

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: The 115th Congress Begins
Today, members of the 115th Congress will be sworn into office. Later this week, the House may consider a bill that would permit Congress to disapprove, en bloc, of regulations issued during the final year of a previous administration and may also consider a bill that would prevent rules with an economic income over $100 million from being enacted without Congressional approval. The House may also take up the Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2017, with a vote for the bill expected on Friday. The House and Senate are also expected to hold a joint meeting at the end of the week to count the electoral ballots for the President and Vice-President of the United States.

Last night, House Republicans rejected a proposal that would have dissolved the Appropriations Committee and put its discretionary spending authority in the hands of the authorizing committees. House Republicans also rejected an amendment to strike a provision from the base rules package that would reinstitute for one year the "Holman rule" that allows members to offer floor amendments to appropriations bills to reduce a department or agency's workforce or adjust compensation levels for certain federal workers. Finally, House Republicans moved to put the Independent Office of Congressional Ethics under the oversight of the House Ethics Panel. The proposal was adopted as part of a package of rules to be put before the full House when the 115th Congress convenes later today.

Senate Floor: The Senate convenes at 11:55 a.m. today for a pro forma session. The first order of business in the Senate will be the swearing-in of 34 members set to begin a six-year term, including seven new members.

House Floor: The 114th Congress meets at 11 a.m. for legislative business and will adjourn sine die. The House will convene for the start of the 115th Congress at noon. There will be a recorded quorum call at noon. After House Speaker Paul Ryan's (R-WI) remarks, he will be sworn in by the dean of the House, Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-MI), Ryan will then swear in all members simultaneously.

Michigan Newsmakers

Sen. Gary Peters
The Detroit News—December 19th, 2016
Gary Peters Appointed to Senate Armed Services Panel

U.S. Sen. Gary Peters has been named to serve on the powerful Senate Committee on Armed Services during the session of Congress that starts next month.

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