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With control of the U-S House of Representatives now in the hands of Democrats, Arkansas's Junior Republican Senator Tom Cotton says there's still the potential for bipartisan cooperation. Speaking on A-E-T-N's *Arkansas Week*, Cotton said a long-promised infrastructure bill could have the potential to bring liberals and conservatives together.

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In the interview, which was recorded December 13th, Cotton also spoke to the possibility of a government shutdown, saying it's necessary to secure funding for a border wall with Mexico. Cotton also said there's still the possibility for Mexico to pay for the wall, which was a central promise of President Donald Trump's campaign.

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While Republican U-S Senator John Boozman of Arkansas served as a conferee on the recently passed Farm Bill, Boozman's fellow Republican Senator Tom Cotton did not vote for it. In an interview with A-E-T-N's Steve Barnes on *Arkansas Week*, Cotton said he voted against the bill because it didn't include increased work requirements for recipients of food stamps.

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"...all across our country."

Cotton and 12 other Republicans voted against the Farm Bill in the Senate, which provides funding for food stamps, rural development and other services under the U-S Department of Agriculture. Agriculture is the state's largest industry, contributing about \$16 billion dollars to Arkansas's economy annually.