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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the House and Senate are in session, returning from a one-week recess.
- This week, lawmakers are expected to take initial steps in the processes of reauthorizing provisions of the USA Freedom Act that expire on March 15. Both the House Judiciary and Intelligence Committees have been working on not-yet-introduced legislation; reauthorization is expected to be addressed in a Judiciary Committee business meeting on Wednesday. Additionally, U.S. Attorney General William Barr is scheduled to attend a Republican lunch on Tuesday during which he’ll discuss the upcoming debate around the expiring provisions.
- This week, the House is expected to take up legislation that would classify lynching as a federal crime.
- This week, the House is expected to take up legislation that would ban the sale of flavored tobacco products.
- This week, the Senate is expected to vote on two abortion-related measures.
- This week, the Senate is expected to take up the nominations of Robert Molloy to be a district judge; Silvia Carreno-Coll to be a district judge; Katharine MacGregor to be Interior deputy secretary; and Travis Greaves to be a judge for the U.S. tax court.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- On Wednesday, researchers from UCLA and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory will be in Washington, D.C. to participate in Fusion Energy Day on Capitol Hill.
- On Thursday, UC’s National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement will hold its second annual conference, #SpeechMatters2020, at the UC Washington Center.

VISITORS TO WASHINGTON

- UC President Janet Napolitano will be in Washington, D.C. for the National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement’s #SpeechMatters2020 conference, Council on Foreign Relations meetings and Capitol Hill meetings.
- Chancellor Howard Gillman; Kyhm Penfil, campus counsel; Michelle Deutchman, executive director of the UC National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement; and Brenda Pitcher, executive assistant at the UC National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement, UC Irvine; and Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the UC Berkeley School of Law, and Varsha Sarveshwar, student and president of the UC Student Association, UC Berkeley, will in Washington, D.C. for the #SpeechMatters2020 conference.
- Chancellor Gene Block; Jim Davis, vice provost of information technology and chief academic technology officer; Jennifer Poulakidas, associate vice
chancellor for government and community relations; and **Hillary MacInnes Galey**, assistant director of federal relations, **UCLA**, will be in Washington, D.C. for the panel discussion, **"Accelerating the Adoption of Smart Manufacturing"**, and for Capitol Hill meetings.

- **Mike Anderson**, president of UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospitals, **UCSF**, will be in Washington, D.C. for Capitol Hill meetings and to participate in an American Academy of Pediatrics briefing on disaster preparedness.
- **Cindy Kiel**, executive associate vice chancellor for research administration, **UC Davis** will be in Washington, D.C. for Capitol Hill and agency meetings.
- **John Kosmatka**, director of the California Space Grant Consortium, **UC San Diego**, will be in Washington, D.C. for meetings on behalf of the California Space Grant Consortium and National Space Grant Program.
- **Henrik Christensen**, director of the Institute for Contextual Robotics, **UC San Diego**, will be in Washington, D.C. for the 2020 National Robotics Initiative principal investigator’s meeting.
- **Phil Travis**, researcher; **Kyle Callahan**, researcher; **Troy Carter**, researcher; **Joshua Larson**, researcher; and **Stephen Storment**, researcher, **UCLA**; and **Peter Seidl**, researcher, **Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory**, will be in Washington, D.C. to participate in fusion advocacy day.

**BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS**

- **UC's FY 2021 Appropriations Tracker**
- **UC's FY 2021 Budget Request Overview**
- **Upcoming Congressional Activity:**
  - On Tuesday, the Homeland Security Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Homeland Security Budget.”
  - On Tuesday, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Review of the FY 2021 Budget Request for HHS.”
  - On Wednesday, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Department of Health and Human Services Budget Request for FY 2021.”
  - On Wednesday, the House Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense.”
  - On Wednesday, the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The FY 2021 HHS Budget and Oversight of the Coronavirus Outbreak.”
• On Thursday, the Homeland Security Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, “U.S. Customs and Border Protection Budget for FY2021.”
• On Thursday, the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, “A Review of the Administration’s Federal Research and Development Budget Proposal for FY 2021.”
• On Thursday, the House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing titled, “FY 2021 Health and Human Services Budget.”
• On Thursday, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Department of Education Budget Request for FY 2021.”
• On Thursday, the Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The FY 2021 EPA Budget.”
• On Thursday, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Department of Transportation Budget Request for FY 2021.”
• On Thursday, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Department of Energy Budget Request for FY 2021.”
• On Thursday, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General.”

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

• On Tuesday, the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Surface Transportation Reauthorization: Public Transportation Stakeholders’ Perspectives.”
• On Thursday, the House Oversight and Reform Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The Administration’s Religious Liberty Assault on LGBT Rights.”
• On Thursday, Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Proposals for a Water Resource Development Act of 2020: Members’ Day.”
• On Thursday, the House Small Business Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Moving America’s Infrastructure Forward.”
• On Thursday, the Asia, the Pacific and Nonproliferation Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Coronavirus Disease 2019: the U.S. and International Response.”
• On Thursday, the Environment Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, “An Examination of Federal Flood Maps in a Changing Climate.”
On Thursday, the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Sexual Harassment at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.”

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