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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the Senate is in session. While the House is not currently in session, leadership remains in Washington, D.C. to continue COVID-19 relief package negotiations and Members have been asked to be prepared to return once an agreement is reached.
- On Tuesday, the Senate is expected to vote on the nomination of Department of Energy Under Secretary Mark Wesley Menezes to be deputy secretary of energy.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Last week, UC FGR continued its ongoing advocacy related to COVID-19, engaging with Congress as well as partner organizations:
  - On July 30, UC FGR sent a letter to the California delegation from then-UC President Janet Napolitano and California State University Chancellor Timothy P. White regarding support for states and localities and a change to the CARES Act allocation formula included in House-passed coronavirus relief legislation, H.R. 6800, the HEROES Act.

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 Tuesday, the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Shon J. Manasco to be under secretary of the Air Force, among other nominations.
- On Tuesday, the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Findings and Recommendations of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission.”
- On Wednesday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing to examine efforts to improve cybersecurity for the energy sector.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing to examine a discussion draft bill for the American Nuclear Infrastructure Act of 2020.
- On Thursday, the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing on the nominations of Bradley D. Hansell to be deputy under secretary of defense for intelligence and security and Lucas N. Polakowski to be assistant secretary of
defense for nuclear, chemical and biological Defense Programs, among other nominations.

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