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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the House and Senate are in session.
- This week, the House is expected to vote on a continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government open through Dec. 11.
- This week, the House is expected to take up an energy package addressing climate change and creating clean energy jobs.
- This week, the Senate is expected to take up the nominations of Edward Meyers to be a judge of the court of federal claims, John Hinderaker and Roderick Young to be district judges, and Andrea Lucas, Jocelyn Samuels and Keith Sonderling each to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
- This week, members of Congress are expected to pay tribute to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who passed away on Sept. 18. Justice Ginsburg will lie in repose at the Supreme Court on Wednesday and Thursday and will lie in state on Friday.
- As soon as this week, President Trump is expected to announce his Supreme Court nominee who, if confirmed, will replace Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- On Tuesday, UC Davis will host a congressional briefing for its delegation to discuss two recent federal grants the campus has received: a National Institutes of Health grant for [the EpiCenter for Emerging Infectious Disease Intelligence](#) and a National Science Foundation grant for [the AI Institute for Next Generation Food Systems](#).
- On Wednesday, Rucker C. Johnson, professor of public policy, UC Berkeley, will participate in the congressional briefing, "[How Money Matters in Education](#)," hosted by the Committee for Education Funding.
- On Wednesday, UC FGR will participate in 340B Health's first virtual Hill Day during which representatives from hospitals that benefit from the 340B outpatient prescription drug discount share the program's value with legislative offices, encouraging Congress to safeguard the 340B Drug Pricing Program from any policy proposals that could undermine safety net providers' 340B discount.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

- [UC's FY 2021 Appropriations Tracker](#)
- [UC's FY 2021 Budget Advocacy Toolkit](#)
- [UC's FY 2021 Funding Priorities](#)
- Upcoming congressional hearings:
 - On Wednesday, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing

to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Monday, the House Rules Committee considered [H.R. 4447](#), the Expanding Access to Sustainable Energy Act of 2019 [Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act], and the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act.
- On Tuesday, the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Trump Administration Broken Promises on Renewable Energy.”
- On Tuesday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing to examine emerging offshore and marine energy technologies in the United States, including offshore wind, marine and hydrokinetic energy and alternative fuels for maritime shipping.
- On Tuesday, the Security Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled, “U.S. Coast Guard Capabilities for Safeguarding National Interests and Promoting Economic Security in the Arctic.”
- On Wednesday, the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Data for Decision-Making: Responsible Management of Data During COVID-19 and Beyond.”
- On Wednesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing to examine the nomination of Chad F. Wolf to be secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Revisiting the Need for Federal Data Privacy Legislation.”
- On Wednesday, the Intellectual Property Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Examining Threats to American Intellectual Property: Cyber-attacks and Counterfeits During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
- On Thursday, the Social Security Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Save Our Social Security Now.”
- On Thursday, the Environment Subcommittee of the House Oversight and Reform Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Climate Change, Part IV: Moving Towards a Sustainable Future.”
- On Thursday, the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The Quarterly CARES Act Report to Congress.”
- On Thursday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing to examine threats to the homeland.

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