

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Appropriations and Healthcare

This week Congress will continue work on spending bills, with several appropriations hearings, markups and votes expected later in the week.

The Senate Republicans continue work to find a way forward on their health care bill, and a procedural vote is expected. Senate committees will markup three fiscal 2018 bills throughout the week. The House considers 17 veterans bills today, and later in the week is expected to amend and vote on a package of four security-related spending bills including Defense, Energy-Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction-VA; hundreds of amendments are expected. Action on a fiscal 2018 budget resolution is also possible later this week after moving out of the committee last week.

Senate Floor: The Senate convenes at 4:00 p.m. to consider the nomination of David Bernhardt to be deputy Interior Secretary, a vote on the nomination is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

House Floor: The House convenes at 2:00 p.m. for consideration of 17 veterans bills, with votes expected at 6:30 p.m.

Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Commodities, Credit, and Crop Insurance: Perspectives on Risk Management Tools and Trends for the 2018 Farm Bill." Tuesday, July 25 at 8:30 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on the nominations of Rostin Behnam to be a commissioner on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Brian Quintenz to be a commissioner on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Dawn DeBerry Stump to be a commissioner on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Thursday, July 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Appropriations Committee

- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee markup of the FY2018 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations Act. Tuesday, July 25 at 11 a.m.
- Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee markup of the FY2018 Commerce, Justice, Science & Related Agencies Appropriations Act. Tuesday, July 25 at 2:30 p.m.

- Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee review of the FY2018 Budget Request for the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Wednesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee markup of CJS, THUD, and Legislative Branch Appropriations Bills for FY2018. Thursday, July 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Seapower Subcommittee hearing on "Options and Considerations for Achieving a 355-ship Navy from Naval Analysts." Tuesday, July 25 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

- Executive session to vote on the nominations of Mr. J. Paul Compton, Jr. to be General Counsel, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Ms. Anna M. Farias to be Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Mr. Neal J. Rackleff to be Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Mr. Richard Ashooh to be Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce; Ms. Elizabeth Erin Walsh to be Assistant Secretary for Global Markets and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, U.S. Department of Commerce; and Mr. Christopher Campbell to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions, U.S. Department of the Treasury. Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on the nominations of Mr. Joseph Otting to be Comptroller of the Currency; and The Honorable Randal Quarles to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Reappointment as a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Thursday, July 27 at 10 a.m.

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

- Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee hearing on “Efforts on Marine Debris in the Oceans and Great Lakes.” Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on the nominations of Ronald L. Batory to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration; Mark Buzby to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration; Peter B. Davidson to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce; and Karen Dunn Kelley to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs. Wednesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

- Public Lands, Forests and Mining Subcommittee hearing on pending legislation, S.32, the "California Desert Protection and Recreation Act"; S.785, the "Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act"; S.837, the "Southern Utah Open OHV Areas Act"; S.884; S.1230, the "Water Rights Protection Act"; and S.1548, the "Oregon Wildlands Act." Wednesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee hearing on “Developing and Deploying Advanced Clean Energy Technologies.” Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m.

- Full committee markup of S.1514, the Hunting Heritage and Environmental Legacy Preservation for Wildlife Act. Wednesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Full committee markup of pending legislation, including S. 873, "TSP Modernization Act of 2017"; S 1199, "Border Enforcement Security Task Force Reauthorization Act of 2017"; and H.R. 1679, "FEMA Accountability, Modernization and Transparency Act of 2017". Wednesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.
- Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "Oversight of Federal Infrastructure Permitting and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council." Wednesday, July 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Judiciary Committee

- Full committee hearing on the nominations of Ralph R. Erickson to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit; Dabney Langhorne Friedrich to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia; Stephen S. Schwartz to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims; and Brian Allen Benczkowski to be an Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division. Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on "Oversight of the Foreign Agents Registration Act and Attempts to Influence U.S. Elections: Lessons Learned from Current and Prior Administrations." Wednesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.

Senate Special Committee on Aging

- Full committee hearing on "Progress Toward a Cure for Type I Diabetes: Research and the Artificial Pancreas." Wednesday, July 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

- Full committee markup of S.1598, Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017. Wednesday, July 26 at 12 p.m.

House Agriculture Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Renegotiating NAFTA: Opportunities for Agriculture." Wednesday, July 26 at 10:00 a.m.

House Education and the Workforce Committee

- Higher Education and Workforce Development Subcommittee hearing on "Expanding Options for Employers and Workers Through Earn-and-Learn Opportunities." Wednesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Communications and Technology Subcommittee hearing on "Oversight and Reauthorization of the Federal Communications Commission." Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn Bldg.
- Energy Subcommittee hearing on "Powering America: A Review of the Operation and Effectiveness of the Nation's Wholesale Electricity Markets." Wednesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.
- Health Subcommittee hearing on " Examining the Extension of Special Needs Plans." Wednesday, July 26 at 10:15 a.m.

