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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the Senate is in session, while the House is holding a committee work week.
- This week, the Senate is expected to vote on the nominations of Marty Walsh to be secretary of the Department of Labor, Rachel Leland Levine to be assistant secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, David Turk and Adewale O. Ademayo to be deputy secretaries of Energy and Vivek Murthy to be surgeon general.
- This week, the Senate is expected to pass legislation to extend the deadline for applying for Paycheck Protection Program assistance.

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Monday, the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "LIFT America: Revitalizing Our Nation's Infrastructure and Economy."
- On Tuesday, the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Wood Innovation: Sustainable Forest Products to Reinvigorate Rural Economies."
- On Tuesday, the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Water Resources Development Act of 2020: Status of Essential Provisions."
- On Tuesday, the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Building on the ACA: Legislation to Expand Health Coverage and Lower Costs."
- On Wednesday, the House Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing titled, "How the Biden Administration's Build Back Better Plan Can Benefit the U.S. Territories."
- On Wednesday, the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Examining R&D Pathways to Sustainable Aviation."
- On Wednesday, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Rural Economy."
- On Wednesday, the Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight Subcommittee of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Preparing for Future Crises: Examining the National Response Enterprise."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Rebuilding Transportation Infrastructure."

- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Polly Trottenberg to be deputy secretary of the Department of Transportation and Coast Guard Promotions.
- On Wednesday, the Water and Power Subcommittee of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on Western Water Management.
- On Thursday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Administration's Priorities for Transportation Infrastructure."
- On Thursday, the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Effects of COVID-19 on Arts and Humanities Organizations."
- On Thursday, the Energy Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Building Technologies Research for a Sustainable Future."
- On Thursday, the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Creating Equitable Communities through Transportation and Housing." Elizabeth Kneebone, research director, UC Berkeley Turner Center for Housing Innovation, is testifying.
- On Thursday, the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee is holding a hearing titled, "Child Nutrition Reauthorization: Healthy Meals and Healthy Futures."
- On Thursday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee is holding a hearing on nuclear energy.
- On Thursday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee is holding a hearing titled, "Examining Our COVID-19 Response: Improving Health Equity and Outcomes by Addressing Health Disparities."
- On Thursday, the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee is holding a hearing titled, "American Rescue Plan: Shots in Arms and Money in Pockets."
- On Thursday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee is holding a hearing to consider the nomination of Deanne B. Criswell to be administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the Department of Homeland Security.
- On Thursday, the Senate Budget Committee is holding a hearing titled, "Ending a Rigged Tax Code: The Need to Make the Wealthiest People and Largest Corporations Pay their Fair Share of Taxes." Gabriel Zucman, associate professor of economics, UC Berkeley, is testifying.

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