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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013
None.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Subject: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a meeting of the National Advisory Council on September 17-18.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW, Rooms 6J42 and 1Q39, Washington, D.C.
Contact: Marian Norris, 202-358-4452, mnorris@nasa.gov.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Annual Education Workforce Summit
Subject: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation holds its annual education and workforce summit titled, "Connecting the Dots: Education, Policy, Workforce" to discuss bridging the gap between creating policies and the dynamic and challenging road to implementation.
Participants: Speakers include: Campbell Brown, Journalist and Co-Founder, The Parents' Transparency Project; Ken Campbell, President, Black Alliance for Educational Options; Amanda Ripley, Journalist and Author, the Smartest Kids in the World; Juan Williams, Journalist and Political Analyst, Fox News; Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee; Margaret Spellings, Former U.S. Secretary of Education and President, George W. Bush Foundation; Kim Hauer, Chief Human Resource Officer and Vice President of Human Services, Caterpillar, Inc.; Bill Hutchinson, Management Consulting Strategy Lead, Accenture; Wilbert "Wil" James, President, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky, Inc.; Richard Laine, Director, Education Division, National Governors
Association; Renee Patton, U.S. Public Sector Director of Education, Cisco Systems; Andrew J. Rotherham, Co-Founder & Partner, Bellwether Education; and Andy Van Kleunen, Executive Director, National Skills Coalition.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.; U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Register at: [http://education.uschamber.com/conference/annual-summit-connecting-dots](http://education.uschamber.com/conference/annual-summit-connecting-dots).

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

**College Affordability**

**Subject:** The Higher Education and Workforce Training Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Keeping College Within Reach: Improving Access and Affordability through Innovative Partnerships."

**Witnesses:** TBA.

**Time and Location:** 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.

**Contact:** 202-225-4527, [edworkforce.house.gov](http://edworkforce.house.gov).

**Authorizing Expenditures for CJS Committee**

**Subject:** The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee holds a full committee markup to vote on a resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

**Witnesses:** TBA

**Time and Location:** 2:30 p.m., 253 Russell Senate Office Building.

**Contact:** 703-224-0411, [commerce.senate.gov](http://commerce.senate.gov).

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013**

**Reauthorizing HEA**

**Subject:** The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee holds a hearing on "The Triad: Promoting a System of Shared Responsibility. Issues for Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act."

**Witnesses:** TBA

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 430 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

**Contact:** 202-224-5375, [help.senate.gov](http://help.senate.gov).

**Neuroenhancement**

**Subject:** The American Association for the Advancement of Science holds a discussion on "Neuroenhancement: Building an Improved Body and Mind."

**Participant(s):** Doefen Chen, Program Director, systems and cognitive neuroscience, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Ramez Naam, Computer Scientist, Author of "More Than Human: Embracing the Promise of Biological Enhancement"; Jose Pancrazio, Founding Chair, Department of Bioengineering, George Mason University.

**Time and Location:** 5:30 p.m., AAAS, 1200 New York Avenue NW, Auditorium, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** 202-326-6440, media@aaas.org, RSVP at: [www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=NEUR40E](http://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=NEUR40E)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013**

None.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate**

*S.1392* - Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act of 2013

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House

H.R. 1526 – Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act
H.R. 761 – National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2013
H.R. __ – Nutrition Reform and Work Opportunity Act
H.J.Res. __ – Continuing Appropriations Resolution 2014

Bills to Watch

FY2014 APPROPRIATIONS
S.Con.Res. # Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 (3/14/13 passed by Senate Budget Committee)

Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 (3/13/13 passed by House Budget Committee)

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

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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