Weekly Calendar

**MONDAY, JULY 23, 2012**

**Science**

**Subject:** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the U.S. Geological Survey hold a briefing to celebrate 40 years of continuous earth observations, highlighting the accomplishments of the Landsat program.

**Participants:** Anne Castle, Assistant Interior Secretary, Water and Science; Waleed Abdalati, Chief Scientist, NASA Headquarters; Jeff Masek, NASA Landsat Project Scientist, Goddard Space Flight Center; Tom Loveland, Senior Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey; Jim Irons, Project Scientist, Landsat Data Continuity Mission; and Roger Auch, Research Geographer, Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center.

**Time and Location:** 11:00 a.m., Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Steve Cole, 202-358-0918, stephen.e.cole@nasa.gov; http://www.nasa.gov.

**The National Council for Community and Educational Partnerships**

**Subject:** The National Council for Community and Educational Partnership holds its 2012 NCCEP/GEAR UP annual conference, with the theme "E4 (R)EVOLUTION: Education, Empowerment, Equity & Economics," July 23-25.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: Susan Shimko, 202-530-1135, Susan_Shimko@edpartnerships.org; or 202-401-1576 orpress@ed.gov; http://www.edpartnerships.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Events/2012_NCEP_GEAR_UP_Annual_Conference/Main_Page.htm.

VA Biomedical Laboratory Research/Clinical Science Issues
Subject: The Veterans Affairs Department holds a meeting of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board - Eligibility Panel.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m., Sheraton Suites-Old Town Virginia, 801 North Saint Asaph Street, Alexandria, Va.
Contact: LeRoy Frey, 202-443-5674, Leroy.frey@va.gov.

The National Academy of Sciences
Subject: The National Academy of Sciences holds a discussion on the recommendations of an embargoed Blue Ribbon Panel report: "More and Better Science in Antarctica Through Increased Logistical Effectiveness."
Participants: John Holdren, Policy Director, White House Office of Science and Technology; Ralph Cicerone, President, National Academy of Sciences; Norm Augustine, Chairman, U.S. Antarctic Program Blue Ribbon Panel; and Subra Suresh, Chairman, National Science Foundation.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m., National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Lecture Room, Washington, D.C.
Contact: Deborah Wing, 703-292-5344, dwing@nsf.gov; http://national-academies.org.

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012
Career and Technical Education
Subject: The Congressional Career and Technical Education Caucus holds a briefing titled, "Pathways to Prosperity," to discuss the report *Pathways to Prosperity: Meeting the Challenge of Preparing Young Americans for the 21st Century*.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., 2168, Rayburn House Office Building.
Contact: https://www.acteonline.org/ctecaucus.aspx.

Strengthening the Integrity of the Student Visa System
Subject: The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees, and Border Security holds a hearing on "Strengthening the Integrity of the Student Visa System by Preventing and Detecting Sham Educational Institutions."
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building.
Contact: http://judiciary.senate.gov.

DREAM Act
Subject: The Center for American Progress Action Fund hosts a discussion of the past, present, and future of the DREAM Act.
Participants: Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) and DREAMers.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Center for American Progress, 1333 H Street, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP at http://www.americanprogressaction.org/events.

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
Subject: The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics holds a discussion on "Deep Space Exploration for the United States."
Participants: Rep. Randy Hultgren, (R-Ill); Scott Pace, Director, Space Policy Institute, George Washington University; James Green, Director, Planetary Science Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Brian Duffy, Retired Air Force Col., Vice President, Johnson Space Center; James Crocker, Vice President and General Manager, Civil Space, Lockheed Martin Corp.; Kris Lehnhardt, Assistant Professor, George Washington University; and Ralph McNutt Jr., Physicist, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.
Time and Location: 11:30 a.m., 2325 Rayburn House Office Building.
Contact: Duane Hyland, 703-264-7558, duaneh@aiaa.org.

Stimulating Competitive Research
Subject: The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Advisory Panel for Integrative Activities; Committee of Visitors Panel for the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research to carry out COV review, including examination of decisions on proposals, reviewer comments, and other privileged materials, July 24-25.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m., National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford II Room 555, Arlington, Va.
Contact: Denise Barnes, Uma Venkateswaran, Sian Mooney and Jeanne Small, Martha James or Elizabeth Lawrence, 703-292-8683.

