

NCI Legislative Update

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Today's Talk

- FY24 Appropriations – House v. Senate
- Congressional Updates
- Recent Hearings & Visits

June 3, 2023



Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) Provisions

- Suspended the debt limit until January 2025
- Caps FY24 non-defense discretionary spending at FY23 levels and limits FY25 spending to a 1% increase
- Allows FY24 Defense funding to increase by 3% – the amount requested in the President’s Budget, protects veterans’ health care spending
- Includes a “stick” – if Congress doesn’t pass all 12 spending bills by January 1, triggers an **immediate 1% overall cut that would become permanent on April 30**

June 12, 2023



*“The agreement set a **ceiling**, not a floor for FY 2024 bills.”*
–House Appropriations Chair Kay Granger (R-TX)



“Nobody on our side believed that was a ceiling – we believed it was a deal.”
–Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD)

October 25, 2023

Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA) Becomes Speaker of the House



Status of FY24 Appropriations

The Federal Government is currently funded at FY23 levels by a “laddered” Continuing Resolution (CR), the second stopgap funding measure of the fiscal year

- **CR #1:** (no policy riders) funded all 12 spending bills from October 1 – November 17
- **CR #2:** (no policy riders), enacted on November 17, splits the bills funded by the CR into two groups, with different durations of funding (**NEW**)
 - Group 1: MilCon-VA, Agriculture, Transportation and THUD bills funded through **January 19**
 - Group 2: **Labor-HHS**, Defense, State, Commerce-Sci-Justice, and 4 other bills funded through **February 2**

Not funded: Aid for Israel and/or Ukraine, Border Security

“I’m one of the arch-conservatives...and I want to cut spending right now, and I would like to put policy riders on this... But when you have a three-vote majority, as we do right now, we don’t have the votes to be able to advance that right now.” Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA)

No Agreement on Top-Line Spending Levels

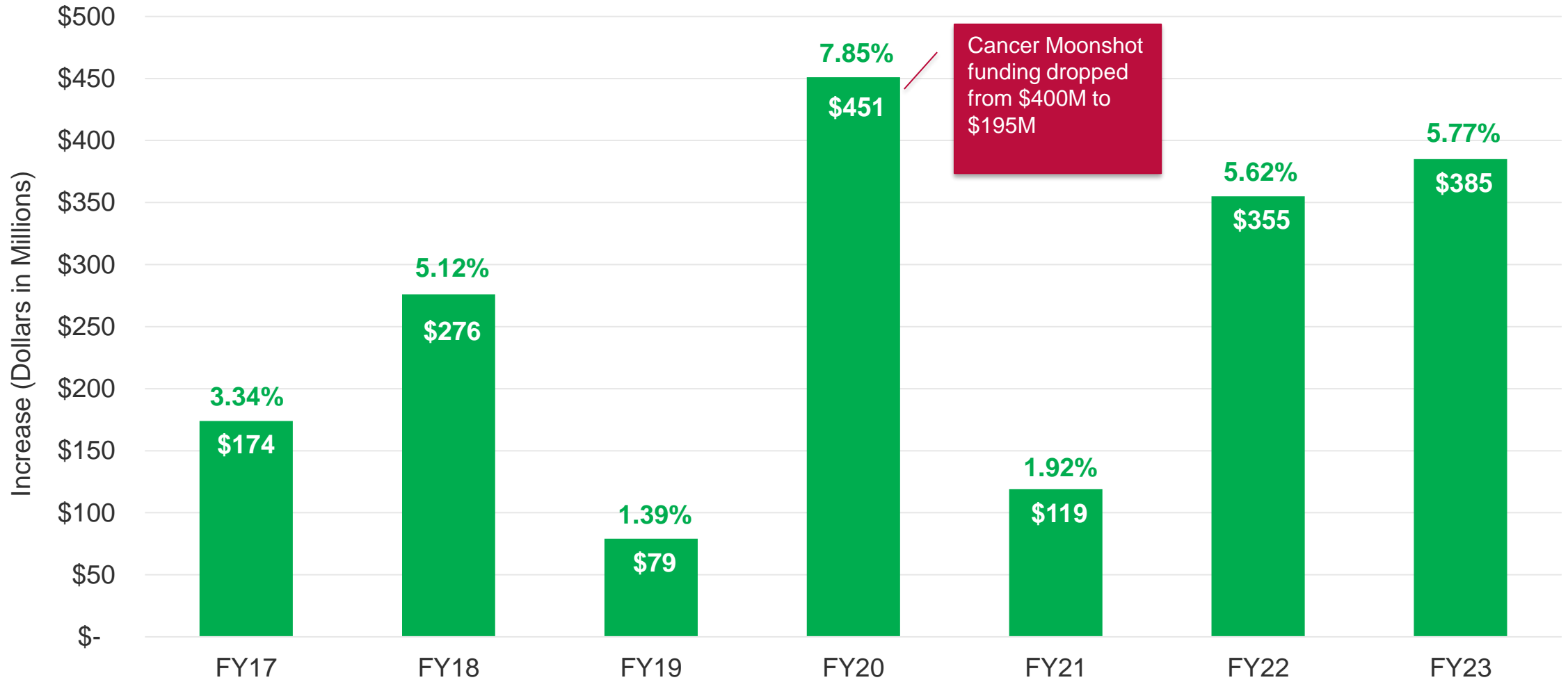
Subcommittee	FY23 Final	FY24 House	FY24 Senate	Difference
Ag	\$25,480	\$17,838	\$25,993	\$8,155
CJS	\$82,441	\$58,676	\$69,637	\$10,961
Defense	\$797,736	\$826,448	\$823,267	(\$3,181)
Energy-Water	\$54,000	\$52,378	\$56,730	\$4,352
Financial Svcs	\$27,556	\$11,311	\$16,807	\$5,496
Homeland	\$60,703	\$62,793	\$56,923	(\$5,870)
Interior	\$38,850	\$25,417	\$37,850	\$12,433
LHHS	\$207,367	\$147,096	\$195,231	\$48,135
Leg	\$6,900	\$6,746	\$6,761	\$15
MilCon-VA	\$154,168	\$155,701	\$154,352	(\$1,349)
State	\$59,693	\$41,367	\$58,358	\$16,991
T-HUD	\$87,332	\$65,208	\$88,091	\$22,883
Total	\$1,602,226	\$1,470,979	\$1,590,000	\$119,021



