

Legislative Update

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- **New Administration**
- **117th Congress**
- **COVID Relief Package**
- **FY 2022 Appropriations**

The Senate has confirmed **16 out of 23** of President Joe Biden's Cabinet members so far.

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OSTP



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Chief of Staff



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Buttigieg
DOT



Raimondo
Commerce



Austin
Defense



Biden
President



Blinken
State



Haaland
Interior



Becerra
HHS



Cardona
Education



Regan
EPA



Haines
Intelligence

Secretary of Health and Human Services Nominee Xavier Becerra – nominated Dec. 7



- Former member of the House (12 terms, 1993-2017), Ways & Means (the House tax-writing committee)
- Chaired the House Democratic Caucus and the Hispanic Caucus
- **Became California's Attorney General in 2017**
 - Active on youth tobacco control issues – lawsuit against JUUL
 - Opposed federal preemption of state privacy laws re: data
 - Joined consortium of AGs who expressed concerns over contact tracing apps on Google and Apple's platforms

Senate HELP and Senate Finance Committee Hearings Held February 23 -24
Finance Committee split along party lines in **14-14 vote** on March 3

March 11 – Senate voted 51-48 to discharge Becerra's nomination for floor debate/vote

2020 Election Results: Topline

| Chamber/Office | Control before election | Control in 2021 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| House of Representatives | Democrats | Democrats (220-211, 4 vacant) |
| Senate | Republicans | Democrats (50-50) |
| President | Republicans (Trump) | Democrats (Biden) |

117th Congress Breaks Records

Most racially and ethnically diverse Congress in history – close to a quarter of voting members (23%) are racial/ethnic minorities

- 6th Congress in a row to break the record set by the one prior

Record Number of Women in Congress

- 144 of 539 seats – or 27% – are held by women (50% increase in 10 years)



House Energy and Commerce Committee



Full Committee
Chair:
Frank Pallone (D-NJ)



Full Committee Ranking
Member:
Cathy McMorris Rodgers
(R-WA)

~~Retired: Rep. Greg
Walden (R-OR)~~



Health Subcommittee
Chair:
Anna Eshoo (D-CA)



Health Subcommittee
Ranking Member:
Brett Guthrie (R-KY)
~~Michael Burgess (R-TX)~~

Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) Committee



Chair
Patty Murray
(D-WA)



Ranking Member
Richard Burr (R-NC)
~~Retired: Lamar Alexander~~
~~(R-TN)~~

Appropriations Committees

House



Full Committee Chair &
Labor-HHS SC Chair
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

Retired: Nita Lowey (D-NY)



Full Committee Ranking
Member:
Kay Granger (R-TX)



L-HHS Subcommittee
Ranking Member:
Tom Cole (R-OK)

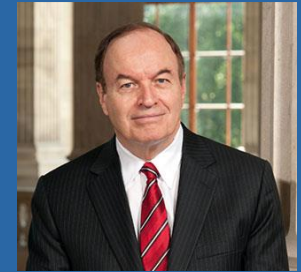
Senate



Full Committee Chairman
Patrick Leahy (D-VT)



L-HHS Subcommittee Chair:
Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)



Full Committee Ranking Member:
Richard Shelby (R-AL)



L-HHS Subcommittee Ranking
Member:
Roy Blunt (R-MO)

Timeline of major coronavirus relief packages

- 3/6/20 ● **PHASE 1**
H.R. 6074 — Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act
- Initial support and vaccine development
- \$836M** to NIH, primarily to NIAID
- 3/18/20 ● **PHASE 2**
H.R. 6201 — Families First Coronavirus Response Act
- Paid leave, unemployment and food assistance
- \$945M** to NIH (~\$700M to NIAID, ~100M to NHLBI, smaller amounts to several other ICs)
- 3/27/20 ● **PHASE 3**
H.R. 748 CARES Act
- Major economic stimulus package
- 4/24/20 ● **PHASE 3B**
H.R. 266 Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act
- \$1.8B** to NIH (\$1B to NIH OD, \$500M to NIBIB, **\$306M** to NCI for serology science)
- 7/24/20 ● **PHASE 3C**
S. 4116 – A bill to extend the authority for commitments for the paycheck protection program
- 12/27/20 ● **PHASE 4**
FY21 omnibus spending and coronavirus relief package
- Extended unemployment insurance and other relief programs, additional relief checks
- 3/11/21 ● **PHASE 5**
H.R. 1319 – American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
- Extends unemployment insurance, provides additional relief checks, and funds for schools and local/state governments
- No funding specific to NIH;** support for COVID-19 vaccine development and distribution, testing, treatment, and prevention (across federal response, HHS/CDC/FDA)

