THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the Senate and House are in session. The House was initially scheduled to adjourn after this week, but that date is now uncertain given pending legislative business.
- This week, congressional leaders and the administration continue to work on a deal to fund the government after Dec. 11 for the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2021. It is possible that Congress may need to pass another stopgap bill (until Dec. 18, according to media reports) to finish larger negotiations.
- This week, negotiations between congressional leaders and the administration regarding a COVID-19 relief package continue.
- On Tuesday, the House is expected to vote on H.R. 6395, National Defense Authorization Act, sending the negotiated package to the Senate for consideration.
- This week, the Senate is expected to consider the nominations of Stephen Schwartz to be a judge on the Court of Federal Claims and Nathan Simington to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

- UC’s FY 2021 Appropriations Tracker
- UC’s FY 2021 Budget Advocacy Toolkit
- UC’s FY 2021 Funding Priorities

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Tuesday, the Economic Opportunity Subcommittee of the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Identifying Congressional and Administration Priorities for the Next Congress: How we can support our veterans through and after COVID-19."
- On Tuesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Early Outpatient Treatment: An Essential Part of a COVID-19 Solution, Part II."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "VA’s Response to COVID-19 across the VA Enterprise."
- On Wednesday, the House Foreign Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, “1890 Land Grant Institutions – 130 Years of Building Equity in Agriculture.”
- On Thursday, the Investigations Subcommittee of the Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Combatting the Opioid Crisis: Oversight of the Implementation of the STOP Act."
- On Thursday, the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold an executive business meeting to consider S. 4632, the Online Content Policy Modernization Act, as well as judicial nominations.
On Thursday, the Transportation and Safety Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The Logistics of Transporting a COVID-19 Vaccine.”

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