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**Weekly Calendar**

**Key:** E&S – Elementary & Secondary; H – Higher Education; D – Disability Policy

**Monday, April 4, 2022**

**Business Meeting:** Senate Judiciary Committee Vote on SCOTUS Nominee (E&S, H, D)

**Subject:** The Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a business meeting to consider and vote on the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m.; 216 Hart SOB.

**Contact:** Live stream available [here](#).

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022**

**Hearing:** House Appropriations Interior Subcommittee Tribal Public Witness Day (E&S, H)

**Subject:** The House Appropriations Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee will hold a hearing on "FY 2023 National Tribal Organizations Public Witness Day."

**Witnesses:** Jason Dropik, president, National Indian Education Association; Fawn Sharp, president, National Congress of American Indians; William Smith, president, National Indian Health Board; and Sonya M. Tetnowski, president-elect, National Council of Urban Indian Health.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Live stream available [here](#).
Hearing: House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Mental Health and Well-Being (E&S, H)
Subject: The House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee will hold a hearing on “Communities in Need: Legislation to Support Mental Health and Well-Being.”
Witnesses: Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, assistant secretary for mental health and substance use, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Carole Johnson, administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Rebecca Brendel, president-elect, American Psychiatric Association; Sandy Chung, president-elect, American Academy of Pediatrics; Steven Adelsheim, clinical professor of psychiatry and director, Stanford Center for Youth Mental and Wellbeing, Stanford University School of Medicine; Debra Pinals, medical director, Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, on behalf of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors; Cassandra Price, director, Office of Addictive Diseases, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, on behalf of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors; and LeVail W. Smith, peer support specialist instructor and mentor.
Time and Location: 10:15 a.m.; 2123 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: Live stream available here.

Markup: House Education and Labor Committee Markup of WIOA (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The House Education and Labor Committee will hold a markup of the “Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2022.”
Time and Location: 10:15 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: Live stream available here.

Wednesday, April 6, 2022
Hearing: House Education and Labor Committee on HHS Policies and Priorities (E&S, H)
Subject: The House Education and Labor Committee will hold a hearing on "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services."
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: Live stream available here.

Thursday, April 7, 2022
Hearing: House Oversight Subcommittee on Book Bans and Academic Censorship (E&S, H)
Subject: The House Oversight and Reform Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Subcommittee will hold a hearing on "Free Speech Under Attack: Book Bans and Academic Censorship."
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2154 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: Live stream available here.

Friday, April 8, 2022
None.

Future Hearings and Events

Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Webinar: Banned Books, Democratic Disagreement, and Free Expression (E&S, H)
Subject: The Bipartisan Policy Center will hold a webinar on “From Banned Books to Democratic Disagreement: Courses on Free Expression.”
Participants: Jacqueline Pfeffer Merrill, director, Campus Free Expression Project, Bipartisan Policy Center (Moderator); Kathy Newman, associate English professor, Carnegie Mellon University; David Fine, general counsel and secretary to the board of trustees, Metropolitan State University of Denver; and David Primo, professor of political science and business administration, University of Rochester.
Time: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Contact: Register here.
Webinar: Indigenous Student Access and Persistence in Higher Education (H)

Subject: The Hunt Institute will hold a webinar on “Postsecondary Pathways | Expanding the Circle: Indigenous Student Access and Persistence in Higher Education.”

Participants: David Lassner, president, University of Hawaii; Carla Sineway, president, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal University; Jason Packineau, assistant director of student and community engagement, Harvard University; and Robin Cummings, chancellor, University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Consideration of nominees including the motion to discharge the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

House Floor:
H.Res. ___ – Resolution Recommending That The House Of Representatives Find Peter K. Navarro and Daniel Scavino, Jr., In Contempt Of Congress For Refusal To Comply With Subpoenas Duly Issued By The Select Committee To Investigate The January 6th Attack On The United States Capitol
H.R. 3807 – Relief for Restaurants and other Hard Hit Small Businesses Act of 2022
Possible Consideration of Legislation Related to COVID-19 Supplemental Funding

Bills to Watch

Authorization Bills

H.R.5376  Build Back Better Act
Sponsor: Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY)
(11/22/21 passed by the House; 9/27/21 Introduced in House)

H.R.4521  America COMPETES Act of 2022
Sponsor: Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)
(2/4/22 Passed by House; 7/19/21 Introduced in House)

S.1260  United States Innovation and Competition Act of 2021
Sponsor: Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
(6/8/21 Passed by Senate; 4/20/21 Introduced in Senate)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

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U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
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