# Legislative Update

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 COVID-19 Hearings and Legislation

FY21 Appropriations





### Senate HELP Committee

**September 9:** "Vaccines: Saving Lives, Ensuring Confidence, and Protecting Public Health" *Witnesses: Dr. Francis Collins (NIH), U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams (HHS)* 

Scheduled for September 23: "COVID-19: An update on the Federal Response"

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



### Still No Deal on Next COVID-19 Emergency Supplemental

### May 15 - House passed \$3 trillion HEROES Act, 208-199

**NIH: \$4,021,000,000...** to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally

- \$3,000,000,000 for offsetting the costs related to reductions in lab productivity resulting from the coronavirus pandemic or public health measures related to the coronavirus pandemic
- \$1,021,000,000 to support additional scientific research or the programs and platforms that support research

### July 27 – Senate leadership announces HEALS Act, 8 bills totaling \$1 trillion

\$15.5 billion, with \$10.1 billion for "offsetting the costs related to reductions in lab productivity resulting from the coronavirus pandemic."

## Mnuchin Says Stimulus Talks Remain Stalled THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.







# Mark Meadows predicts no Covid-19 relief bill until after September

### POLITICO

# 'We're not budging': Efforts to restart coronavirus talks sputter

A call between Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Mark Meadows was the first communication since talks broke down earlier this month.

# POLITICO

Odds shrink for a coronavirus relief deal

# FY21 Appropriations – 16 days to go

- House hearing on March 4, Senate hearing postponed
- House bill released July 6, marked up by committee
- No Senate bill
- CR likely until after Nov. 3, possibly into next Congress?

### **Roll Call**

CONGRESS

## Pelosi, Mnuchin plan 'clean' CR, but length, other details unclear



Neither party sees political advantage in risking a partial government shutdown just ahead of the elections

# POLITICO Pelosi and Mnuchin agree on plan to avoid government shutdown

The speaker and the Treasury secretary are eager to separate government funding from stalled talks on coronavirus relief.

#### The Washington Post

# Mnuchin says Trump administration, Pelosi have agreed on plan to avoid government shutdown Oct. 1

Short-term agreement would extend government spending at current levels past Sept. 30 shutdown deadline

#### 2020 congressional calendar

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



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# Questions?

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