



NCI Legislative Update

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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)

Lamar 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)

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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)

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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)

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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)

*new to committee

Appropriations Status – FY 2011

Where are we?

- 111th Congress: no budget resolution or appropriations bills for FY2011
- Government is operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) that expires March 4
- House to take up CR extension (or new legislation?) week of Feb 14
- Recess week of Feb 20

Appropriations Status – FY 2011

What's next?

- FY 2011 Funding level must be decided

- FY 2008 level?
 - Up to \$300 million cut to NCI

 - or worse?



Appropriations Status – FY 2011

Feb 3 - House Budget Committee released discretionary spending cap cutting \$34 billion from FY11 CR spending level

“This is just a down-payment by Republicans to get spending under control. House Republicans will continue to tackle the country’s fiscal problems by charting a new course with a new budget for the upcoming fiscal year.”

Budget Chairman Paul Ryan

Appropriations Status – FY 2011

Feb 3 - House Appropriations Committee released budget allocations for the FY11 CR that include a 4% cut for the Labor-H bill

- 302b allocations are top level spending cap for Labor H accounts – not department/agency cuts
- Will not be an across the board cut

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

Appropriations Chairman Hal Rogers

Appropriations Status – FY 2011

➤ What's Next:

- GOP Leadership indicates they will take up CR next week
- Using “open rule” (allows amendments)
 - chance to target or protect agencies/programs
- “taking the temperature” of GOP resolve

Appropriations Status – FY 2011

- What's Next:
- Senate Budget Committee (Kent Conrad -ND)
- Senate Appropriations (Daniel Inouye - HI)
- A battle of priorities...



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 (Chair of 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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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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- Plans for 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

Issues

- Appropriations
- Increased emphasis on oversight
- Affordable Care Act Implementation (?)
- Unlikely that other specific health-related issues will garner significant attention



“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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