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

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**Monday, February 22, 2021**

**Markup:** House Budget Committee (E&S, H, D)

**Subject:** The House Budget Committee will hold a markup of the “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,” a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to Title II of S. Con. Res. 5.

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

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

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**Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

**Meeting:** National Science Board (E&S, H)

**Subject:** The National Science Board will hold its quarterly board meeting for the first quarter of 2021.

**Time:** February 23, 11:00 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.; February 24, 11:00 a.m. – 6:40 p.m.

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

**Hearing:** House Armed Services Committee (H)

**Subject:** The House Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing on Innovation Opportunities and Vision for the Science and Technology Enterprise.”
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Contact: Live stream available here.

Webinar: Transforming Workforce Education and Training (H)
Subject: The National Academies Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable (GUIRR) will host a webinar on "Transforming Workforce Education and Training."
Participants: Bill Bonvillian, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Sanjay Sarma, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Nomination Hearing: Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing to vote on the nomination of Neera Tanden to be director of the Office of Management and Budget.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 342 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: Livestream available here.

Nomination Hearing: Senate Budget Committee (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing to vote on the nomination of Neera Tanden to be director of the Office of Management and Budget.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m.; S-207, U.S. Capitol.
Contact: Livestream available here.

Webinar: Education and Manufacturing Recovery (E&S, H)
Subject: Washington Post Live will hold a webinar on "Transformers: Recovery," focusing on two critical industries that have been significantly impacted over the last year: education and manufacturing," as part of the Transformers series.
Participants: Joris Ray, superintendent, Shelby County Schools, TN; Sandeep Dadlani, chief digital officer, Mars Inc.; Austin Beutner, superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District, CA; and Chandra Brown, CEO, MxD.
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Thursday, February 25, 2021
None.

Friday, February 26, 2021
Webinar: How Employer-HBCU Partnerships Can Support a Robust STEM Workforce (H)
Subject: STEMconnector will hold a webinar on "How Employer-HBCU Partnerships Can Support a Robust STEM Workforce."
Participants: Jackie Berry, manager of education initiatives, 3M Corporation; Olga Bolden-Tiller, professor of agricultural and environmental sciences, Tuskegee University and president-elect, Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences; Sunji Jangha, director of pipeline programs, University of Maryland Baltimore County; and Jaye Espy, partnership development leader, Stride Learning.
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Future Hearings and Events

Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Webinar: Building a More Equitable Education System (E&S, H)
Subject: The Atlantic will hold a webinar on "The State of Education: Rebuilding a More Equitable System."
Participants: John King, president and CEO, the Education Trust and former Secretary of Education; Sonja Santelises, CEO, Baltimore City Schools, MD; Adam Harris, staff writer, The Atlantic; Mildred Garcia, president, American Association of State Colleges and Universities; and Susan Saulny, contributor, AtlanticLive.
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Thursday, March 4, 2021
Webinar: The State of Higher Education Finances in 2021 (H)
Subject: The Bipartisan Policy Center will hold a webinar on "The State of Higher Education Finances in 2021."
Participants: Armand Alacbay, vice president of trustee and government affairs, American Council of Trustees and Alumni; Belle Wheelan, CEO, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; Robert Kelchen, associate professor of higher education, Seton Hall University; and Lodriguez Murray, senior vice president of public policy and government affairs, United Negro College Fund.
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Contact: Register here.

Webinar: Postsecondary Pathways: Completion in the Age of COVID-19 (H)
Subject: The Hunt Institute will host a webinar on "Completion in the Age of COVID-19."
Participants: Brian Bridges, secretary of higher education, New Jersey; Antoinette Flores, managing director for postsecondary education, Center for American Progress; and Timothy Renick, executive director, National Institute for Student Success, Georgia State University.
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Consideration of Tom Vilsack, Nominee for Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Potential consideration of other cabinet nominations

House Floor:
H.R. 5 – Equality Act
H.R. 803 – Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act
S.Con.Res.5 – The American Rescue Plan

COVID-19 Related Bills
S.Con.Res.5 – The American Rescue Plan - 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)

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Updated 2021 U.S. House Schedule
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