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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the House and Senate are in session.
- This week, the Senate is expected to take up the House-passed \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief legislation.
- On Monday, the Senate is expected to hold a final vote on the nomination of Miguel Cardona to be secretary of education, followed by an initial vote on the nomination of Gina Raimondo to be secretary of commerce.
- This week, the Senate is expected to consider the nomination of Cecilia Rouse to be chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- This week, UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), UC campus and industry representatives are virtually participating in the annual Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET) Capitol Hill advocacy days.
- On Thursday, UC campuses are virtually participating in Fusion Day Capitol Hill advocacy day.
- Last week, the UC Student Association held a Double the Pell congressional week of action that included a [press conference](#) and a [Hill briefing](#).

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Tuesday, the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Global Security Challenges and Strategy."
- On Tuesday, the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Future of Telehealth: How COVID-19 is Changing the Delivery of Virtual Care."
- On Tuesday, the Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Shalanda D. Young to be the deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).
- On Wednesday, the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "A Way Forward for Venezuela: The Humanitarian, Diplomatic, and National Security Challenges Facing the Biden Administration."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing to consider nominations of Brenda Mallory to be a member of the Council on Environmental Quality and Janet Garvin McCabe to be deputy administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Polly Ellen Trottenberg to be deputy secretary of the Department of Transportation.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nominations of Wendy Sherman to be deputy secretary of the Department of State and Brian McKeon to be deputy secretary of the Department of State for Management and Resources.
- On Thursday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of David M. Turk to be the deputy secretary of the Department of Energy.
- On Thursday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nominations of Shalanda D. Young to be deputy director of OMB and Jason S. Miller to be deputy director for management at OMB.
- On Thursday, the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Wall Street vs. Workers: How the Financial System Hurts Workers and Widens the Racial Wealth Gap."
- On Thursday, the House Natural Resource Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Insular Area Climate Change Act."

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