

# Congressional Update for the NIH Advisory Committee to the Director

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# Congress in Spring 2020

February 10

- President's Budget released

March 4

- NIH House Appropriations Hearing

March 5

- First Coronavirus stimulus passes

March 12

- House recesses  Has not completely returned

March 26

- Senate recesses  Returned May 4



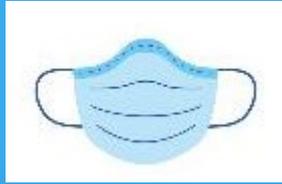
# Congress enters a new normal

Virtual Hearings  
Remote Voting  
Remote Markups

# Virtual Hearings



Senate HELP Hearing on May 7



# Voting



## Senate

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- Senate returned on May 4
  - Limit staff in offices
  - Keep 6 ft. distance when possible or wear a mask
  - Health Screening Inventory and self-monitoring temperatures.

## House

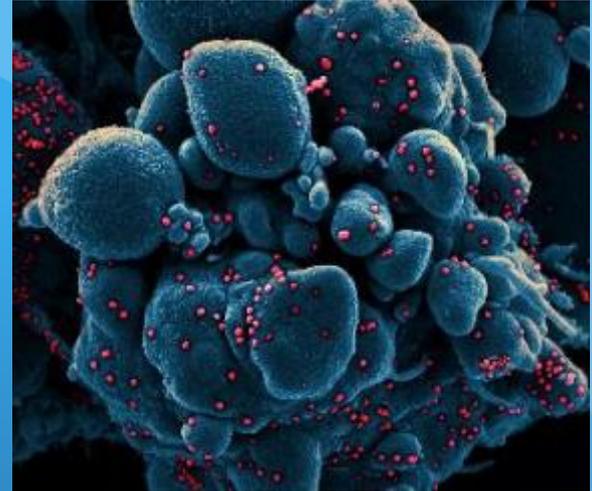
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- House Rules change on May 15
  - Designate a proxy for voting
  - Limited to 45 days but extendable
  - Official Committee business can be virtual

# COVID-19

## NIH Emergency Funding

### \$ 3.6 billion



- Bill 1.0 : Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental
  - Passed March 5
- Bill 2.0 : Families First Coronavirus Response Act
  - Passed March 18
- Bill 3.0 : Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
  - Passed March 27
- Bill 3.5 : Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act
  - Passed April 24

# Emergency Supplemental Funding

|       |                |
|-------|----------------|
| NIAID | \$1.53 billion |
| OD    | \$1.03 billion |
| NIBIB | \$560 million  |
| NCI   | \$306 million  |
| NHLBI | \$103 million  |
| NCATS | \$36 million   |
| NIEHS | \$10 million   |
| NLM   | \$10 million   |

What's Next?

# Emergency Funding 4.0

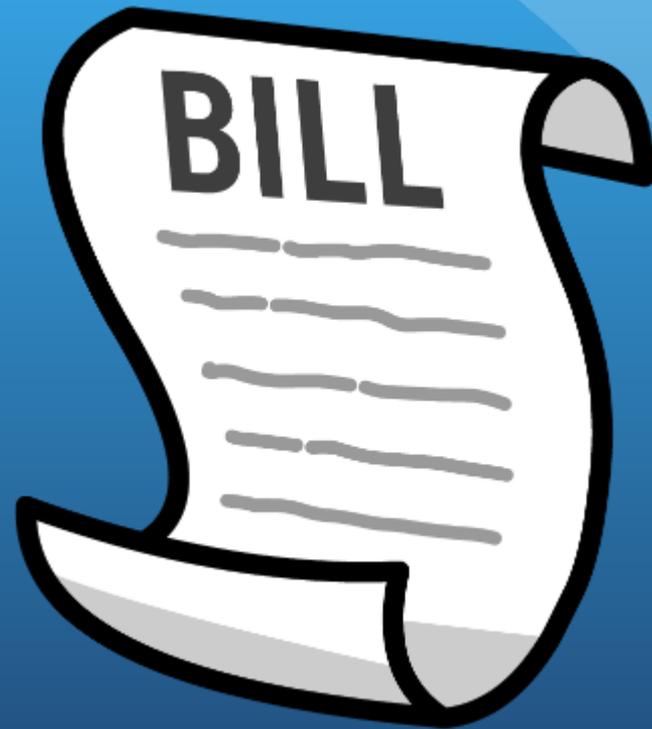
The Next  
Supplemental?

