

NCI Legislative Update

National Cancer Advisory Board

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Today's Talk

- FY25 Appropriations
- Congressional Calendar
- Legislative Issues
- Engagement & Advocacy

FY25 Appropriations

- Federal government runs out of funding in 26 Days
- FY25 - continuing resolution (CR) until after elections (TBD)
- Will the 118th Lame Duck Congress complete FY 25 appropriations?
 - It depends... we will come back to this

House Labor-HHS NIH Mark	Senate Labor-HHS NIH Mark
Topline level below FY24 enacted levels	Topline level higher than FY24 enacted levels
Proposes flat funding for NIH approximately \$48B	Proposes \$2.05B increase for NIH (total of \$50.35B)
Proposes \$651M* increase for NCI (total of \$7.875B)	Proposes \$266M increase for NCI (total of \$7.49B, \$50M to base and \$216M for restoring MS funding)
Cuts \$1B from ARPA-H	Flat funding for ARPA-H
Not a bipartisan bill –Committee vote 31-25	Bipartisan bill – Committee vote 25-3

*The proposed increase for NCI is a result of proposed restructuring within NIH (Senate may not support this approach)

Strong Bipartisan Support for Cancer Research

“Cancer is a terrible disease that tragically affects almost every American family in some form. I have long supported the NIH's mission to not only improve treatments for patients, but ultimately find a cure and save lives through biomedical research. This is something I have been proud to champion, and I am encouraged that this important issue is met with bipartisan consensus year after year.”

House Appropriations Chair Tom Cole (R-OK)



“As patients battle Alzheimer’s disease, mental illness, cancer, and other serious conditions, this bill offers new hope with a \$2 billion increase in funding to advance life-saving biomedical research.”

Senate Appropriations Chair Patty Murray (D-WA)



2024 CONGRESSIONAL CALENDAR

 Both chambers in session

 Senate only in session

 House only in session

September

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Congress will pass CR
– TBD duration

October

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3 Rosh Hashana (begins)	4 Rosh Hashana (ends)	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Yom Kippur (begins)	12 Yom Kippur (ends)
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Oct 1 – FY 2025 begins

November

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3	4	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

118th Congress
Lame duck session
begins

December

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Hanukkah (begins)	27	28
29	30	31				

Jan 2 – Expiration of
Debt Limit Suspension

Jan 3 – 119th Congress
Convenes

2024 Elections

Electoral College

The Cook Political Report (CPR) currently rates the Electoral College race as a toss-up.

House

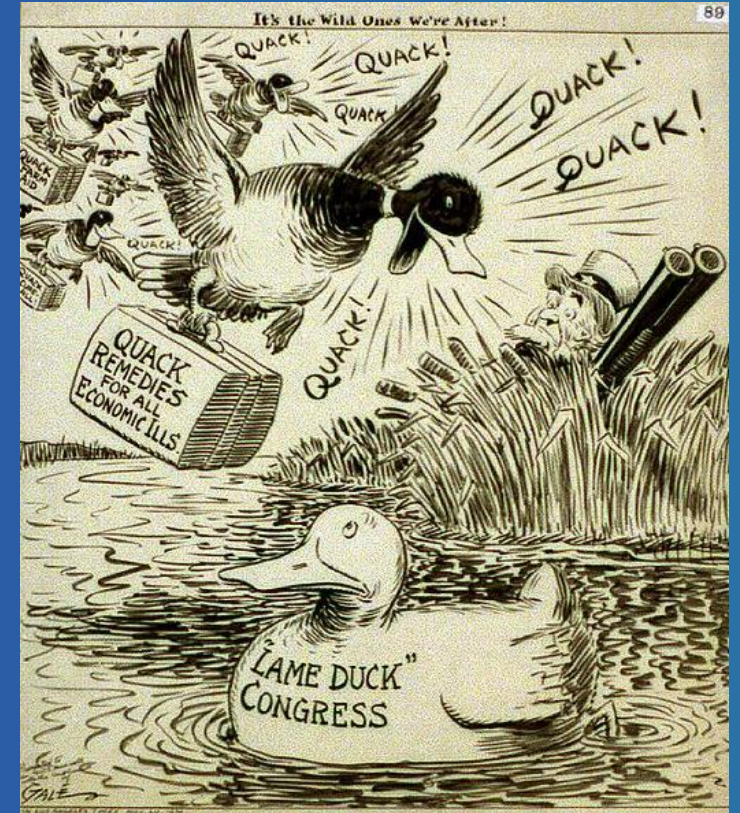
- Republicans hold a slim 220-213 majority in the House
- CPR rates 24 seats as toss-up, giving Democrats an opportunity to flip the chamber.

Senate

- Democrats currently hold a 51-49 majority in the Senate
- Dems are defending **23 of the 34** Senate seats up for election this year. CRP rates 3 seats as a toss-up, giving Republicans an opportunity to flip the chamber.
- In the 2026 midterms Rs are defending more seats – currently 13 of those up in 2026 are held by Ds and 20 held by Rs.

