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**MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014**

**National Board for Education Sciences Meeting**

**Subject:** The National Board of Education Sciences (NBES) will hold a meeting to discuss a variety of topics including: the future of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) Training Grants and Multi-tiered Systems of Support in the Context of College and Career Readiness Standards.

**Participants:** John Easton, President, IES; Thomas Brock, Commissioner, National Center for Education Research (NCER); and Joan McLaughlin, Commissioner, National Center for Special Education Research (NCSER).

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; 80 F Street, NW, Large Board Room, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** For further information about the meeting contact Ellie Pelaez at: Ellie.Pelaez@ed.gov.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014**

**Rethinking the Digital Divide**

**Subject:** The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF) will host an event, “Digital Readiness: Rethinking The Digital Divide,” to discuss broadband adoption and access.

**Participants:** Doug Blake, Telecommunications Policy Analyst, ITIF; Laura Breeden, Program Director, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; John Horrigan, Independent Communications and Technology Policy Consultant; Larra Clark, Director, Program on Networks, American Library Association; Nicole Turner-Lee, Vice President and Chief

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Research & Policy Officer, Minority Media and Telecommunications Council; and Scott Wallsten, Vice President for Research and Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.; ITIF, 1101 K Street, NW, Room 610A, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** For more information and to register, go to:

**Robotics Briefing**

**Subject:** The Congressional Robotics Caucus Advisory Committee will hold a briefing, "Robots for Good: The Humanitarian, Environmental, Educational, Medical and Search and Rescue Uses of Robotics Technology.”

**Participants:** Representative Phil Gingrey (R-GA); Representative Mike Doyle (D-PA); Tom Tierney, Physicist, Los Alamos National Laboratory; Robin Murphy, Director, Center for Robot-Assisted Search & Rescue, Texas A&M University; Crawford Allan, Director, World Wildlife Fund/TRAFFIC North America; Helen Greiner, CEO, Cyphy Works; Rand LeBouvier, Strategic Communications Director, Bluefin Robotics.

**Time and Location:** 1:00 p.m.; 345 Cannon HOB.

**Contact:** RSVP to Philip Murphy at: Philip.murphy@mail.house.gov.

**Digital Learning**

**Subject:** The Aspen Institute Task Force on Learning and the Internet will hold an event on a new report, Rethinking the Learning System.

**Participants:** John Bailey, Co-Chair, Aspen Task Force on Learning and the Internet; Maria Teresa Kumar, Co-Chair, Aspen Task Force on Learning and the Internet; Catherine Casserly, Task Force Member; Deborah Taylor Tate, Task Force Member; Anil Dash, Task Force Member; and Charlie Firestone, Executive Director of Communications, Society Program, Aspen.

**Time and Location:** 3:30 p.m.; Aspen Institute, 1 Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC.

**Contact:** For questions about the event call 202.736.2299.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014**

**National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity Meeting**

**Subject:** The U.S. Department of Education’s (ED) National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) will hold a meeting to discuss accreditation, reauthorizing the Higher Education Act and other issues from June 18-19th.

**Time and Location:** 8:00 a.m.; ED, Office of Postsecondary Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Room 8072, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the meeting contact Carol Griffiths at: carol.griffiths@ed.gov.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014**

**National Science Foundation’s CEOSE Meeting**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (CEOSE) will hold an advisory meeting.

**Time and Location:** 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford I (Room 1235), Arlington, VA.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the meeting contact Bernice Anderson at: banderson@nsf.gov.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014**

NONE.

On The Floor This Week
Senate Floor:
S. 2389—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015
S. 2438—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015

House Floor:
H.R. 4413—Customer Protection and End User Relief Act
H.R. 4870—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2015

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**Bills to Watch**

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)**

**S. 1094**  
**Sponsor:** Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)  
Strengthening American Schools Act of 2013 to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/12/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

**H.R. 5**  
**Sponsor:** Rep. John Kline (R-MN)  
Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee)

**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)**

**H.R. 803**  
**Sponsors:** Sens. Tom Harkin (D-IA); Patty Murray (D-WA), Lamar Alexander (R-TN); Johnny Isakson (R-GA)  
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (bipartisan, bicameral agreement) – Amendment in the nature of a substitute (5/20/14 introduced)

**H.R. 803**  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)  
Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act (3/15/13 passed by House; 3/6/13 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

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U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:  
http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf

U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:  
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_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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