



# NCI Legislative Update

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# Discussion Topics

Appropriations Information

Legislation of Interest

Congressional Outreach

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# Appropriations Status – FY 2011

## Where are we?

- Operating under a Continuing Resolution
- Expires Dec. 18
- FY 2010 funding level

## What's next?

- Omnibus Appropriation Bill?
  - Earmarks must be resolved
- Short-term CR?
- Long-term CR?
  - Funding level must be decided



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# New Legislation Introduced

## HR 6224

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cancer Access to Life-Saving Early Detection, Research and Treatment (ALERT) Act
- Introduced by Rep. Lois Capps on Sept 28
- Companion to Senate bill introduced by Kennedy

## HR 5861

- Cancer Centers Assistance for Renovations and Expansion Act
- Loan program for qualifying cancer centers
- Introduced by Rep. Kilroy (D-OH) on July 26



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# Project Cancer Education

- Pilot event was held July 30
- Sponsored jointly with AACI
- Attended by 4 Congressional staff and 2 members of advocacy organizations
- Provided a firsthand view of translational research
- Planning future events

# Briefing for House Members

- Dr. Varmus conducted a briefing for House Members on Sept. 29
- Q&A and lively discussion
- Event was sponsored by AACR







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# 112th Congress - Outlook

## House

R-242; D-192 [1 vacancy]

All Committees will have new Chairs (R)

Ratios of Committee seats will flip

## Senate

D-53; R-47

Ratios of Committee seats change slightly



# 112th Congress - Outlook

We already know:

- Party leadership positions
- Most Senate Committee Chair & Ranking

We will have to wait until January to find out:

- House Committee leadership
- Committee assignments
- Subcommittee leadership and assignments

# 112th Congress - Outlook

## Priorities

- Appropriations must be resolved
- Increased emphasis on oversight
- Affordable Care Act Implementation (or not)
- No other specific health-related issues



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