

# The Research

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Bringing Research Closer to Home

## Congress, Public Opinions on Health and Research Compared

Where does Congress stand on health and research?

Research!America, the **Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation** and partners are finding out with *Your Congress—Your Health*.

Americans support more funding for federal research agencies, according to a new opinion poll conducted as



part of the initiative. More than half (54%) favor an annual 6.7% increase in **National Institutes of Health** funding. Three-quarters of Americans oppose President Bush's recommended cuts to the **Centers for Disease Control and**

that funding should be increased.

The initiative includes a unique interactive web tool that solicits, compiles and presents Congress members' responses to questions similar to those asked of the public. The easy-to-use format at [www.yourcongressyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcongressyourhealth.org) is searchable by ZIP code, state and member name and allows users to compare responses.

On June 24, *PARADE* magazine urged its 74 million readers to look and see if

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## House, Senate LHS Subcommittees Complete FY08 Mark-Ups

The House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations subcommittees completed a critical early step in the appropriations process in June with the "marking" of their spending bills—the process of prioritizing how the funds will be distributed to the programs funded by the bill.

The House LHS bill provides \$29.65 billion to the **National Institutes of Health**, an increase of \$750 million, or 2.6%, above the current year's fund-

ing level and \$1.029 billion, or 3.6%, above the president's budget.

The House bill also increases the amount of money to be transferred from NIH to the Global HIV/AIDS Fund from \$99 million in FY07 to \$300 million in FY08. **As a result, the net increase to the NIH budget in the House bill is \$549 million, or 1.9%, over FY07.**

The full House Appropriations Committee is scheduled to mark up the bill the week of July 9, and the bill is tar-

geted for consideration on the House floor the week of July 16.

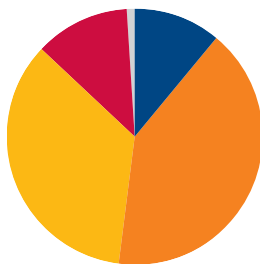
**Rep. David Obey (WI)**, chair of the House LHS Appropriations Subcommittee and the full Appropriations Committee, characterized the bill as a major statement of Congressional priorities for the year. While acknowledging the bill is not perfect, he noted it is not possible to make up for what he described as "12 years of neglect" in one year.

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## AMERICA Speaks

Few Are Very Well Informed on Elected Officials' Positions

How well informed would you say you are regarding the stance of your elected officials when it comes to their support of medical, health and scientific research?



Very well	11%
Somewhat well	41%
Not too well	35%
Not at all	12%
Don't know	1%

# New ON THE Web

[www.researchamerica.org](http://www.researchamerica.org)

Responses to **Your Congress—Your Health** are now online at [www.yourcongress.yourhealth.org](http://www.yourcongress.yourhealth.org).

**Global Health TV**, from the **Global Health Council**, features videos on global health issues. See [www.globalhealthtv.com](http://www.globalhealthtv.com).

New from the **Biomarkers Consortium**, [www.biomarkersconsortium.org](http://www.biomarkersconsortium.org) allows researchers to submit project concepts.

Check out **Consumer Health Information**, a new site from the Food & Drug Administration at [www.fda.gov/consumer](http://www.fda.gov/consumer).

**The Health Care Report Card Compendium**, from the **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**, provides information on the quality of health plans, hospitals and medical groups at [www.talkingquality.gov/compendium](http://www.talkingquality.gov/compendium).

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### About Research!America

Research!America is the nation's largest not-for-profit public education and advocacy alliance working to make research to improve health a higher national priority. Founded in 1989, Research!America is supported by our 500+ member organizations that represent the voices of more than 125 million Americans. Our public opinion polls, advocacy programs and publications reach the public and decision makers to help advance medical, health and scientific research.



# Members T A K E Action



Greg Lucier

## Invitrogen Corporation

*Invitrogen provides products and services that support academic and government research institutions and pharmaceutical and biotech companies worldwide in their efforts to improve the human condition.*

Invitrogen was founded in a California garage 20 years ago with a single product called the Librarian, which was the first complete kit for making cDNA libraries.

