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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014
None.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2014
**NSF Accepting STEM Research Proposals**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) will host a webinar as part of a series to inform researchers of opportunities to submit proposals to the Education & Human Resources (EHR) Core Research program announcement, especially in regards to STEM research.

**Participant:** Philis Hauser, assistant program director, NSF.

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register at:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2014
None.
On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Senate will be in recess until December 1.

House Floor:
House will be in recess until December 1.

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)

H.R. 5  
**Sponsor:** Rep. John Kline (R-MN)  
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; 4/8/2014 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**

*S. 2954*  
**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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**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 Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions:  
http://help.senate.gov

U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor:  
http://edlabor.house.gov

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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