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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting American education. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 30, 2017
None.

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

**Senate HELP Committee Meeting and Vote on Secretary of Education**

**Subject:** The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold an executive session to vote on the nomination of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education, in addition to the adoption of the Committee Rules and Subcommittee Assignments for the 115th Congress.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the meeting, contact: 202.224.5375.

**Senate Finance Committee Meeting to Vote on Secretary Health and Human Services**

**Subject:** The Senate Committee on Finance will hold an executive session to vote on the nomination of Thomas Price to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 219 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the meeting, contact: 202.224.4515.

**Anti-Regulatory Legislation**

**Subject:** The Democratic Policy and Communications Committee (DPCC) will hold a briefing, “Fast-Moving Anti-Regulatory Legislation and Congressional Review Act Challenges.”

**Participants:** Lisa Gilbert, director, Congress Watch, Public Citizen; Scott Slesinger, legislative director, National Resources Defense Council; Rachel Weintraub, legislative director, Consumer Federation of America (CFA); Amit Narang, regulatory policy advocate, Public Citizen; Marty Harden, legislative director, Earthjustice; Gynnie Robnett, senior policy analyst, Americans for Financial Reform; Jana Morgan, director, Publish What You Pay; Karen Stone, legislative affairs manager, Planned Parenthood;
and Liz King, senior policy analyst and director of education policy, Leadership Conference for Civil and Human Rights.

**Time and Location:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; 485 Russell SOB.

**Contact:** RSVP to lgilbert@citizen.org.

**Women’s Access to STEM Jobs**

**Subject:** The National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE), The STEM Equity Pipeline and the National Science Foundation will hold a webinar, “Improving Women’s Access to In-Demand Technical Middle-Skill Jobs: A New Methodology to Address Occupational Segregation in CTE and Workforce Development.”

**Participants:** Ariane Hegewisch, program director, Employment and earnings, Institute for Women’s Policy Research; Chandra Childers, senior research scientist, Institute for Women’s Policy Research; and Elyse Shaw, senior research associate, Institute for Women’s Policy Research.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register here.

**Wednesday, February 1, 2017**

**Broadband Infrastructure**

**Subject:** The Senate Broadband Caucus will hold an event, “Bipartisan, Bicameral Broadband Caucus Discussion on Infrastructure Priorities for 2017.”

**Participants:** Robert Atkinson, president, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation; Meredith Baker, president, CTIA, The Wireless Association; Michael Powell, president and CEO, NCTA, The Internet and Television Association; and Jonathan Spalter, president and CEO, US Telecom.

**Time and Location:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; SVC 203-02.

**Contact:** RSVP to adam_lachman@king.senate.gov.

**Thursday, February 2, 2017**

**House Budget Committee Meeting on Budget and Economic Outlook**

**Subject:** The House Budget Committee will hear testimony from Keith Hall, Ph.D., Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 1334 Longworth HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the meeting, contact: 202.224.7270.

Friday, February 3, 2017

None.

**Future Hearings and Events**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

**Labor Secretary Confirmation Hearing**

**Subject:** The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Andrew Puzder for Secretary of Labor.

**Time and Location:** TBD.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.5375.

**On The Floor This Week**

Senate Floor:
Consideration of the nomination of Rex Tillerson to be Secretary of State, consideration of Elaine Chow to be Secretary of Transportation.

**House Floor:**

**H.R.7** – No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2017

H.J.Res. ___ – Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior known as the Stream Protection Rule


H.J.Res. ___ – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Social Security Administration relating to Implementation of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007

H.J.Res. ___ – Disapproving the final rule submitted by the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration relating to the Federal Acquisition Regulation

H.J.Res. ___ – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation”

**Bills to Watch**

**FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS**

**S.Con.Res 3** – FY 2017 Concurrent Budget Resolution (1/13/17 Passed by the House; 1/12/17 Passed by the Senate)

**H.R.2028** - FY 2017 Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act (12/9/16 Signed by President and Passed by the Senate; 12/18/16 Passed by the House)
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