

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Budget and Appropriations Hearings

This week the House and Senate return from recess to a full schedule of budget and appropriations hearings and the testimony of former FBI director James Comey before the Senate Select Intelligence Committee. Today, the Senate will convene to consider a resolution related to Jerusalem and later this week hold hearings on the fiscal 2018 defense authorization request and on ISIS outside of Iraq and Syria. The House convenes Tuesday to begin consideration of a resolution condemning violence against protesters outside the Turkish Ambassador's residence on May 16, a resolution condemning the attack in Manchester, UK on May 22, and bill to repeal portions of Dodd-Frank, the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul. Later this week, Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao will testify before House Transportation and Infrastructure on the Federal Aviation Administration authorization.

Senate Floor: The Senate convenes at 3:00 p.m. to consider a resolution (S Res 176) related to Jerusalem, with a vote on adoption scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

House Floor: The House convenes at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday for consideration of measures (H Res 354, H Res 355) condemning the violence against protesters outside the Turkish Ambassador's residence on May 16 and condemning the attack in Manchester, UK, on May 22.

Senate Appropriations Committee

- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee (Chairman hearing on the FY2018 budget request for the Education Department. Tuesday, June 6, 10 a.m.
- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on the FY2018 budget request for the U.S. Forest Service. Wednesday, June 7, 9:30 a.m.
- Energy and Water Development Subcommittee hearing on the FY2018 budget request for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Wednesday, June 7, 2:30 p.m.
- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on the FY2018 budget request for the Housing and Urban Development Department. Wednesday, June 7, 2:30 p.m.
- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on the FY2018 budget request for the Commerce Department. Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m.
- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on the FY2018 budget request for the Labor Department. Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Posture of the Department of the Air Force," in review of the Defense authorization request for FY2018 and the Future Years Defense Program. Tuesday, June 6, 9:30 a.m.

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

- Full committee hearing on "FAA Reauthorization: Administration Perspectives." Wednesday, June 7, 10 a.m.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

- Full committee markup to vote on the nominations on David Bernhardt to be deputy Interior secretary; 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. Tuesday, June 6, 9:30 a.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Full committee hearing on the nominations of Kristine Svinicki to be a member of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Annie Caputo to be a member of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; David Wright to be a member of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and Susan Bodine to be assistant EPA administrator of the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. Wednesday, June 7, 10 a.m.

Senate Finance Committee

- Full committee hearing on "The President's FY2018 Budget." Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m. Witnesses: Tom Price - Secretary of Health and Human Services

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on the "The Department of Homeland Security FY2018 Budget Request." Tuesday, June 6, 10 a.m. Witnesses: John F. Kelly - Secretary of Homeland Security
- Full committee hearing on the nominations of Brock Long to be administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Russell Vought to be deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB); and Neomi Rao to be administrator of the OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. Wednesday, June 7, 10 a.m.

House Agriculture Committee

- Full committee hearing on "The Next Farm Bill: The Future of International Food Aid and Agricultural Development." Wednesday, June 7, 10 a.m.
- Nutrition Subcommittee hearing on "The Next Farm Bill: SNAP Technology and Modernization." Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m.

House Appropriations Committee

- Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on the Labor Department budget. Wednesday, June 7, 10 a.m.
- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on the Interior Department budget. Thursday, June 8, 9:30 a.m.

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) budget. Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m.
- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on the Housing and Urban Development Department budget. Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "Examining the Role of the Department of Health and Human Services in Health Care Cybersecurity." Thursday, June 8, 10:15 a.m.

House Financial Services Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Flood Insurance Reform: A Taxpayer's Perspective." Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 a.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Department of Homeland Security Reauthorization and the President's FY2018 Budget Request." Wednesday, June 7, 10 a.m.

House Natural Resources Committee

- Water, Power and Oceans Subcommittee hearing on H.R.2083, the "Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act"; and the "Reclamation Title Transfer Act." Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m.
- Federal Lands Subcommittee hearing on "Burdensome Litigation and Federal Bureaucratic Roadblocks to Manage our Nation's Overgrown, Fire-Prone National Forests." Thursday, June 8, 2 p.m.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Federal Aviation Administration Authorization." Thursday, June 8, 9:30 a.m.

House Ways and Means Committee

- Full committee hearing on the "Department of Health and Human Services' FY2018 Budget Request." Thursday, June 8, 1 p.m. Witnesses: Tom Price - Secretary of Health and Human Services
- Health Subcommittee hearing on "Promoting Integrated and Coordinated Care for Medicare Beneficiaries." Wednesday, June 7, 2 p.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

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Tour of Aging, Deteriorating Soo Locks Puts Focus on Need for Funding

A portion of Michigan's congressional delegation and Gov. Rick Snyder headed to this Upper Peninsula city Friday to put an image to a problem—the aging and deteriorating Soo Locks.

Latest Developments

Administration Announces Exit from Paris Agreement

Last Thursday President Trump announced that he is withdrawing the United States from the Paris Agreement, the international agreement to address climate change signed by the previous administration and 194 other countries. In his press conference, President Trump repeated his claim that the agreement was detrimental to American competitiveness and jobs without imposing real commitments from other high-emitting countries. Trump indicated that the U.S. can continue to reduce emissions without the burdens imposed by the agreement. He shared that the U.S. will initiate the official withdrawal process as laid in the agreement, which is estimated to take as long as four years.

Economy Adds 138,000 Jobs in May, Unemployment at 4.3%

Last Friday the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Bureau of Labor Statistics reported domestic nonfarm payroll jobs increased by approximately 138,000 in May while the unemployment rate was little changed at 4.3 percent compared to 4.4 percent in April. Average hourly earnings for private nonfarm employees increased by 4 cents to $26.22, following a 7-cent increase in April. Job gains were reported in health care and mining. The number of long-term unemployed was essentially unchanged at 1.7 million, which accounted for 24 percent of the total unemployed. The number of involuntary part-time workers (including those working part-time but looking for a full-time job) was little changed at 5.2 million.

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