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Lame Duck Session (Nov – Dec 2012)

- Caucus Organization

- Threat of Sequestration
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New Congress Convenes January, 2013

Committee Appointments for new members

Threat of Sequestration

FY 2013 Appropriations
Where are we?
- Government is operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) that expires March 27, 2013

What’s Next?
- Omnibus bill
- Full year CR
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Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act

HR 733/S 362

• Originally introduced as Pancreatic Cancer Research Act in February 2011

• House Sponsors – Eshoo (D-CA); Lance (R-NJ)
  Senate Sponsor – Whitehouse (RI)

• Bipartisan support – many co-sponsors
  o House = 294; Senate = 58
Key Provisions

• NCI establish Pancreatic Cancer Initiative

• HHS establish Interdisciplinary Pancreatic Cancer Coordinating Committee (with authority to make recommendations on prioritization and award of grants)

• Membership of committee to include: 11 pancreatic cancer research experts who have received NIH grants; NCI Director; 1 pancreatic cancer advocate

• Authorize appropriations for pancreatic cancer research totaling $169 Million
How the Pancreatic Cancer Research Act Became the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act

House Action – September 2012

- HR 733 amended - replaced text and changed title
- Passed House on Sept. 19

Senate Action – 2012

- S 3566, which included the new text of HR 733 was introduced by Sen. Harkin on Sept. 20
- To date, Senate has not voted on bill
Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act

Key Provisions

• NCI develop scientific framework to conduct and support research for recalcitrant cancers

• Criteria: 5-year survival < 20% and mortality must be > 30,000 per year

• NCI convene working group to provide expertise, assistance in developing framework

• Frameworks must be submitted to Congress and made publicly available