

# Legislative Update

## Clinical Trials and Translational Research Advisory Committee

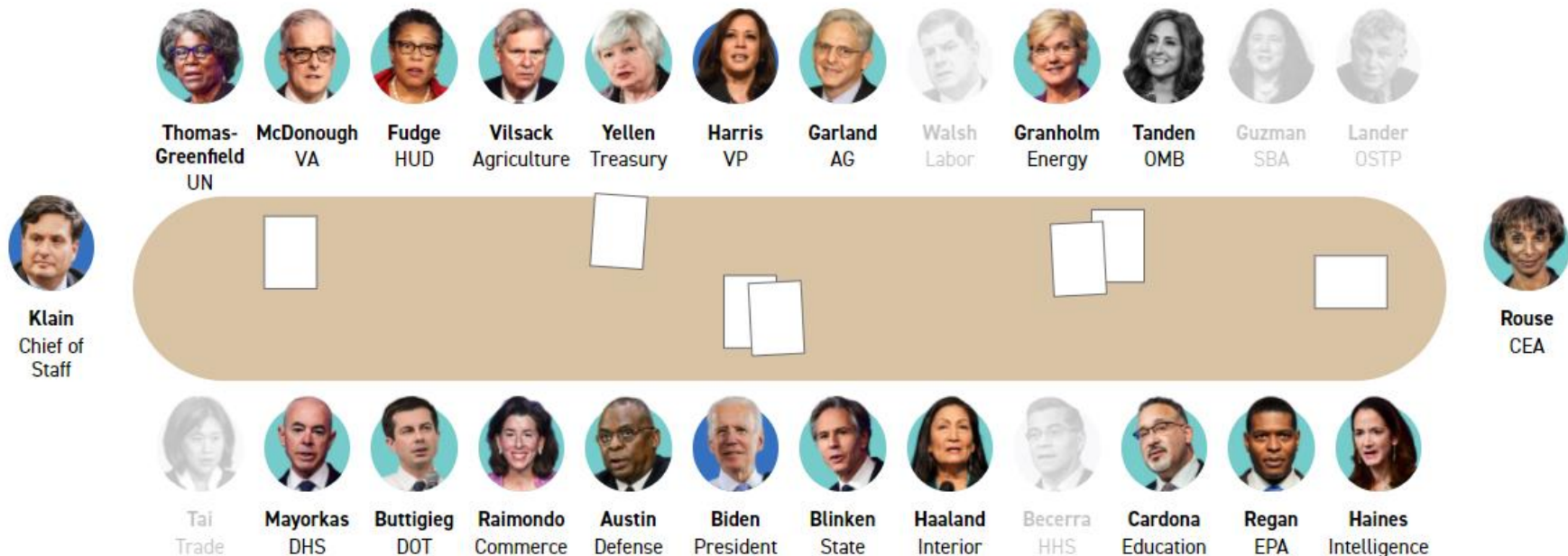
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- **New Administration**
- **117<sup>th</sup> Congress**
- **COVID Relief Package**
- **FY 2022 Appropriations**

## The Senate has confirmed **17 out of 23** of President Joe Biden's Cabinet members so far.

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# 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

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 (219-211, 5 vacant)
Senate	Republicans	Democrats (50-50)
President	Republicans (Trump)	Democrats (Biden)

# 117<sup>th</sup> Congress Breaks Records

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

- 6<sup>th</sup> 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)

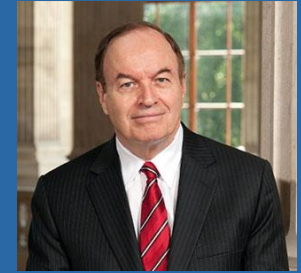
## Senate



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 6<sup>th</sup>, 50-49 along party lines (with Sen. Dan Sullivan of Alaska home for a family funeral)
- Final House Passage 220-211 on March 10

