

VIEW FROM WASHINGTON

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THIS MONTH

1. Congressional Update – Continuing Resolution & Speakership
2. *National Quantum Initiative Act* Reauthorization
3. HEP Community Letter

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

Continuing Resolution

- On September 30, Congress passed a continuing resolution (CR) to keep government open, extending current funding levels to November 17.
 - Extends agency authorities for expiring agencies
 - Disaster aid
- A temporary reprieve
 - Has given time to finalize appropriations bills, but currently no plans to negotiate a framework to finalize as of today due to instability in the House
 - The clock is ticking

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

The Speakership

- On October 3, the House voted to remove Kevin McCarthy as speaker
 - Over the past three weeks, two candidates (Steve Scalise & Jim Jordan) have come forward and failed to be elected
 - Today, Tom Emmer (R-MN) was nominated by the Republican Party to be their next nominee for Speaker
 - However, it is unknown whether he has the support on the floor
- Without a Speaker:
 - Appropriations cannot move forward
 - Aid packages supported by the administration cannot be passed

NATIONAL QUANTUM INITIATIVE ACT REAUTHORIZATION

House version is ready to advance

- However, gridlock mentioned means it cannot move forward
- Once impasse is over, we will see Committee move to approve to go to the full House

HEP COMMUNITY LETTER

Preparations for Appropriations Conferencing

- Signatures and Final Edits received 10/19
 - We will submit to the respective committees as soon as current situation is stabilized