House Financial Services Committee

- Full committee markup of pending legislation including H.R. 1624, the "Municipal Finance Support Act of 2017"; H.R. 2864, the "Improving Access to Capital Act"; H.R. 3110, the "Financial Stability Oversight Council Insurance Member Continuity Act"; H.R. 3321, the "National Strategy for Combating Terrorist, Underground, and Other Illicit Financing Act"; H.R. 3326, the "World Bank Accountability Act of 2017"; and H. Res. 442, Of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Treasury to provide certain documents in the Secretary's possession to the House of Representatives relating to President Trump's financial connections to Russia, certain illegal financial schemes, and related information. Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on "The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System." Witnesses include The Honorable Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Thursday, July 27 at 10 a.m.

House Foreign Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Authorization for the Use of Military Force and Current Terrorist Threats." Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on "U.S. Cyber Diplomacy." Wednesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Border and Maritime Security Subcommittee hearing on "Deter, Detect and Interdict: Technology's Role in Securing the Border." Tuesday, July 24 at 10 a.m.
- Transportation and Protective Security Subcommittee hearing on " Securing Air Cargo: Industry Perspectives." Tuesday, July 25 at 2 p.m.

House Judiciary Committee

- Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Subcommittee hearing on "No Regulation Without Representation: H.R. 2887 and the Growing Problem of States Regulating Beyond Their Borders." Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on "The Need for the Balanced Budget Amendment." Thursday, July 27 at 10 a.m.
- Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Subcommittee hearing on "Antitrust Concerns and the FDA Approval Process." Thursday, July 27 at 1 p.m.

House Natural Resources Committee

- Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs Subcommittee hearing on "Assessing Current Conditions and Challenges at the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center in American Samoa." Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m.
- Opening statements for full committee markup of pending legislation. Tuesday, July 24 at 4 p.m., 1324 Longworth Bldg. Full committee markup of pending legislation, including H.R. 825, "Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act" and H.R. 2199 "Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2017." Wednesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.
- Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee hearing on H.R. 1778, to provide that an order by the Secretary of the Interior imposing a moratorium on Federal coal leasing shall not take effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted, and for other purposes; H.R. 3117, to prohibit the Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality from

considering the social cost of carbon, the social cost of methane, or the social cost of nitrous oxide, in taking any action, and for other purposes. "Transparency and Honesty in Energy Regulations Act of 2017"; and draft legislation to require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the State of Minnesota, to provide for the renewal of certain mineral leases in such lands, and for other purposes. Thursday, July 27 at 10 a.m.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

- Intergovernmental Affairs and Interior, Energy and Environment Subcommittees' hearing on "Examining Sue and Settle Agreements: Part II." Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn Bldg.
- Full committee hearing on the "Office of National Drug Control Policy: Reauthorization in the 115th Congress." Wednesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.
- Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules and Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittees' hearing on "Challenges to Freedom of Speech on College Campuses." Thursday, July 27 at 9 a.m.
- National Security Subcommittee hearing on "Combatting Homegrown Terrorism." Thursday, July 27 at 2 p.m.

House Science, Space and Technology Committee

- Joint Subcommittee on Environment and Subcommittee on "Energy Hearing- Examining Advancements in Biofuels: Balancing Federal Research and Market Innovation." Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m.
- Research and Technology Subcommittee hearing on "STEM and Computer Science Education: Preparing the 21st Century Workforce." Wednesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.

House Small Business Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Protecting Small Businesses from Cyber Attacks: the Cybersecurity Insurance Option." Wednesday, July 26 at 11 a.m.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

- Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee hearing on "Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: Coast Guard Sea, Land, and Air Capabilities, Part II." Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m.

House Veterans' Affairs Committee

- Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee hearing on "PTSD Claims: Assessing Whether VBA is Effectively Serving Veterans." Tuesday, July 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

Rep. John Moolenaar (MI-04)

The Detroit News—July 18th, 2017

House Panel Funds Great Lakes Cleanup, Asian Carp

House appropriators late Tuesday approved a bill that rejects a Trump administration proposal to eliminate the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and gives the Fish and Wildlife Service an extra $10.4 million to fight invasive Asian carp.

Rep. Dave Trott (MI-11)

Detroit Free Press—July 20th, 2017

Rep. Dave Trott Moves to Increase Penalty for Genital Mutilation

With an investigation into the genital mutilation of girls in Michigan continuing, a metro Detroit congressman is calling for the federal penalty for committing such a crime to be increased from five years in prison to 15.

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