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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the House and Senate are in session for part of the week. The House is expected to hold votes from Tuesday to Friday. The Senate is expected to return on Wednesday.
- This week, the Senate is expected to vote on a continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government open through Dec. 11.
- This week, the Senate is expected to hold individual meetings with Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Last week, UC Davis hosted 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.
- Last week, Rucker C. Johnson, professor of public policy, UC Berkeley, participated in the congressional briefing, “How Money Matters in Education,” hosted by the Committee for Education Funding.
- Last week, UC FGR participated in 340B Health’s first virtual Hill Day during which representatives from hospitals that benefit from the 340B outpatient prescription drug discount shared the program’s value with legislative offices and encouraged 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

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Wednesday, the House Oversight and Reform Committee will hold the first part of a hearing titled, “Unsustainable Drug Prices: Testimony from the CEOs (Part 1).”
- On Wednesday, the Environment Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Coping with Compound Crises: Extreme Weather, Social Injustice and a Global Pandemic.” Dr. Roxane Cohen Silver, professor of psychological science, medicine and public health, UC Irvine, will testify.
On Wednesday, the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Pathway to a Vaccine: Ensuring a Safe and Effective Vaccine People Will Trust.”

On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled, “NASA missions and Programs: Update and Future Plans.”

On Thursday, the House Oversight and Reform Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Unsustainable Drug Prices: Testimony from the CEOs (Part 2).”

On Thursday, the Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Supply Chain Integrity.”

On Friday, the House Oversight and Reform Committee will hold a hybrid hearing with Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex M. Azar II on the Department of Health and Human Services’ response to the coronavirus pandemic.

On Friday, the House Foreign Affairs and House Armed Services Committee will hold a joint hearing titled, “Strengthening Biological Security: Traditional Threats and Emerging Challenges.”

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