

Other Scorecard Issues...

FY2006 Funding for Defense-related Eye and Vision Research:

At press time, conferees from the Senate (Senate Defense Appropriations bill passed in October) and House (Military Quality of Life appropriations bill passed in May) have indicated strong support for adding “Eye and Vision Research” in conference to eligible research for peer-reviewed funds under the Congressionally-directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP).

Expansion of the Embryonic Stem Cell Policy:

LHHS Subcommittee chair Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) announced that a Senate floor vote on S 471, the *Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act*, would occur early next year, so as not to delay action on the FY2006 LHHS appropriations bill. The House passed a companion measure, HR 810, in May. ■