

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Nominations, Russia and Food and Drug Administration Bill
After a busy week last week, the Senate looks to defense and state nominations, alleged Russian interference in the 2016 elections, and a Food and Drug Administration bill. The Senate is expected to work through nominations on the floor, while the House is on a one-week recess. Additionally, a federal appeals court will hear President Trump's revised travel ban.

The House meets for pro forma session at 9:00 a.m., but Representatives are out for the week. The Senate convenes at 2 p.m. and considers the nomination of Heather Wilson to be Air Force Secretary. Votes on her nomination are expected to be at 5:30 p.m. tonight. Next the Senate will turn to the nomination of Scott Gottlieb to head the Food and Drug Administration.

A Senate Judiciary subcommittee holds a hearing on alleged Russian interference in the 2016 elections. Sally Yates, former acting attorney general, and James Clapper, for former director of national intelligence, will testify today at 2:30 p.m. The Senate Foreign Relations committee and Senate armed services hold hearings for various nominations and including John Sullivan to be Deputy Secretary of State and David Norquist to be comptroller. The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee will mark up a Food and Drug Administration reauthorization (S.934). Although the House passed the American Health Care Act last week, Senate leaders have signaled they will re-write the House legislation – committee action has yet to be announced. Finally, the Senate Finance committee hearing on the Child Health Insurance Program, previously scheduled for this Tuesday, has been postponed.

Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Pesticide Registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act: Providing Stakeholders with Certainty through the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act." Thursday, May 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Full committee hearing on "United States Cyber Command." Tuesday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on "The Status of the Housing Finance System After Nine Years of Conservatorship." Thursday, May 11 at 10 a.m.

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee

- Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security Subcommittee hearing on "Maritime Transportation: Opportunities and Challenges for the Maritime Administration and Federal Maritime Commission." Tuesday, May 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

- Water and Power Subcommittee hearing on pending legislation, including S.685, the "Clean Water for Rural Communities." Wednesday, May 10 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee hearing on "Water Resources: The Role of the Public and Private Sectors." Tuesday, May 9 at 2:30 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on "Conservation, Consultation, and Capacity: State Views on the Need to Modernize the Endangered Species Act." Wednesday, May 10 at 10 a.m.

Senate Finance Committee

- Full committee hearing on "The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP): The Path Forward." Tuesday, May 9 at 10 a.m.

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

- Full committee markup of S.1028, the "Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act"; and S.934, the "Food and Drug Administration Reauthorization Act." Wednesday, May 10 at 10 a.m.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Cyber Threats Facing America: An Overview of the Cybersecurity Threat Landscape." Wednesday, May 10 at 10 a.m.

Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Examining the Veterans Choice Program and the Future of Care in the Community." Wednesday, May 10 at 2:30 p.m.

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