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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION
- This week, the House and Senate are in session.
- This week, both chambers are expected to adopt a budget resolution that would
direct the House and Senate committees to draft pieces of a reconciliation bill
regarding COVID-19 relief.
- This week, President Biden is expected to meet with ten Republican Senators
who led a letter outlining a COVID-19 relief compromise.

ADVOCACY UPDATE
- Last week, the University, in partnership with the FBI, hosted a half-day research
security virtual symposium titled, "Protecting the Research Enterprise –
Transparency, Integrity and Reciprocity."

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS
- On Tuesday, the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House
Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "No Time to Lose:
Solutions to Increase COVID-19 Vaccinations in the States."
- On Tuesday, the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a confirmation
hearing on the nomination of Kathleen H. Hicks to be deputy secretary of
defense.
- On Tuesday, the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee will hold a
confirmation hearing on the nomination of Thomas J. Vilsack to be secretary of
agriculture.
- On Wednesday, the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce
Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Road to Recovery: Ramping Up COVID-19
Vaccines, Testing and Medical Supply Chain."
- On Wednesday, the House Armed Services Committee will hold a committee
organizational meeting for the 117th Congress.
- On Wednesday, the House Foreign Affairs Committee will hold a committee
organizational meeting for the 117th Congress.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee
will hold a confirmation hearing on the nomination of Miguel Cardona to be
secretary of education.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold
a hearing to examine global climate trends and progress in addressing climate
change.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
will hold a hearing to consider rules governing the committee, a budget resolution
for the committee and the nomination of Gina Raimondo to be secretary of
commerce.
On Wednesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a confirmation hearing on the nomination of Michael S. Regan to be administrator of the Environment Protection Agency.


On Thursday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a confirmation hearing on the nomination of Marty Walsh to be secretary of labor.

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