



NCI Legislative Update

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Appropriations Status – FY 2011

Where are we?

- Government is operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) that expires March 4
- House expects to vote March 1 on a 2-week CR that will include \$4 billion in spending cuts
- Would then need action by Senate and President

How did we get here?

- 111th Congress did not pass a budget resolution or any appropriations bills

Appropriations Status – FY 2011

What's next?

- Most likely, a full year CR will be passed
- FY 2011 Funding level must be agreed upon
 - Flat funding
 - FY 2008 level – 5.3% cut
 - or worse?

“The Committee will find savings in virtually every area of the federal government”

Appropriations Chairman Hal Rogers

National Cancer Institute



Appropriations Status – FY 2012

President's Budget announced Feb. 14

➤ NIH - \$31.0 Billion; NCI - \$5.1 Billion

*“To win the future, we have to out-innovate, out-educate and out-build the rest of the world, tapping the creativity and imagination of our people. We have to take responsibility for our deficit, by investing in what makes America stronger and cutting what doesn't.” **President Obama***

*“...the President's budget appears to be long on rhetoric and lean on spending cuts. We must go much further than this anemic effort of symbolic reductions and additional spending proposed under the guise of funding 'freezes' if we are truly to get our nation's finances on a sustainable course.” **Rep. Hal Rogers***



Concern for Biomedical Research

Several members have made public statements to suggest that exceptions to budget cuts can and should be made for biomedical research and/or the NIH budget



On the record already...

Hal Rogers (R-KY, Chairman, House Appropriations)

Brian Higgins (D-NY)

Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

Rob Andrews (D-NJ)

Dave Dreier (R-CA) (Chair of Rules Committee)

- more to come -



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112th Congress

Senate Appropriations: Inouye (HI), Cochran (MS)

Labor-H Subcommittee: Majority: Tom Harkin (D-IA) Chair

Daniel Inouye (HI)

Herb Kohl (WI)

Patty Murray (WA)

Mary Landrieu (LA)

Richard Durbin (IL)

Jack Reed (RI)

Mark Pryor* (AR)

Barbara Mikulski* (MD)

Sherrod Brown* (OH)

Minority: Richard Shelby (AL) Ranking Member

Thad Cochran (MS)

Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX)

Lamar Alexander* (TN)

Ron Johnson* (WI)

Mark Kirk* (IL)

Lindsey Graham* (SC)

Jerry Moran* (KS)

* new to committee



112th Congress

House Appropriations: Rogers (KY), Dicks (WA)

Labor-H Subcommittee: Majority: Denny Rehberg (MT) Chair

Jerry Lewis (CA)

Rodney Alexander (LA)

Jack Kingston* (GA)

Kay Granger* (TX)

Mike Simpson* (ID)

Jeff Flake* (AZ)

Cynthia Lummis* (WY)

Minority: Rosa DeLauro (CT) Ranking Member

Nita Lowey (NY)

Jesse Jackson, Jr. (IL)

Lucille Roybal Allard (CA)

Barbara Lee (CA)

*new to committee



112th Congress

House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health MAJORITY

Joe Pitts (PA) Chair

Ed Whitfield (KY)

Mike Rogers (MI)

Tim Murphy (PA)

Phil Gingrey (GA)

Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA)*

Bill Cassidy (LA)*

Joe Barton (TX)

Michael Burgess (TX)

John Shimkus (IL)

Sue Myrick (NC)

Marsha Blackburn (TN)

Robert E. Latta (OH)*

Leonard Lance (NJ)*

Brett Guthrie (KY)*

Fred Upton (MI)

*new to committee



112th Congress

House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health MINORITY

Frank Pallone (NJ) Ranking Member

John D. Dingell (MI)

Eliot L. Engel (NY)

Jan Schakowsky (IL)

Tammy Baldwin (WI)

Anthony D. Weiner (NY)

Edolphus Towns (NY)

Lois Capps (CA)

Charles A. Gonzalez (TX)*

Mike Ross (AK)

Henry A. Waxman (CA)

*new to committee



112th Congress

Senate HELP Committee MAJORITY

Tom Harkin (IA), Chair

Barbara A. Mikulski (MD)

Patty Murray (WA)

Casey, Jr. (PA)

Jeff Merkley (OR)

Michael F. Bennet (CO)*

Richard Blumenthal (CT)*

Jeff Bingaman (NM)

Bernard Sanders (I) (VT) Robert P.

Kay R. Hagan (NC)

Al Franken (MN)

Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)*

*new to committee



112th Congress

Senate HELP Committee MINORITY

Michael B. Enzi (WY) Ranking Member

Lamar Alexander (TN)

Johnny Isakson (GA)

Orrin G. Hatch (UT)

Pat Roberts (KS)

Mark Kirk (IL)*

Richard Burr (NC)

Rand Paul (KY)*

John McCain (AZ)

Lisa Murkowski (AK)

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New Legislation

SBIR Extension (HR. 366)

Temporary extension of the SBIR/STTR programs through May 31. Signed by the President on 1/31/2011.

Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act (HR 111)

Requires coverage for minimum hospital stays and secondary consultations re: mastectomy or other breast surgery. Introduced by Rep. Rosa DeLauro on 1/5/11, 106 cosponsors.



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- Member briefing after Bypass Budget is released
- Courtesy visits with members of Appropriations Subcommittees
- Cultivate new champions of NIH and NCI



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112th Congress - Outlook

Short-term

- Appropriations

Long-term

- Increased emphasis on oversight
- Affordable Care Act Implementation (?)



Closing on a Hopeful Note

“Few issues are more unifying than the fight to cure cancer. As we choose our national priorities carefully, medical research, which holds the dual promise of economic and scientific growth, should be a focal point in America’s rise to the top.”

Rep. Brian Higgins



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