THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the Senate and House are in session.
- This week, negotiations between congressional leaders and the administration regarding a COVID-19 relief package continue.
- This week, congressional leaders and the administration continue to work on a deal to fund the government after Dec. 11 for the remainders of fiscal year (FY) 2021.
- On Tuesday, House Republicans are expected to hold their leadership elections.
- On Tuesday, the House is expected to consider, under suspension, H.R. 8266, the FEMA Assistance Relief Act of 2020, legislation to provide institutions of higher education with necessary federal assistance to continue delivering essential educational and community services as they respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On Wednesday and Thursday, House Democrats are expected to hold their leadership elections.
- This week, the Senate is expected to take up the nomination of Judy Shelton to the Federal Reserve board and the judicial nominations of Benjamin Beaton to be judge for the western district of Kentucky, Toby Crouse to be a judge for the district of Kansas, Kathryn Mizelle to be a judge for the middle district of Florida, Taylor McNeel to be judge for the southern district of Mississippi and Stephen Vaden to be a judge for the U.S. Court of International Trade.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- On Friday, UC FGR will host a call between Director Bindu Nair, Department of Defense Office of Basic Research, and the University’s campus vice chancellors for research (VCRs), national lab deputy directors and campus government relations directors to discuss UC’s priorities to restore the research enterprise and the importance of balanced foreign influence and cybersecurity policies.
- This week, UC FGR continues to update the election results document, which tracks the Nov. 3 election as it relates to the presidential, U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives races. As votes continue to be counted, the document will be updated in Box every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until all the California House races have been called. The deadline for California Secretary of State Alex Padilla to certify election results is Dec. 11.

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 House Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Ocean Climate Action: Solutions to the Climate Crisis."

• On Wednesday, the Public Lands, Forests and Mining Subcommittee of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing to consider S. 4603, the Forest Health and Biomass Energy Act and S. 4625, the National Prescribed Fire Act of 2000, among other legislation.

• On Thursday, the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Tech Company Legal Liability Reform," and will consider S. 4632, the Online Content Policy Modernization Act.

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