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**THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION**

- This week, the House and Senate are in session.
- This week, House committees are expected to markup the coronavirus relief reconciliation instructions under fiscal 2021 budget resolution.
- On Monday, the Senate is expected vote on Denis McDonough's nomination to be secretary of veterans affairs.
- On Tuesday, the Senate is expected to begin the impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump.

**ADVOCACY UPDATE**

- This week, UC and the UC Student Association launched "[Double the Pell](#)," a joint effort to call on Congress to reinvest in the federal Pell Grant program.
- On Thursday, UC Federal Governmental Relations will host a virtual congressional briefing focused on early career researchers in the UC system.

**THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS**

- On Monday, the House Education and Labor Committee will hold an organizational meeting to introduce new members, consider and adopt the rules of the Committee, report and approve subcommittee chair, ranking members and assignments and present the committee oversight plan and vice chair.
- On Tuesday, the Climate Change Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Back in Action: Restoring Federal Climate Leadership."
- On Tuesday, the House Education and Labor Committee will markup to comply with reconciliation directives included in section 2001(b) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.
- On Tuesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing to examine the nomination of Neera Tanden, UCLA alumna, to be director of the office of management and budget.
- On Wednesday, the House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Homeland Cybersecurity: Assessing Cyber Threats and Building Resilience."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing to examine the nomination of Neera Tanden, UCLA alumna, to be director of the Office of Management and Budget.
- On Thursday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing on the nominations of Miguel Cardona to serve as secretary of education, the nomination of Marty Walsh to serve as secretary of labor and any additional nominations cleared for action.

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