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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. 842](#), Protecting the Right to Organize Act.
- On Tuesday, the House is expected to take up the Senate's amended version of the [American Rescue Plan](#), the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief legislation.
- On Tuesday, the Senate is expected to hold procedural votes on Rep. Marcia Fudge's (D-OH-11) nomination to be secretary of housing and urban development and Merrick Garland's nomination to be attorney general.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- On Wednesday, representatives from UC Irvine, UCLA and UC Santa Cruz will virtually participate in the annual Humanities Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill.
- Last week, UC Agriculture and Natural Resources, UC campus and industry representatives virtually participated in the annual Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET) Capitol Hill advocacy days.
- Last week, UC campuses virtually participated in Fusion Advocacy Day.

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Tuesday, 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 Tuesday, the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will markup [H.R.144](#), the "Supporting Early-Career Researchers Act."
- On Wednesday, the International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "A Year into the Pandemic: The State of International Development."
- On Wednesday, the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Path Forward: Restoring the Vital Mission of EPA."
- On Wednesday, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Innovation and Investment in Water Resource Infrastructure."
- On Wednesday, the Worker and Family Support Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Health Profession Opportunity Grants: Past Successes and Future Users."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Shalanda Young to be deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget.

- On Wednesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Climate Change in the Electricity Sector and Fostering Economic Growth.”
- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing to examine the nomination of Donet Graves Jr., to be deputy secretary of the Department of Commerce.
- On Thursday, the House Agriculture Committee will hold a hearing titled, “A Look at Food Insecurity in America.”
- On Thursday, the Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, “COVID-19 and the Mental Health and Substance Use Crises.”
- On Thursday, the Workforce Protections Subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Clearing the Air: Science-Based Strategies to Protect Workers from COVID-19 Infections.”
- On Thursday, the Water, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Building Back Better: Building Resilience for the Economy, Climate and Ecosystems.”
- On Thursday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The Reliability, Resiliency and Affordability of Electric Service.”
- On Friday, the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The Science Behind Impacts of the Climate Crisis.”

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