Personal Office of Congressman Pete Stark

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What is this “Congress”?

- **House or Representatives**
  - 435 representatives
  - 6 non-voting members
  - 21 committees

- **Senate**
  - 100 senators
  - 20 committees
House Ways and Means Committee

- Taxation, tariffs, and revenue raising measures

Jurisdiction: “Programs providing payments for health care, health delivery systems, or health research.”
Congressman Pete Stark

- Minority Ranking Member of the health subcommittee
- 13th district of California
  - Alameda and Santa Clara counties
- Re-elected 18 times!
Obamacare
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

- **Democrats:**
  - Ensures each person has health insurance
  - Individuals with pre-existing conditions can get insurance
  - Medicaid eligibility standards would be expanded

- **Republicans:**
  - Put private sector health-insurance companies out of business
  - Individual mandate – unconstitutional
  - Tax-payer funded abortions
Current state of Obamacare

- **Republicans** (majority in Congress)
  - Rip-apart many sections
  - Defund

- **Democrats**
  - Counter-act the Republican efforts

What will I be doing this summer?
I have no idea!

- Congressman Pete Stark’s personal staff
- Health Subcommittee on the W&M

What I want to get out of this internship

- Insight into politics
- How different offices and parties talk to each other
- Which health policies can pass and be implemented