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This Week in Washington

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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of BPAG, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting CUR and its members. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Weekly Calendar

Key: E&S – Elementary & Secondary; H – Higher Education; D – Disability Policy

Monday, February 1, 2021

None.

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Webinar: Inspiring STEM Interest (E&S, H)

Subject: The U.S. Department of Education will host a webinar to discuss the latest efforts, research, and resources for inspiring STEM interest.

Participants: Miriam Lund, team leader, Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers, U.S. Department of Education; Sylvia James, deputy assistant director, Education and Human Resources Directorate, National Science Foundation; Dennis Schatz, science educator, Connected Science Learning, National Science Teaching Association; Adam Maltese, professor, Martha Lea and Bill Armstrong Chair for Teacher Education, Indiana University; and Heidi Schweingruber, director for board on science education, National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine.

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Contact: Register here.
**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

**Hearing: Senate HELP Committee Consideration of Secretary of Education Nominee (E&S, H, D)**

**Subject:** The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Miguel Cardona for Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

**Witness:** Miguel Cardona, commissioner of education, CT.

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

**Contact:** Live stream available [here](#).

**Webinar: STEM Education 101 for the 117th Congress (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The STEM Education Coalition will host a webinar to discuss K-12, higher education, CTE, informal education and afterschool, diversity and workforce issues that have implications for STEM education, and the work of the 117th Congress.

**Participants:** James Brown, executive director, STEM Education Coalition (Moderator); Kevin Anderson, president, Council of State Science Supervisors; David Stroupe, associate professor of teacher education and science education, Michigan State University; Shanda Hinton, global diversity, equity, & inclusion executive, Raytheon Technologies; and Laveta Willis-Hale, executive director, Arkansas Afterschool Network.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Thursday, February 4, 2021**

**Hearing: Senate HELP Committee Consideration of Secretary of Labor Nominee (E&S, H, D)**

**Subject:** The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Marty Walsh for Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor.

**Witness:** Marty Walsh, Mayor, Boston, MA.

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

**Contact:** Live stream available [here](#).

**Webinar: Intersections between Racism and Gender in Education Policy (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Hunt Institute will hold a webinar on “The Intersections between Racism and Gender in Education Policy.”

**Participants:** Sophia Arredondo, director of education & youth programs, GLSEN; Rodrigo Heng-Lehtinen, deputy executive director, National Center for Transgender Equality; Lucy Rain Simpson, executive director, National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center; and Carlos Velazquez, chief program officer, Boys’ Club of New York.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Friday, February 5, 2021**

None.

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**Future Hearings and Events**

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**

Consideration of Alejandro Mayorkas to be Secretary of Homeland Security

Consideration of Pete Buttigieg to be Secretary of Transportation
Possible consideration of other Biden Cabinet nominations

House Floor:
H.R. 447 – National Apprenticeship Act of 2021

COVID-19 Related Bills
H.R. 133 - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (12/27/20 - Signed by President)
SA 2652 to S. 178 - Delivering Immediate Relief to America's Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act (10/23/20 Failed in Senate)
H.R. 8406 - Updated HEROES Act (9/30/20 Passed by House of Representatives)
S. 4322 – Safely Back to School and Back to Work Act (7/27/20 Introduced)
H.R. 266 - Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (4/24/20 Signed by President)
Senate Amendment to H.R. 748 - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (3/27/20 Signed by President)
H.R. 6201 - Families First Coronavirus Response Act (3/18/20 Signed by President)
H.R. 6074 - Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (3/6/20 Signed by President)

Bills to Watch

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events
U.S. House and Senate 2021 Schedule
Updated 2021 U.S. House Schedule
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor
U.S. Senate Budget Committee
U.S. House Budget Committee
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