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**THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION**

- This week, the House and Senate are in session, with the House holding Committee Work Days.
- As soon as this week, Senate Republicans are expected to vote on a targeted COVID-19 relief package.
- This week, the Senate is expected to take up the nominations of Brett Ludwig, Christy Wiegand, Hala Jarbou, Thomas Cullen and Diane Gujarati, each to be district judges.

**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 Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing to consider [H.R. 3797](#), the Medical Marijuana Research Act of 2019, [H.R. 4499](#), the NIMHD Research Endowment Revitalization Act of 2019, [H.R. 8132](#), the American COMPETE Act, and [H.R. 8159](#), the Department of Energy Organization and Management Improvement Act, among other legislation.
- On Wednesday, the Research and Technology Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on University Research."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Vaccines: Saving Lives, Ensuring Confidence, and Protecting Public Health."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing to examine the nomination of John Gibbs to be director of the office of personnel management, among other nominations.
- On Thursday, the Civil Rights and Human Services Subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee will hold a hearing titled, "On the Basis of Sex: Examining the Administration's Attacks on Gender-Based Protections."
- On Thursday, the House Veterans' Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on multiple bills including [H.R. 8147](#), the TREAT Act.
- On Friday, the Energy Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Biological Research at the Department of Energy: Leveraging DOE's Unique Capabilities to Respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic."

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