"We started out as a molecular biology company, but we now offer a complete suite of solutions for better cell biology research as well," said **Greg Lucier**, chairman and CEO. "Over the last two decades, we have evolved into one of the world's premier suppliers of products that support disease research, drug discovery and commercial bioproduction."

Invitrogen's goal is to make scientific research easier, faster and more reliable.

"To do this, we have to remain on the cutting edge of innovation, which we do both through our internal research and development efforts, as well as through one of the most active in-licensing programs in the biotechnology industry," Lucier said. "Our passion for innovation has made us a leading supplier of consumables tools for the life science industry, and we are proud that our products have been used by researchers in some of the greatest scientific discoveries of the last two decades."

Invitrogen provides the tools scientists need to conduct breakthrough discoveries, but that critical work cannot happen without proper investment into research by our elected officials, Lucier said. That is why Invitrogen has taken a leading role in encouraging Congress to restore funding to the **National**

**Institutes of Health**. A key effort includes partnering with the **Campaign**

**for Medical Research**, Research!America and others on ads placed in Capitol Hill-focused newspapers calling for increases to the federal agency's budget.

"We believe in communicating the importance of scientific research not only to our customers but also to the general public and lawmakers," Lucier said. "Our

ad campaign started as an effort to demonstrate that all stakeholders—industry, academic institutions, medical institutions and providers, patient advocates and basic research scientists—are asking for the same improvement in NIH funding: a 6.7% increase each year for three years to allow the budget to catch up with inflation.

"It is crucial, not just for the health of our citizens, but also for the health of our economy, to adequately fund America's flagship institution for biomedical research," Lucier said.

Invitrogen has planned congressional visits with scientific leaders and has initiated an outreach program to other members of the biotechnology community to increase awareness of the fact that the U.S.'s position as a leader in innovation is under threat.

"We also will continue to participate in strategic initiatives with CMR, Research!America and our partners in the academic and commercial scientific communities," Lucier said.

For more, visit [www.invitrogen.com](http://www.invitrogen.com).



## Communications Training for Scientists

In *Science*, Cornell University's Dana Warren; Marissa Weiss; David Wolfe, PhD; Blaine Friedlander; and Bruce Lewinstein, PhD, write, "a cultural shift is under way, reflecting the higher stakes of research, and an increased recognition by scientists, stakeholders, and policymakers that (i) scientists need to get their message out, (ii) scientists need training to learn how to do so and (iii) training should begin at the graduate level." Rep. Doris Matsui (CA) has introduced the **Scientific Communications Act**, which through the National Science Foundation would "train young scientists to more effectively communicate scientific and other technical topics."

## Impact of Falling Federal Funding

In "Slump in NIH Funding Is Taking Toll on Research," *The Washington Post's* Christopher Lee writes, "the heart of the problem, scientists say, ... is the way funding levels have fluctuated dramatically—with big increases followed by periods of stagnation—instead of climbing predictably to allow for sound research planning."

## Research!America in the News

*The San Francisco Chronicle* published an op-ed ("Budget Cuts to Medical Research Will Cost Lives") by Research!America board member and **Campaign for Medical Research** Chair Steve Burrill and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich. It calls for expanded NIH investment. The **Society for Neuroscience**, a CMR and Research!America member, contributed to the piece.

*The Scientist's* July cover story ("An Economic Gamble") asks what we gain from investing in science and quotes Research!America's Mary Woolley on the economic and health benefits. It cites our board member Eugene Garfield, PhD, and the University of Chicago's Kevin Murphy, PhD, and Robert Topel, PhD, recipients of our 2005 Garfield Award.

## Stem Cell: Calling for a Veto Override

A *New York Times* editorial urges, "Both the Senate and the House, which passed the embryonic stem cell bill by comfortable but not veto-proof margins, need to summon the strength to override Mr. Bush's veto, so that important research into possible cures ... can move ahead." It continues, "If Mr. Bush cannot see the sense in such an approach, members of Congress need to tell him that they—and the American people—do."

## Recognizing Insightful Reporting

The **Foundation for Biomedical Research** presented its 2006-07 Michael E. DeBakey Journalism Awards. DeBakey is the foundation's chair and a Research!America honorary director. Honored for insightful coverage of the ethical use of animals in research were NBC News' Robert Bazell and Jane Derenowski, *Nature's* David Cyranoski, *The Sacramento Bee's* Carrie Peyton Dahlberg and the *Rocky Mountain News's* Sara Burnett.



