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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015
None.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015
Establishing a Qualified Workforce
Subject: The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Caucus will host a briefing, “CTE 101: The Nuts & Bolts of Establishing a Qualified Workforce.”
Participants: Mitchell Coppes, legislative and regulatory affairs manager, Association for Career and Technical Education; Kim Green, executive director, National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium; and Eric Gearhart, special projects consultant, SkillsUSA.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2261 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: RSVP to sam.morgante@mail.house.gov.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015
Women in Technology
Subject: The National Science Foundation (NSF), as part of the CISE distinguished lecture series, will host an event, “Women in Technology Innovation.”
**Participant:** Dr. Lucinda Sanders, CEO and co-founder, National Center for Women & Information Technology.

**Time and Location:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

**Contact:** RSVP to cjackson@nsf.gov or register to view a webcast of the event at: https://nsf.webex.com/mw0307l/mywebex/default.do?service=1&siteurl=nsf&nomenu=true&main_url=%2Fmc0806l%2Fe.do%3Fsiteurl%3Dnof%26AT%3DMI%26EventID%3D310102107%26UID%3D0%26Host%3Da0480509225f5e44%26RG%3D1%26FrameSet%3D2.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015**

**Weather Forecasting and Satellites**

**Subject:** The House Science, Space, and Technology Committee’s Subcommittees on Environment and Oversight will hold a joint hearing, “Bridging the Gap: America’s Weather Satellites and Weather Forecasting.”

**Witnesses:** David Powner, director, Information Technology Management issues, Government Accountability Office; Dr. Stephen Volz, assistant administrator, National Environment Satellites, Data and Information Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); Steven Clark, director, Joint Agency Satellite Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Dr. Alexander McDonald, president, American Meteorological Society, director, Earth System Research Laboratory, NOAA; and John Murphy, director, Office of Science and Technology, National Weather Service, NOAA.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing, contact: 202.225.6371.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2015**

None.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**

**S. 338** - A bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund

**House Floor:**

**S. 1** - Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act

**H.R. 636** - America’s Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2015

**H.R. 644** - Fighting Hunger Incentive Act of 2015

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**Bills to Watch**

**EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)**

**S. 227**  
Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)  
Strengthening Education through Research Act (02/04/2015 Passed HELP Committee and moved to the Senate Legislative Calendar)
Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

U.S. House of Representatives 2015 Schedule:

U.S. Senate 2015 Schedule:
https://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2015_schedule.htm

U.S. Senate Budget Committee: http://www.budget.senate.gov
U.S. House Budget Committee: http://www.house.gov/budget
Congressional Budget Office: http://www.cbo.gov
Federal legislative information: http://thomas.loc.gov

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