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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, both the House and Senate are in session.
- This week, the Senate is expected to continue work on a path forward for repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act. While initial reports indicated that Senate leadership wants to bring legislation to the floor prior to the July 4 recess, the timing could slip depending on when Senate Republicans can reach agreement on language and when the Congressional Budget Office is able to score the legislation.
- On Thursday, UC's Vice President of Agriculture and Natural Resources Glenda Humiston will testify at a House Agriculture Committee hearing titled "[The Next Farm Bill: University Research](#)." FGR is assisting with the hearing preparations.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Last week was [Capitol Hill Ocean Week](#); representatives from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego participated in affiliated events and meetings.
- Last Thursday, the California Public Higher Education Caucus hosted a congressional briefing with the University of California, the California State University and the California Community College systems, along with staff from the House Education and the Workforce Committee. The briefing helped educate congressional staffers about the committee's legislative goals for this Congress and expectations in a Higher Education Act reauthorization. Each system also discussed their 2017 federal priorities. UC's Director of Education Carolyn Henrich presented on behalf of the university at the event.

VISITORS TO WASHINGTON

- Chancellor Dorothy Leland, UC Merced, and Chancellor Pradeep Khosla, UC San Diego, will be in Washington, D.C. for the Association of Public Land-grant Universities board of directors meeting.
- Keith Yamamoto, vice chancellor for science policy and strategy, UC San Francisco, will be in Washington, D.C. for hill meetings.
- Jay Keasling, associate laboratory director for bioscience; Mack Kennedy, Frontier Observatory for Research in Geothermal Energy lead; Don Medley, head of government and community relations; and Jenn Tang, manager for federal and community relations, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, will be in Washington, D.C. for hill meetings.

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Tuesday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on the proposed FY 2018 budget request for the Interior Department.
- On Tuesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing titled "[Free Speech 101: The Assault on the First Amendment on College Campuses](#)."

Eugene Volokh, Gary T. Schwartz distinguished professor of law, UCLA, will testify before the committee.

- On Tuesday, the Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions and International Economic, Energy and Environmental Policy Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold a hearing titled “The World Health Organization and Pandemic Protection in a Globalized World.”
- On Tuesday, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing on the budget for the Energy Department.
- On Wednesday, the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing on the budget estimates and justification for FY 2018 for the Interior Department.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will vote on the nominations of Russell Vought, deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget, and Neomi Rao, administrator of Office of Management and Budget’s Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled “Cybersecurity Regulation Harmonization.”
- On Wednesday, the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing on proposed budget estimates and justification for FY 2018 for the Department of Energy.
- On Wednesday, the Environment Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled “Leading the Way: Examining Advances in Environmental Technologies.”
- On Thursday, the Public Lands, Forests and Mining Subcommittee of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on the proposed FY 2018 budget request for the Department of Energy.
- On Thursday, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing on the FY 2018 budget for the National Institutes of Health.
- On Thursday, the Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled “Marine Debris: Efforts on Marine Debris in the Oceans and Great Lakes.”
- On Thursday, the House Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing titled “Examining the Department of the Interior’s Spending Priorities and the President’s FY 2018 Budget Proposal.”
- On Thursday, the House Agriculture Committee will hold a hearing titled “[The Next Farm Bill: University Research](#).” UC’s Vice President of Agriculture and Natural Resources Glenda Humiston will testify before the committee.
- On Friday, the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled “Examining the Extension of Safety Net Health Programs.”

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