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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 vote on [H.R. 7](#), the Paycheck Fairness Act, [H.R. 1868](#), extending the moratorium on the two percent sequester of Medicare provider payments, and [H.R. 1195](#), Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act.
- This week, the Senate is expected to take up the nominations of Polly Ellen Trottenberg to be deputy secretary of transportation, Wendy Sherma to be deputy secretary of state, Gary Gensler to be a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission and Brenda Mallory to be a member of the Council on Environmental Quality.
- On Tuesday, William Evans, capitol police officer, will lie in honor in the Capitol Rotunda.

**ADVOCACY UPDATE**

- On Wednesday, the University of California Advocacy Network (UCAN) will hold its first federal Capitol Hill Advocacy Day where UCAN student ambassadors will participate in support of Double the Pell.

**THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS**

- On Tuesday, the Defense Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Department of Defense Innovation and Research."
- On Tuesday, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "A Review of the President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Funding Request for the National Science Foundation and Securing U.S. Competitiveness."
- On Tuesday, the Economic Policy Subcommittee of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Student Debt Burden and Its Impact on Racial Justice, Borrowers and The Economy."
- On Wednesday, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The National Science Foundation's FY 2022 Budget Request."
- On Wednesday, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The U.S. Department of Agriculture - The Year Ahead."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nominations of Deanne Bennett Criswell to be administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

Jason Scott Miller to be deputy director for management in the Office of Management and Budget.

- On Wednesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Preparedness for COVID-19: The Initial Pandemic Response and Lessons Learned."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Legislative Hearing on the Endless Frontier Act."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Long-term Solvency of the Highway Trust Fund: Lessons Learned from the Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives Program and Other User-based Revenue Solutions, and How Funding Uncertainty Affects the Highway Programs."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold a hearing to consider [S. 413](#), Strategic Competition Act of 2021; [S. 413](#), a bill to establish the China Censorship Monitor and Action Group, and for other purposes; [S. 814](#), Ukraine Security Partnership Act of 2021.
- On Wednesday, the Homeland Security Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Federal Emergency Management Agency's response to COVID-19 and other challenges."
- On Thursday, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Increasing Risks of Climate Change and NOAA's Role in Providing Climate Services."
- On Thursday, the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Reimagining our Innovation Future."
- On Thursday, the Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions Subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Meeting the Moment: Improving Access to Behavioral and Mental Health Care."
- On Thursday, the Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Climate Leadership and Environmental Action for our Nation's (CLEAN) Future Act and Environmental Justice: Protecting Frontline Communities."
- On Thursday, the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Practical Steps Toward a Carbon-Free Maritime Industry: Updates on Fuels, Ports, and Technology."
- On Thursday, the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "U.S. Forest Service FY2022 Budget Request."
- On Thursday, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request for the Department of Transportation."
- On Thursday, the Senate Finance Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nominations of Andrea Joan Palm to be deputy secretary of the Department of

Health and Human Services and Chiquita Brooks-LaSure to be administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

- On Thursday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of James Richard Kvaal to be under secretary of the Department of Education.
- On Thursday, the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "21st Century Communities: Public Transportation Infrastructure Investment and FAST Act Reauthorization."
- On Thursday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Role of the DOE and Energy Innovation in American Economic Competitiveness." Dr. Thomas Mason, director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, is testifying.
- On Thursday, the Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Cost of Inaction on Climate Change."
- On Thursday, the Senate Foreign Relation Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Samantha Power to be administrator of the Agency for International Development; to be immediately followed by a hearing to consider the nominations of Victoria Nuland, to be political affairs under secretary and Uzra Zeyato be civilian security, democracy and human rights under secretary, both of the Department of State.

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