NASA Technology/Innovation
Subject: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council’s Technology and Innovation Committee.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m., NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Building 8, Management Conference Center, 8800 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Md.
Contact: Mike Green, 202-358-4710, g.m.green@nasa.gov.

Private Student Loans
Subject: The Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee’s Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Private Student Loans: Providing Flexibility and Opportunity to Borrowers?"
Witness(es): Rohit Chopra, Student Loan Ombudsman, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Deanne Loonin, Attorney and Director, National Consumer Law Center’s Student Loan Borrower Assistance Project; Jen Mishory, Deputy Director, Young Invincibles; and Jack Remondi, President and COO, Sallie Mae.
Time and Location: 2:30 p.m., 538 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2012
Impact of Sequestration
Subject: The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education holds a hearing on "The Impact of Sequestration on Education."
Witnesses: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education; June Atkinson, State Superintendent, Public Instruction, Raleigh, NC; Billy Walker, Superintendent, Randolph Field Independent School District, University City, TX; Neal McCluskey, Associate Director, Educational Freedom, Cato Institute; and Tammy Mann, President and CEO, Campagna Center.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 124 Dirksen Senate Office Building.
Contact: http://appropriations.senate.gov.
**Education Tax Incentives and Tax Reform**  
**Subject:** The Senate Finance Committee holds a hearing on “Education Tax Incentives and Tax Reform.”  
**Witnesses:** Waded Cruzado, President, Montana State University; Lynne Munson, President and Executive Director, Common Core; Susan Dynarski, Associate Professor, University of Michigan; Scott Hodge, President, Tax Foundation; and Jim White, Director, Tax Issues, Government Accountability Office.  
**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building.  
**Contact:** [http://finance.senate.gov](http://finance.senate.gov).

**Impact of Sequestration**  
**Subject:** There will be a “Rally to Restore Balance: Avoid Sequestration” to reach out to Congress and ask for a solution that does not include sequestration  
**Participants:** Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) and other invited Senators; Rita Ngabo, Working Parent; and Martin Knott, President, Knott Mechanical.  
**Time and Location:** 1:45 p.m., Upper Senate Park (Area 2); Constitution and Delaware Avenues, adjacent to Russell Senate Office Building.  
**Contact:** RSVP to Sean O’Shea at crdfellow@dc-crd.com.

**NASA Research**  
**Subject:** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, July 25-27.  
**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m., NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, 8800 Greenbelt Road, Building 1, Rooms E100D/E, Greenbelt, Md.  
**Contact:** Marla King, 202-358-1148.

**Basic Energy Sciences Research Program**  
**Subject:** The Energy Department’s Office of Science holds a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee to provide advice and guidance with respect to the basic energy sciences research program, July 26-27.  
**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m., Bethesda North Hotel and Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, Md.  
**Contact:** Katie Perine, 301-903-6529.

**International Space Station Science and Research**  
**Subject:** The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee holds a hearing on "The International Space Station: A Platform for Research, Collaboration, and Discovery."  
**Witness(es):** William Gerstenmaier, Associate NASA Administrator, Human Exploration and Operations; Donald Pettit, NASA astronaut; James Royston, Interim Executive Director, Center for the Advancement of Science in Space; Thomas Reiter, Director, European Space Agency's Directorate of Human Spaceflight and Operations.  
**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 253 Russell Senate Office Building.  
**Contact:** 202-224-0411, [http://commerce.senate.gov](http://commerce.senate.gov).

**THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2012**  
None.

**FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2012**  
None.
On The Floor This Week

Senate
Judicial nominations

House
H.R. 6082 – Congressional Replacement of President Obama’s Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Drilling Plan
H.R. 4078 – Red Tape Reduction and Small Business Job Creation Act

Bills to Watch

FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS

House
FY2013 Budget Resolution (3/29/12 passed by House; 3/21/12 passed by House Budget Committee)

H.R. # Sponsor: Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA)
FY2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (4/26/12 passed by House Appropriations Committee; 4/19/12 passed by House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

Senate
S.2323 Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
FY2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (4/19/12 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 4/17/12 passed by Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

S.3295 Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
FY2013 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (6/14/12 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 6/12/12 passed by Senate LHHS Appropriations Subcommittee)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

U.S. House of Representatives 2010 Schedule:

U.S. Senate 2010 Schedule:

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