NIH and Congress

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My Background

Joined NIH in 2015

Senate Appropriations Committee 2001-2015

• Mostly on Subcommittee that funds NIH
• Negotiated many contentious programs including family planning and Obamacare implementation
• Managed the speakers in the Senate floor debate on Stem Cell Enhancement Act of 2005

Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) personal office 1999-2001

Master’s in Theological Studies from Vanderbilt Divinity School
2019 = Rebuilding Year

21% of Congress is new

Education Campaign
10 new Senators
100 new Representatives

Champion Development
Need to replace lost champions
116th Congress

84 Women serve in the House
23 Women serve in the Senate
79 Veterans serve in the House
17 Veterans serve in the Senate

35 Physicians & Scientists serve

Profile of the 35
• 18 physicians – 2 Senate, 16 House
• 5 dentists – House
• 3 veterinarians – House
• 2 physical scientists – House
• 2 psychologists – House
• 3 nurses – House
• 1 optometrist – Senate
• 1 pharmacist – House
# NIH Policy Makers

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Appropriations Update

House + $2 billion
Senate + $3 billion

Continuing Resolution ends Nov 21st
Hot Topics

Foreign Influence
Sexual Harassment
Health Disparities
Maternal Mortality
## NIH Oversight

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Fall Schedule
"That’s an excellent prescreened question, but before I give you my stock answer I’d like to try to disarm everyone with a carefully rehearsed joke."
Pace of Change

Change in Control of House, Senate and/or White House


Credit: Mehlman Castagnetti