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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the House and Senate are in session.
- This week, the House is expected to take up [H.R. 6](#), the American Dream and Promise Act of 2021.
- This week, the Senate is expected to vote on the nominations of Xavier Becerra to be secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Rep. Deb Haaland (D-NM-1) to be secretary of the Department of Interior, Isabella Guzman to lead the Small Business Administration and Katherine Tai to be U.S. trade representative.
- This week, the House is expected to vote on [H.R. 1868](#), legislation that would prevent automatic spending cuts to Medicare from being enacted; the bill also contains a provision that protects California's public Disproportionate Share Hospitals.
- On Monday, the House is expected to take up [H.R. 1620](#), the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Last week, representatives from UC Irvine, UCLA and UC Santa Cruz virtually participated in the annual Humanities Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill.

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Tuesday, the Homeland Security Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Role of FEMA and Emergency Management in COVID-19 Response."
- On Tuesday, the House Rules Committee will meet to consider [H.R. 1868](#), legislation that would prevent automatic spending cuts to Medicare from being enacted, and [H.R. 6](#), the American Dream and Promise Act of 2021.
- On Tuesday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Transportation Technologies."
- On Wednesday, the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Climate Change, National Security and the Arctic."
- On Wednesday, the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Leading the Way Forward: Biden Administration Actions to Increase COVID-19 Vaccinations."
- On Wednesday, the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Brain Drain: Rebuilding the Federal Scientific Workforce."

- On Wednesday, the Higher Education and Workforce Investment Subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Rising to the Challenge: The Future of Higher Education Post COVID-19."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nominations of Vivek Hallegere Murthy to serve as medical director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and surgeon general of the Public Health Service and Rachel Levine to serve as assistant secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.
- On Wednesday, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Advancing Effective U.S. Policy for Strategic Competition with China in the Twenty-First Century."
- On Wednesday the Senate Finance Committee will hold a hearing titled, "A National Tragedy: COVID-19 in the Nation's Nursing Homes."
- On Thursday, the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Discrimination and Violence Against Asian Americans."
- On Thursday, Commerce, Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "[H.R. 1512](#), The CLEAN (Climate Leadership and Environmental Action for our Nation's) Future Act: Industrial Climate Policies to Create Jobs and Support Working Communities."
- On Thursday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Examining Our COVID-19 Response: An Update from Federal Officials."

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