

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: CHIP Reauthorization Bill on the House Floor, Tax Reform Bill Unveiled by House Republicans

This week the House is expected to consider a committee-passed bill that would reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The bill only has Republican support as Democrats object to the selection of offsets in the bill. Federal funding for CHIP expired on September 30, but nine states and territories have received redistribution funds from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. On Wednesday House Republicans are expected to unveil their tax reform bill. The bill comes after last Thursday's passage of H.Con.Res.71, the Senate amended FY 2018 Budget Resolution, in the House, which unlocks reconciliation procedures that would allow tax reform to pass with a simple majority in the Senate.

The Senate will vote later today on the nomination of Trevor N. McFadden to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Amy Barrett to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Senate Floor: The Senate convenes at 3:00 pm to consider Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. A vote on the McFadden nomination is scheduled for 5:30 pm, and immediately following it, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Amy Barrett, of Indiana, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

House Floor: The House is not in session today and is scheduled to meet at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, October 31.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Full committee hearing on the below nominations. Thursday, November 2 at 9:30 a.m.
    - Dr. Mark T. Esper to be Secretary of the Army
    - The Honorable Robert L. Wilkie to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
    - Mr. Joseph D. Kernan to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence
    - Mr. Guy B. Roberts to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on the below nominations. Wednesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.
    - The Honorable Scott Garrett to be President of the Export-Import Bank
    - Ms. Kimberly A. Reed to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank
    - The Honorable Spencer Bachus III to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank; Reappointment as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank
    - Ms. Judith Delzoppo Pryor to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank
    - Ms. Claudia Slacik to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank; Reappointment as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank
    - Mr. Mark L. Greenblatt to be Inspector General of the Export-Import Bank

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

- Full committee hearing on the below nominations. Tuesday, October 31 at 10 a.m.
    - The Honorable Leon A. Westmoreland to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors
    - Ms. Diana Furchtgott-Roth to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Research and - Technology
    - Mr. Bruce Landsberg to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board
    - Mr. Raymond Martinez to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee hearing on "Exploring Native American Subsistence Rights and International Treaties." Tuesday, October 31 at 2:30 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on the nominations below. Wednesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.
    - The Honorable James Bridenstine to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
    - Ms. Dana Baiocco to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission
    - Dr. Neil Jacobs to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Environmental Observation and Prediction
    - Ms. Nazakhtar Nikakhtar to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Industry and Analysis

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

- Full committee hearing to "Examine Opportunities for Efficiency in Building Management and Control Systems." Tuesday, October 31 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing to receive testimony on the "Potential for Oil and Gas Exploration in the 1002 Area." Thursday, November 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

- Full committee hearing on "The Authorizations for the Use of Military Force: Administration Perspective." Witnesses include The Honorable Rex Tillerson, Secretary of State, and The Honorable James Mattis, Secretary of Defense. Monday, October 30 at 5 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on the nominations below. Wednesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.
    - Mr. Irwin Steven Goldstein to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy
    - Ms. Rebecca Eliza Gonzales to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho
    - Ms. Lisa A. Johnson to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia

- Mr. James Randolph Evans to be Ambassador to Luxembourg
- Mr. Sean P. Lawler to be Chief of Protocol and have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

- Full committee hearing on "Implementation of the 21st Century Cures Act: Achieving the Promise of Health Information Technology." Tuesday, October 31 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on nomination of Emily W. Murphy to be Administrator, General Services Administration. Monday, October 30 at 5:30 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on "2017 Hurricane Season: Oversight of the Federal Response." Witnesses include The Honorable Brock Long, FEMA Administrator, and The Honorable Robert P. Kadlec, M.D., HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. Tuesday, October 31 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on "2020 Census: Examining Cost Overruns, Information Security, and Accuracy." Witnesses include The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of Commerce, and The Honorable Eugene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States. Tuesday, October 31 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Indian Affairs Committee

- Full committee oversight hearing on "Building Tribal Communities: Modernizing Tax Policies that Work for Indian Country." Wednesday, October 1 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Judiciary Committee

- Crime and Terrorism Subcommittee hearing on "Extremist Content and Russian Disinformation Online: Working with Tech to Find Solutions." Tuesday, October 31 at 2:30 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on the below nominations. Wednesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.
    - Leonard Steven Grasz to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit
    - Terry A. Doughty to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana
    - Terry Fitzgerald Moorer to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama
    - Mark Saalfield Norris, Sr. to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee
- Full committee executive business meeting on S. 807, Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act of 2017. Thursday, November 2 at 10 a.m.