	FY23 Enacted	FY24 PB	FY24 House* <i>In process</i>	FY24 Senate** <i>In process</i>
NIH	\$47.68 B (+\$2.5 B)	\$48.60 B (+\$920 M <i>proposed</i>)	\$44.70 B (-\$2.99B)	\$47.81 B (+\$126.3 M)
NCI	\$7.32 B (+ \$386 M base) \$216M for Moonshot	\$7.82 B (Sustain \$216 M + \$500 M for MS)	\$7.10 B (-\$216 M)	\$7.38 B (+ \$216 M) (+\$60 M)
ARPA-H	\$1.5 B (+\$0.5 B)	\$2.5 B (+\$1 B proposed)	\$500 M (-\$1 B)	\$1.5 B (flat)

Annual Increases to NCI Base Budget (FY17-FY23)

Dollars in Millions



Congress got its Christmas break — and will suffer for it in January

For the first time in ages, Congress isn't facing a Christmastime shutdown threat. But the 2024 fight is going to be even worse than usual.



Some Republicans worry that dynamic will doom the House GOP's priorities all the way through a major deadline on Feb. 2. | Francis Chung/POLITICO

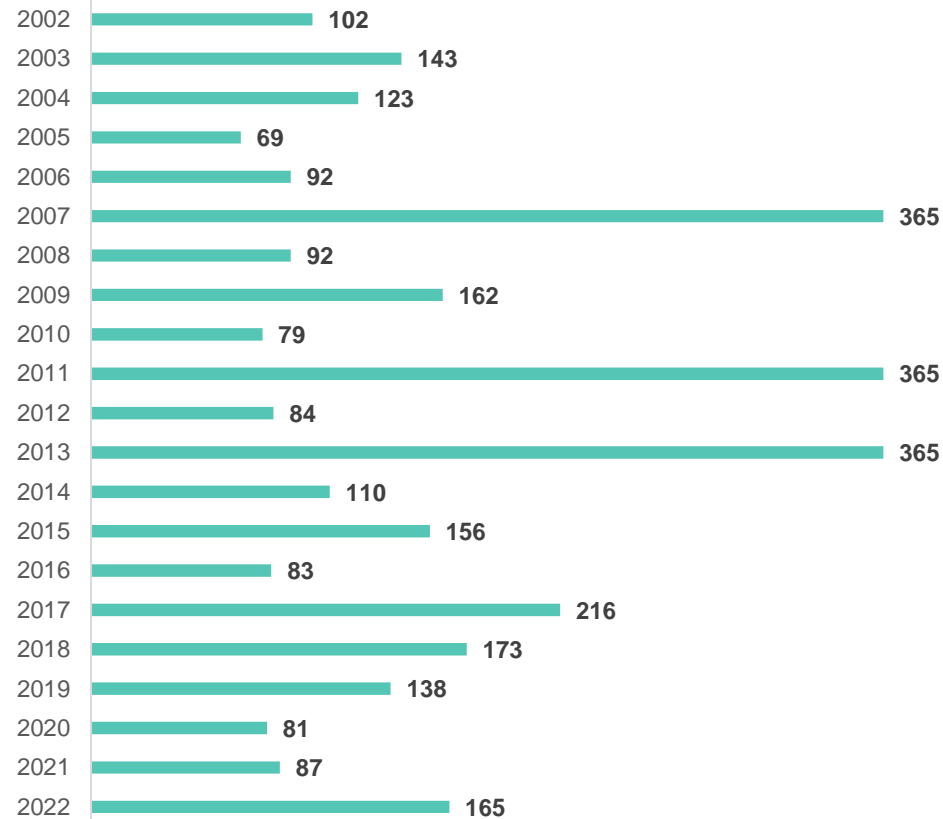
By **JORDAIN CARNEY, BURGESS EVERETT** and **SARAH FERRIS**
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- **No More Extensions (Maybe):** Speaker Johnson says he won't put another "clean" funding bill on the floor. That means Congress only has a few weeks of session to reconcile conflicting spending levels on 12 different bills.
- **Two Shutdown Risks:** The "laddered" CR creates two dates for possible government shutdowns — January 19 and February 2.
- **Chasm Between House and Senate:** The House Majority has opted to treat the FRA funding levels as "a ceiling, not a floor" but the Senate is sticking to the FRA spending level agreement. ***"A deal is a deal."***
- **Other (Big) Problems:** Other House – Senate conflicts include Israel and Ukraine aid, reauthorization of foreign surveillance powers, border security and stalled military promotions.

