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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the House and Senate are in session, although the House is not expected to return to Washington, D.C. until the chamber is ready to vote on a third emergency coronavirus package.
- This week, work on a third coronavirus package continues. Over the weekend, the Senate cloture vote failed; senators came back into session Monday around 12:00 pm ET.
  - Senate Democrats and Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced that House Democrats are planning to draft their own measure.
- On Monday, members of President Trump’s Coronavirus Task Force are expected to hold a press briefing.
- On Monday, Secretary of Treasury Steven Mnuchin and White House Director of Legislative Affairs Eric Ueland are expected on Capitol Hill to resume talks with House and Senate leaders.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Last week, UC FGR conducted outreach with the California congressional delegation to advocate for the University’s priorities for COVID-19-related legislation:
  - On March 18, UC FGR shared a letter from UC, California State University and California Community Colleges highlighting the issues veteran students could face if remote instruction is long-term.
  - On March 19, UC FGR shared a letter from UC President Janet Napolitano outlining UC’s requests as related to the COVID-19 emergency supplemental legislation.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

- UC’s FY 2022 Appropriations Tracker
- UC’s FY 2021 Federal Funding Priorities

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