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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the Senate and House are in session, with the House holding “Committee Work Days” under its [updated 2020 schedule](#).
- This week, the Senate is expected to consider legislation that would extend the amount of time businesses have to use loans under the Paycheck Protection Program.
- This week, the Senate is expected to take up multiple nominations including the nominations of Senior Associate White House Counsel Brian Miller to be the special inspector general for pandemic response, John Badalamenti to be a district judge, Drew Tipton to be district judge, Victor Mercado to be an assistant secretary of Defense and James Anderson to be a deputy under secretary of Defense.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Last week, UC FGR continued its ongoing advocacy related to COVID-19, engaging with Congress as well as partner organizations:
 - On May 28, UC FGR encouraged the California congressional delegation to sign on to the Dear Colleague letter led by Rep. Ben Ray Luján (D-NM) in support of including scientific infrastructure funding for the Department of Energy national laboratories in the next COVID-19 recovery package.
 - On May 29, UC FGR encouraged Republican members of the California congressional delegation to sign on to Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH) GOP-only letter in support of Optional Practical Training.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

- [UC's FY 2021 Appropriations Tracker](#)
- [UC's FY 2021 Funding Priorities](#)
- [UC's FY 2021 Budget Advocacy Toolkit](#)

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, "On the Front Lines: How Governors are Battling the COVID-19 Pandemic."
- On Tuesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Russell Vought to be director of the Office of Management and Budget, among other nominations.
- On Tuesday, the Intellectual Property Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Is the DMCA's Notice-and-Takedown System Working in the 21st Century?"

- On Wednesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will markup the nomination of Sethuraman Panchanathan to be director of the National Science Foundation, among other nominations.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Russell Vought to be Director of Office of Management and Budget.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The State of Transportation and Critical Infrastructure: Examining the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic."
- On Thursday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing titled, "COVID-19: Going Back to College Safely."
- On Thursday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Infrastructure: The Road to Recovery."
- On Thursday, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "COVID-19 Response."

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