

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: ACA Repeal and Replace Efforts Come to a Halt
Congress will continue their work after the defeat of the Republican health care bill last Friday. According to Paul Ryan, the Affordable Care Act is the "law of the land." It is unclear when or if Congress will take up another comprehensive health care reform bill. Reports have suggested President Trump will allow the ACA "to fail on its own" or make conservative tweaks to the law administratively. Congress will now turn to tax reform and funding the government, but those efforts won't begin right away. The House will take up some non-controversial bills, and the Senate takes up a treaty on Montenegro and NATO.

Senate Floor:
Convenes at 3 p.m. for consideration of the protocol for Montenegro to be added to the 28-member NATO alliance (TD 114-12). Senators will hold the procedural vote on the treaty at 5:30 p.m.

House Floor:
Convenes at 2 p.m. for consideration of three bills (HR 1117, HR 1214, HR 654), including a measure on earthquake preparedness in the Pacific Northwest.

On Tuesday, the House meets at noon for consideration of a resolution (S J Res 34) that would nullify and disapprove of a Federal Communications Commission rule that requires broadband internet service providers to obtain customer approval in order to share their information, including browsing history.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Full committee closed briefing on "Department of Defense Worldwide Policy and Strategy and the FY2017 Defense Supplemental Budget Request." Witnesses include Defense Secretary James Mattis and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Joseph Dunford. Tuesday, March 28 at 2:30 p.m.
- Airland Subcommittee hearing on "Air Force Modernization." Wednesday, March 29 at 3:30 p.m.

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee

- Full committee hearing on closing the skills gap and boosting United States competitiveness. Wednesday, March 29 at 10 a.m.

- Full committee hearing on the nomination of Jeffrey Rosen to be deputy Transportation secretary. Wednesday, March 29 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

- Energy Subcommittee hearing on the cybersecurity threats to the U.S. electric grid and technology advancements to maximize such threats, including S.79, the "Securing Energy Infrastructure Act." Tuesday, March 28 at 2:15 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on the potential for infrastructure improvements to create jobs and reduce the cost of living through all-of-the-above energy and mineral production in Alaska. Thursday, March 30 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Fisheries, Water and Wildlife Subcommittee hearing on S.518, the "Small and Rural Community Clean Water Technical Assistance Act"; S.675, to amend and reauthorize certain provisions relating to Long Island Sound restoration and stewardship; and the "Water Infrastructure Flexibility Act of 2017." Tuesday, March 28 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

- Full committee markup vote on the nomination of Alexander Acosta to be Labor Secretary. Thursday, March 30 at time TBA

Senate Judiciary Committee

- Full committee markup to vote on the nomination Neil Gorsuch to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court; Rod Rosenstein to be deputy attorney general; and Rachel Brand to be associate attorney general. Monday, March 27 at 12 p.m.

House Agriculture Committee

- General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee hearing on "The Next Farm Bill: Commodity Policy Part I." Tuesday, March 28, 10 a.m.
- Nutrition Subcommittee hearing on "The Next Farm Bill: The Future of SNAP Policy." Tuesday, March 28, 2 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on "Review of the Farm Credit System." Wednesday, March 29, 10 a.m.

House Appropriations Committee

- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on "Budget Hearing - Department of Health and Human Services." Wednesday, March 29, 10 a.m. Witnesses: Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection Subcommittee hearing on "Self-Driving Cars: Levels of Automation." Tuesday, March 28, 10 a.m.
- Communications and Technology Subcommittee hearing on "Realizing Nationwide Next-Generation 911." Wednesday, March 29, 10 a.m.
- Energy Subcommittee hearing on "Federal Energy Related Tax Policy and its Effects on Markets, Prices, and Consumers." Wednesday, March 29, 10:15 a.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee hearing on "The Current State of DHS' Efforts to Secure Federal Networks." Tuesday, March 28, 10 a.m.

House Natural Resources Committee

- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "ESA (Endangered Species Act) Consultation Impediments to Economic and Infrastructure Development." Tuesday, March 28, 10 a.m.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

- Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee hearing on "Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Revitalizing American Communities through the Brownfields Program." Tuesday, March 28, 10 a.m.

House Veterans' Affairs Committee

- Health Subcommittee hearing on various pending legislation, including H.R.1545, a bill to clarify VA's authority to disclose certain patient information to State controlled substance monitoring programs. Wednesday, March 29 at 8 a.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

Rep. Fred Upton (MI-06)

Holland Sentinel—March 21st, 2017

Editorial: Fred Upton: Fighting for Our Great Lakes

Whether it's a lazy Sunday on the lake with family, fishing with friends, enjoying a sunset pontoon boat cruise or any number of activities—Michiganders all have a deep, personal connection to our lakes.

Sen. Gary Peters

The Detroit News—March 20th, 2017

Peters: Michigan Could be Leader in Autonomous Vehicles

Autonomous vehicles are definitely coming by 2021 and Michigan could be at the epicenter of the artificial intelligence if domestic automakers are first in making the technology successful, U.S. Sen. Gary Peters said Monday.

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