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The first half of the year was marked by the end of pandemic-era benefits. The second half was dominated by the shutdown. All the while, leaders were preoccupied with infrastructure, technology and flags.

The U.S. House voted 749 times this year, but passed just 27 bills—making Congress the least productive in decades. But that's not the story in state and local government. 2023 has been a busy year, and Route Fifty's top 10 stories show the breadth of topics that leaders from statehouses to city halls have been dealing with. This is just a sampling, of course. Other big stories of the year covered electric vehicles, bail reform, broadband, gas stoves, artificial intelligence, passenger rail, housing and more.

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