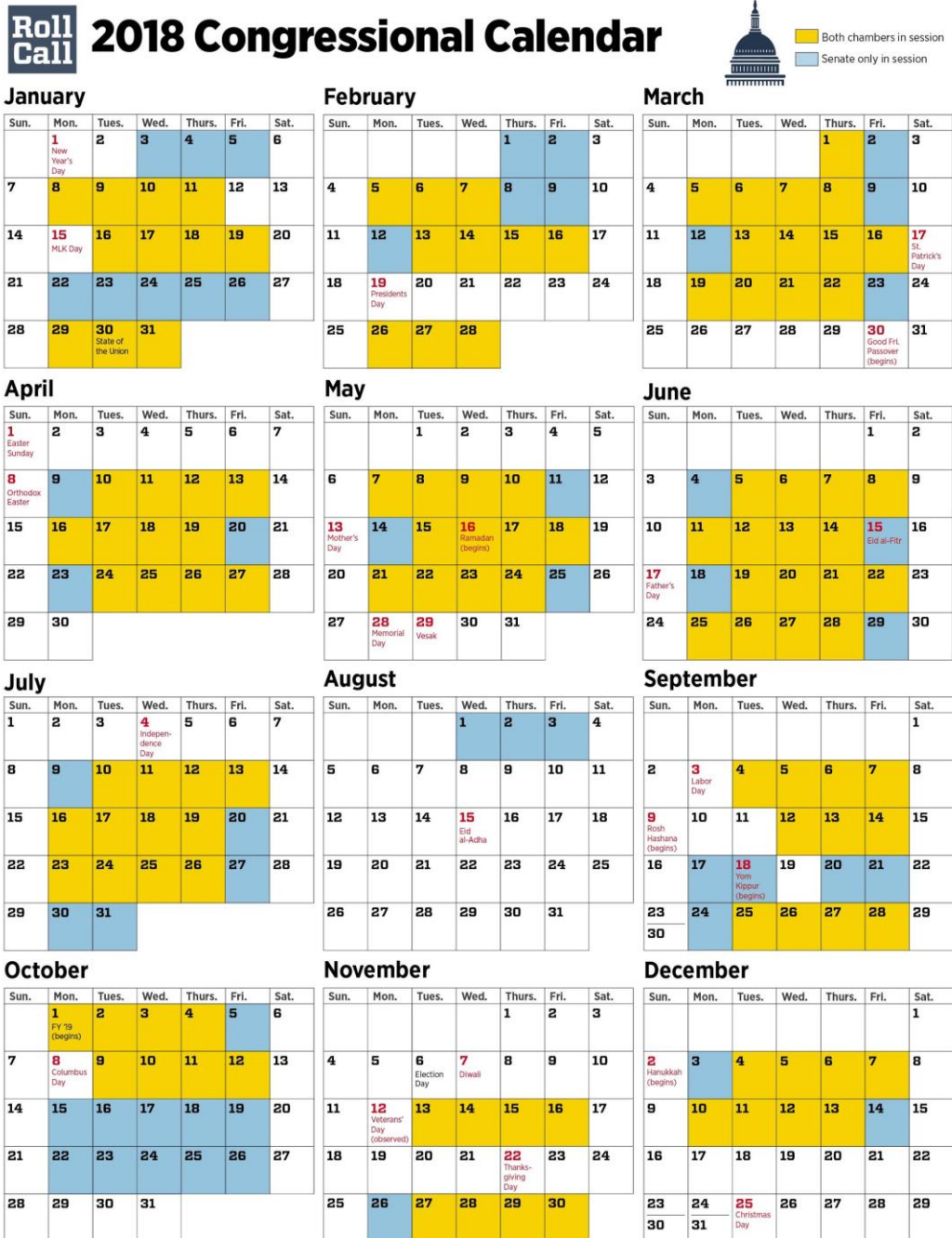


## Learning about Legislation #22 - The Congressional Calendar

With both Houses of Congress out on a two-week break, it seems appropriate to discuss the Congressional calendar. The leaders of each house set the calendar in December for the coming calendar year. In this year's calendar, the Senate is scheduled to be in session for 54 more days than the House. This reflects the fact that it is an election year, and while one-third of the Senate is up for re-election, the entire house faces a campaign season. Let's take a look at the planned [schedule](#), month by month:



This calendar is key for planning events where one hopes to involve lawmakers. For House members, prime times are the week after Memorial Day, the entire month of August, and the third week of September. Keep this in mind for upcoming activism work!