

Child Hunger Team Breakout

EXPLORING AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERALLY-FUNDED CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS AND THE IMPACT OF POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

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Child Nutrition Programs

National School Lunch Program

- NSLP is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. NSLP — the nation's second largest food and nutrition assistance program behind SNAP — makes it possible for all school children in the United States to receive a nutritious lunch every school day. The vast majority of schools — approximately 95 percent — participate in the program, providing meals at free or reduced cost to more than 30 million children on an average day.

School Breakfast Program

- SBP is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions and provides millions of children a nutritious morning meal each school day.

Summer Meals

- When school lets out, millions of low-income children lose access to the school breakfasts, lunches and afterschool snacks and meals they receive during the regular school year. The Summer Nutrition Programs help fill this gap by providing free meals and snacks to children who might otherwise go hungry.

Child and Adult Care Food Program At-Risk Provision (CACFP At-Risk sometimes known as Supper/Snack)

- The Afterschool Nutrition Programs provide federal funding to serve nutritious meals and snacks to children and teens at schools, community and recreation centers, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA's and other sites that offer educational and enrichment activities after school, on weekends, and during school holidays.

Authorization of Federal Nutrition Programs

Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR)

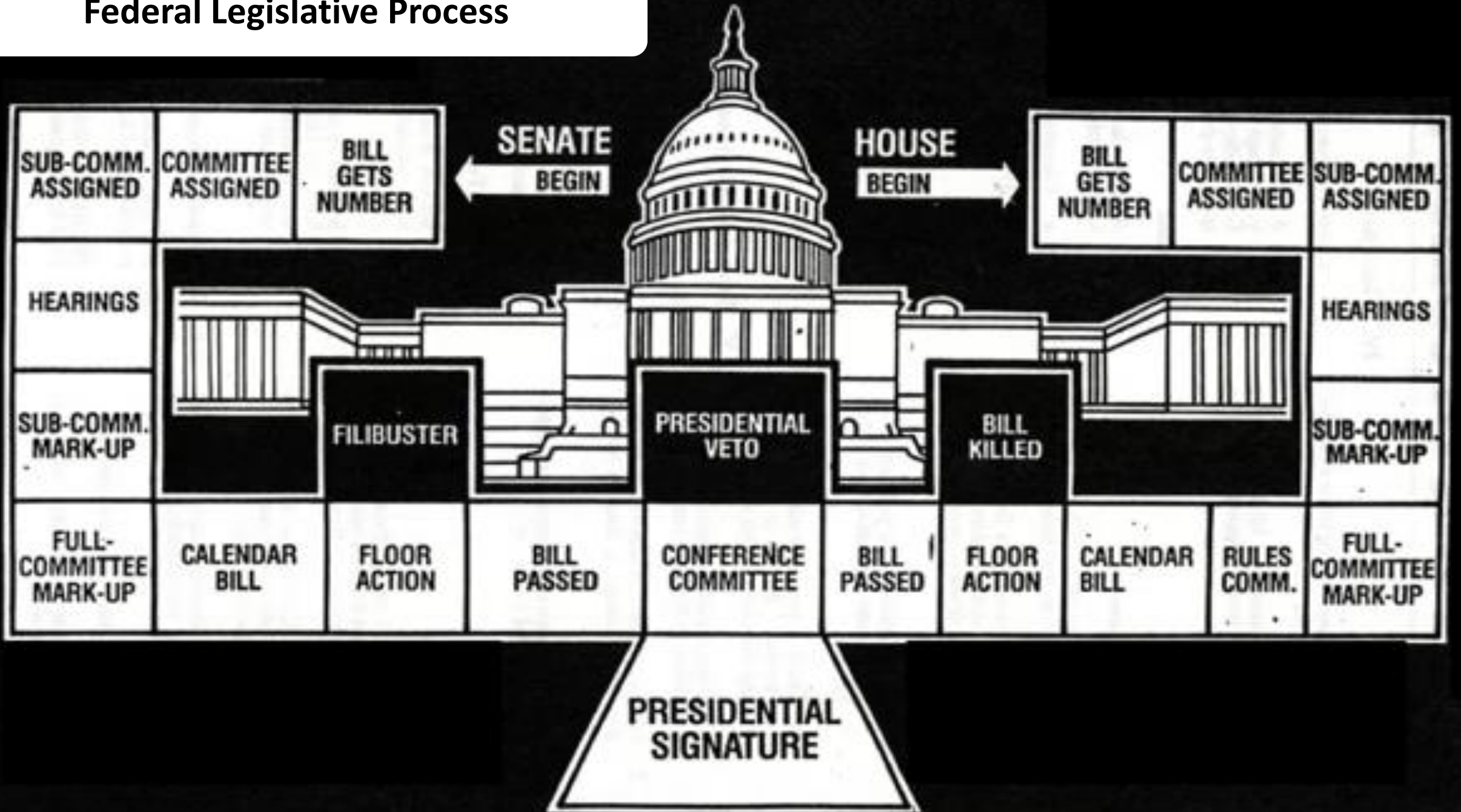
Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- Latest authorization that extended NSLP, NSBP, Summer Meals, and CACFP
- Strengthened nutrition requirements
- Added “At Risk” provision for CACFP (Supper Program)
- 5 year authorization, expired but continues based on Appropriations laws

Farm Bill (2% of federal budget)

- Food stamps and nutrition (SNAP)
- Crop insurance
- Conservation
- Commodities Programs
- Other agricultural and food policy

Federal Legislative Process



Current Proposals

Improving Child Nutrition Integrity and Access Act of 2016 (Senate)

- WIC - Raised the age of child eligibility and increased infant certification period

Improving Child Nutrition and Education Act of 2016 (House)

- A demonstration project for up to three states to receive a block grant in lieu of funding from a number of open-ended child nutrition programs
- A higher threshold for school participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)
- An increased reimbursement rates for the School Breakfast Program.

Both proposals –

- Expanded the types of snacks served through the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (beyond fresh)
- Changed the school meal nutrition standards, including whole grain and sodium requirements.
- Would have piloted or expanded a number of alternatives for feeding low-income children during the summer months through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

Considerations

No Block Grants

Importance of “entitlement”

Maintain nutrition standards

Lower administrative burden

Do not raise Community Eligibility Provision threshold

Child Nutrition Programs in the Community



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Take Action

- If operating a federally-funded nutrition program, receive support to host a congressional site visit from the DCHS Policy Action Team!

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