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# AAU WEEKLY WRAP-UP

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## CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE *NEW*

Neither chamber was in session today; each will return to session on Monday, September 16.

When the Senate returns on Monday, it will resume consideration of the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act (S. 1392) and consider two judicial nominees. The House schedule has not been announced at this writing.

## BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

### CONGRESS REMAINS DIVIDED OVER FY14 FUNDING *NEW*

As the new fiscal year approaches on October 1, Democrats and Republicans remain at odds over how to extend federal funding after September 30 and avoid a government shutdown. *CQ.com* reports that at a meeting yesterday of the top four House and Senate leaders, Republicans said an extension of current spending through an FY14 continuing resolution (CR) should be part of a broader fiscal deal tied to raising the federal debt limit, while Democrats insisted on the President's position that Congress should approve legislation to raise the debt limit without any conditions.

Pressure from Republican conservatives to use the CR to defund the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is complicating the situation for House Republican leaders. The leadership had initially planned to have the House approve the CR with an attached [resolution](#) to defund the ACA. Although the Democratic-controlled Senate would be expected to reject the defunding provision, the strategy would force Senators to vote on the issue. But conservative opposition to the plan prompted House Republican leaders to delay the vote on the CR until next week and to warn Members that

the chamber was likely to be in session the week of September 23, rather than in recess as previously scheduled.

## **--House Appropriators Introduce Draft FY14 Continuing Resolution *UPDATED***

Earlier in the week, House Appropriations Committee Chair Harold Rogers (R-KY) [introduced](#) his panel's FY14 continuing resolution (CR), the stopgap bill to fund the government from October 1 through December 15. The timeframe was intended to provide the House and Senate more time to reach agreement on a full-year budget, thus avoiding a government shutdown. The measure ([H.J. Res. 59](#)) would fund most federal programs at their current post-sequester FY13 levels, or at a total level of \$986.3 billion.

## **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

### **NSF REQUESTS NOMINATIONS FOR 2014 ALAN T. WATERMAN AWARD**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has announced that it is accepting nominations for the 2014 Alan T. Waterman Award, NSF's highest award to a promising scientist early in his or her career (within seven year of receiving the Ph.D. or younger than 36). The prize is now \$1 million.

Information about the award, including eligibility and selection criteria, how to submit nominations, and a list of previous winners, is available on the NSF website [here](#).

### **AAU AND COGR COMMENT ON PROPOSED EXPORT CONTROL CHANGES**

AAU and the Council on Governmental Relations (COGR) submitted [comments](#) to the U.S. Department of Commerce on September 9 that expressed general support for proposed changes in export control policies but noted concerns about specific plans to transfer military electronic equipment from the United States Munitions List (USML) to the Commerce Control List (CCL). Export controls are one means by which the federal government seeks to protect certain scientific information and technologies relevant to national security from disclosure to foreign governments.

The two associations expressed continued support for the President's Export Control Reform Initiative, which promotes the transfer of less-sensitive technology and equipment from the USML to the generally less restrictive CCL. AAU and COGR have actively promoted this change in order to improve the ability of universities to conduct research and to train students in related subjects. In this most recent comment letter, however, associations noted with concern that the expansive definition of "use" in the new CCL provisions could impose substantial additional compliance burdens on universities without improving either compliance or national security.

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