

Congressional Update

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Short Recap

Big election

Lots of retirements

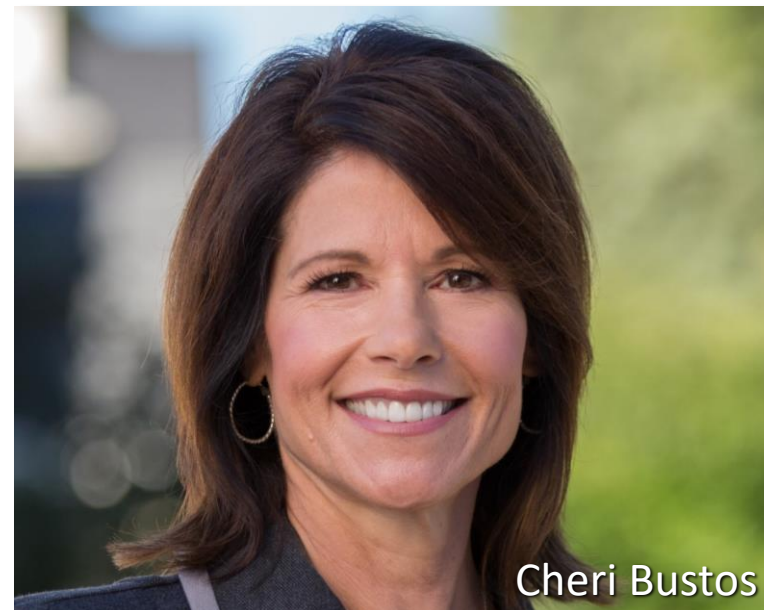
- Openings on Committees and in leadership

Large freshman class

- 9 new Senators out of 100 (9%)

- 89 new House Members out of 435 (20%)

House Appropriations Hearing



House Floor Amendments

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



Undue Foreign Influence



Sexual Harassment in Science

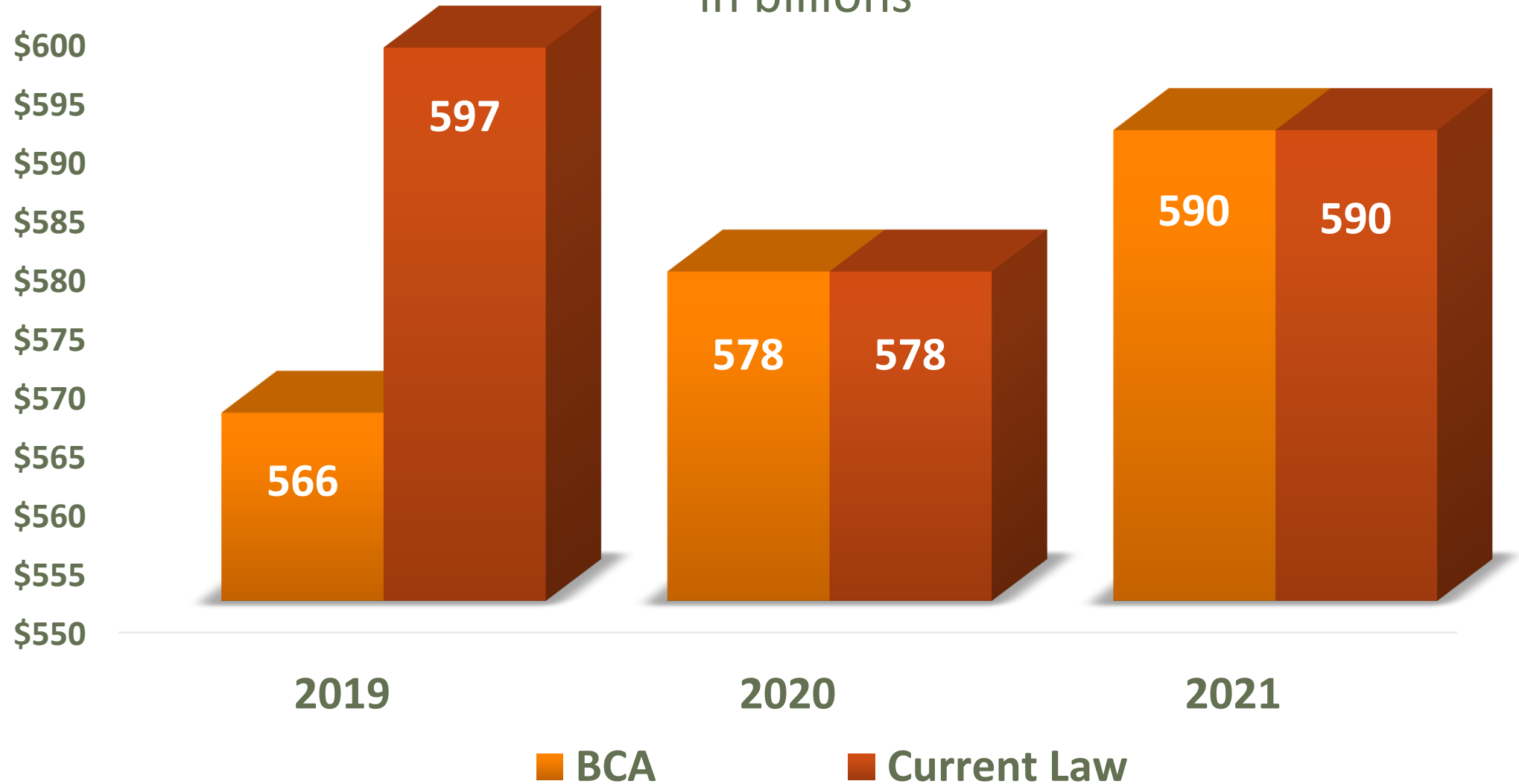
Senate Appropriations Hearing



Senate Appropriations Bill

Non-Defense Budget Caps

in billions





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?

