

# NCI Legislative Update

## NCI Council of Research Advocates

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# Today's Talk

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

# FY25 Appropriations

- Federal government runs out of funding in 12 Days
- FY25 continuing resolution (CR) until after elections (TBD)
- Will the 118<sup>th</sup> 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 <b>below</b> FY24 enacted levels	Topline level <b>higher</b> than FY24 enacted levels
Proposes <b>flat funding for NIH</b> approximately \$48B	Proposes <b>\$2.05B increase for NIH</b> (total of \$50.35B)
Proposes <b>\$651M*</b> increase for NCI (total of \$7.875B)	Proposes <b>\$266M increase for NCI</b> (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)*





***House Appropriations L-HHS Subcommittee  
Chair Robert Aderholt (R-AL)***



***Senate Appropriations L-HHS Subcommittee  
Chair Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)***



***Senate Appropriations L-HHS Subcommittee  
Ranking Member Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)***



***House Appropriations Committee Ranking  
Member Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)***

# 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

118<sup>th</sup> 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 – 119<sup>th</sup> Congress  
Convenes

# POLITICO

Johnson plans to bring House GOP short-term spending measure to House floor Wednesday

CQNow

Johnson goes back to 'Plan A' on stopgap bill, for now

The House is set to vote Wednesday on Speaker Mike Johnson's six-month stopgap spending plan despite near certain defeat in the face of GOP defections and almost unanimous Democratic opposition.

 Reuters

US Congress searches for stopgap funding deal amid rancor



# 2024 Elections

## Electoral College

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

## House

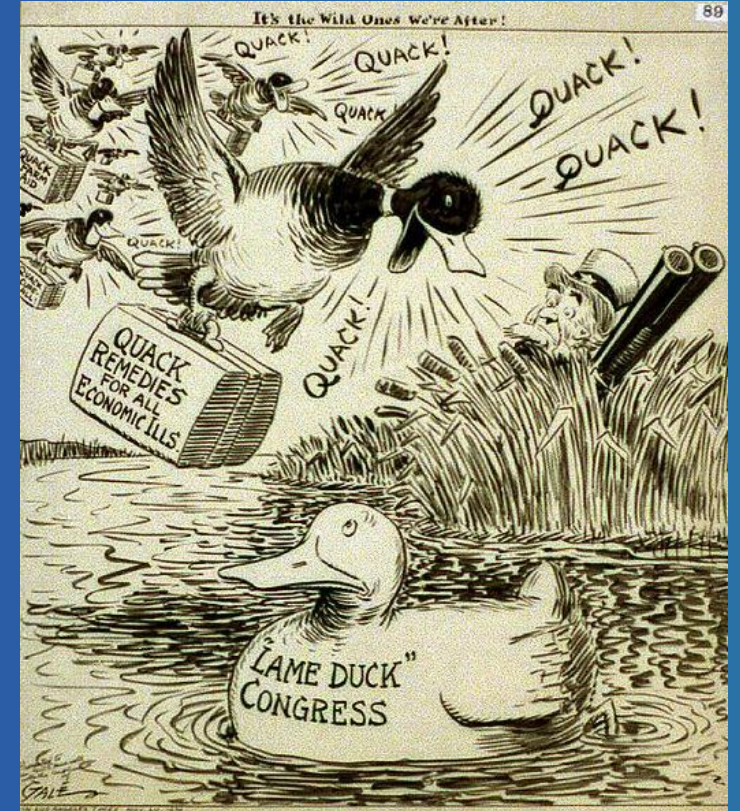
- Republicans hold a slim 220-213 majority in the House
- CPR rates 24 seats as toss-up, giving Democrats an opportunity to flip the chamber.

## 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. CPR rates 2 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).