Recent Lame Ducks & Spending Bills

- **2022** – Rs flipped House. Congress punted all 12 spending bills (enacted 3/15).
- **2020** – Ds flipped WH and Senate. Omnibus passed 12/20.
- **2018** – Ds flipped House. Partial Govt shutdown (39 days). Punted 7 spending bills (enacted 2/15).
- **2016** – Rs won WH. Passed Cures. Punted 11 spending bills (enacted 5/5).



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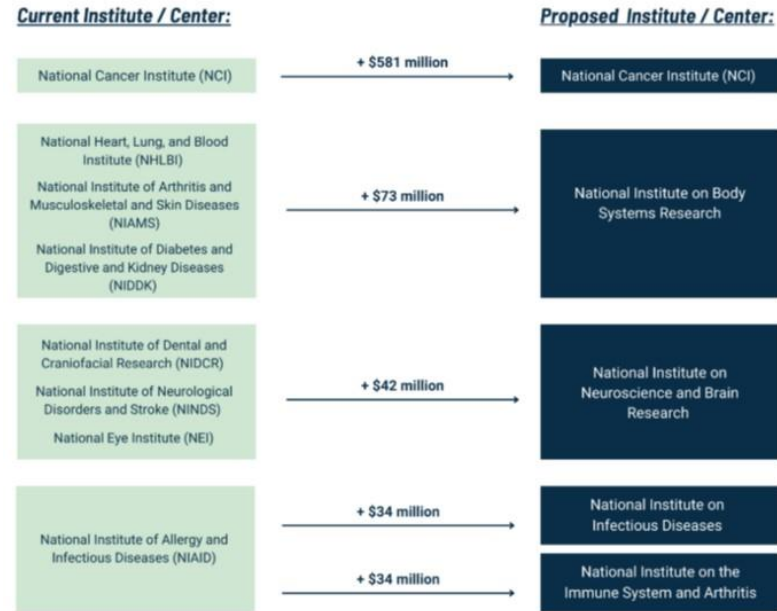
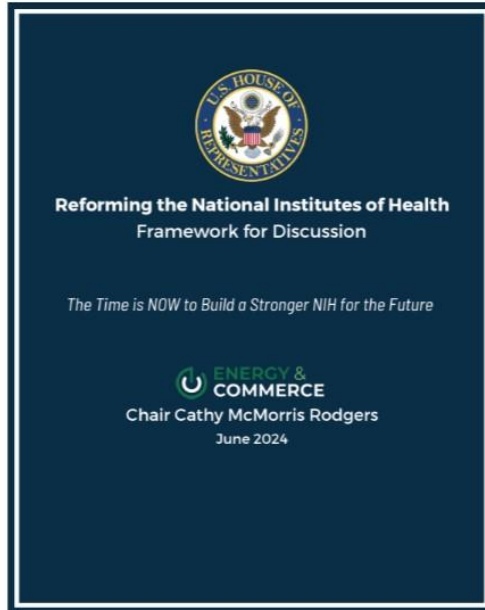
Legislative Activity to Watch

- **Must Pass:** CR, NDAA, Farm Bill, Flood Insurance, Medicaid/Extenders, TANF...
- **May Pass:**
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Telehealth Extensions
 - Drug Shortages
 - Improving Clinical Trials
 - NIH-Specific legislation (?)

House Energy and Commerce Committee

Chair Rodgers Unveils Framework for NIH Reform, Requests Stakeholder Input

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Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers' (R-WA) framework recommends structural and other reforms:

- Proposes consolidation of 27 Institutes and Centers to 15 (NCI, NIMH, and NIA would **not** be consolidated)
- Calls for a commission to review NIH, provide public reporting, and make recommendations for improvement
- Proposes limiting IC Director terms to five-years, and no more than two, consecutive terms
- Encourages a focus on innovation and public-private partnerships
- Emphasizes financial disclosure, as well as oversight and accountability regarding misconduct and harassment
- Calls for transparency regarding indirect costs, and proposes reform
- Calls for reform of the grants process, including a focus on national security, grantee compliance, and overall priority setting

Recent Congressional Engagements

- NCI Director Dr. W. Kimryn Rathmell provided brief remarks at the National Brain Tumor Society Congressional Reception, *July 24, 2024*



Rep. Roger Williams (R-TX)



Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA)



Dr. Kimryn Rathmell @NCIDirector · Jul 26

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Today I was thrilled to visit @KUCancerCenter @KUHospital and meet their staff, trainees, and community members to learn about the important research and care they provide in Kansas. Many thanks to Sen. @JerryMoran for his continued leadership in support of #CancerResearch!



Dr. Kimryn Rathmell @NCIDirector · Aug 2

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I also met with leaders, faculty, and trainees at @UCCancerCenter and @UChicago to learn about the important research and care they provide in Chicago. Many thanks to @SenatorDurbin for joining us and for his continued leadership in support of #CancerResearch!



Questions?

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