



I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Plans for fast consideration of Congressional budget resolution next week** – House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) have both announced plans for very fast action on a fiscal year (FY) 2021 budget resolution that would include reconciliation instructions for specified committees to report their portions of President Biden’s COVID-relief plan. Those pieces of legislation will form a reconciliation bill would have reconciliation protection in the Senate, which allows for passage with only a majority vote and limits debate. The current plan is for the Senate to bypass the Budget Committee markup and bring a budget resolution directly to the Senate floor as soon as early next week. Like a reconciliation bill, a budget resolution has fast-track protections and cannot be filibustered in the Senate (the House Rules Committee sets the procedure for floor consideration in the House). The House would then take up the Senate-passed budget resolution later next week. This is not the usual procedure, but assuming the budget resolution passes both chambers it will give the committees with reconciliation instructions a date by which to report legislation that has up to the specified maximum cost (measured by how much the legislation deepens the deficit over five or ten years). Those proposals would then be packaged together into one reconciliation bill that Congress hopes to pass by mid-March. Congress can take this fast action on a FY 2021 budget resolution because it did not pass one last year. This resolution would likely be a “shell” resolution that doesn’t include spending and policy assumptions beyond the reconciliation instructions. Congress could then do a FY 2022 budget resolution on its usual spring timetable using the usual process where the House and Senate Budget Committees separately mark up their own budget resolutions which proceed to the chamber floor and, following passage, are conferenced into a unified budget resolution that each chamber has to pass. That FY 2022 budget resolution could include a second set of reconciliation instructions to be used for Democratic priority legislation.
- **House Appropriations Committee announces subcommittee membership (2 new Labor-H members)** – On Monday, the House Appropriations Committee announced the chairs and ranking members of its 12 subcommittees as well as the Democratic subcommittee membership (I was wrong in guessing that Democrats would not add to the roster of the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee due to their smaller House majority!). Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CA) is retaining her chairmanship of the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee in addition to her new position as full Committee chair, and Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) is returning as ranking member of the Subcommittee. All the Democratic members of the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee are returning and two new Democrats are joining: Reps. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI) and Josh Harder (D-

CA). Republicans haven't announced their subcommittee assignments, but the six Republicans joining the full Committee this Congress are:

- *Rep. David Valadao (R-CA)*
- *Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)*
- *Rep. Mike Garcia (R-CA)*
- *Rep. Ben Cline (R-VA)*
- *Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-TX)*
- *Rep. Ashley Hinson (R-IA)*

- **House members appointed to Budget and to Education and Labor Committee** - Other House Committee also announced new members. The new members of two other committees with relevance to education funding are listed below (we will start requesting Hill meetings with these members, along with other freshmen members).

Budget Committee – The full [Democratic roster is here](#), and the [Republican roster is here](#). New members are listed below (Republicans in italics):

- Jennifer Wexton (D-VA)
- Judy Chu (D-CA)
- Stacey Plaskett (D-VI)
- *Marjorie Taylor Green (R-GA)*
- *Lauren Boebert (R-CO)*
- *Ben Cline (R-VA)*
- *Byron Donalds (R-FL)*
- *Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa)*
- *Bob Good (R-VA)*
- *Ashley Hinson (R-Iowa)*
- *Jay Obernolte (R-CA)*

Education and Labor Committee – New members include:

- Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D-NY)
- Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM)
- Rep. Kathy Manning (D-NC)
- Rep. Frank Mrvan (D-IN)
- Rep. Mondaire Jones (D-NY)
- Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX) (returning)
- Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI)
- Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ)
- *Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)*
- *Rep. Burgess Owens (R-UT)*
- *Rep. Bob Good (R-VA)*
- *Rep. Lisa McClain (R-MI)*
- *Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA)*
- *Rep. Diana Harshbarger (R-TN)*
- *Rep. Mary Miller (R-IL)*

- *Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-IN)*
 - *Rep. Scott Fitzgerald (R-WI)*
 - *Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-NC)*
 - *Rep. Michelle Steel (R-CA)*
- **CEF Job Board** – Don't forget to check the Job Board on the member-only page of the CEF website for openings and to send us any of yours you'd like us to share. (If you don't have a password to access the Member Area of the CEF website, you can apply for one on the website by creating a password and filling in your work email – as long as we recognize it, you'll be approved.) The most recently added openings are:
 - **National Education Association** – [Federal Lobbyist](#)
 - **National Center for Learning Disabilities** – [Director of Communications](#) and [Policy Research Associate](#) (will be on the Job Board shortly)

II. Events

- **Briefing on “Student Access to Well-Prepared and Diverse Educators During and Beyond COVID-19” on Feb. 4** – The Coalition for Teaching Quality – which has many CEF members in it – is holding a webinar on Thursday, February 4, 2-3:30 pm ET, on “Student Access to Well-Prepared and Diverse Educators During and Beyond COVID-19.” Registration and briefing details are [here](#).
- **CEF's upcoming schedule -**
 - **Friday, Jan. 29** - 9:30-11:30 a.m. ET, [Zoom quarterly committee meeting](#). This is the first chance for CEF's committees (Advocacy and Hill Teams, Social Media, Research, Membership and Bylaws, and Gala planning) to meet and work on plans for the year. We will hold monthly planning calls with each committee throughout the year.
 - **Friday, Feb. 5** - 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Tutorial on the budget reconciliation process and what it could mean for education.
 - **Thursday, Feb. 11** – 5-6:00 p.m. ET – [CEF Zoom happy hour](#). Join us to meet new CEF members and chat with your old friends!
 - **Friday, Feb. 12** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Friday, Feb. 19** – No CEF Meeting during the congressional recess.
 - **(tentative) Thursday, Feb. 25** – virtual Hill reception (details still to come).
 - **Friday, Feb. 26** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.