Michael E. DeBakey, MD

## Six Communications Awards to Research!America

Research!America's 2005 annual report received a national **Communicator Award** and a **Public Relations Society of America-Virginia Chapter Award**. Our 2006 poll data summary won a national **Apex Award** and was a PRSA Virginia Best in Show finalist. PRSA Virginia also recognized our newsletter and *Your Candidates—Your Health* Web site.



One of Research!America's primary goals is to help research become an irresistible force—the kind

of force policymakers can't ignore because millions of Americans' voices are being heard saying "make research for health a much higher national priority." The sleeping giant of public support is being awakened, and not a minute too soon. The annual appropriations process for federal agencies is heating up, genetic nondiscrimination legislation is nearing passage (after so many long years!) and new strategies are being devised to overcome the President's veto of the embryonic stem cell research legislation.

What's the evidence of public awakening? It is demonstrated by strong public support for research in our newest polls, and the response of thousands to *PARADE* magazine's callout to weigh in on *Your Congress—Your Health*. As we go to press, close to one quarter of the Congress has already responded to our survey. With this kind of momentum, we know we have a tiger by the tail. It's your turn now to weigh in. This isn't something for "other people" to do on your behalf. Most members of the research stakeholder community have not yet urged their elected officials to respond to the questionnaire. I've asked some of you why not. What I hear is "I'm too busy" (hey, folks, it only takes two minutes to do this!) or "I don't do that sort of thing" (why not?). There are tens of thousands of researchers in this nation and hundreds of thousands of concerned citizen stakeholders in research. NOW is the time for all of you to be heard. Visit [www.yourcongressyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcongressyourhealth.org) today!

Mary Woolley

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## FY08 Mark-Ups

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The Senate LHHS Appropriations Subcommittee would provide \$29.9 billion for the NIH in FY08. This increase is \$1 billion, or 3.5%, over current year funding and \$250 million more than the amount approved by the House subcommittee.

Factoring in the increase in the Global HIV/AIDS Fund transfer from NIH, **the NIH funding level in the Senate bill is \$799 million, or 2.8%, over FY07.** The full Senate Appropriations Committee has approved the bill.

The NIH advocacy community, including the **Campaign for Medical Research**, has unified around a requested increase of 6.7% for FY08. Failure to at least keep pace with biomedical inflation, projected to be 3.7% in FY08, will force cuts in life-saving research.

Senate LHHS Appropriations Subcommittee **Chair Tom Harkin (IA) and Ranking Member Arlen Specter (PA)** have inserted language into the bill that seeks to change the president's cut-off date for which embryonic stem cells qualify for federal funding.

**President Bush** has allowed federal funding of embryonic stem cell research only on cells derived before August 9, 2001. Harkin and Specter want to move the date to June 15, 2007, making it possible for embryonic stem cells derived since August 2001 to be eligible for federal funds. At press time, the schedule for Senate floor

consideration of the bill had not been finalized.

Following the passage of the bills in the House and Senate, leadership will convene to conference—the process of reaching a compromise in the differences between the House and Senate bills. **Strong and persistent outreach by advocates now and through the conferring process will be critical to assuring the strongest possible increase in federal support for NIH.**

## Senate Staff Tour CDC

**The Campaign for Public Health** organized its second congressional staff tour of the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's** Atlanta headquarters in late May.

Thirteen Senate staffers attended, representing members who sit on several key committees including Budget, Appropriations and the LHHS Subcommittee.

The two-day visit included lectures from dozens of CDC scientists on a range of public health topics and visits to the CDC's emergency response center, media center and environmental health laboratories.

## 3rd Public Health Briefing

**The Congressional Study Group on Public Health** presented its third briefing in June. The broad topic of vector-borne disease was covered by **Ali Khan, MD**, of the CDC; **Durland Fish, PhD**, professor of epidemiology at Yale University; and **Jay Ellenberger** of the Environmental Protection Agency. More than 30 Congressional staffers attended.

