

NCI Legislative Update

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FY 08 Appropriations Update

HR 2462 - Supplemental Spending Bill

- Purpose – to provide \$186.5 billion to cover costs relating to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, for aid, and for various domestic spending programs including NIH
 - NIH receives \$150 Million
 - Of that amount, NCI receives \$25 Million
- Signed into law June 30 (P.L. 110-252)

FY 09 Appropriations- Review

- President's Budget
 - NIH - \$ 29.3 Billion
 - NCI - \$ 4.809 Billion
- House Draft Bill
 - NIH - \$ 30.380 Billion
 - NCI - \$ 4.975 Billion
- Senate Bill (S 3230)
 - NIH - \$ 30.255 Billion
 - NCI - \$ 4.959 Billion

FY 09 Appropriations Activity

- House Action
 - HHS Hearing March 5
 - Subcommittee approved June 19
 - Full Committee markup did not occur
- Senate Action
 - NIH Hearing July 16
 - Subcommittee approved June 24
 - Full Committee marked up June 26
 - Full Committee reported July 8

FY 09 Appropriations Status

- HR 2638 serves as Continuing Resolution
 - Passed Senate and House Sept. 27
 - Became Public Law 110-329 Sept. 30
- Key Provisions
 - Full appropriation bills for DoD, DHS, VA
 - Funding all other agencies at FY 08 level
 - NIH - \$29.012 Billion
 - NCI - \$ 4.805 Billion
 - Runs through March 6, 2009

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New Public Laws

- ✓ Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act
- ✓ Breast Cancer and the Environment Research

Conquer Childhood Cancer Act

- HR 1553 – the title of the act was amended to honor the daughter of Rep. Deborah Pryce
- Passed House June 12; and Senate July 16
- **Signed into law July 29, 2008 [PL 110-285]**

Key Provisions

- Expand, intensify pediatric cancer research
 - Information to ensure early access to tx
 - Make available to underserved
- National Childhood Cancer Registry (to include occurrence within weeks)

Breast Cancer and Environment

- **HR 1157** – introduced by Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)
- Passed House Sept. 25
- Passed Senate Sept 27

Key Provisions

- Establish Coordinating Committee
- Expand, intensify research on breast cancer and environment

Other Legislation of Interest

- ✓ Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act
- ✓ NIH Emergency Supplemental Approps.
- ✓ “*Kennedy Bill*”

Breast Cancer Patient Protection

- **HR 758** – introduced by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
 - Hearing held May 21
 - Passed House Sept 25
 - Received in Senate Sept. 27

Key Provisions

- Requires coverage for minimum hospital stay
 - Mastectomies
 - Lumpectomies
 - Lymph Node Dissections
- Requires coverage for secondary consultations

NIH Emergency Supplemental

S 3272 – Introduced July 16 by Sen. Specter

- Provide supplemental appropriations to NIH for FY 2008 totaling \$5.2 billion
- \$4 billion to NCI OD (to be distributed among ICs)
- \$1.2 billion to NCI

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Biospecimen Hearing

- House Science Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight (Rep. Brad Miller [D-NC] Chairman) held hearing on Sept. 9
- Biobanking: How the Lack of a Coherent Policy Allowed the Veterans Administration to Destroy an Irreplaceable Collection of Legionella Samples
- Dr. Jim Vaught (OBRR) testified for NCI
- Highlighted “NCI Best Practices for Biospecimen Resources”

Hearing on Cell Phone Use

- House Oversight & Government Committee, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy (Rep. Dennis Kucinich [D-OH] Chairman) held hearing on Sept. 25
- Tumors and Cell Phone Use: What the Science Says
- Dr. Bob Hoover (DCEG) testified for NCI
- Described ongoing epidemiological studies

Outlook – 111th Congress

- Majority Numbers
- Leadership Positions
- Committee Changes

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