Short Recap

Big election

Lots of retirements

➤ Openings on Committees and in leadership

Large freshman class

➤ 9 new Senators out of 100 (9%)
➤ 89 new House Members out of 435 (20%)
189 amendments submitted for the Labor-HHS bill

79 amendments to be considered on the floor

~25 related to NIH or of interest to NIH

Debate started on Wednesday
Final Vote is expected next week
Senate Appropriations Hearing

Undue Foreign Influence
Roy Blunt

Sexual Harassment in Science
Patty Murray
Senate Appropriations Bill
Non-Defense Budget Caps

in billions

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- BCA: Budget Control Act
- Current Law
Negotiations In Progress
Policy Issue: Foreign Influence

Largely being debated in security-based Committees

Economic threat = security threat

Bills so far:

➢ Presidential Commission
➢ Ban visas for foreign military scientists
➢ Threat information network?
Policy Issue: H.R. 1608/S. 1220
Advisory Committee New Requirements

- Would make peer reviewers Special Government Employees (SGEs)
- Would require members of Advisory Committee working groups to be SGEs
- Would require a public nomination process for Advisory Committee (including working group and peer review) members:
  - Be nominated in a public process
  - Be subject to public comment period
- New Members would need to disclose publicly:
  - Who nominated
  - Relevant qualifications
  - Any waivers of Conflict of Interest
What’s Going to Happen?
Senators Running for President

Tariffs?

Immigration Policy

Wall Funding

Budget Caps (Oct 1)

Debt Ceiling (Nov?)

Issue Yet to Emerge

President up for Re-election
To quote Francis and Larry:
“"I look forward to your questions."