This Week in Washington

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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013
Federal Holiday - Veterans Day

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013
International Education

Subject: The Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Institute of International Education hosts an International Education Week briefing to release, “Open Doors 2013” to discuss the effects of economic trends and education policies on student mobility. Participants: Evan M. Ryan, Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs; and Allan Goodman, President and CEO, Institute of International Education.

Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., The National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor Ball Room, Washington, DC.


Planetary Protection Meeting

Subject: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a meeting of the Planetary Protection Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council for the purpose of soliciting, from the
scientific community and other persons, scientific and technical information relevant to program planning, November 12-13.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Ann Delo, 202-358-0750, ann.b.delo@nasa.gov [Note: The event will be available via conference call and webex at 866-625-7921; passcode, 9515434; and nasa.webex.com; meeting number 990 787 342; password, PPS111220131!].

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013**

**Planetary Protection Meeting**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee #13883 to hear presentations of current programming by representatives from NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies relevant to astronomy and astrophysics; to discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the agencies; to formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and mechanisms for achieving them, November 13-14.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m., NSF, Stafford II Building, 4221 Wilson Boulevard, Room 555-II, Arlington, Va.

**Contact:** Jim Ulvestad, 703-292-7165.

**Federal Investments in Research, Science & Technology**

**Subject:** The House Science, Space and Technology Subcommittee on Research and Technology holds a hearing titled, “Keeping America FIRST: Federal Investments in Research, Science, and Technology at NSF, NIST, OSTP and Interagency STEM Programs.”

**Witnesses:** Dr. Richard Buckius, Vice President for Research, Purdue University; Dr. Daniel Sarewitz, Co-Director, Consortium for Science, Policy & Outcomes and Professor of Science and Society, Arizona State University; Dr. Timothy Killeen, President, The Research Foundation for SUNY and Vice Chancellor for Research, SUNY System Administration; and James Brown, Executive Director, STEM Education Coalition.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing call 202-225-6371.

**Simplifying Student Aid**

**Subject:** The House Committee on Education and the Workforce holds a hearing titled, "Keeping College Within Reach: Simplifying Federal Student Aid."

**Witnesses:** Kristin D. Conklin, Founding Partner, HCM Strategists, LLC; Dr. Sandy Baum, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute and Research Professor of Education Policy, George Washington University; Jennifer Mishory, J.D., Deputy Director, Young Invincibles; and Jason Delisle, Director, Federal Education Budget Project, New America Foundation.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.

**Contact:** For inquiries about the hearing call 202-225-4527.

**Budget Conference Committee**

**Subject:** The Bicameral Budget Conference Committee holds its second public meeting.

**Witness:** Doug Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office (CBO)

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 1100 Longworth House Office Building.

**Contact:** [http://budget.house.gov/hearingschedule2013/conferencecommittee11132013.htm](http://budget.house.gov/hearingschedule2013/conferencecommittee11132013.htm).

**Effects of Sequestration**

**Subject:** NDD United hosts an event titled, "Faces of Austerity: How Budget Cuts Have Made Us Sicker, Poorer, and Less Secure" to discuss the release of their new report on budget cuts in nondefense discretionary programs.

**Participants:** Phil Francis, Former Superintendent, Blue Ridge Parkway; Sharilyn Cano, Human Resources Director, Southern Oregon Head Start; Dr. Jian Liu, Professor in Division of Chemical Biology and Medicinal Chemistry, University of North Carolina; Ryan Dinkgrave, Manager, Focus: HOPE; and Rosemary Brewer, Human Resource Director, Detroit Manufacturing System (DMS).
Time and Location: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; 902 Hart Senate Office Building.
Contact: RSVP to Brandon McCain at crdfellow2@dc-crd.com.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013
Simplifying Student Aid
Subject: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions holds a hearing titled, "Ensuring Access to Higher Education: Simplifying Federal Student Aid for Today's College Student."
Witnesses: Dr. Bridget Terry Long, Academic Dean and Xander Professor of Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education; Kim Cook, Executive Director, National College Access Network; Dr. Judith Scott-Clayton, Assistant Professor of Economics and Education, Columbia University; and Kristin Conklin, Founding Partner, HCM Strategists.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 430 Dirksen Senate Office Building.
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing call 202-224-5357.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2013
None.

On The Floor This Week
Senate
H.R.3204 – Drug Quality and Security Act

House
H.R. 982 – Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2013
H.R. 2655 – Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2013
H.R. 3350 – “Keep Your Health Plan Act of 2013”

Bills to Watch
FY2014 APPROPRIATIONS
H.R. 2775 Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 (signed by President 10/17/13; passed by House of Representatives and Senate 10/16/13).

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
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