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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION
• This week, the House and Senate are in session.
• This week, the Senate will continue the impeachment trial of President Trump.
• This week, the House is scheduled to take up two measures to re-establish Congress’s authority over war affairs.

ADVOCACY UPDATE
• On Wednesday, the Women in STEM Caucus will launch. The caucus is a bipartisan group of members dedicated to advancing the important role women in STEM play in boosting the economy, conducting groundbreaking research that leads to life-changing innovations and furthering our nation’s scientific enterprise. Congresswoman Houlahan (D-PA), Congresswoman Stevens (D-MI) and Congresswoman Walorski (R-IN) are cochairing the caucus. The Science Coalition, of which UC is a founding member, will join in the launch events.

VISITORS TO WASHINGTON
• Don Medley, head of government and community relations, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, will be in Washington, D.C. for hill meetings.
• Brandon M. Collins, research scientist, UC Berkeley, will be in Washington, D.C. to testify before the Energy Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee at a hearing titled, “Out of Control: The Impact of Wildfires on Our Power Sector and the Environment.”

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS
• On Tuesday, the Judiciary, Crime and Homeland Security Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Fentanyl Analogues: Perspectives on Classwide Scheduling.”
• On Tuesday, the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The Importance of Public Disclosure Requirements for Protecting Human Health, the Climate, and the Environment,” focusing on H.R. 5636, the Transparency in Energy Production Act of 2020.
• On Tuesday, the Conservation and Forestry Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee will hold a hearing titled, “To Review Implementation of Farm Bill Conservation Programs.”
• On Tuesday, the Water, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on H.R. 4891, the Western Water Security Act of 2019, and H.R. 5316, the Move Water Now Act, among other legislation.
• On Tuesday, the Energy Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Out of Control: The Impact of Wildfires on
our Power Sector and the Environment.” Brandon M. Collins, research scientist, UC Berkeley, will testify.

- On Tuesday, the Transportation and Safety Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Building Infrastructure in America: Overview of the Build America Bureau and the Transportation Department Rural Transportation Initiatives.”
- On Wednesday, the House Science, Space and Technology committee will hold a hearing titled, “Losing Ground: U.S. Competitiveness in Critical Technologies.”
- On Wednesday, the House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Paving the Way for Funding and Financing Infrastructure Investments.”
- On Wednesday, the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Improving Safety and Transparency in America’s Food and Drugs.”
- On Wednesday, the Communications and Technology Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Empowering and Connecting Communities through Digital Equity and Internet Adoption.”

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