

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: The President's Budget; Russia Investigation
The Senate convenes today at 3 p.m. to consider the nomination of Terry Branstad to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

On Tuesday the White House plans to follow its placeholder "skinny budget" with a full-sized blueprint of spending proposals for fiscal 2018. The next day, OMB Director Mick Mulvaney is to appear before the House Budget Committee to publicly field questions about the budget request. He testifies at a Senate Budget Committee hearing on Thursday.

The House will meet at 2:00 p.m. for legislative business, with first votes expected at 6:30 p.m. The House is expected to consider six bills under suspension of the rules, including H.R. 1862, the Global Child Protection Act of 2017.

Later in the week, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein is scheduled to provide a classified briefing today for House members, and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee has scheduled a Wednesday hearing on the FBI's independence.

Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Examining the Farm Economy: Perspectives on Rural America." Thursday, May 25 at 10 a.m.

Senate Appropriations Committee

- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on the proposed budget request and justification for FY2018 for the Justice Department. Witnesses include Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Thursday, May 25 at 10 a.m.
- Homeland Security Subcommittee hearing on the proposed FY2018 funding request for the Homeland Security Department. Witnesses include Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly. Thursday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Cybersecurity Subcommittee hearing on "Cyber Posture of the Services." Tuesday, May 23 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

- Full committee markup on pending nominations, including Mira Radielovic Ricardel to be Commerce undersecretary for export administration and Heath Tarbert to be assistant Treasury secretary. Tuesday, May 23 at 10 a.m.

Senate Budget Committee

- Full committee hearing on the president's FY2018 budget proposal. Witnesses include Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney. Thursday, May 25 at 9:45 a.m.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

- Full committee hearing on the nomination of Dan Brouillette to be deputy Energy secretary; Neil Chatterjee to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Robert Powelson to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Thursday, May 25 at 10 a.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee hearing on S.263, the "Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2017"; and S.452, the "Ozone Regulatory Delay and Extension of Assessment Length (ORDEAL) Act of 2017." Tuesday, May 23 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Finance Committee

- Full committee hearing on "FY2018 Budget Proposals for the Department of Treasury and Tax Reform." Witnesses include Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. Thursday, May 25 at 10 a.m.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Border Insecurity: The Rise of MS-13 and Other Transnational Criminal Organizations." Wednesday, May 24 at 10 a.m.
- Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "Stopping the Shipment of Synthetic Opioids: Oversight of U.S. Strategy to Combat Illicit Drugs." Thursday, May 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Judiciary Committee

- Border Security and Immigration Subcommittee hearing "Building America's Trust Through Border Security: Progress on the Southern Border." Tuesday, May 23 at 2:30 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on pending nominations, including Lee Francis Cissna to be director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Wednesday, May 24 at 10 a.m.
- Crime and Terrorism Subcommittee hearing on "Law Enforcement Access to Data Stored Across Borders: Facilitating Cooperation and Protecting Rights." Wednesday, May 24 at 2:30 p.m.

House Appropriations Committee

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies hearing on "Budget Hearing - USDA Office of the Secretary." Witnesses include Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. Wednesday, May 24 at 10 a.m.
- Defense Subcommittee hearing on "National Guard and Reserve." Witnesses include Chief of the National Guard Bureau General Joseph Lengyel. Wednesday, May 24 at 10 a.m.

- Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on "Corps of Engineers (Civil Works) and the Bureau of Reclamation FY2018 Budget Request." Wednesday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m.
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies hearing on "Department of Education Budget." Witnesses include Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. Wednesday, May 24 at 11 a.m.
- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on "Department of Justice Budget." Witnesses include Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Wednesday, May 24 at 1:30 p.m.
- Homeland Security Subcommittee hearing on "The DHS FY18 Budget Request." Witnesses include Homeland Security John Kelly. Wednesday, May 24 at 3 p.m.
- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee on U.S. Forest Service budget. Witnesses include Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Chief of the U.S. Forest Service Tom Tidwell. Thursday, May 25 at 9:30 a.m.
- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on the "Food and Drug Administration." Witnesses include FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb. Thursday, May 25 at 10 a.m.
- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on "Department of Commerce Budget." Witnesses include Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross. Thursday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m.

House Armed Services Committee

- Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee on "FY2018 Budget Request for U.S. Cyber Command: Cyber Mission Force Support to Department of Defense Operations." Witnesses include Commander of U.S. Cyber Command Admiral Michael Rogers. Tuesday, May 23 at 3:30 p.m.

House Budget Committee

- Full committee hearing on "The President's FY2018 Budget." Witnesses include Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney. Wednesday, May 24 at 9:30 a.m.

House Education and the Workforce Committee

- Higher Education and Workforce Development Subcommittee hearing on "Empowering Students and Families to Make Informed Decisions on Higher Education." Wednesday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "U.S. Public Health Response to the Zika Virus: Continuing Challenges." Tuesday, May 23 at 10 a.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Border and Maritime Security Subcommittee hearing on "Visa Overstays: A Gap in the Nation's Border Security." Tuesday, May 23 at 2 p.m.

House Natural Resources Committee

- Federal Lands Subcommittee hearing on pending legislation, including H.R.2199, the "Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2017" and H.R.2425, the "Public Lands Telecommunications Act." Tuesday, May 23 at 10 a.m.
- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "Examining Impacts of Federal Natural Resources Laws Gone Astray." Wednesday, May 24 at 9 a.m.
- Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee hearing on the "Community Reclamation Partnerships Act." Wednesday, May 24 at 2 p.m.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

- Full committee on "Oversight of the FBI's Independence." Former FBI Director James Comey has been invited to testify. Wednesday, May 24 9:30 a.m.
- Government Operations Subcommittee hearing on "Improper Payments in the Federal Government: Student Aid." Thursday, May 25 at 10 a.m.

House Science, Space and Technology Committee

- Environment Subcommittee hearing on "Expanding the Role of States in EPA Rulemaking." Tuesday, May 23 at 10 a.m.

House Veterans' Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for FY2018." Witnesses include Secretary of Veterans Affairs David Shulkin. Wednesday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m.

House Ways and Means Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Increasing U.S. Competitiveness and Preventing American Jobs from Moving Overseas." Tuesday, May 23 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on FY2018 budget proposals for the Treasury Department. Witnesses include Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. Wednesday, May 24 at 2 p.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

Rep. Fred Upton (MI-06)

Roll Call—May 16th, 2017

Upton Sees a Place for Energy in Possible Infrastructure Bill

The Republican chairman of a House energy subcommittee says he wants a widely discussed infrastructure package this session to contain a section on energy issues.

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