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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Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 16, 2015
International Education Week
Participants: Evan M. Ryan, assistant secretary, Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State; and Allan E. Goodman, President and CEO, Institute of International Education.
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor Ball Room, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

High Quality Teaching
Subject: The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and the Transforming Teaching Project will host an event, “From Quicksand to Solid Ground: Building a Foundation to Support Quality Teaching.”
Participants: Jal Mehta, associate professor, Harvard Graduate School of Education; Randi Weingarten, president, American Federation of Teachers; Maria Hyler, board-certified teacher and senior researcher, Learning Policy Institute; Brad Jupp, senior program advisor on teacher initiatives, U.S. Department of Education; Cheryl Redfield, board-certified teacher, Gilbert, AZ; Dan Brown, board-certified teacher and co-director, Educators Rising; and Peggy Brookins, interim president and CEO, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; Pew Charitable Trusts, 901 E Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.
Tuesday, November 17, 2015

House Energy and Commerce Committee Oversight Hearing on FCC
Subject: The House Committee on Energy and Commerce will hold an oversight hearing of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
Time and Location: 10:15 a.m.; 2132 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.2927.

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Global Financial Literacy Summit
Participants: Jon Clifton, managing director, global analytics, Gallup; Dr. Leora Klapper, lead economist, development research group, World Bank; Annamaria Lusardi, academic director, Global Financial Literacy Excellence Center, The George Washington University; Diane Vazza, managing director, head of global fixed income research, Standard & Poor’s Rating Services; and Jason Gold, chief operating officer, McGraw Hill Financial Global Institute.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; 901 F Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

House Joint Committee Hearing on Federal Student Aid
Subject: The House Committees on Education and the Workforce and Oversight and Government Reform will hold a joint hearing, “Federal Student Aid: Performance-Based Organization Review.”
Witnesses: Justin Draeger, president and CEO, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA); additional witnesses to be announced.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m.; 2154 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.4527.

Thursday, November 19, 2015

None.

Friday, November 20, 2015

None.

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Future Hearings and Events

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Balanced Budget Amendment Constitutional Convention National Partners Meeting Subject: The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) will hold an event, “BBA/ConCon National Partners Meeting,” to discuss opposition strategies to the potential convening of a constitutional convention regarding a balanced budget amendment.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; 1201 16th Street, NW, NEA Auditorium, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP to arugoff@cbpp.org.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
TBD

**House Floor:**
Possible consideration of a Motion to Go to Conference on ESEA Reauthorization Legislation

- **H.R. 511** – Tribal Sovereignty Act of 2015
- **H.R. 1210** – Portfolio Lending and Mortgage Access Act
- **H.R. 1737** – Reforming CFPB Indirect Auto Financing Guidance Act
- **H.R. 3189** – Federal Oversight Reform and Modernization (FORM) Act of 2014

Possible Consideration of a Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to **H.R. 2262** - SPACE Act of 2015
Possible Consideration of a Short-Term Extension to the Highway Trust Fund

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**Bills to Watch**

**APPROPRIATIONS**

- **H.R. 719**  
  *Sponsor: Rep. John Katko (R-NY)*
  Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016 (9/30/15 Signed by President)  
  This measure is the vehicle for FY2016 continuing appropriations (through December 11, 2015).

- **H.R. 2578**  
  *Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)*

- **S. #**  
  *Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)*

- **H.R. 2822**  
  *Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)*

- **S. 1645**  
  *Sponsor: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)*

- **H.R. 3020**  
  *Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)*
  Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2016 (6/24/15 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/17/2015 Passed by Subcommittee)

- **S. 1695**  
  *Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)*

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)**

- **S. 1177**  
  *Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)*
  Every Child Achieves Act of 2015 (7/16/15 Passed by Senate; 4/16/2015 Passed HELP Committee)
Student Success Act (7/8/15 Passed by House of Representatives; 2/27/2015 Debated and amended on the House Floor; 2/11/15 Passed by Education and the Workforce Committee)

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT (HEA)
H.R. 3594 Sponsor: Rep. Mike Bishop (R-MI)
Higher Education Extension Act of 2015 (9/28/2015 Passed by House)

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)
S. 227  Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (2/04/2015 Passed HELP Committee)

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U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. Senate Budget Committee
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