Congress has enacted one or more continuing resolutions in all but three of the last 46 fiscal years

Total duration of continuing resolutions FY2002-2022, in days



SOURCE CRS, CRFB, GAO

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- Each year, Congress must approve spending bills to fund the government for the next 12 months
- If spending bills are not passed by October 1 (the beginning of the fiscal year), then the government will face a shutdown
- Continuing appropriations acts, or continuing resolutions (CRs), are used as a stop-gap to provide temporary funding for a specific period of time in the event that regular appropriations acts are not passed by October 1
- CRs cannot be used for “new starts” and provide a funding rate, not a set amount. May include anomalies that adjust the duration, amount, or purpose for which funds can be used.

Members of Congress Head for the Exits, Many Citing Dysfunction

The New York Times

Nov. 26, 2023

More than three dozen incumbents have announced they will not seek re-election next year. Some are running for other offices, while others intend to leave Congress altogether.

Approximately 31 House members (20 Democrats and 11 Republicans) and 6 Senators (5 Democrats and 1 Republican) [have announced plans](#) to leave office, either to retire or to seek another office.



Recent Congressional Hearing, Visits, and Briefings

- **October 18:** Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee Hearing on the Nomination of Dr. Monica Bertagnolli to be Director of the NIH
 - **October 25:** HELP Committee votes to advance Dr. Bertagnolli's nomination in a bipartisan vote of 15-6
 - **November 7:** Senate confirms nomination in a bipartisan vote of 62-36



Senate Vote #293 -- 11/07/2023

- Congressional Staff Meet with NCI Pediatric Oncology Experts, June 28, 2023
- New Democrat Coalition Visit to NIH, July 19, 2023
- Appropriations Staff Visit to Jackson Lab and West Virginia University, August 2023

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Thanks to members of the @NewDemCoalition for visiting us @NCIResearchCtr this week to learn about advances in #ChildhoodCancerResearch from our Chief Dr. Brigitte Widemann, Lasker Clinical Research Scholar Dr. Jack Shern, & Dr. @NCIDrDougLowy! Learn more: ccr.cancer.gov/pediatric-onco...



One Voice Against Cancer (OVAC)

On the Horizon: Opportunities & Challenges in Cancer Research

Thursday, July 20, 2023
12:00pm - 1:30pm

Capitol Visitor Center
Room: SVC 209-08



Featuring:

Douglas R. Lowy, M.D.
*Principal Deputy Director
National Cancer Institute*

Danielle Carnival, Ph.D.
*Deputy Assistant to the President
Cancer Moonshot*

Adam M Sonabend, M.D.
*Associate Professor of Neurological Surgery
Northwestern University*



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"We run out of money long before we run out of ideas." – Dr. Lowy

Thank you to @NCIDrDougLowy, @DCarnival46, @LLacasseACSCAN & @adam_sonabend, MD, from @NorthwesternMed for speaking at our briefing & all those who participated and joined us today!



Discussed novel ultrasound technique using microbubbles to open blood-brain barrier to treat glioblastoma in humans.

[Lancet Oncology, 2023 May;24\(5\):509-522](#)

Questions?

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