This Week in Washington

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**Weekly Calendar**

**MONDAY, JULY 30, 2012**

**Astrophysics Programs**

**Subject:** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a meeting of the Astrophysics Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council on program planning, July 30-31.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m., NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, Room 7H45, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Marian Norris, 202-358-4452, mnorris@nasa.gov [Note: A conference call and WebEx are available. Conference call number 888-889-2033, pass code APS. The WebEx link is https://nasa.webex.com, meeting number on July 30 is 996 295 414, and password APS@30July2012; the meeting number on July 31 is 995 710 978, and password APS@31July2012.]

**For-Profit Colleges**

**Subject:** The Education Trust holds a news conference to unveil a report on the for-profit college industry.

**Participants:** Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA); Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD); and Amy Wilkins, Education Trust.
Time and Location: 1:30 p.m., SVC-200, U.S. Capitol.
Contact: Justine Sessions or Kate Frischmann, 202-224-3254. A live stream will be available at: http://harkin.senate.gov.

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2012
Contributions to Science
Subject: The National Science Foundation holds a webcast on "Citizen Science" - about volunteers making major contributions to studies of ecology, climate change, biodiversity, weather, astronomy, seismology, cell biology, and other disciplines.
Participants: Sandra Henderson, Director, National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON), NSF; and David Hanych, Program Director, NSF.
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m., None Given.
Contact: Lily Whiteman, 703-292-8310 [Note: RSVP for webcast information. Reporters also can RSVP to lwhitema@nsf.gov to participate by teleconference.].

Professional Development
Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education and Learning Forward hosts a webinar titled, "Transforming Professional Learning to Prepare College- and Career-Ready Students," to discuss Learning Forward’s partnership with Kentucky and New Hampshire to design a quality professional learning system that is essential to implementing new content standards.
Participants: Mariana Haynes, PhD, Senior Fellow, Alliance for Excellent Education; Karen Kidwell, Director, Division of Program Standards, Office of Next Generation Learners, Kentucky Department of Education; Joellen Killion, Senior Advisor, Learning Forward; Felicia Cumings Smith, Associate Commissioner, Office of Next Generation Learners, Kentucky Department of Education; and Karen Soule, Division of Program Support Administrator, Bureau of Credentialing, New Hampshire Department of Education.
Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Contact: Register at: http://media.all4ed.org/registration-jul-31-2012.

Postsecondary Education Research
Subject: The Institute for Higher Education Policy and the Lumina Foundation host a webinar to launch PolicyDirect—a new online resource containing summaries of seminal postsecondary education research for a policy-focused audience.
Participants: Jamie Merisotis, President and CEO, Lumina Foundation; Michelle Asha Cooper, President, Institute for Higher Education Policy; Holly Zanville, Program Director, Lumina Foundation; and Alisa Federico Cunningham, Vice President of Research, Institute for Higher Education Policy.
Time and Location: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Contact: Register at: https://luminafoundation.webex.com/luminafoundation/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=733993660.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012
Latest Climate Change Science/Local Adaptation Measures
Subject: The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee holds a hearing on "Update on the Latest Climate Change Science and Local Adaptation Measures."
Witness(es): Christopher Field, Director, Carnegie Institution for Science’s Department of Global Ecology and Professor, Biology and Environmental Earth Science, Stanford University; John Christy, Distinguished Professor and Director, Earth System Science Center, Department of Atmospheric Science, University of Alabama; James McCarthy, Professor, Biological Oceanography, Harvard University, Museum of Comparative Zoology; John Griffin, Department of Natural Resources, Maryland; Margo Thorning, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, American Council for Capital Formation; and Jonathan Fielding, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Health, National Association of County & City Health Officials.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building.
Research Universities
Subject: The House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Research and Science Education holds a hearing titled, "The Relationship Between Business and Research Universities: Collaborations Fueling American Innovation and Job Creation."
Participants: William Green, Executive Chairman, Accenture; Ray Johnson, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Lockheed Martin Corporation; John Hickman, Director of Global University Relations and Life Sciences, Deere and Company; and Jilda Diehl Garton, Vice President for Research and General Manager, Georgia Tech Research Corporation, Georgia Institute of Technology.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012
Incorporating Sustainability in the EPA
Subject: The Environmental Protection Agency holds a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology to continue developing recommendations to the Administrator regarding actions that EPA can take in response to the National Academy of Sciences Report on "Incorporating Sustainability in the U.S Environmental Protection Agency," August 2-3.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., EPA East Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 2138, Washington, D.C.
Contact: Mark Joyce, 202-564-2130, joyce.mark@epa.gov [Note: RSVP to Eugene Green at green.eugene@epa.gov by Thursday, July 26.].

Cost Containment for Higher Education
Subject: The American Enterprise Institute hosts an event titled, "Stretching the Higher Education Dollar," to present and discuss 10 pieces of new research that unearth promising approaches and obstacles to cost containment for higher education as well as the implications for state and federal policy.
Participants: Ari Blum, InsideTrack; Kevin Carey, New America Foundation; Paul Fain, Inside Higher Education; Vance Fried, Oklahoma State University; Dave Jarrat, InsideTrack; Richard Jewell, Grove City College; Anya Kamanetz, Fast Company; Andrew P. Kelly, AEI; Steve Kolowich, Inside Higher Education; Paul LeBlanc, University of Southern New Hampshire; Robert Martin, Centre College; Jeff Selingo, Chronicle of Higher Education; Burck Smith, StraighterLine; Michael Staton, Inigral; and Stu Sutin, University of Pittsburgh.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., AEI, 1150 Seventeenth Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP to: www.aei.org.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2012
None.

On The Floor This Week
Senate
S. 3414 – Cybersecurity Act of 2012

House
H.R. __ – To provide a one-year extension of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, with certain modifications and exceptions, to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and for other purposes


H.R. 6169 – Pathway to Job Creation through a Simpler, Fairer Tax Code Act of 2012

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)

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U.S. House of Representatives 2010 Schedule:

U.S. Senate 2010 Schedule:


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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