Legislative Updates

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Final Days of the 114th Congress

Continuing Resolution (CR) expires on December 9th

What then?

- How many more CRs

Omnibus, minibus(es)

Cancer Moonshot Funding?

CQ ROLL CALL

2016 Congressional Calendar

- Both chambers in session
- Both chambers in recess
- Senate in session
- House in session
- Federal holiday

January

M	T	W	T	F
				1 New Year's Day
4	5 House convenes	6	7	8
11 Senate convenes	12	13	14	15
18 MLK Jr. Day	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

February

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15 Presidents Day	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29				

March

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25 Good Friday
28	29	30	31	

April

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

May

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30 Memorial Day	31			

June

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

July

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4 Indepen-dence Day	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	18 [REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION]	20	21	22
25	26 [DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION]	27	28	29

August

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

September

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

October

M	T	W	T	F
3	4 Rosh Hashanah ends	5	6	7
10 Columbus Day	11 Yom Kippur begins	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

November

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8 Election Day	9	10	11 Veterans Day
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25
28	29	30		

December

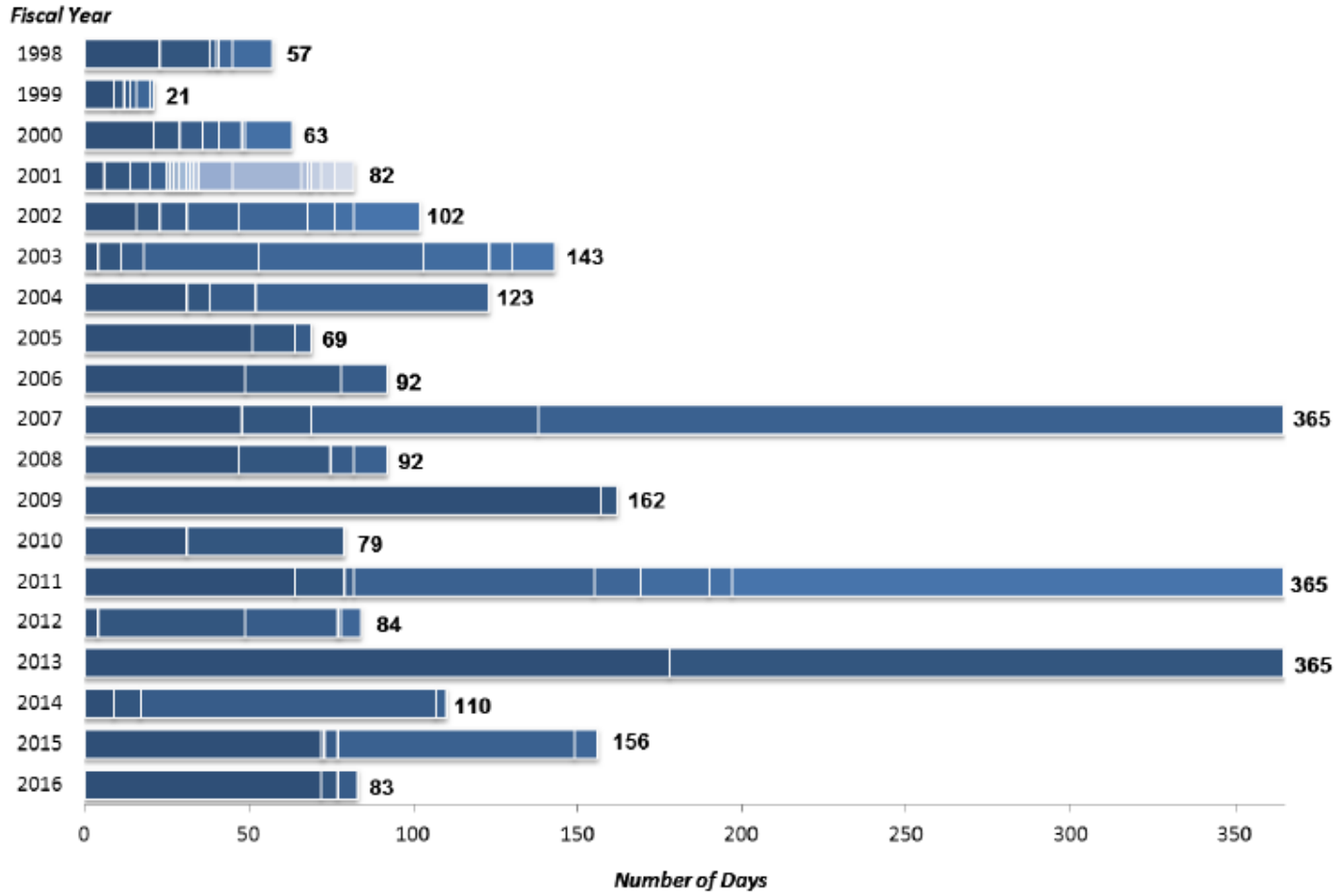
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26 Christmas (Federal)	27	28	29	30

