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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

• This week, the Senate is in session; the House of Representatives is not.
• This week, the Senate began the impeachment trial of President Trump.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

• Last Tuesday, FGR hosted artificial intelligence (AI) researchers from UC’s nine undergraduate campuses and Berkeley Lab to meet with Department of Defense program managers and leadership. The day-long event, organized by FGR, was the first of its kind for UC in that it directly connected UC researchers with key agency program managers and offered the opportunity to identify future research funding opportunities and develop professional relationships. Last Wednesday, these researchers met with California congressional offices and staff from the Senate Commerce Committee to discuss the AI field and offer feedback on draft legislation.
• Last Wednesday, the Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Davis hosted a Capitol Hill briefing titled, "Emerging Research in Freight Efficiency and Sustainability."

VISITORS TO WASHINGTON

• Kathleen Ritzman, assistant director for research planning and government relations at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and Christine Castillo, government relations specialist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego, will be in Washington, D.C. for hill and agency meetings.
• Gina Banks Daly, director of federal relations, UC Berkeley, will be in Washington, D.C. for hill meetings.

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

• On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The 5G Workforce and Obstacles to Broadband Deployment.”
• On Wednesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Oversight of the Economic Development Administration.”

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