See [www.FundCDC.org](http://www.FundCDC.org).

## 2008 FEDERAL RESEARCH BUDGET

Agency	President's Request	% Change from 2007
National Institutes of Health	\$28.3 billion	-1.7%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*	\$5.8 billion	-4.4%
National Science Foundation	\$6.4 billion	+8.5%
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	\$330 million	+3.4%

\* Reflects the CDC core program budget. For more information on the CDC budget, please visit [www.FundCDC.org](http://www.FundCDC.org).

## State Governments Support Stem Cell Research

While **President Bush** remains firm in his stance against embryonic stem cell research, state governments are asserting themselves in efforts to advance it.

The **Maryland Stem Cell Research Commission** awarded 24 grants in May totaling \$14.5 million to Maryland biomedical researchers; 15 went to scientists affiliated with **The Johns Hopkins University**, a Research!America member. The Maryland Legislature also appropriated \$23 million for grants to be awarded in 2008.

The Illinois House approved legislation to allow state funding of stem cell research and to create the **Illinois Institute for Regenerative Medicine**, which may award as much as \$25 million in grants. Over the last two years, **Gov. Rod Blagojevich** has allocated millions for stem cell research by executive order, but the research had not yet been approved by the Legislature.

New Jersey voters will decide in November if the state will borrow \$450 million to fund stem cell research for 10 years. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority already approved \$9.2 million in preconstruction costs to build the **Stem Cell Institute of New Jersey**.

### Congress, Public Opinions

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their Congressional delegates are taking part in **Your Congress—Your Health**. The 15-question survey was developed based on feedback from *PARADE* readers solicited through its Web site in early March.

“Our goals for **Your Congress—Your Health** are similar to those of our 2006 *Your Candidates—Your Health* voter guide,” said **The Hon. John Edward Porter**, Research!America chair. “We aim to educate the voting public, specifically the 125 million Americans represented by our members, about their representative’s and senators’ positions regarding research and health. Second, and no less important, we want to show Congress how much their constituents care about these issues.”

Other poll findings include:

- 59% agree that the federal government should make sure all Americans have health care coverage;
- 56% favor federal funding for embryonic stem cell research; and
- 70% agree that the United States is losing its competitive edge in science, technology and innovation.

For complete poll results, to find out where your Congressional delegation



stands and to take the survey yourself, visit [www.yourcongressyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcongressyourhealth.org).

At press time, 119 members of

Congress had responded, and the number of responses grows every day.

Joining Research!America and the Lasker Foundation in

this undertaking are **AARP, Alzheimer’s Association, American Academy of Nursing, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Association of American Medical Colleges, Association of Schools of Public Health, The Endocrine Society, The Joseph H. Kanter Family Foundation, Kidney Cancer Foundation, National Alliance for Hispanic Health, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, Revolution Health, Society for Neuroscience** and the **United Health Foundation**.

In partnership with the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, the entire site has been translated into Spanish. Visit [www.yourcongressyourhealth.org/espanol](http://www.yourcongressyourhealth.org/espanol).

The national public opinion poll was conducted by Charlton Research Company by telephone (random-digit dialing) with a sample size of 800 adults and a margin of error of ±3.5 percent.

## Mary Lasker’s Work Featured on NLM Web site

The work of life long medical research advocate **Mary Woodard Lasker** (1899-1994) was recently added to the **National Library of Medicine’s** Profiles of Science Web site.

The library, part of the **National Institutes of Health**, released an extensive selection of Lasker’s papers on her career as a medical philanthropist, health promoter and medical research fundraiser.

Lasker joins 21 others whose careers are highlighted on <http://profiles.nlm.nih.gov>.

Lasker was a pioneer of the 20th century for persuading donors, members of Congress and presidents to provide more funding for biomedical research. To further promote such research, she established the **Lasker Foundation** in 1942 with her husband, **Albert Lasker** (1880-1952). The foundation has partnered with Research!America and others on **Your Congress—Your Health**.

