

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Tax Reform in Both Chambers, NDAA and NFIP in House Rules
Today, the House Rules Committee will meet on the conference report for the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which would authorize funding for national security programs for fiscal year 2018, and a floor vote is expected for the legislation early in the week. The Rules committee will also set up rules for debate on H.R. 2874, the 21st Century Flood Reform Act, which would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program for five years, as the program's authorization expires on December 8. On Wednesday, the House Rules Committee is also expected to meet on H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act; see NGA's memo on the legislation here. Chairman Brady (R-TX) has said there will be no floor amendments in the House and House floor consideration could begin as early as this week.

The Senate Finance Committee will begin its consideration of the Senate tax proposal today, while the full text of the legislation has yet to be released. The bill would repeal state and local tax (SALT) deductions while maintaining the municipal bond interest exemption with additional limits on their use. On Tuesday the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will vote on the nomination of Kirstjen Nielsen for Secretary of Homeland Security.

Senate Floor: The Senate convenes at 4 p.m. to resume consideration of the nomination of Derek Kan to be undersecretary of Transportation for policy, with a confirmation vote expected at 5:30 p.m.

House Floor: The House convenes at 2 p.m. to consider four bills under suspension of the rules, including one that increases payments to former presidents.

Senate Appropriations Committee

- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on "VA Efforts to Prevent and Combat Opioid Over Medication." Testimony by The Honorable Michael L. Missal, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs. Wednesday, November 15 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Full committee hearing on the nominations of Anthony M. Kurta to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, James E. McPherson to be General Counsel

of the Department of the Army, and Gregory E. Maggs to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Tuesday, November 14 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on the nominations of The Honorable John C. Rood to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and Randall G. Schriver to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs. Thursday, November 16 at 10 a.m.

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

- Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance and Data Security Subcommittee hearing on "Technology in Agriculture: Data-Driven Farming." Tuesday, November 14 at 2:30 p.m.
- Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee hearing on "Coast Guard Readiness: How Far Can We Stretch Our Nation's Only Multi-Mission, Military Force?" Thursday, November 16 at 10 a.m.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Hurricane Recovery Efforts in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands." Testimony by **The Honorable Kenneth Mapp, Governor, United States Virgin Islands**, **The Honorable Ricardo Rosselló Nevares, Governor, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico** and The Honorable Bruce Walker, Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy. Tuesday, November 14 at 9:30 a.m.
- Business meeting to consider pursuant to H. Con. Res. 71, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018, reconciliation legislation to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish and administer a competitive oil and gas program in the non-wilderness portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, known as the "1002 Area" or Coastal Plain. Wednesday, November 15 at 9 a.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee hearing on S. 1857, S. 203, S. 839 and S. 1934. Tuesday, November 14 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on "Promoting American Leadership in Reducing Air Emissions Through Innovation." Wednesday, November 15 at 10 a.m.

Senate Finance Committee

- Open Executive Session to Consider an Original Bill Entitled the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Monday, November 13 at 3 p.m.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

- Full committee business meeting on S. 1928, Multilateral Aid Review Act of 2017, and nomination of Eric M. Ueland, of Oregon, to be Under Secretary of State (Management). Tuesday, November 14 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on "Authority to Order the Use of Nuclear Weapons." Tuesday, November 14, immediately following business meeting.
- East Asia, The Pacific and International Cybersecurity Policy Subcommittee hearing on "American Leadership in the Asia-Pacific, Part 4: View from Beijing." Tuesday, November 14 at 2:30 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on "Attacks on U.S. Diplomats in Cuba: Response and Oversight." Wednesday, November 15 at 2 p.m.

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

- Full committee hearing on "Gene Editing Technology: Innovation and Impact." Tuesday, November 14 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on "Encouraging Healthy Communities: Perspective from the Surgeon General." Wednesday, November 15 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on the nominations of Brigadier General Mitchell Zais, USA (Ret.) to be Deputy Secretary, Department of Education, James Blew to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, And Policy Development, Department of Education, Timothy Kelly to be Assistant Secretary For Career, Technical, And Adult Education, Department of Education, Kate O'Scannlain to be Solicitor, Department of Labor and Preston Rutledge to be Assistant Secretary Of Labor For The Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor. Wednesday, November 15 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Full committee business meeting. Tuesday, November 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Judiciary Committee

