

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Supreme Court Confirmation Hearing, House Intel Committee Testimony and Climate Change EO

This week, the Senate will begin confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch, and the House Select Intelligence Committee will hear testimony from FBI Director James B. Comey and NSA Director Admiral Michael Rogers regarding investigation of Russian activities during the 2016 election.

President Trump is expected to sign an executive order to strike actions by the Obama administration on climate change. The House is scheduled to vote on 12 bills today and Tuesday and may consider the Republican health care plan later this week.

Senate Floor:

The Senate will convene at 10:00 a.m. today for a pro forma session with no legislative action expected. The Senate Judiciary will hold a hearing on the nomination of Neil Gorsuch to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court (11:00 a.m., 216 Hart Senate Office Building).

On Tuesday the Senate will meet at 10:30 a.m. and at 11:30 a.m. to consider the nominations of Charles R. Breyer and Danny C. Reeves to be members of the U.S. Sentencing Commission. A vote on the nominations, en bloc, is scheduled for noon on Tuesday.

House Floor:

The House will convene at 2:00 p.m. today to consider 11 bills under suspension of the rules, including a bill (HR 382) that would change Agriculture Department research grants in a bid to increase participation by women and minorities in STEM fields. The House Select Intelligence Committee will hold a hearing on the investigation into Russian activities during the 2016 election campaign, with testimony from FBI Director James B. Comey and NSA Director Adm. Michael Rogers (10:00 a.m., 1100 Longworth House Office Building).

On Tuesday the House will meet at noon to consider a bill (HR 372) that would ensure that antitrust laws are upheld for health insurance and dental insurance companies. The text of all bills to be consider this week can be found here.

Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee

- Full committee hearing on the nomination of George “Sonny” Perdue to be Secretary of Agriculture. Thursday, March 23, time TBA

Senate Appropriations Committee

- Defense Subcommittee hearing on budget and readiness at the Department of Defense. Witnesses include Secretary of Defense James Mattis and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Joseph Dunford. Wednesday, March 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Personnel Subcommittee hearing on Defense Department civilian personnel reform. Thursday, March 23 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on the nomination of Jay Clayton to be Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman. Thursday, March 23 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee

- Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance and Data Security Subcommittee hearing on "Staying A Step Ahead: Fighting Back Against Scams Used to Defraud Americans." Witnesses include Acting Federal Trade Commission Chairman Maureen Ohlhausen. Tuesday, March 21 at 2:30 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on the promises and perils of emerging technologies for cybersecurity. Wednesday, March 22 at 10 a.m.
- Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee hearing on "FAA Reauthorization: Perspectives on Improving Airport Infrastructure and Aviation Manufacturing." Thursday, March 23 at 10 a.m.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

- Full committee hearing on opportunities to improve and expand infrastructure important to Federal lands, recreation, water, and resources. Tuesday, March 21 at 10 a.m.

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

- Full committee hearing on the nomination of Alexander Acosta to be Secretary of Labor. Wednesday, March 22 at 9 a.m.

Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Perspectives from the DHS Frontline: Evaluating Staffing Resources and Requirements." Wednesday, March 22 at 10 a.m.

Senate Judiciary Committee

- Full committee hearing on the nomination of Neil Gorsuch to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Monday, March 20 at 11 a.m. and Tuesday, March 21, 11:00 a.m.

Senate Special Aging Committee

- Full committee hearing on raising grandchildren in the opioid crisis and beyond. Tuesday, March 21 at 2:30 p.m.

House Agriculture Committee

- Nutrition Subcommittee hearing on "The Next Farm Bill: Nutrition Distribution Programs." Tuesday, March 21, 10 a.m.
- Livestock and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee hearing on "The Next Farm Bill: Livestock Producer Perspectives." Tuesday, March 21, 2 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on "The Next Farm Bill: Dairy Policy." Wednesday, March 22, 10 a.m.

House Education and Workforce Committee

- Higher Education and Workforce Development Subcommittee hearing on "Improving Federal Student Aid to Better Meet the Needs of Students." Tuesday, March 21, 10 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Communications and Technology hearing on "Broadband: Deploying America's 21st Century Infrastructure." Tuesday, March 21, 10 a.m.
- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "Fentanyl: The Next Wave of the Opioid Crisis." Tuesday, March 21, 10:15 a.m.
- Environment Subcommittee hearing on H.R.806, the "Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2017." Wednesday, March 22, 10 a.m.
- Health Subcommittee hearing on "Examining FDA's Prescription Drug User Fee Program. Wednesday, March 22, 10:15 a.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Full committee hearing on "A Borderless Battle: Defending Against Cyber Threats." Wednesday, March 22, 10 a.m.

House Natural Resources Committee

- Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee hearing on "The Importance of Domestically Sourced Raw Materials for Infrastructure Projects." Tuesday, March 21, 10 a.m.
- Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs Subcommittee hearing on "The Status of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) Restructuring Support Agreement." Wednesday, March 22, 10 a.m.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

- Interior, Energy and Environment Subcommittee hearing on "Examining GAO Findings on Deficiencies at the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement." Tuesday, March 21, 2 p.m.

House Small Business Committee

- Agriculture, Energy and Trade Subcommittee hearing on "The Future of America's Small Family Farms." Thursday, March 23, 10 a.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

Sen. Debbie Stabenow

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Bill Seeks Dedicated Aid for Ann Arbor Lakes Center

Michigan Democratic Sens. Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow joined with Ohio's Rob Portman, a Republican, to introduce a bipartisan bill this week authorizing research and monitoring in support of binational fisheries within the Great Lakes basin.

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