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### MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015

**Scientific Research in the FY 2016 Budget**

**Subject:** The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) will host an event, “R&D Budget in the FY 2016 Request.”

**Participant:** Matt Hourihan, director, R&D Budget and Policy Program, AAAS.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; B-340 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** RSVP to sspizzir@aaas.org.

**House and Senate Budget Resolutions**

**Subject:** NDD United will host a Tele Town Hall to discuss the House and Senate budget resolutions expected to be marked up in committee in the coming weeks.

**Participant:** Emily Holubowich, co-chair, NDD United.

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

**Contact:** Join the call: 1.877.410.5657, Passcode: 82784.

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### TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

None.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on the DOE’s FY 2016 Budget

Subject: The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water will hold a hearing on the Department of Energy’s (DOE) FY 2016 Budget request.
Witnesses: Dr. Ernest J. Moniz, Secretary, DOE; and Dr. Franklin Orr, Under Secretary of Science and Energy, DOE.

Time and Location: 3:00 p.m.; 124 Dirksen SOB.

Contact: For inquiries about the hearing, contact: (202) 224.7275.

GOP Budget Priorities

Subject: Bloomberg Government will host a webinar, “Show Me the Money! GOP Budget Priorities in 2015.”
Participants: Loren Duggan, director of legislative analysis, Bloomberg Government; Cameron Leuthy, senior budget analyst, Bloomberg Government; Stacy O’Mara, legislative analyst, Bloomberg Government; Danielle Parnass, legislative analyst, Bloomberg Government; and Adam Schank, legislative analyst, Bloomberg Government.
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Register here.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015

Visas for STEM Graduates

Subject: The Brookings Institution will host an event, “Bridging the Immigration Divide: Fording a Bipartisan Policy on Visas for STEM Graduates.”
Participants: David Dreier, distinguished fellow, The Brookings Institution; William Antholis, president, Miller Center, University of Virginia; Hiram Chodosh, president, Claremont McKenna College; Daniel Costa, director of immigration law and policy research, Economic Policy Institute; Amy Nice, executive director, immigration policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Neil Ruiz, senior policy analyst, associate fellow, The Brookings Institution; Felicia Escobar, special assistant to the President for immigration policy; The White House; and Barry Jackson, managing director, The Lindsey Group, former chief of staff, Speaker John Boehner (R-OH).

Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Falk Auditorium, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register here.

House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on Neuroscience

Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science will hold an oversight hearing on the “Federal Investment in Neuroscience and Neurotechnology.”
Witnesses: Dr. Jo Handelsman, Associate Director for Science, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Dr. James Olds, Assistant Director for Biological Sciences, National Science Foundation; and Dr. Steven Hyman, Director, Stanley Center for Psychological Research Broad Institute of MT and Harvard.

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; H-309 Capitol.

Contact: For inquiries about the hearing, contact: (202) 225.2771.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015

Postsecondary Pathways

Subject: The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) will host an event, “Building Postsecondary Pathways for Youth Opportunity.”
Participants: Michelle Corey, vice president of programs, Michigan’s Children; Kristin Harrington, senior director of talent enhancement, Kinexus Workforce Development Division; and Bob Rath, president and CEO, Our Piece of the Pie.

Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Room TBA, Capitol Hill.

Contact: Register here.
On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
S.Con.Res.11 – Senator McConnell is expected to move to proceed to consider the budget resolution, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025

House Floor:
H.Con.Res. – Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025

Staff Summary – The House may consider Legislation related to the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate

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)

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