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 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**
- 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**
- 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

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What’s Next?
Emergency Funding 4.0

The Next Supplemental?  →  House HEROES Act  →  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

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Budget Cap Exemption?

VA MISSION Act

Needs $11 billion for FY2021
Without an exemption pulled from LHHS?
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) 
THE WASHINGTON POST
Election 2020

Campaign Season

Election Results
Questions?