### Welcome New Members!

Association of Medical and Graduate Departments of Biochemistry

The Kimmel Cancer Center at Thomas Jefferson University

Sabin Vaccine Institute

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### Principal Partner Thank You

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**Eugene Garfield Foundation**

**Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

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# Did YOU Know

“Regenerative Medicine: Pathways to Cures,” a documentary on stem cells produced with the help of Research!America board member **William R. Brinkley, PhD**, was honored at the WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival. Watch the video at [www.tamr-ed.org](http://www.tamr-ed.org).

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**Eugene Garfield, PhD**, president and founding editor of *The Scientist* and a Research!America board member, was awarded the **Chemical Heritage Foundation’s Award for Supporting Industries** for his contributions to the growth of chemical and molecular sciences. Garfield was also elected to membership in the **American Philosophical Society**.

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The **Summer M. Redstone Charitable Foundation** awarded \$35 million to **FasterCures/The Center for Accelerating Medical Solutions**, a Research!America member committed to accelerating the medical research process to find treatments for diseases.

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The **Integrative Medicine Consult Service** was established by the **National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine** to provide integrative medicine support to health care providers and patients participating in research studies at National Institutes of Health’s Clinical Center.

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## Building Advocacy Leadership for Global Health Research



Twenty-three of the nation’s foremost experts in global health have been selected as advocacy leaders making the case for greater U.S. investment in global health research as part of the **Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research**.

The newly appointed Ambassadors (see insert for complete list) represent a range of global health areas, including HIV/AIDS research, TB, vaccines, nutrition and environmental hazards. They join last year’s appointees to make up the first 50 Ambassadors in the Rogers Society.

“These Ambassadors will build on the momentum of their predecessors—writing letters to the editor, meeting with editorial boards and with their policymakers—showing them through their own experiences that investing in U.S.-led global health research is the smart thing to do for America and the right thing to do for the world,” said **The Hon. John Edward Porter**, chair of the Society’s Advisory Council and Research!America board chair.

The Society is named for **The Hon. Paul G. Rogers**, former Florida Congressman, renowned champion for research to improve health and Research!America chair emeritus.

## International Research Updates

The **European Research Council’s** first call for proposals drew more than 9,000 applications for the 200-250 grants available for young researchers. The ERC expanded its evaluation panel to review all the submissions and will award the grants later this year.

Australia’s federal budget provided a boost to its health and medical research sector, according to **Research Australia**. The budget includes funds to develop and expand medical research facilities and to develop a streamlined approach for ethics reviews.

In late May, Research!America President **Mary Woolley** spoke at **Research Canada’s** annual meeting and at Public Trust and Research in Humans, a conference organized by the **Forum for Institutional Review Boards/Research Ethics Boards in Canada and the United States**. She spoke about successful research advocacy and why public opinion about research matters.

**Steven Fletcher, MP**, parliamentary secretary to Canada’s Minister of Health, also spoke at Research Canada’s meeting. Eleven years ago, Fletcher was paralyzed from the neck down in an accident. He has a personal stake in advancing research to improve health, particularly through the **Spinal Cord Injury Translational Network**. “Knowledge is power, and research equals hope,” he said.

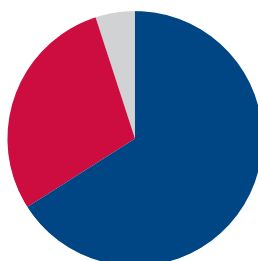
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## AMERICA Speaks

Since 2003, funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has been outpaced by inflation. To recover these losses, a coalition of universities, scientists, patients, businesses and associations has proposed a 6.7% increase in NIH funding each year for several years. Do you favor or oppose an annual 6.7% increase in funding for NIH in 2008, 2009 and 2010?

SOURCE: YOUR CONGRESS-YOUR HEALTH SURVEY, 2007  
CHARLTON RESEARCH COMPANY FOR RESEARCH!AMERICA

## Americans Favor 6.7% Increase in NIH Funding



Favor	54%
Oppose	34%
Don't know	12%

## Two Burroughs Wellcome Fund Interns Join Research!America Team

Research!America welcomed two interns this summer, thanks to generous support from the **Burroughs Wellcome Fund**.

**Andrew W. Gore**, science policy intern, graduated from Duke University in 2006 and attends medical school at Vanderbilt University.

