This Week in Washington

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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington D.C. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014
None.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014
None.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014

Engineering Advisory Committee Meeting
Subject: The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Engineering Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on October 22 and 23.
Participants: Patrick Farrell, engineering advisory committee chair; Pramod Khargonekar, assistant director of engineering; Michael Molnar, director, National Institutes of Science (NIST) Advanced Manufacturing Program Office; Thomas Kalil, deputy director for policy, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and others.
Time and Location: 11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford I, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.
Contact: RSVP to Evette Rollins at: erollins@nsf.gov or (703) 292-2105. View the agenda at: http://www.nsf.gov/attachments/131199/public/2014_Fall_ENG_AdCom_Agenda.pdf.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014

Negotiated Rulemaking Hearing on Federal Direct Loans

Subject: The Department of Education (ED) will hold a public hearing to discuss the rulemaking agenda regarding proposed regulations to allow more student borrowers of Federal Direct Loans to use the "Pay as You Earn Repayment Plan."

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; ED, 1990 K Street, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC.


Equality in Education


Participant: James D. Anderson, professor, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

Time and Location: 6:00 p.m.; 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Contact: Register at: http://www.aera.netwww.logiforms.com/formdata/user_forms/7993_9562493/96498/.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014

None.

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On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
The Senate will be in recess until November 12.

House Floor:
The House will be in recess until November 12.

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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)

Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee)

STRENGTHENING EDUCATION THROUGH RESEARCH ACT

H.R. 4366  Sponsor: Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (09/17/14 passed by Senate HELP Committee; 05/08/14 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

SIMPLIFYING THE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID ACT
H.R. 4982 Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)
Simplifying the Application for Student Aid Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT
H.R. 4983 Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH ENHANCED FINANCIAL COUNSELING ACT
H.R. 4984 Sponsor: Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)
Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY ACT
Draft Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Higher Education Affordability Act (discussion draft of the bill, comments due to HELP Committee by 08/29/14)

AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION ACT
S. 2757 Sponsor: Sen. John Rockefeller (D-WV)
America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Reauthorization Act of 2014 (07/31/14 referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation)

H.R. 4186 Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)
Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science and Technology Act of 2014 (03/10/14 reported out of committee by voice vote)

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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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