

Legislative Update

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- Congressional Operations
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March 3, 2020

**Senate HELP
Hearing**

**“Federal
Response to
Coronavirus
Outbreak”**





May 12, 2020

Senate HELP Hearing

**“Getting Back to Work
and Back to School”**

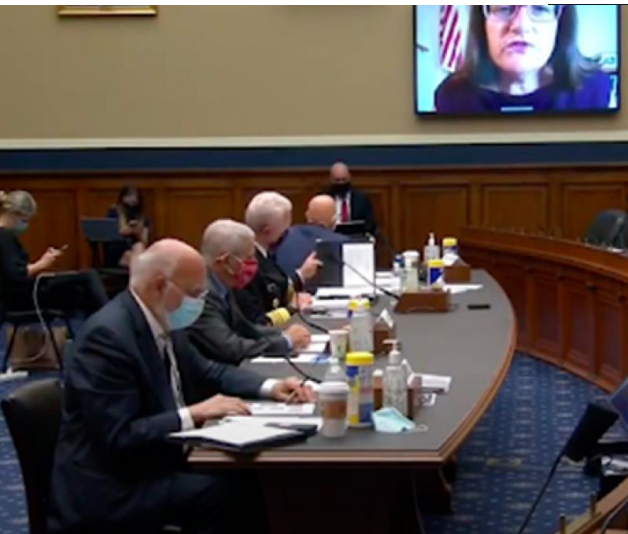


House Energy and Commerce Committee, June 23 Senate HELP Committee, June 30

Witnesses: Drs. Tony Fauci (NIH/NIAID), Brett Giroir (HHS ASH), Stephen Hahn (FDA), and Robert Redfield (CDC)

Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee, July 2

Witnesses: Drs. Francis Collins (NIH), Gary Disbrow (BARDA), and Robert Redfield (CDC)



Phase 1

Initial support and vaccine development

H.R. 6074 – Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act

- \$8.3 billion in COVID-19 response funding for developing a vaccine and preventing further spread of the virus
- Became law on 3/6/20

Phase 2

Paid leave, unemployment and food assistance

H.R. 6201 – Families First Coronavirus Response Act

- \$100 billion in worker assistance, including emergency paid sick leave, food assistance, and unemployment payments
- Became law on 3/18/20

Phase 3

Major economic stimulus package

H.R. 748 CARES Act

- Major stimulus package (\$2 trillion)
- Loans and support to major industries, including airlines and small businesses
- Direct payments to individuals and families
- Became law on 3/27/20

Phase 3b

Additional funding for small businesses/hospitals

H.R. 266 Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act

- \$310 billion for the depleted Paycheck Protection Program, additional funding for hospitals and testing
- Became law on 4/24/20

4 packages = \$2.6 trillion

Enacted in 50 days

NationalJournal

NIH – Emergency Supplemental COVID-19 Funding

Dollars in Millions

	1.0	3.0	3.5	TOTAL
NIAID	826	706		1,532
OD		30	1,000	1,030
NIBIB		60	500	560
NCI		1	306	306
NHLBI		103.4		103.4
NCATS		36		36
NIEHS	10			10
NLM		10		10
TOTAL	836	945.4	1,806	3,587.4

- \$306M for NCI to **develop, validate, improve, and implement** serological testing and associated technologies

COVID-19 focused & *distinct* from annual appropriation

FY21 Appropriations Outlook

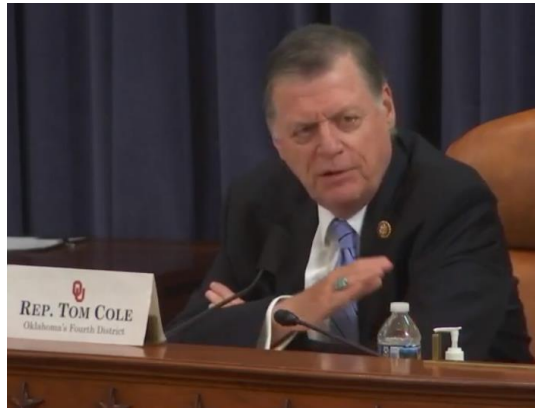
- House hearing on March 4, Senate hearing postponed
- House full committee mark-up on July 13, Senate timeline pending
- CR likely until after November elections
- New – police reform legislation, Ongoing – next COVID relief package

House Labor-HHS FY21 Proposal

- Proposes \$47B for NIH overall, an increase of \$5.5B
 - Proposed increase = **\$275M** annual appropriation + **\$225M** specifically for buildings and facilities + **\$5B** emergency appropriations
 - Of the \$5B proposed in emergency funding available through FY2025, no less than \$2.5B would go to the ICs proportionally (NCI's share = approximately \$414M).
- For NCI:
 - Proposes \$6.299B in base appropriations (an increase of \$54M over FY20)
 - An additional \$414M in emergency funds
 - \$195M for Cancer Moonshot, as authorized for FY21
 - **Total proposed for NCI = \$6.908B**



- *“Labor-H and its programs are at the center of the country’s health crisis and economic crisis, both of which have exposed serious disparities. . . . Since March 6th, the Congress has passed four emergency supplemental packages, and the Labor-H Subcommittee is at the center of responding to COVID-19. . . . With the Chair’s mark, we build on those bipartisan and emergency supplemental packages.”*



- *“As I have said many times, continued steady growth, building on what is now the fifth year of bipartisan bicameral investments in our nation’s biomedical infrastructure is making a difference. I fear that using an emergency designation that has not been agreed upon by the other body and the Administration is creating a false sense of accomplishment. . . . I believe additional spending for coronavirus has to be negotiated as a freestanding supplemental. I fear that the reliance on emergency funding to shore up base spending at the CDC and NIH sets us up for a year-long continuing resolution, which we have avoided for the past 5 years.”*

Next steps in the Senate

- Senate COVID relief proposal expected to be released next week
 - Reports of \$1.3 trillion package (House HEROES Act proposes \$3T)
 - Liability protections for employers, unemployment aid extension
 - School funding (potentially tied to re-opening), aid for businesses and hospitals
- Unclear whether the Senate Appropriations Subcommittees will hold any mark-ups or head straight to consideration by the Full Committee
- Committee actions are essentially on hold until COVID relief negotiations move forward
 - Aim to avoid COVID-related amendments to regular appropriation bills

2020 congressional calendar

■ Both chambers in session
 ■ Senate only in session
 ■ House only in session
□ House is convened remotely for committee work

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