Hanukkah begins Dec. 24

Continuing Resolutions to Extend Funding

- Standard practice
- CRs used in all but 4 FYs from FY1977-FY16
- Lengthy CRs limit new programs, initiatives
- FY16CR Controversy
  - Amount of CR (Budget Deal objections)
  - Duration of CR (at FY16 level)

Figure 1. Duration of Continuing Resolutions (CRs): FY1998-FY2016



Notes: Each segment of a bar for a fiscal year represents the duration in days of one CR. The left-most segment represents the first CR, effective beginning on October 1 (the start of the fiscal year). In the case of the initial CR for a fiscal year, duration in days is measured from the first day of the year through the expiration date. For subsequent CRs for a fiscal year, duration in days is measured from the day after the expiration of the preceding CR. Please see the notes to **Table 2** in this report for a further explanation of the methodology for this figure.

HHS FY 2017 Budget Request – NIH

- The President requested $82.8 billion for HHS discretionary programs, a reduction of $658 million below FY 2016
- For NIH:
  - Cuts $1 billion discretionary funding
  - Adds 1.8 billion mandatory funding
  - includes $680 million Cancer Moonshot Initiative
- Consistent with budget caps, cuts strategically applied to minimize risk

Labor-HHS-Education FY17 Appropriation

Appropriations Committees declined to cut $1 billion in discretionary funding for NIH

Senate	House
+$2 billion for NIH	+$1.25 billion for NIH
+ $216 million for NCI	+$124 million for NCI

*House Labor-HHS Chairman Tom Cole: “This number is a floor, not a ceiling.”

Election Year Uncertainty

The entire House is up for reelection (N=435)

One-third of the Senate (N=34, 24 are GOP-held seats)

Senate Majority in question

- If Sec. Clinton wins, Dems only need 4 seats

McConnell: Cures bill a 'top priority' in lame-duck

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(Another) October Surprise

October 26th Letter

"Dear Leader Harry Reid, Leader Nancy Pelosi, Ranking Member Patty Murray, and Ranking Member Frank Pallone:

We write to urge you not to move forward with the 21st Century Cures Act during the lame duck session and instead work to improve this legislation in the next session...

While the Cures Act's funding for the National Institutes of Health is a priority for many, it is critical that any legislation making changes to drug policies take steps to rein in the cost of prescription drugs."

Center for American Progress
AFL-CIO
Alliance for Retired Americans
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
American Federation of Teachers ...

CAP/Drug Pricing Event September 26

Please join Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Center for American Progress Action Fund President and CEO Neera Tanden for a conversation about sky-high prescription drug prices. Combating High Drug Pricing – Center for American Progress Action Fund

Drug corporations continue to price their prescription drugs at levels that make them unaffordable to millions of Americans and that drive up the overall rate of the nation's health care cost growth. With about half of all Americans—and 90 percent of seniors—taking a prescription drug in any given month, this growing crisis is not sustainable. Public opinion polls have shown that consumers, regardless of their political affiliation, are demanding reforms to lower drug prices

Cures bill in jeopardy amid drug pricing push

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Pharmalot, Pharmalittle: Is the 21st Century Cures bill in doubt over drug prices?

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“Revamped Cures Bill”

What’s on the Menu?

Forecast for NIH and NCI

Strong and Bipartisan Congressional Support for NIH

NIH and cancer research are bipartisan priorities

The FY18 budget process will officially begin in the Spring with the new President's budget request

QUESTIONS?

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