Roll Call

CONGRESS

Senate sets new mark for longest recorded vote thanks to vote-a-rama 2021

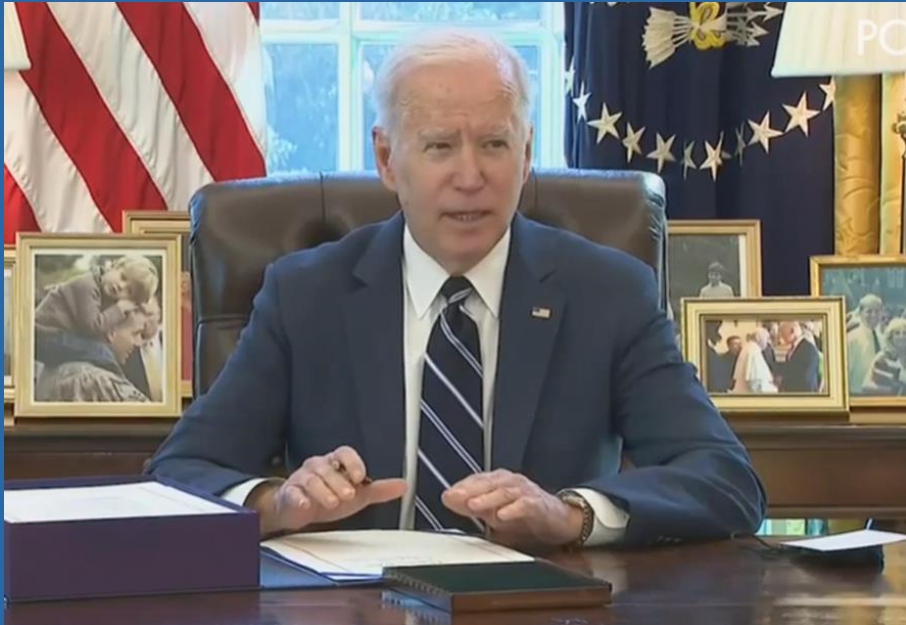


- Record-setting 'vote-a-rama'
- 12-hour delay for final negotiations with Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia over unemployment payments
- Final Senate passage on March 6th, 50-49 along party lines (with Sen. Dan Sullivan of Alaska home for a family funeral)
- Final House Passage 220-211 on March 10



American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

\$1.9 Trillion



\$92B in funding directed toward HHS for increase in testing, support for vaccine production and distribution, treatment, and prevention

- Activities span HHS, including specific efforts at CDC and FDA – no new funding directed to NIH
- \$150M to NIST and \$600M to NSF to support COVID-related research
- Funding for increasing telehealth capabilities for rural communities
- Stimulus payments and increased unemployment insurance benefits, Childcare tax credit
- Aid to local, state, territorial, and tribal governments
- Small business assistance
- Schools

Lost Productivity/Restart Costs/Research Relief

Research Investment to Spark the Economy (RISE) Act - authorizes nearly \$25 billion in support to U.S. researchers who have been impacted by the pandemic; \$10B authorization for NIH - reintroduced in 117th Congress

- Sens. Edward Markey (D-MA), Tom Tillis (R-NC), Gary Peters (D-MI), Susan Collins (R-ME)
- Reps. Diane DeGette (D-CO), Fred Upton (R-MI), Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Anna Eshoo (D-CA), and Anthony Gonzales (R-OH), 124 co-sponsors
- **Efforts in the 116th Congress**
 - **HEROES Act (\$3B for NIH) – *did not become law***
 - **FY21 House Appropriations bill - \$5B for NIH** “for offsetting the costs related to reductions in lab productivity resulting from the coronavirus pandemic or public health measures related to the coronavirus pandemic” – ***not in final appropriation***

Complications for FY 2022 Appropriations

- TBD timing for FY22 President's Budget Request
- Expiration of debt limit suspension on July 31

Transition Years & Timing to Completion of NIH Appropriations

| Election Year | # Days into FY | # Days into Next FY |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 2012 | 177 | 109 |
| 2016 | 217 | 173 |
| 2020 | 88 | TBD |

After Stimulus, Biden to Tackle Another Politically Tricky Issue: Infrastructure

Strengthening the country's highways, bridges and broadband networks has broad popular support, but Washington remains bitterly divided on the details.

March 3, 2021

The New York Times

By Annie Karni and Jim Tankersley

"We are looking at a much broader definition of infrastructure going forward than has been the practice of the past."

House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn,
D-S.C



President Biden's second big bill may be China package pushed by top Senate Democrat

With fate of Biden infrastructure package unclear, Schumer pushes bill to curb China's influence

By [Jeff Stein](#) and [Jeanne Whalen](#)

March 10, 2021 at 12:06 p.m. EST

The Washington Post



Feb. 23: “Today on our caucus call, I directed the chairs and members of our relevant committees to start drafting a legislative package to outcompete China and create new American jobs...

The legislation will ...will take the key cutting industries and make American investments so we will outcompete China in all of them”

Biden convenes bipartisan meeting on cancer research



BY BRETT SAMUELS - 03/03/21 03:22 PM EST

THE PRESIDENT: “Thanks for coming in. These are members of the House, Senate — Democrat, Republican — who all have an extremely keen interest in doing what — what I said once before: that I’d love to be the President to preside over the end of cancer as we know it.”



Questions?

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