Senate Select Intelligence Committee

- Full committee hearing on the nomination of John C. Demers to be the Assistant Attorney General for the National Security Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. Tuesday, October 31 at 9:30 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on "Social Media Influence in the 2016 U.S. Elections." Wednesday, November 1 at 9:30 a.m.

House Appropriations Committee

- State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Subcommittee oversight hearing on "Accountable Soft Power in the National Interest." Witnesses includes The Honorable Mark Green, USAID Administrator. Wednesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection Subcommittee hearing on "Securing Consumers' Credit Data in the Age of Digital Commerce." Thursday, Wednesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.
- Communications and Technology Subcommittee hearing on "Oversight of FirstNet: State Perspectives." Wednesday, November 1 at 10:15 a.m.
- Energy Subcommittee hearing on "The 2017 Hurricane Season: A Review of Emergency Response and Energy Infrastructure Recovery Efforts." Thursday, November 2 at 10 a.m.
- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "Concerns Over Federal Select Agent Program Oversight of Dangerous Pathogens." Thursday, November 2 at 10:15 a.m.

House Financial Services Committee

- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "Examining the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program." Wednesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.
- Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee hearing on "Data Security: Vulnerabilities and Opportunities for Improvement." Wednesday, November 1 at 2 p.m.
- House and Insurance Subcommittee hearing on "Sustainable Housing Finance: Private Sector Perspectives on Housing Finance Reform, Part II." Thursday, November 2 at 2 p.m.
- Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment Subcommittee hearing on "Legislative Proposals to Improve Small Businesses' and Communities' Access to Capital." Friday, November 3 at 9:15 a.m.

House Foreign Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on "An Insider's Look at the North Korean Regime." Wednesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Border and Maritime Security Subcommittee and Cybersecurity Subcommittee hearing on "Examining Physical Security and Cybersecurity at Our Nation's Ports." Monday, October 30 at 1:30 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on "Assessing FEMA's Preparedness and Response Capabilities." Wednesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.

House Judiciary Committee

- Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Subcommittee hearing on "Net Neutrality and the Role of Antitrust." Witnesses include The Honorable Maureen Ohlhausen, FTC Acting Chairman, and The Honorable Terrell McSweeny, FTC Commissioner. Wednesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.
- Constitution and Civil Justice Subcommittee hearing on "H.R.490, the Heartbeat Protection Act of 2017." Wednesday, November 1 at 11:30 a.m.
- Immigration and Border Security Subcommittee on "Oversight of the Executive Office for Immigration Review." Wednesday, November 1 at 2 p.m.

House Natural Resources Committee

- Water, Power and Oceans Subcommittee hearing on the below legislation. Thursday, November 2 at 10 a.m.
    - H.R. 221, "Hydrographic Services Improvement Amendments Act";
    - H.R. 1176, "Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act"; and
    - S. 140, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

- National Security Subcommittee hearing on "Overview of 16 Years of Involvement in Afghanistan." Wednesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.
- Interior, Energy and Environment Subcommittee hearing on "Examining the Regulation of Shark Finning in the United States." Thursday, November 2 at 2 p.m.

House Science, Space and Technology Committee

- Energy Subcommittee hearing on "The Future of Low Dose Radiation Research." Wednesday, November 1 at 10 a.m.
- Research and Technology Subcommittee hearing on "Putting Food on the Table – A Review of the Importance of Agriculture Research." Thursday, November 2 at 10 a.m.

House Small Business Committee

- Investigations, Oversight and Regulations Subcommittee hearing on "Operating or Rulemaking? A Review of SBA's Opaque Standard Operating Procedures Process." Thursday, November 2 at 10 a.m.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Emergency Response and Recovery: Central Takeaways from the Unprecedented 2017 Hurricane Season." Thursday, November 2 at 10 a.m.

House Veterans' Affairs Committee

- Full committee markup of pending legislation. Thursday, November 2 at 10 a.m.

House Intelligence Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Russia Investigative Task Force Hearing with Social Media Companies." Wednesday, November 1 at 2 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on the "Testimony of Carter Page." Thursday, November 2 at 9 a.m.

Latest Developments

FEMA Seeks Input on Fiscal Year 2018-2022 FEMA Strategic Plan

Throughout the next few months, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is inviting stakeholders and partners to help shape the Fiscal Year 2018-2022 FEMA Strategic Plan. In an effort to reach as many stakeholders and partners as possible, FEMA is accepting feedback via IdeaScale – an interactive, web-based application that allows idea sharing, collaboration and engagement. Specifically,

FEMA is looking for input and engagement on Simplifying Recovery and Reducing Disaster Costs and seeks input on how can FEMA simplify recovery programs and reduce disaster costs while ensuring accountability, customer service, and fiscal stewardship. FEMA's IdeaScale campaigns will be open until October 31, 2017.

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