

Legislative Update

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Congressional Leadership Updates

- Election for House Speaker – contentious first week of the 118th Congress set the stage for another historic moment for the Speakership in October.
- Change in the House Speaker
 - On October 3, 2023, then Speaker McCarthy was voted out of his position.
 - The first time in history the House has removed its leader.
 - On October 25, 2023, Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-04) was elected as Speaker of the House.



Speaker of the House Mike Johnson



A New NIH Director

Senate Confirmation Process

- HELP Committee hearing on October 18, 2023, and vote on October 25, 2023.
 - Final Vote 15-6
 - Highlighted topics included prescription drug pricing and improving clinical trials.
- Full Senate Vote on November 7, 2023.
 - Final Vote 62-36
- On November 9, 2023, Dr. Bertagnolli took the helm as NIH Director, the second woman to hold the position.

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Snapshot of Activities

Activities during the 118th Congress

- 4 Hearings
- 15 Campus Visits
- 8 Roundtables
- 132 Briefings
- 121 Requests for Information

Looking Forward – Upcoming Deadlines

- **December 31st** Expirations
 - Annual National Defense Reauthorization Act
- **January 19th** Expirations
 - Funding for Agriculture-FDA, Energy and Water, Military Construction-VA, and Transportation-HUD bills.
 - Health programs, including community health centers and pandemic preparedness authorities (including the Special Diabetes Program).
- **February 2nd** Expirations
 - Funding for Commerce-Justice-Science, Defense, Financial Services, Homeland Security, Interior-Environment, Labor-HHS-Education, Legislative Branch, and State-Foreign Operations bills.

FY 2024 Appropriations

- On June 3, 2023, President Biden signed the **Fiscal Responsibility Act**.
 - For FY24, caps non-defense discretionary spending at \$703.65 billion.
 - Includes a mandate that if on April 30, 2024 (and also again in 2025), **any** part of the government is funded by a CR, a mandated 1% cut is applied to **all** government funding meaning non-defense discretionary spending would be capped at \$736.45 billion (compared to the current enacted level of \$772.5 billion).
- On November 16, 2023, President Biden signed the second FY24 CR (**H.R. 6363**) into law.
 1. Provides funding for NIH through February 2, 2024.
- Congress must now negotiate a final FY24 package. Possible options include:
 1. A year-long CR
 2. Omnibus
 3. Minibus – this could either be multiple minibuses or a combination of minibuses and a CR
- The January 19, 2024, deadline for Ag-FDA, Energy-Water, Military Construction-VA, and Transportation-HUD bills will provide more insight into what might happen with NIH funding.

Thank you