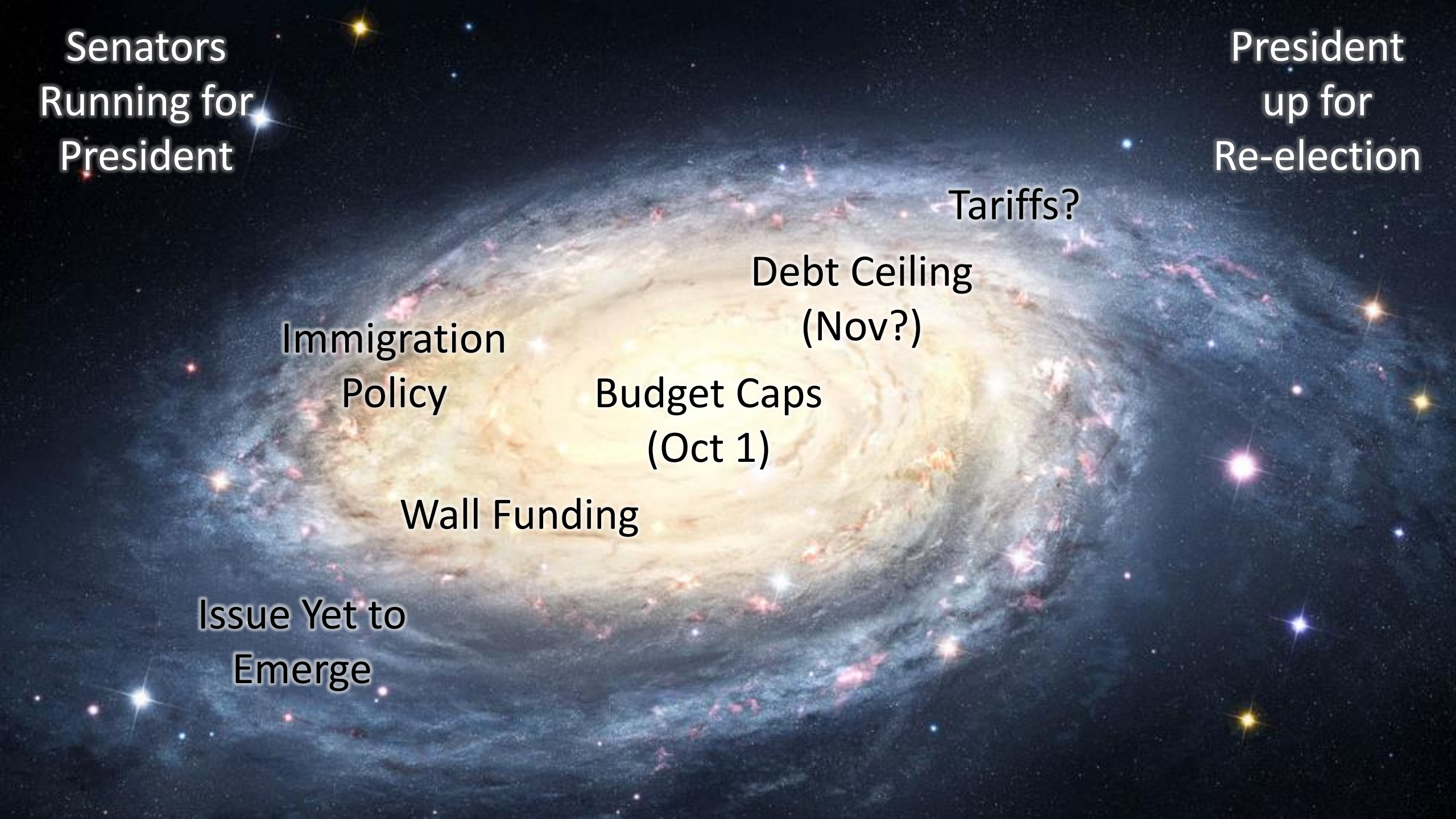
Policy Issue: H.R. 1608/S. 1220

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?

A large, detailed image of a spiral galaxy, likely the Andromeda Galaxy, serves as the background. The galaxy's core is a bright, yellowish-white, and its spiral arms are composed of blue and white star clusters and gas clouds. The background is a deep black space filled with numerous distant stars of varying colors and sizes.

Senators
Running for
President

President
up for
Re-election

Tariffs?

Debt Ceiling
(Nov?)

Immigration
Policy

Budget Caps
(Oct 1)

Wall Funding

Issue Yet to
Emerge



To quote Francis and Larry:
“I look forward to your questions.”