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Monday, May 9, 2016
None.

Tuesday, May 10, 2016
Senate HELP Committee Hearing on Dyslexia Research
Subject: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold a full committee hearing, “Understanding Dyslexia: The Intersection of Scientific Research & Education.”
Witnesses: Sally Shaywitz, co-director, Yale Center for Dyslexia and Creativity, Yale University School of Medicine; Ameer Baraka, author/actor, Terrytown, LA; Guinevere Eden, director, Center for the Study of Learning, Georgetown University Medical Center; David Boies, chairman, Boies, Schiller, & Flexner, LLP; Mark Mahone, director, Department of Neuropsychology, Kennedy Krieger Institute; and April Hanrath, parent, Salt Lake City, UT.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: for inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.5375.

Career Pathways
Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education (AEE) will hold a briefing, “Career Pathways: Exploring the Partnership Pipeline.”
Participants: Monica Almond, senior policy associate, AEE; John Snively, superintendent, Porterville Unified School District, CA; Randy Wallace, executive director, INNOVATE Tulare-Kings, CA; and Alexandra Williamson, student, Pasadena City College, CA.
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: Register here.
Wednesday, May 11, 2016

**Leveraging Science and Technology**

**Subject:** The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation will hold a hearing, “Leveraging the U.S. Science and Technology Enterprise.”

**Witnesses:** Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier, vice chair, National Science Board; Dr. Jeannette Wing, corporate vice president for research, Microsoft; Dr. Robert D. Atkinson, president, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation; and Dr. David Munson, professor of engineering, University of Michigan.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 253 Russell SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.1251.

Thursday, May 12, 2016

None.

Friday, May 13, 2016

None.

**Future Hearings and Events**

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

**Nation’s Technology and Engineering Literacy**

**Subject:** The National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) and the National Center for Education Statistics will release results of the first-ever Nation’s Report Card: Technology and Engineering Literacy.

**Participants:** Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) *(virtual participation)*; Jeevak Badve, vice president of strategic growth, Sundberg-Ferrar; Mike Balatzis, infrastructure and cloud consultant, C/D/H; Chris Barman, vice president, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles; Peggy Carr, acting commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics; Virginia Edwards, president and editor, Editorial Projects in Education; Tonya Matthews, president and CEO, Michigan Science Center and Member, NAGB; Terry Mazany, president and CEO, Chicago Community Trust, chairman, NAGB; Scot Osterweil, creative director, Education Arcade, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); Sonya Pouncy, co-founder, 313 Construction; Cary Sneider, associate professor, Portland State University; and Brian J. Whiston, state superintendent, MI.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register here. The event will take place in Detroit, however segments will be livestreamed.

On The Floor This Week

**Senate Floor:**

**H.R.2028** – Energy and Water Appropriations Act

**House Floor:**

**H.R. 4641** – To provide for the establishment of an inter-agency task force to review, modify, and update best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 5046** – Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act of 2016

Consideration of House Amendment to **S. 524** – Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016

Motion to Go to Conference on S. 524, and Possible Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees

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**Bills to Watch**

**FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS**
S. # Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)

**EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)**
S. 227 Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (12/17/15 Passed by Senate; 2/04/2015 Passed by HELP Committee)

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