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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION
• This week, the House and Senate are in session.
• This week, Senate Republicans are expected to unveil a coronavirus relief proposal.
• This week, the House and Senate are expected to continue consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act.
• This week, the House is expected to take up a minibus consisting of four fiscal year 2021 spending bills: State and Foreign Operations; Military Construction and Veterans Affairs; Agriculture; and Interior and Environment.
• On Monday, the Senate is expected to consider the nomination of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Acting Director Russ Vought to be the director of OMB.
• On Wednesday, the House is expected to vote on H.R. 7573, a bill that would remove statues of Confederate figures from the Capitol building.

ADVOCACY UPDATE
• Last week, UC FGR, in partnership with Office of Legislative Analysis, Student Financial Support and Student Affairs, filed a comment letter on an interim final rule put in place by the U.S. Department of Education.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS
• UC’s FY 2021 Appropriations Tracker
• UC’s FY 2021 Budget Advocacy Toolkit
• UC’s FY 2021 Funding Priorities
  o On Thursday, the House Foreign Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The Trump Administration’s FY 2021 Foreign Assistance Budget Request.”

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS
• On Tuesday, the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Pathway to a Vaccine: Efforts to Develop a Safe, Effective and Accessible COVID-19 Vaccine.”
• On Tuesday, the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Consular Affairs and the COVID-19 Crisis: Assessing the State Department’s Response to the Pandemic.”
• On Tuesday, the State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Appropriations will hold a hearing to review U.S government efforts to address ocean plastic pollution.
• On Tuesday, the Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing to consider Derek Kan to be deputy director of OMB.
• On Wednesday, the House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Examining the National Response to the Worsening Coronavirus Pandemic: Part II.”

• On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing to consider S. 3771, Fundamentally Understanding the Usability and Realistic Evolution (FUTURE) of Artificial Intelligence Act of 2020, and S. 3891, Advancing Artificial Intelligence Research Act of 2020, among other legislation and nominations.

• On Wednesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a business meeting to consider S.3997, the Safeguarding American Innovation Act, among other legislation and nominations.

• On Wednesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Stopping the Spread: Examining the Increased Risk of Zoonotic Disease from Illegal Wildlife Trafficking.”

• On Wednesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Protecting the Integrity of College Athletics.”

• On Thursday, the Trade Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Trade, Manufacturing, and Critical Supply Chains: Lessons from COVID-19.”

• On Thursday, the Communications, Technology, Innovation and the Internet Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The State of U.S Spectrum Policy.”

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