Clifford K. Berryman

# 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

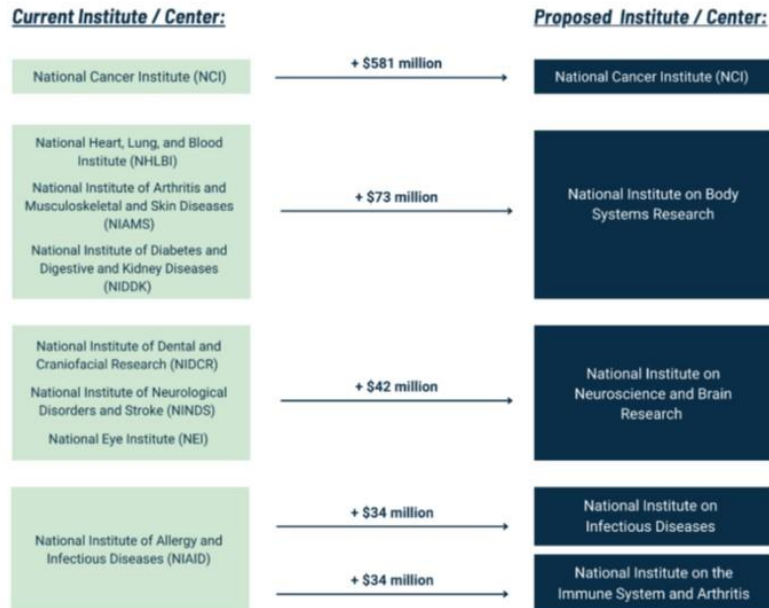
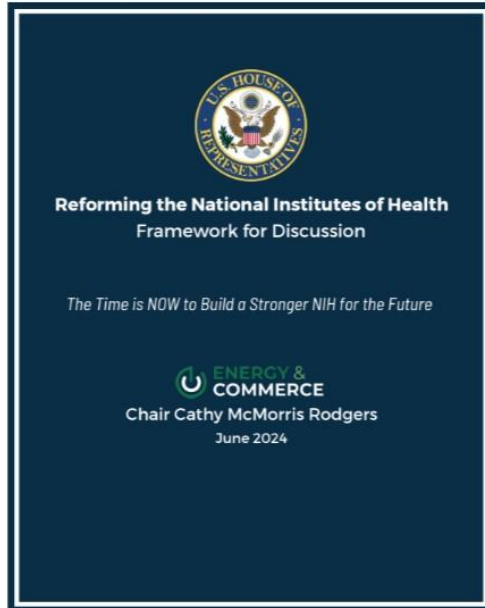
## Chair Rodgers Unveils Framework for NIH Reform, Requests Stakeholder Input

Jun 14, 2024

Press Release

Health

In the News



### Rep. McMorris Rodgers' (R-WA) framework recommends structural, 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, proposes reform
- Calls for reform of the grants process, including a focus on national security, grantee compliance, and priority setting

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### Full Committee Markup Of 16 Bills

September 18, 2024, 10:00am EDT

2123 Rayburn House Office Building

*\* Mark up does **not** include NIH reform proposals. Mark up **does include** proposed regulatory provisions regarding study plans for childhood cancer drug development, as well as proposed extensions of several Medicare telehealth provisions.*

# Recent Congressional Engagements

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




*Rep. Roger Williams (R-TX)*



*Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA)*

# Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS) and Dr. Rathmell Visit University of Kansas Cancer Center

 **Dr. Kimryn Rathmell** @NCIDirector · Jul 26 ...  
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!



# Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Dr. Rathmell Attend University of Chicago Research Symposium

 **Dr. Kimryn Rathmell** @NCIDirector · Aug 2 ...  
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!



# Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI) Visits NCI Pediatric Oncology Branch



Senator Jack Reed @SenJackReed · 10m

Visited @NIH headquarters to meet with @NIHDirector, doctors, & researchers and discuss priorities like my Childhood Cancer STAR Act, which is helping advance breakthroughs on pediatric cancer research & providing enhanced support for survivors and families.



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## Upcoming Events

- **Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus Summit, September 19, 2024**
  - Message from NCI Director Dr. Kimryn Rathmell
  - NCI-supported researchers Dr. Doug Hawkins, Chair, Children's Oncology Group (COG); and Dr. Will Parsons, Co-PI, NCI-COG Pediatric MATCH study to present
- **One Voice Against Cancer Briefing, September 24, 2024**
  - NCI Deputy Director Dr. Warren Kibbe will join Drs. Christina Annunziata (American Cancer Society), Danielle Carnival (Office of Science and Technology Policy), and Robert Winn (VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center) for a panel discussion



*Swimmy* by Leo Lionni



# Questions?

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