

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Senate Returns, House Heads Home

The House has begun their August recess, but for now the Senate remains in town. With Senator McCain going home for treatment the Senate will not work on a National Authorization Act, but instead work through a series of nominations during the week.

Senate Floor: The Senate convene at 4:00 p.m. Monday to consider the nomination of Kevin Christopher Newsom to be U.S. circuit judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

House Floor: The House will meet for pro forma sessions throughout August, but will not meet for legislative business until September 5, 2017.

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

- Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee hearing on "Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act: NOAA and Council Perspectives." Tuesday, August 1 at 10 a.m.
- Executive session to consider various legislation and nominations. Wednesday, August 2 at 10 a.m.

  Legislation includes:
  - S. 374, Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2017
  - S. 754, Cyber Scholarship Opportunities Act of 2017
  - S. 1322, American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act
  - S. 1425, Coordinated Ocean Monitoring and Research Act
  - S. 1532, No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act
  - S. 1536, Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act
  - S. 1586, A bill to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes
  - S. 1621, A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a methodology for the collection by the Commission of information about commercial mobile service and commercial mobile data service, and for other purposes

  Nominations include:

- Ajit Varadaraj Pai, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission
- Jessica Rosenworcel, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission
- Brendan Carr, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission
- David J. Redl, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information
- Peter B. Davidson, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce
- Karen Dunn Kelley, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs
- Elizabeth Erin Walsh, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service
- Steven Gill Bradbury, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation
- Mark Buzby, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration
- Ronald L. Batory, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration
- Robert L. Sumwalt III, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board
    - Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security Subcommittee hearing on "Insurance Fraud in America: Current Issues Facing Industry and Consumers." Thursday, August 3 at 10 a.m.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

- Water and Power Subcommittee hearing to examine increasing water security and drought preparedness through infrastructure, management, and innovation. Wednesday, August 2 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing to examine federal and nonfederal collaboration, including through the use of technology, to reduce wildland fire risk to communities and enhance firefighting safety and effectiveness. Thursday, August 3 at 10 a.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight Subcommittee hearing on "Oversight of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund Program." Tuesday, August 1 at 10 a.m.

Senate Finance Committee

- Full committee hearing on "America's Affordable Housing Crisis: Challenges and Solutions." Tuesday, August 1 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing to consider the nominations of Gilbert B. Kaplan (to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, United States Department of Commerce) and Matthew Bassett (to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, United States Department of Health and Human Services). Thursday, August 3 at 10 a.m.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

- Closed briefing on "The Authorizations for the Use of Military Force: Administration Perspective." Witnesses include The Honorable Rex Tillerson, Secretary of State, and The Honorable James Mattis, Secretary of Defense. Wednesday, August 2 at 2 p.m.

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

- Full committee hearing on the nominations of Mr. Lance Robertson (to be Assistant Secretary for Aging), Dr. Brett Giroir (to be Assistant Secretary for Health), Dr. Robert Kadlec (to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), Dr. Elinore F. McCance-Katz (to be

Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use) and Dr. Jerome Adams (to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service). Tuesday, August 1 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee

- Full committee markup of legislation, including S.154 (Small Business Relief from Disease Induced Economic Hardship Act and S.929 (Invest in Rural Small Business Act of 2017). Wednesday, August 2, time TBD.

House Agriculture Committee

- Full committee "Farm Bill Listening Session: Conversations in the Field." Monday, July 31 at 2 p.m. ET, San Angelo, TX.
- Full committee "Farm Bill Listening Session: Conversations in the Field." Thursday, August 3 at 10:30 a.m. ET, Morgan, MN.
- Full committee "Farm Bill Listening Session: Conversations in the Field." Saturday, August 5 at 12 p.m. ET, Modesto, CA.

Michigan Newsmakers

Midland Daily News—July 29th, 2017

Michigan Delegation Urges Federal Flooding Assistance for Mid-Michigan

On Thursday, members of the Michigan congressional delegation wrote to President Donald Trump urging him to grant the state of Michigan's request for federal assistance in response to last month's flooding.

Macomb Daily—July 26th, 2017

Michigan Delegation Makes Pitch for F-35 at Selfridge

A bipartisan group of Michigan legislators is getting behind the idea of the military's newest plane taking off and landing in Macomb County.

Rep. Bill Huizenga (MI-02)

The Detroit News—July 28th, 2017

Army Corps to Release Long-delayed Asian Carp Plan

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Friday said it will release on Aug. 7 its long-delayed plan for keeping Asian carp out of the Great Lakes.

Rep. Fred Upton (MI-06)

The Detroit News—July 31st, 2017

Upton Part of Bipartisan Plan to Stabilize Obamacare

Republican Rep. Fred Upton is among a bipartisan group of centrist lawmakers who unveiled a set of solutions Monday aimed at stabilizing Obamacare and health insurance markets following the collapse of the Senate's health care bill last week.

Latest Developments

DHS Sec. Kelly Appointed WH COS

Last Friday it was announced that Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly would become the new Chief of Staff at the White House. Kirstjen Nielson, Kelly's Chief of Staff at the Department of Homeland Security, will join him at the White House as Deputy Chief of Staff. It remains unclear as to who will replace Kelly as the new Secretary of Homeland Security for the Trump Administration.

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