# Legislative Update

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# Nominee for NIH Director

The Nomination Process – What to expect:

- 1. President Announced Nomination in May
- 2. Meetings with Senate Members
- 3. Senate Confirmation Hearing with HELP Committee
- 4. Senate HELP Committee Vote
- 5. Full Senate Confirmation Floor Vote

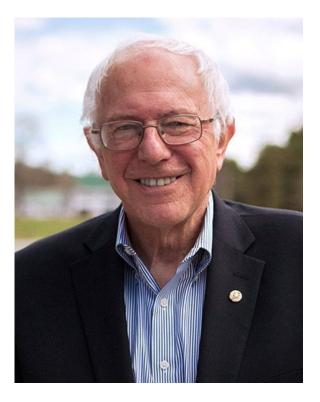
- Election for House Speaker contentious first week of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.
  - 15 ballots cast over 4 days before Speaker Kevin McCarthy won.
- House Democratic leadership generational shift.
  - Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries replaces Rep. Nancy Pelosi.
- Both chambers have a narrow margin of control.
  - Sen. Chuck Schumer Senate Majority Leader.
  - Sen. Mitch McConnell Senate Minority Leader.



#### Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy

Senate HELP Committee

### **Chair Bernie Sanders**



## **Ranking Member Bill Cassidy**



**Priorities:** Drug pricing, aging, and disability

**Priorities:** Mental health, burden of disease, and hepatitis

House Energy and Commerce Committee

## **Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers**



## **Ranking Member Frank Pallone**

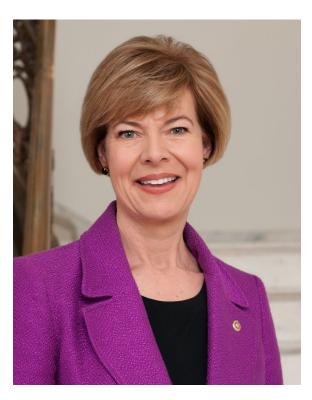


**Priorities:** Down Syndrome, NIH Reform, and Oversight of the COVID-19 Response

**Priorities:** Cancer, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, and Clinical Trials Reporting

Senate Appropriations - LHHS

## **Chair Tammy Baldwin**



## **Ranking Member Shelley Moore Capito**



**Priorities**: Health disparities, LGBTQIA+, and Next Generation Research Initiative

**Priorities:** Alzheimer's Disease, Opioids, and IDeA States

# **Congressional Leadership Updates** House Appropriations - LHHS

## **Chair Robert Aderholt**



## **Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro**



**Priorities:** COVID-19 response

**Priorities:** Firearms research, opioids, ALS

# NIH Office of Legislative Policy & Analysis

## **Snapshot of Activities**

- ➤ 3 Hearings
- 4 Campus Visits
- ➢ 5 Roundtables
- > 79 Briefings
- ➢ 55 Requests for Information

## **FY 2024 Appropriations Hearings**

- Themes Discussed:
  - Early-Stage Investigators
  - Alzheimer's Disease
  - Youth Mental Health
  - Childhood Cancer
  - Fentanyl and Opioids
  - > ARPA-H Funding
  - Children and technologies
  - COVID-19 Response





# **Looking Forward**

## **Must Pass Legislation**

#### □ FDA User Fee Programs for Animal Drug and

Animal Generic Drug

Expires September 30, 2023

Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act

Expires September 30, 2023

Appropriations

## **Possible Activities**

□ House focuses on waste, fraud, abuse, and

oversight of federal programs. Focus on

COVID-19 response and government spending

- Oversight Hearings
- Drug Pricing Bill

# Thank you