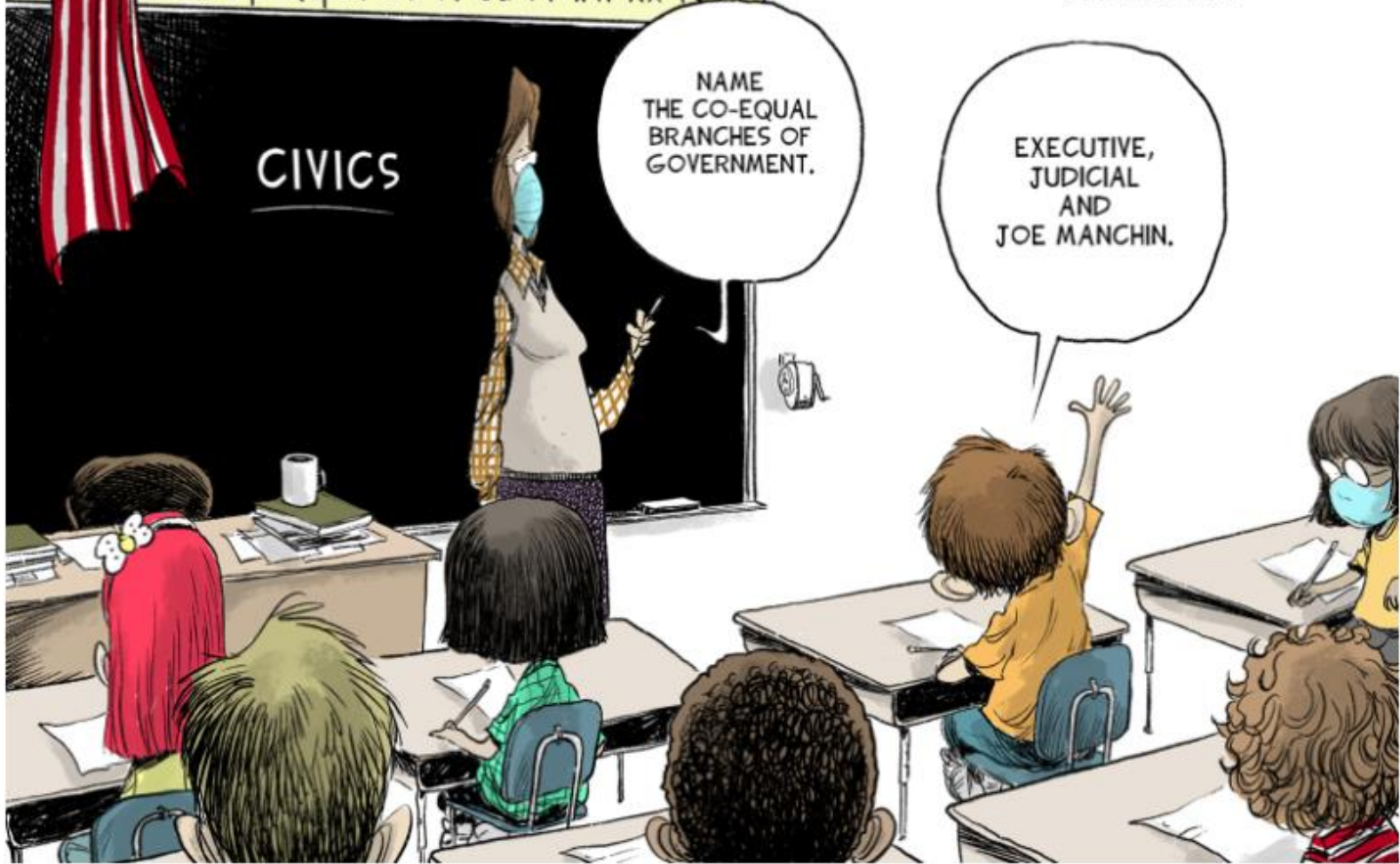


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NAME THE CO-EQUAL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT.

EXECUTIVE, JUDICIAL AND JOE MANCHIN.



# 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 117<sup>th</sup> 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 116<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Election Year</b>	<b># Days into FY</b>	<b># Days into Next FY</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>TBD</b>

# *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**



## **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

**The Washington Post**

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

# 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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