**Derry Stover**, communications intern, is working on his bachelor of science in journalism and biology at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Gore and Stover will work in our Alexandria, VA-based office through early August. Applications for fall internships are being accepted. Visit [www.researchamerica.org/about](http://www.researchamerica.org/about).

## NCABR Teacher Curriculum Revamped

The **North Carolina Association for Biomedical Research**, a Research!America member, has expanded its *Rx for Science Literacy: The What, Where, How and Why of Health Science Research* teacher's manual with funding from the state department of public instruction. Visit [www.ncabr.org](http://www.ncabr.org).

## National Cancer Institute Marks 70 Years of Research

August 5 is the 70th anniversary of the **National Cancer Institute Act**, the legislation that established the **National Cancer Institute**. Since its creation, NCI has conducted, fostered and funded cancer research that has led to major breakthroughs in the understanding of the disease.

"Through the intervening decades, those associated with NCI have had one unwavering goal: To reduce the worldwide burden of cancer through innovative research and the development of ever better interventions to prevent and treat cancer," NCI Director

**John E. Niederhuber, MD**, said in a statement.

NCI's list of successful achievements includes supporting research efforts of at least 20 Nobel Prize winners, and, for the first time since NCI's inception, cancer deaths in the U.S. decreased in the early 2000s.

NCI is and remains a key institution in the search for cancer prevention and treatment. Recently, NCI's Division of Cancer Prevention presented a workshop, "**Cancer Stem Cells as Targets for Cancer Prevention and Early Detection**," about the science of cancer stem cells. **Mary J.C. Hendrix, PhD**, a Northwestern University scientist and Research!America board member, was one of many experts who participated.



**John E. Niederhuber, MD**

## Did You Know?

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The **National Institutes of Health** announced 30 new research fellows for the 2007-08 **Clinical Research Training Program for Medical and Dental Students**.

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Research!America board member **Mark McClellan, MD, PhD**, joined the advisory board of the **National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation**. The board works to improve health care in the U.S. by building public-private partnerships.

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The **American Society for Microbiology**, a Research!America member, released its FY08 budget recommendations for biomedical and life science research funding. See [www.asm.org/policy](http://www.asm.org/policy).

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Massachusetts **Gov. Deval Patrick** announced plans for his **Massachusetts Life Science Initiative** to enhance the state's assets in the fields of medicine and science. The legislation will provide funding for programs, fellowship grants, research facilities and a state stem cell bank.

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**James W. Holsinger Jr., MD, PhD**, a Kentucky cardiologist, was nominated for the position of **Surgeon General** by President Bush, pending confirmation of the Senate.

RESEARCH **Takes Cents**

That would fund the National Cancer Institute for more than eight years!

SOURCE: TRAVEL INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA; NIH FY06

Amount Americans spent on beach travel in 2005:

**\$39.8 billion**

# ComingUp

July 31, 2007—Deadline for nominations for **AcademyHealth's** health services research impact award. See [www.academyhealth.org](http://www.academyhealth.org).

August 15, 2007—Deadline for Research!America's **Eugene Garfield Economic Impact of Medical and Health Research Award** nominations. Visit [www.researchamerica.org/outreach/garfieldaward.html](http://www.researchamerica.org/outreach/garfieldaward.html)

October 3-6, 2007—**The Aspen Health Forum** presented by The Aspen Institute and The Atlantic. Aspen, CO. Scheduled speakers include Research!America's Mary Woolley and The Hon. John Edward Porter. See [www.aspeninstitute.org](http://www.aspeninstitute.org).

October 9, 2007—Presentation of Research!America's **Eugene Garfield Economic Impact of Medical and Health Research Award**.

# Advocacy & Action



**Your Congress.  
Your Health.**

## Keep Pressing for Your Congress—Your Health Participation

Although many representatives and senators have responded to the **Your Congress—Your Health** questionnaire, we want even more responses. You are essential to achieving this goal as a constituent and advocate for health research.

Visit [www.yourcongressyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcongressyourhealth.org) to see if your members of Congress are taking part. If not, tell your representative and senators that you want to see their answers to **Your Congress—Your Health** as soon as possible. Be sure to thank your members of Congress who have already responded.

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