- Full committee hearing on the nominations of James C. Ho to be U.S. Circuit Judge for Fifth Circuit, Don R. Willet to be U.S. Circuit Judge for Fifth Circuit, Claria Horn Boom to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, John W. Broomes to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Kansas, Rebecca Grady Jennings to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky and Robert Earl Wier to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Testimony by Pamela A. Bresnahan Chair, Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, American Bar Association, Washington, DC. Wednesday, November 15 at 10 a.m.
- Antitrust, Competition and Consumer Rights Subcommittee hearing on "The Consumer Welfare Standard in Antitrust: Outdated or a Harbor in a Sea of Doubt?." Wednesday, November 15 at 2:30 p.m.
- Full committee business meeting on S. 2070, Kevin and Avonte's Law. Thursday, November 16 at 10 a.m.

House Administration Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Congressional Workplace." Tuesday, November 14 at 10 a.m.

House Appropriations Committee

- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on "Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record." Testimony by The Honorable David J. Shulkin, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs. Wednesday, November 15 at 10 a.m.

House Education and the Workforce Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Labor." Testimony by The Honorable R. Alexander Acosta, Secretary, Department of Labor Wednesday, November 15 at 10 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Environment Subcommittee hearing on "Response and Recovery to Environmental Concerns from the 2017 Hurricane Season." Tuesday, November 14 at 10 a.m.
- Communications and Technology Subcommittee hearing on "The Race to 5G and its Potential to Revolutionize American Competitiveness." Thursday, November 16 at 10 a.m.

House Financial Services Committee

- Full committee markup. Click here to view full list of legislation. Tuesday, November 14 at 10 a.m.

House Foreign Affairs Committee

- Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats Subcommittee hearing on "Brexit: A Negotiation Update." Tuesday, November 14 at 2 p.m.
- Full committee markup. Click here to view full list of legislation. Wednesday, November 15 at 10 a.m.
- Asia and Pacific Subcommittee hearing on "Development Finance in Asia: U.S. Economic Strategy Amid China's Belt and Road." Wednesday, November 15 at 2:30 p.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Border and Maritime Security Subcommittee hearing on "Looking North: Assessing the Current Threat at the U.S.-Canada Border." Tuesday, November 14 at 10 a.m.
- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee hearing on "Maximizing the Value of Cyber Threat Information Sharing." Wednesday, November 15 at 2 p.m.

House Judiciary Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Oversight of the Department of Justice." Testimony by The Honorable Jeff Sessions, Attorney General, Department of Justice. Tuesday, November 14 at 10 a.m.

House Natural Resources Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Oversight Hearing, "The Need for Transparent Financial Accountability in Territories' Disaster Recovery Efforts." Tuesday, November 14 at 2 p.m.
- Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs Subcommittee hearing on "Bills to Empower Indian Tribes, Promote Self-Determination." Click here to view full list of legislation. Wednesday, November 15 at 10 a.m.
- Federal Lands Subcommittee hearing on "National Park, Fish and Wildlife Service Bills." Click here to view full list of legislation. Wednesday, November 15 at 10:30 a.m.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

- Healthcare, Benefits and Administrative Rules Subcommittee and Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee hearing on "Regulatory Reform Task Forces Check-in: Part II." Tuesday, November 14 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on "Recommendations and Reforms from the Inspectors General." Wednesday, November 15 at 10 a.m.

- Government Operations Subcommittee and Information Technology Subcommittee hearing on "The Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 5.0." Wednesday, November 15 at 2 p.m.

House Rules Committee

- Full committee meeting on H.R. 2874, 21st Century Flood Reform Act, and conference report to accompany H.R. 2810, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. Monday, November 13 at 5 p.m.
- Full committee meeting on H.R. 4243, VA Asset and Infrastructure Review Act of 2017. Tuesday, November 14 at 3 p.m.
- Full committee markup. Click here to view full list of legislation. Wednesday, November 15 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee meeting on H.R. 1, Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Wednesday, November 15 at 12 p.m.

House Science, Space and Technology Committee

- Oversight Subcommittee hearing on "Bolstering the Government's Cybersecurity: A Survey of Compliance with the DHS Directive." Tuesday, November 14 at 10 a.m.

House Small Business Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Federal Government and Small Businesses: Promoting Greater Information Sharing for Stronger Cybersecurity." Wednesday, November 15 at 11 a.m.

House Veterans' Affairs Committee

- Economic Opportunity Subcommittee hearing on "Best Practices in Veterans Education and Transition to Civilian Life." Friday, November 17 at 2 p.m.

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