

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Continued Confirmation Hearings and Congressional Review Act Challenges
This week the Senate is expected to continue consideration of President Trump's cabinet picks, with possible votes on Betsy DeVos for Secretary of Education, Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) for attorney general, Representative Tom Price (R-GA) for head of Health and Human Services and Steven Mnuchin for Treasury secretary. The Senate will also move ahead with Congressional Review Act challenges that are intended to eliminate a number of late-term executive orders issued by President Obama, including one that would nullify a regulation curbing methane emissions from oil and gas wells on federal lands. The House is expected to have a shorter week with Democrats leaving town for their retreat, and no votes are expected after Tuesday.

Senate Floor:
The Senate will convene at noon for continued consideration of the nomination of Betsy DeVos to be secretary of Education.

House Floor:
The House will convene at 2:00 p.m. to consider seven bills under suspension of the rules, including six on lands issues and one on email privacy.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Full committee closed briefing on "Cyber Threats." Tuesday, Feb. 7, 9:30 a.m.

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

- Full committee hearing on "A Look Ahead: Inspector General Recommendations for Improving Federal Agencies." Wednesday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Oversight: Modernizing our Nation's Infrastructure." Wednesday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m.

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

- Full committee hearing on the nomination of Andy Puzder to be Labor secretary. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.

Senate Judiciary Committee

- Full committee markup of S.178, the "Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act"; and to consider committee rules and organize for the 115th Congress. Thursday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m.

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee

- Full committee markup to vote on the nomination of David Shulkin to be Veterans Affairs secretary. Thursday, Feb. 7, time TBA

House Education and the Workforce Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Challenges and Opportunities in Higher Education." Tuesday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Health Subcommittee markup of H.R.181. the Close Annuity Loopholes in Medicaid (CALM) Act; and H.R.829, The Prioritizing the Most Vulnerable Over Lottery Winners Act of 2017. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Full committee and Border and Maritime Security Subcommittee joint hearing on "Ending the Crisis: America's Borders and the Path to Security," witnesses include Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.

House Judiciary Committee

- Full committee markup of H.R.732, the "Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017." Tuesday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.

House Science, Space and Technology Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Making EPA Great Again." Tuesday, Feb. 7, 11 a.m.

House Small Business Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Reimagining the Health Care Marketplace for America's Small Businesses." Tuesday, Feb. 7, 11 a.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

Rep. Bill Huizenga (MI-02)

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Huizenga Bill to Eliminate Resource Extraction Rule

Congressman Bill Huizenga, R-Zeeland, unveiled a plan Monday, Jan. 31, to repeal a part of the Dodd-Frank Act of 2010, where it is required that mining, oil and gas companies must disclose payments they make to foreign governments.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow

UP Matters—January 30th, 2017

Stabenow Introduces "Bring Jobs Home Act"

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow today announced legislation to encourage businesses to bring jobs to America and discourage companies from shipping jobs overseas.

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