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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.
• This week, the House is expected to take up H.R. 3884, Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act of 2019 (MORE Act), aimed at decriminalizing marijuana on the federal level.
• This week, the Senate is expected to bring back to the floor the nomination of Judy Shelton to serve on the Federal Reserve board. In addition, the Senate is expected to consider the nominations of Taylor McNeel to be a district judge, J. Philip Calabrese to be a district judge for the southern district of Mississippi, Kyle Hauptman to be a member of the National Credit Union Administration Board and Kathryn Davis to be a judge on the Court of Federal Claims.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

• 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 Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold an executive session to consider the nominations of Greg Autry to be chief financial officer of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Daniel Huff to be assistant secretary of the Department of Commerce.
• On Wednesday, the Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management Subcommittee of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, “State and Local Cybersecurity: Defending Our Communities from Cyber Threats amid COVID-19.”
On Wednesday, the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Agricultural Research and Securing the United States Food Supply."

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