

NCI Legislative Update

NCAB Meeting – Feb. 2004



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FY 2004 Appropriations Omnibus Bill

- Conference Committee reported - Nov. 25, 2003
 - NIH - \$27.99 billion; NCI - \$4.77 billion
- House adopted Conference Report - Dec. 8, 2003
- Senate passed – January 22, 2004
- President signed – January 23, 2004
- Public Law 108-199

FY 2005 Appropriations

- President's Budget presented – Feb.2
 - NIH receives \$28.757 billion, an increase of 2.6%
 - NCI receives \$4.87 billion, an increase of 2.8%
- NCI Congressional Justification online at <http://www3.cancer.gov/admin/fmb/FY05CJ.pdf>
- Senate Appropriations hearing on NIH Budget tentatively scheduled for March 31, 2004
- House Appropriations hearing on NIH Budget – no date yet, most likely in late April

Legislative Activities

- Public Laws
- Pending Legislation
- Briefing for Congressional Staff

Recent Public Laws

- 21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act – Public Law 108-153
- Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 - Public Law 108-173

21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act

- Establishes a National Nanotechnology Research Program
- Funds were authorized (but not appropriated) for several Federal agencies
- Amendment deleted authorization for NIH and 3 other agencies
- P.L. 108-153 enacted December 3, 2003

Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization

- Health Care Infrastructure Improvement Program (Section 1016)
 - Provides loans to qualifying hospitals for capital improvements
 - Allows loan forgiveness under criteria established by the Secretary, DHHS
 - Authorizes appropriations of \$200 million available July, 2004 – September, 2008
 - NCI participating in HHS implementation

Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization

- Loans to cover capital costs of projects to improve healthcare infrastructure including:
 - Construction
 - Renovation
 - Other capital improvements
- Qualifying Hospital defined as engaged in research in the causes, prevention, and treatment of cancer and is either:
 - NCI-Designated cancer center or;
 - Designated as official cancer center of the State

Pending Legislation: Cooperative Research and Technology Act (CREATE)

- H.R. 2391 was introduced by Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX) on June 9, 2003
- Addresses a key loophole in intellectual property law
 - Promotes research collaboration among universities, public sector and private enterprise
 - Discourages challenges of the validity of a patent achieved through collaboration
- Reported by House Judiciary Committee on Jan. 21, 2004

Briefing for Committee Staff on SEER Program

- NCI provided information for Minority staff of the Senate HELP Committee on Feb. 11, 2004
- DCCPS participants - Drs. Brenda Edwards, Jon Kerner, Ben Hankey and Martin Brown
- Types of data collected by SEER
- Unique resource for analysis and prediction
- Collaborative interaction of NCI/SEER and CDC/NCPR