an impact on electric cooperatives and their members, and the nature of those issues is becoming more complex. What do we need to ensure our voices are heard by the decision-makers?

One of the keys is a vital and responsive grassroots movement – YOU.

Being a member of the Co-op Owners for Political Action adds strength to the voice of the electric cooperative industry. Your contribution goes to support the campaigns of candidates who support the electric cooperatives and our members. Your individual membership helps us stand together and strongly promote the legislative needs of the rural electric program. Please join one of the most robust groups in the country at your electric cooperative—Pioneer! 5-11



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