

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Spending Bills, Defense Authorization and Confirmations
This week Congress will continue work on spending bills, with several appropriations hearings and markups scheduled both chambers. Later in the week, the House is expected to bring the 2018 fiscal defense authorization bill to the floor and the Senate Military Construction-VA Appropriations Subcommittee is marking up its fiscal 2018 spending bill.

The Senate will consider the nomination of Neomi Rao to be OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs administrator today while Senate Homeland Security will meet Tuesday to vote on the nominations of Claire Grady to be undersecretary of Homeland Security for management and Henry Kerner to be special counsel in the Office of Special Counsel. Senate Armed Services, Senate Homeland Security and Senate Foreign Relations will hold a number of confirmation hearings beginning Tuesday. Senate Republicans will also continue work to find a way forward on their health care bill in the 14 legislative days left in the Senate before August recess. On Tuesday the House will consider 12 bills under suspension of the rules, including a measure on interstate transportation of controlled substances and several bills concerning human trafficking, before taking up the fiscal 2018 defense authorization bill and a measure on California drought relief later this week.

Senate Floor: The Senate convenes at 3:00 p.m. today and at 5:30 p.m. will vote on confirmation of Neomi Rao to be administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget.

House Floor: The House convenes 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday for consideration of 12 bills under suspension of the rules. Later this week the House takes up the fiscal 2018 defense authorization bill (HR 2810) and a measure (HR 23) on California drought relief. A list of bills the House is expected to consider this week can be found here.

Senate Appropriations Committee

- Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies markup of the FY2018 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill. Wednesday, July 12 at 2:30 p.m.
- Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies hearing on the proposed budget estimates and justification for FY2018 for the Department of Transportation (DOT). Witnesses include Secretary Chao. Thursday, July 13 at 2 p.m.

- Full committee markup of the FY2018 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill. Thursday, July 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Full committee hearing to consider the nomination of Richard Spencer to be Secretary of the Navy. Tuesday, July 11 at 9:30 a.m.
- Full committee hearing to consider the nominations of Mr. David J. Trachtenberg to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary Of Defense For Policy, Mr. Owen O. West to be Assistant Secretary Of Defense For Special Operations And Low-Intensity Conflict, Mr. Ryan D. McCarthy to be Under Secretary Of The Army, Mr. Charles D. Stimson to be General Counsel Of The Department Of The Navy. Wednesday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Banking Committee

- Full committee hearing on "The Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress." Witnesses include The Honorable Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Thursday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

- Full committee hearing titled "Force Multipliers: How Transportation and Supply Chain Stakeholders are Combatting Human Trafficking." Witnesses include Ms. Esther Goetsch, Coalition Building Specialist, Truckers Against Trafficking, Mr. Samir Goswami, Technical Consultant, Technology Solutions to Trafficking in Global Supply Chains, Issara Institute, Ms. Keeli Sorensen, Director of Government Relations and Public Policy, Polaris. Wednesday, July 12 at 10 a.m.
- Subcommittee on Space, Science and Competitiveness hearing on "Reopening the American Frontier: Promoting Partnerships Between Commercial Space and the U.S. Government to Advance Exploration and Settlement." Witnesses include: Mr. Robert Cabana, Director, NASA Kennedy Space Center, Mr. Tim Ellis, Co-Founder and CEO, Relativity, Mr. Tim Hughes, Senior Vice President, Global Business and Government Affairs, SpaceX, Dr. Moriba K. Jah, Associate Professor, Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, Cockell School of Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin, Mr. Jeffrey Manber, CEO, Nanoracks. Thursday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Committee business meeting to consider the following items. Wednesday, July 12 at 9:45 a.m.:
    - PN 560, Annie Caputo, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
    - PN 562, David Wright, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
    - PN 460, Susan Parker Bodine, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator of the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance of the Environmental Protection Agency
    - Substitute amendment to S. 822, the Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development Act of 2017
    - S. 1447, the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2017
    - S. 1359, John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2017
    - Substitute amendment to S. 810, a bill to facilitate construction of a bridge on certain property in Christian County, Missouri, and for other purposes.

    - S. 1395, a bill to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in Delaware
    - 5 General Services Administration resolutions
- Full committee hearing on "The Use of TIFIA and Innovative Financing in Improving Infrastructure to Enhance Safety, Mobility, and Economic Opportunity." Wednesday, July 12 at 10 a.m.

Senate Finance Committee

- Hearing to consider the nomination of Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of United States Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security. Thursday, July 13 at 10:15 a.m.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing to consider the Nominations of David J. Glawe to be Under Secretary for Intelligence & Analysis, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and David P. Pekoske to be Assistant Secretary (Transportation Security Administration), U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Tuesday, July 11 at 10 a.m.

House Agriculture Committee

- Full committee hearing on "The Next Farm Bill: Technology & Innovation in Specialty Crops." Wednesday, July 12 at 10 a.m.
- Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management hearing on The Future of Farming: Technological Innovations, Opportunities, and Challenges for Producers. Thursday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

House Education and the Workforce Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Redefining Joint Employer Standards: Barriers to Job Creation and Entrepreneurship." Wednesday, July 12 at 10:15 a.m.
- Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education hearing on "Opportunities for State Leadership of Early Childhood Programs." Thursday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing on "Combatting the Opioid Crisis: Battles in the States." Wednesday, July 12 at 10 a.m.
- Health Subcommittee hearing on "Examining Medical Product Manufacturer Communications." Wednesday, July 12 at 10:15 a.m.

House Financial Services Committee

- Full committee hearing entitled "Semi-Annual Testimony on the Federal Reserve's Supervision and Regulation of the Financial System." Wednesday, July 12 at 10 a.m.
- Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit hearing entitled "Examining Legislative Proposals to Provide Targeted Regulatory Relief to Community Financial Institutions." Wednesday, July 12 at 2 p.m.
- Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment hearing entitled "Impact of the DOL Fiduciary Rule on the Capital Markets." Thursday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

House Judiciary Committee

- Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet hearing on "The Impact of Bad Patents on American Businesses." Thursday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

- Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management hearing on "Implementing the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act (FASTA): Maximizing Taxpayer Returns and Reducing Waste in Real Estate." Wednesday, July 12 at 10 a.m.

House Ways and Means Committee

- Full committee hearing on "How Tax Reform Will Help America's Small Businesses Grow and Create New Jobs." Thursday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

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Lawmakers Urge Trump to 'Immediately' Issue Carp Study

The Michigan congressional delegation on Wednesday wrote to President Donald Trump urging him to "immediately" release a stalled report recommending ways to keep Asian carp out of the Great Lakes.

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