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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 8, 2021
Business Meeting: House Education and Labor Committee (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The House Education and Labor Committee will hold a meeting to organize for the 117th Congress.
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Live stream available here.

Tuesday, February 9, 2021
Hearing: Senate Governmental Affairs Committee OMB Nominee Hearing (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Neera Tanden to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.
Witness: Neera Tanden, president and CEO, Center for American Progress.
Time: 9:15 a.m.; 342 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: Live stream available here.

Markup: House Education and Labor Committee (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The House Education and Labor Committee will hold a markup of a Committee Print to comply with reconciliation directives included in the Concurrent Resolutions on the Budget for FY2021.
Wednesday, February 10, 2021
**Hearing:** Senate Budget Committee OMB Nominee Hearing (E&S, H, D)
**Subject:** The Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Neera Tanden to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.
**Witness:** Neera Tanden, president and CEO, Center for American Progress.
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.; 608 Dirksen SOB.
**Contact:** Live stream available [here](#).

**Webinar:** Career Overview of Secretary of Education Nominee Miguel Cardona (E&S, H, D)
**Subject:** The Leadership Conference Education Fund will hold a webinar on Miguel Cardona, President Biden's nominee for Secretary of Education.
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.
**Contact:** Register [here](#).

Thursday, February 11, 2021
**Markup:** Senate HELP Committee Markup to Vote on the Nominations of Miguel Cardona and Martin Walsh (E&S, H, D)
**Subject:** The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a markup to vote on the nomination of Miguel Cardona for Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education and Martin Walsh for Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor.
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.
**Contact:** Live stream available [here](#).

**Business Meeting:** Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation (E&S, H)
**Subject:** The Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee will hold their organizational business meeting for the 117th Congress
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.; G50 Dirksen SOB.
**Contact:** Live stream available [here](#).

Friday, February 12, 2021
**Agency Meeting:** National Science Board Science and Engineering Policy Committee (E&S, H)
**Subject:** The National Science Board’s Committee on Science and Engineering Policy will hold a teleconference to discuss the narrative outline for the Science and Engineering Indicators 2022 thematic report on Science and Technology: Public Perceptions, Awareness, and Information Sources.
**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
**Contact:** Register [here](#).

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**Future Hearings and Events**

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**
**Webinar:** Rethinking Workforce Development: Policies to Protect Workers and Families (H)
**Subject:** The Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institute will hold a webinar on "Policies to Protect Workers and Families."
**Participants:** Penny Pritzker, former U.S. Commerce Secretary, chairman and founder, PSP Partners; Jason Furman, professor of the practice of economic policy, Harvard University; Kristen Broady, policy director, Hamilton Project, Brookings; Elisabeth Allison, professor of economics, Harvard University; Marc Morial, president and CEO, National Urban League; Harry Holzer, professor of public policy, Georgetown University; and Madhuri Kommareddi, director of workforce development, State of New York.
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.
**Contact:** Register [here](#).
Webinar: How 2020 Changed the Way Americans View Higher Education (H)
Subject: Third Way will hold a webinar on “How 2020 Changed the Way Americans View Higher Education.”
Participants: Tamara Hiler, director of education, Third Way; Rachel Fishman, deputy director for research, New America; Sarah Sattelmeyer, project director, Pew Charitable Trusts; and Katherine Wheatle, strategy officer, Lumina Foundation.
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Webinar: Higher Education Data and Equity (H)
Subject: The Hunt Institute will host a webinar on “Higher Education Data and Equity.”
Participants: Christopher Nellum, deputy director of research and policy, The Education Trust; Carlos Santiago, commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Higher Education; Mamie Voight, interim president, Institute of Higher Education Policy (IHEP).
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Thursday, February 18, 2021
Webinar: Race and Registered Apprenticeship (E&S, H)
Subject: JFF will host a webinar to learn how state apprenticeship directors are expanding racial and economic equity in Registered Apprenticeship.
Participants: Joseph Hollins, former state apprenticeship director, LA; Joshua Johnson, state director, WI Apprenticeship Systems; and Patricia Morrison, director, Division of Registered Apprenticeship, VA.
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Consideration of Denis McDonough to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Possible consideration of other Biden Cabinet nominations

House Floor:
Committee work week – floor vote TBD.

COVID-19 Related Bills
S.Con.Res.5 - FY 2021 Concurrent Budget Resolution (2/5/21 Passed by House of Representatives and Senate)
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

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Updated 2021 U.S. House Schedule
U.S. Department of Education
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U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor
U.S. Senate Budget Committee
U.S. House Budget Committee
Congressional Budget Office
Federal legislative information

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