House  
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Senate?

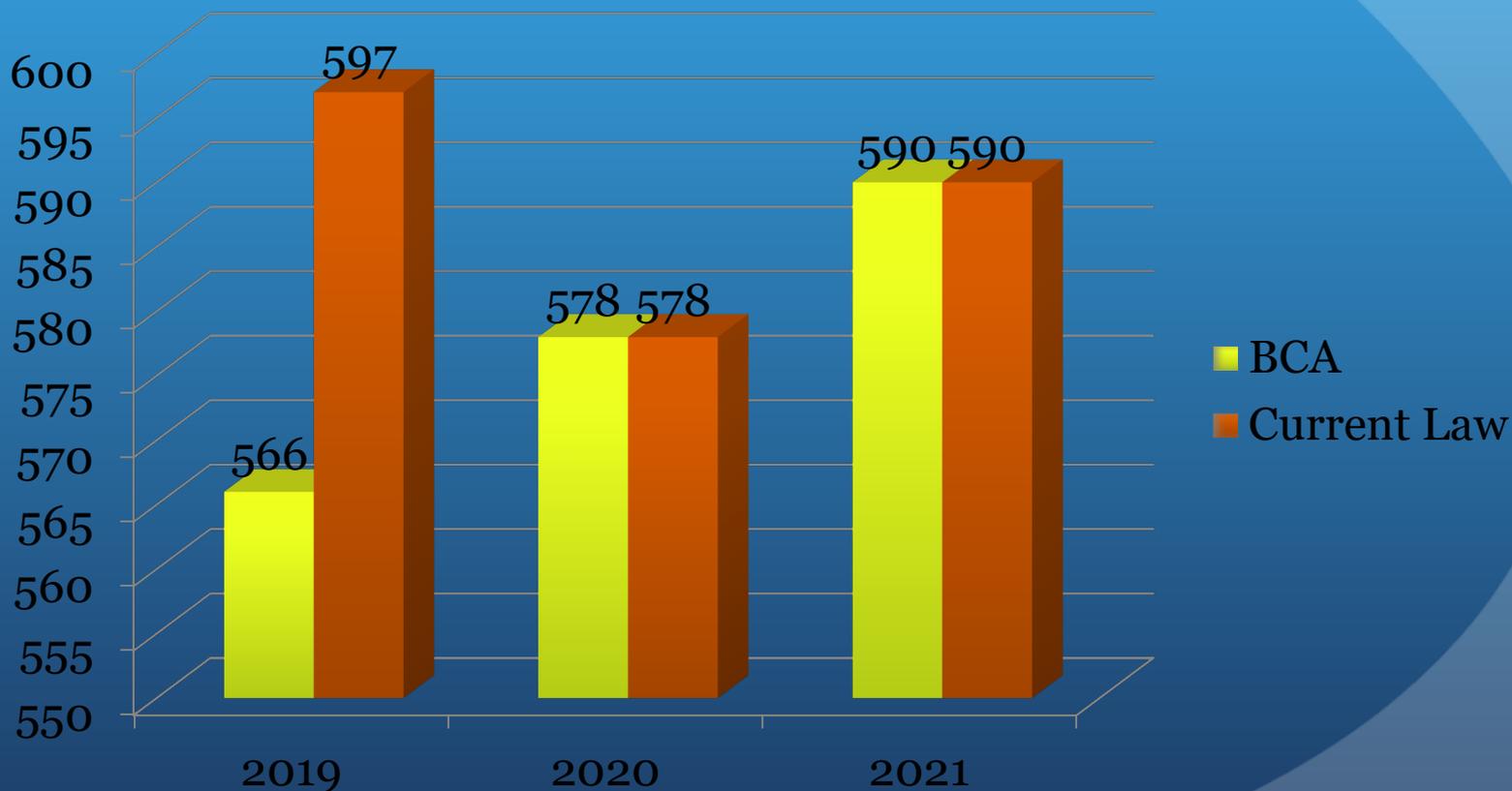
# FY 2021 Appropriations bills

- Uncertain mark up process
  - Remote
  - In person
  - Hybrid?
- Uncertain mark up timing
  - House in early July?



# FY 21 Budget Caps

## Non-Defense Budget Caps in billions



# Budget Cap Exemption?

VA MISSION Act

Needs \$11 billion for FY2021

Without an exemption pulled from LHHS?

