

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Nominees in the Senate; Ways and Means Takes up Tax Reform
The Senate convenes today at 3 p.m. to consider the nomination of Jeffrey Rosen to be deputy secretary of Transportation, with a cloture vote expected at 5:30 p.m. Rosen would serve under Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao. The chamber this week is also expected to take a cloture vote on the nomination of Rachel Brand to be associate attorney general.

The House returns Tuesday and will begin debate on a number of law enforcement-related bills, including "suspension" measures that would authorize probation officers to make arrests (H.R. 1039) and allow use of certain grant funds to hire veterans as career law enforcement officers (H.R. 1428). Another bill (H.R. 115) would add targeting, murder or attempted murder of law enforcement officers to the list of aggravating factors courts and juries use to determine whether a death sentence is justified.

House Ways and Means this week will host the first hearing aimed at getting a major tax bill through Congress. It comes after months of behind-the-scenes negotiating.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Full committee hearing on pending nominations, including Kenneth Rapuano to be assistant Defense secretary for homeland defense and global security. Thursday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Domestic and International Policy Update." Witnesses include Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin. Thursday, May 18 at 10 a.m.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

- Full committee hearing on the nomination of David Bernhardt to be deputy Interior secretary. Thursday, May 18 at 10 a.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee hearing on "Leveraging Federal Funding: Innovative Solutions for Infrastructure." Tuesday, May 16 at 3:15 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on "Improving America's Transportation Infrastructure: The Road Forward." Wednesday, May 17 at 10 a.m.

Senate Finance Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Examining Bipartisan Medicare Policies that Improve Care for Patients with Chronic Conditions." Tuesday, May 16 at 10 a.m.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Full committee markup of pending legislation, including S.34, the "Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2017." Wednesday, May 17 at 10 a.m.

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on pending veterans' health care and benefits legislation. Wednesday, May 17 at 2:30 p.m.

House Agriculture Committee

- Full committee hearing on "State of the Rural Economy." Witnesses include Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. Wednesday, May 17 at 10 a.m.

House Appropriations Committee

- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on "Emerging Transportation Technologies." Thursday, May 18 at 10 a.m.

House Education and the Workforce Committee

- Full committee markup of H.R.2353, the "Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act." Wednesday, May 17 at 10 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Health Subcommittee hearing on "Examining Initiatives to Advance Public Health." Wednesday, May 17 at 10 a.m.

House Judiciary Committee

- Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "Challenges Facing Law Enforcement in the 21st Century." Wednesday, May 17 at 10 a.m.

House Natural Resources Committee

- Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee hearing on "Reviewing Recent State Successes with the Rigs to Reefs Program." Wednesday, May 17 at 10 a.m.
- Federal Lands Subcommittee hearing on "Seeking Better Management of America's Overgrown, Fire-Prone National Forests." Wednesday, May 17 at 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth Bldg.
- Water, Power and Oceans Subcommittee hearing on H.R.2371, the "Western Area Power Administration Transparency Act"; and the "Water Rights Protection Act." Thursday, May 18 at 10 a.m.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

- Full committee hearing on "The Need to Reform FAA and Air Traffic Control to Build a 21st Century Aviation System for America." Wednesday, May 17 at 10 a.m.

- Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee hearing on "Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Improving Water Quality through Integrated Planning." Thursday, May 18 at 10 a.m.

House Ways and Means Committee

- Full committee hearing on "How Tax Reform Will Grow Our Economy and Create Jobs." Thursday, May 18 at 10 a.m.
- Health Subcommittee hearing on "Current Status of the Medicare Program, Payment Systems, and Extenders." Thursday, May 18 at 2 p.m.

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