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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the House and Senate are in session.
- This week, lawmakers continue to work towards an agreement regarding three expiring provisions of the USA Freedom Act, all of which expire on March 15.
- This week, the House is expected to take up legislation ([H.R. 2214](#)), introduced by Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA-27), to repeal President Trump's travel ban.
- This week, the Senate is expected to complete debate on an energy bill ([S. 2657](#)) and possibly vote on the legislation. Included within the legislation is more than 50 individual bills that address issues such as renewable energy research and nuclear research.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- This week, a delegation from five UC campuses – Berkeley, Irvine, Riverside, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz – will participate in the National Humanities Alliance's annual meeting and humanities advocacy day. UC FGR is supporting the campuses with advocacy documents and scheduling congressional meetings.
- On Tuesday and Wednesday, UC FGR and UCLA Health will participate in America's Essential Hospitals' Spring Policy Assembly, which will include Capitol Hill meetings focused on encouraging Congress to protect Medicaid funding and the 340B Drug Pricing Program.
- On Wednesday and Thursday, UC FGR and UCLA Health will participate in 340B Health's DC policy workshop and Capitol Hill advocacy day.
- Last week, a delegation from UC Agriculture and Natural Resources, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Riverside and California's agricultural and forestry industries were in Washington, D.C. for the annual Association of Public and Land-grant Universities Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching meeting and Capitol Hill [advocacy days](#). UC FGR coordinated the congressional meetings and provided advocacy support.
- Last week, a researcher from UC Santa Cruz was in Washington, D.C. for the Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope [advocacy day](#). UC FGR staffed the meetings and provided advocacy support.

VISITORS TO WASHINGTON

- **Amanda Swain**, executive director of the Humanities Center, and **Louis Bronstein**, assistant director for federal government relations, **UC Irvine**; **Milagros Pena**, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and **Kathy Eiler**, director of federal relations, **UC Riverside**; **Susan Derwin**, director of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, **UC Santa Barbara**; and **Tyler Stoval**, dean of humanities, **UC Santa Cruz**, will be in Washington, D.C. to attend the National Humanities Alliance annual meeting and Humanities Advocacy Day.

- **Shannon Jackson**, associate vice chancellor for the arts and design, and **Michelle Moskowitz**, director of advocacy and institutional relations, **UC Berkeley**, will be in Washington, D.C. to attend the National Humanities Alliance annual meeting.
- **Joshua Graff Zivin**, professor of global policy and strategy and economics, **UC San Diego**, will be in Washington, D.C. to attend a National Academies meeting.
- **Joshua Viers**, director of the Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS), **UC Merced**, will be in Washington, D.C. for Capitol Hill meetings.
- **Mike Altschule**, executive director of government relations, **UCLA Health**, will be in Washington, D.C. to attend America's Essential Hospital's Spring Policy Assembly and Capitol Hill day and 340B Health's Capitol Hill day.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

- [UC's FY 2021 Appropriations Tracker](#)
- [UC's FY 2021 Federal Funding Priorities](#)
- Upcoming Congressional Activity:
 - On Tuesday, the House Budget Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Department of Defense FY 2021 Budget."
 - On Tuesday, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Department of Agriculture Budget Request for FY 2021."
 - On Tuesday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing titled, "FY 2021 Interior Department Budget."
 - On Tuesday, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Proposed Budget Estimates and Justification for FY 2021 for the Agriculture Department."
 - On Wednesday, the Transportation and Maritime Security Subcommittee of the House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Securing America's Transportation and Maritime Systems: A Review of the FY 2021 Budget Requests for the Transportation and Security Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard."
 - On Wednesday, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Food and Drug Administration Budget Request for FY 2021."
 - On Wednesday, the Cybersecurity, Infrastructure, Protection and Innovation Subcommittee of the House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Resourcing DHS' Cybersecurity and Innovation Missions: A review of the FY 2021 Budget Request for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the Science and Technology Directorate."
 - On Wednesday, the Energy, Water Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing

titled, “Department of Energy FY 2021 Budget Request for Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Office of Science and Environmental Management.”

- On Wednesday, the Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Reviewing Department of Defense Science and Technology Strategy, Policy and Programs for FY 2021: Maintain a Robust Ecosystem for Our Technological Edge.”

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Wednesday, the House Natural Resources Committee will markup [H.R. 1162](#), the Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act; [H.R. 2473](#), the Securing Access for the central Valley and Enhancing (SAVE) Water Resources Act; [H.R. 3723](#), the Desalination Development Act; and [H.R. 4891](#), the Western Water Security Act of 2019, among other pieces of legislation.
- On Wednesday, the Research and Technology Subcommittee of the House Science Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Reauthorization of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.”
- On Wednesday, the House Oversight and Reform Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Coronavirus Preparedness and Response.”
- On Wednesday, the Economic and Consumer Policy Subcommittee of the House Oversight and Reform Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Examining Travel Insurance for Coronavirus-Related Cancellations.”
- On Wednesday, the House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Confronting the Coronavirus: The Federal Response.”
- On Thursday, the Energy Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will markup [H.R. 6084](#), the Water Power Research and Development Act; [H.R. 6097](#), the Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act; [H.R. 4481](#), the Securing Energy Critical Elements and American Jobs Act of 2019; and [H.R. 4733](#), the Low-Dose Radiation Research Act of 2019.

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