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 At a meeting last week of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD), NIH Director Francis Collins [announced](http://www.nih.gov/news/health/dec2012/od-07.htm%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) several initiatives the agency hopes to launch aimed at strengthening the biomedical research workforce, including increasing diversity in the biomedical workforce and developing new mentorship and training programs for post-docs and graduate students.  The new initiatives were developed in response to a [report](http://acd.od.nih.gov/bwf.htm%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) released this summer from the ACD Biomedical Workforce Task Force.

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 Floor Activities

Tomorrow afternoon, the House is expected to consider a motion to go to conference on HR 4310, the FY 2013 Defense Authorization bill. While Congressional appropriators are hopeful that agreements could be reached, there is still no indication that Congress to ready to move any FY13 appropriations packages. Congressional leadership is focused on the fiscal cliff and moving a disaster aid bill in response to superstorm Sandy.

 Committee Activities

          Wednesday, December 12

 House Science, Space & Technology Committee

Full Committee Hearing - The Future of NASA: Perspectives on Strategic Vision for America's Space Program

9:30 am, 2318 Rayburn

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