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## **FEDERAL**

### **Senate Introduces a Continuing Resolution and Clean FDA User Fee Package**

On Sept. 27, the U.S. Senate introduced the Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2023, which funds the federal government at current spending levels through Dec. 16, 2022. The continuing resolution (CR) allows Congress to extend the deadline and continue work on the federal appropriations process to fund the government for the fiscal year of 2023. In addition to federal funding, this legislation contains a clean 5-year FDA user fee reauthorization and additional authorizing supplementals.

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The FDA user fee agreement is reauthorized every five years to enable the FDA to collect fees from brand drug, generic drug, biosimilar, and medical device manufacturers which allows the agency to hire additional review staff and expeditiously review product applications.

This must-pass legislative package contains many provisions that would “hold the FDA accountable with stricter deadlines on future negotiations with the medical industry, overhauling diagnostic regulation, dietary supplements and cosmetics reform, formula shortages, opioids, and animal studies.”

The former version of the FDA user fee package contained riders including an animal studies provision with language similar to the FDA Modernization Act of 2012. This language “allows an applicant for market approval for a new drug to use methods other than animal testing to establish the drug's safety and effectiveness. Under this bill, these alternative methods may include cell-based assays, organ chips and micro physiological systems, sophisticated computer modeling, and other human biology-based test methods.”

The current legislation does not contain animal studies language and is slated for a vote this week as the deadline for federal funding and FDA user fee agreements expires on Sept. 30.

A detailed, section-by-section summary is [here](#). The full text of the legislation is [here](#).

## **ABROAD**

**[Science: China Bets Big on Brain Research with Massive Cash Infusion and Openness to Monkey Studies](#)**

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China recently launched the China Brain Project (CBP), a program focused on advancing research in neuroscience. The \$746 million investment into the CBP provides for a five-year plan to strengthen China's competitiveness on the world stage regarding neuroscience with non-human primates. This initiative coincides with the United States' Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative and the European Union's EU Human Brain Project. China plans to collaborate with the U.S. and EU on neuroscience research, but most collaboration will have to take place at the International Center for Primate Brain Research because major airlines refuse to transport research monkeys abroad.

The full *Science* article is available [here](#).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Join NABR & FBR at the 2022 AALAS National Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky!**

NABR is excited to announce our participation in this year's AALAS National Meeting. NABR & FBR are looking forward to connecting with NABR Update readers as well as FBR email readers.

Come visit us at Booth #1154. We would love to see and speak with each one of you and hear about how our organizations impacted your work.

The AALAS National Meeting will be held from Oct. 23-27.

Below is a list of the sessions NABR and FBR will be participating in:

#### **Monday, Oct. 24**

- Understanding the Animal Rights Movement: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow
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Speaker: Matthew R. Bailey, Moderator: Eva C. Maciejewski, Facilitator: Leah Yonkovich (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

- Countering Animal Rights Disinformation Campaigns in the Media: A Crisis Communication Workshop: Eva C. Maciejewski (1:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

## **Tuesday, Oct. 25**

- The Importance of Being Engaged with Your State Lawmakers Speaker: Matthew R. Bailey, Moderator: Richard VanDomelen, Facilitator: Steve Burkholder (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

## **Wednesday, Oct. 26**

- Ongoing Changes within the Animal Research Oversight Environment , Speakers: Matthew R. Bailey, Elizabeth Theodorson, Patricia Brown, Kathryn Bayne, Christian C Hofer, Leader/Moderator: B Taylor Bennett, Facilitator: Brandon Morton (8:00 AM - 10:15 AM)
- Why IACUCs Are Not and Should Not Be Allowed to Become Ethics Committees Speaker: Jerrold Tannenbaum, Moderator: B Taylor Bennett, Facilitator: Brandon Morton (11:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

## **Apply Now for the 2023 ART 3R and SciComm Awards**

Animal Research Tomorrow recently announced the call for the 2023 SciComm and 3Rs ART Awards. You can now join the growing international community of young 3R scientists and science communicators by applying for an ART award with your project. The ART Awards will provide you with recognition, funds, and much more. The deadline for submitting your projects is Oct. 15.

More information can be found [here](#).

## **NABR's October Webinar: An Update on the Compliance Unit Standard Procedure (CUSP) Sharing Site**

Join us and our special guests Dr. Sally Thompson-Iritani, Assistant Vice Provost, Animal Care, Outreach & 3Rs, and Dr. Aubrey Schoenleben, Co-Director, Office of Animal Welfare at the University of Washington, on Oct. 11, 2022, for our third in a series of webinars on the development and

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implementation of the Compliance Unit Standard Procedure (CUSP) Sharing Site, which has come a long way since we first introduced it to the NABR membership in a November 2017 webinar. The goals of the CUSP project are to provide access to a repository where participating institutions can share standard procedures to be used in animal care and use protocols with the broader animal welfare compliance community. Having access to the database offers all those involved with the preparation and review of proposed activities involving animal research a valuable resource that can be used to improve consistency and reduce the administrative burden on investigators and members of the IACUC and IACUC support staff.

Please register [here](#).

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