**VA**

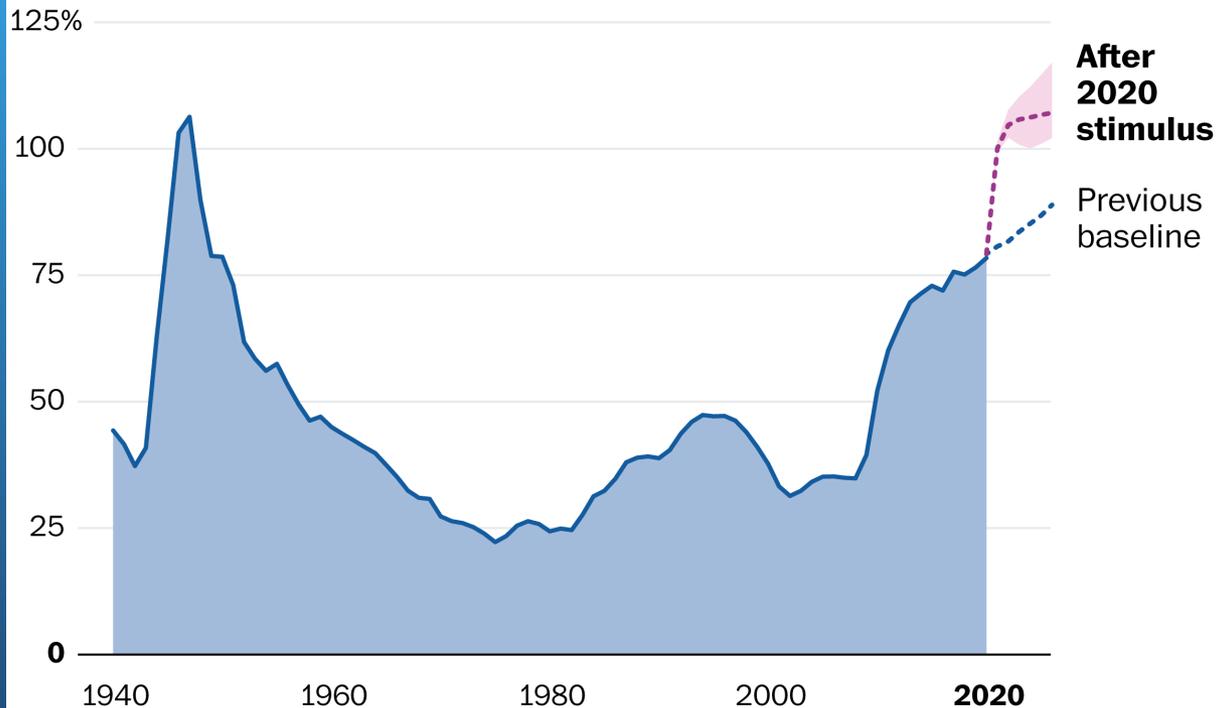


U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

Looking down the road...

# Growing Concern Over Debt

**U.S. debt held by public as a share of GDP**



Sources: Commerce Department (historical); Congressional Budget Office (baseline); Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (projection)

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# Election 2020

Campaign Season



Election Results



Questions?