

NIST and the 112th Congress



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111th vs 112th Congress

the changed landscape

111th Congress

Democratic Majorities

Strong support for NIST on the Hill

COMPETES Re-Auth passed

Solid Champions (Mikulski, Alexander, Gordon, Edwards)

112th Congress

Divided Government

New House Leadership

Significant Freshman Presence

Emphasis on Oversight

MEP, TIP, Baldrige

Unclear Legislative Roadmap from the Hill

Identifying new champions/Loss of old champions (Gordon)

Significant staff changes

Appropriations...

the changed landscape

Senate

Full committee leadership remains

Mikulski remains Chair of CJS

Subcommittee changes

Shelby out / Hutchison in (as Ranking)

Hutchison Issues

➤ Supportive of MEP

➤ Funding to TX Higher Ed.

House

New full Committee leadership: Rogers

Three freshmen on CJS Subc

Austria (OH), Graves (GA), Yoder (KS)

New subcommittee staff

Subcommittee changes

Mollohan out / Wolf in

Wolf issues

➤ China

➤ Interest in Hi-Tech

New Ranking Member: Fattah

Fattah interests

Higher ed, econ. development

Senate/House CJS Members

Senate	
Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)	Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) (Tentative)

N.B.: 7 new Rs on full Committee: Graham (SC), Coats (IN), Blunt (MO), Kirk (IL), Hoeven (ND), Johnson (WI), Moran (KS).

Subcommittee assignments TBD

House	
Frank Wolf (R-VA) <i>Dulles, Winchester</i>	Chaka Fattah (D-PA) <i>Philadelphia</i>
John Culberson (R-TX) <i>Houston</i>	Adam Schiff (D-CA) <i>Burbank, Pasadena</i>
Robert Aderholt (R-AL) <i>North Central AL</i>	Mike Honda (D-CA) <i>Santa Clara, Milpitas</i>
Jo Bonner (R-AL) <i>Mobile</i>	Jose Serrano (D-NY) <i>Bronx</i>
Steve Austria (R-OH) <i>South Central OH</i>	
Tom Graves (R-GA) <i>Gainesville, Dalton</i>	
Kevin Yoder (R-KS) <i>Kansas City, Lawrence</i>	

Senate and House Authorization Changes

Senate Commerce

Few overall changes to committee leadership

New Ranking Member on Science and Space Subcommittee: David Vitter (R-LA)

Likely areas of focus (Rockefeller)

- Cybersecurity
- Forensics
- Bio-Manufacturing
- Advanced Manufacturing

House Science, Space, and Technology

New Chairman-Ralph Hall (TX)

New Ranking Member- Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX)

New Subcommittee Chairman-Ben Quayle (AZ)

3 Freshman members of the Subcommittee

Quayle, Fleischman (TN), Rigell (VA)

Senate/House Authorization Subcommittee Line-ups

Senate Commerce, Science, & Trans.
Subcommittee on Science and Space

Bill Nelson (D-FL) <i>Chairman</i> <i>Disasters, Drywall</i>	David Vitter (R-LA) <i>Ranking</i> <i>Port Security</i>
Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI) <i>Hi-tech base in HI</i>	Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME) <i>MEP Cost Share</i>
John F. Kerry (D-MA)	John Ensign (R-NV)
Barbara Boxer (D-CA)	John Thune (R-SD)
Mark Pryor (D-AR) <i>Science Parks</i>	Johnny Isakson (R-GA)
Tom Udall (D-NM) <i>Green jobs, MEP for construction</i>	Mike Johanns (R-NE)
Mark Warner (D-VA)	

House Science, Space, and Technology
Subc. on Technology & Innovation

Ben Quayle (R-AZ), Chair <i>Scottsdale</i>	David Wu (D-OR), Ranking <i>Portland, Beaverton</i>
Lamar Smith (R-TX) <i>San Antonio, Austin</i>	John Sarbanes (D-MD) <i>Annapolis, Baltimore</i>
Judy Biggert (R-IL) <i>DuPage County</i>	Frederica Wilson (D-FL) <i>Miami, Miami Gardens</i>
Randy Neugebauer (R-TX), <i>Abilene, Lubbock</i>	Dan Lipinski (D-IL) <i>SW side Chic., Oak Lawn</i>
Michael McCaul (R-TX) <i>Houston, Austin</i>	Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) <i>Tucson, Sierra Vista</i>
Randy Fleischman (R-TN) <i>Oak Ridge</i>	Ben Luján (D-NM) <i>Santa Fe, Los Alamos</i>
Scott Rigell (R-VA) <i>Newport News</i>	
2 Vacancies	

SWOT Analysis

NIST & the 112th Congress

Strengths

- NIST science reputation
- Unique federal mission space
- Strong relationships with Committee staff
- Strong NIST ties to Executive Branch
- Champions in key positions (CJS)

Weaknesses

- Loss of standards champion in House
- Loss of some key longtime staffers
- Number of new Members and limited NIST resources to educate
- Uncertain legislative climate

Opportunities

- New leadership, new members, new staff
- Identifying new champions
- Make NIST relevant to Members with data
- Utilizing private sector to educate Hill
- Branding NIST as the Nation's "Lab for Industry"

Threats

- Race to the bottom on funding
- Other Science agencies issues overshadow NIST