

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Opioids, TSA

Senate Floor: Convenes for legislative business at 2 p.m. Monday. First votes expected at 5:30 p.m. The Senate will consider the nomination of Robert Califf as administrator for the Food and Drug Administration. In addition, on Tuesday, Utah Governor Gary Herbert will testify before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee on Every Student Succeeds Act implementation.

House Floor: The House will reconvene tomorrow at 2 p.m. to consider five bills under suspension of the rules, including HR 3584, which makes a number of changes to the Transportation Safety Administration's (TSA) PreCheck passenger clearance program. On Wednesday, the House will consider eight bills under suspension of the rules. For the remainder of the week, the House will consider H.R. 3624, which would affect motion to remand procedures and H.R. 2406, which includes a number of provisions intended to expand recreation hunting and fishing opportunities on federal lands.

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee

- Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security subcommittee hearing on the “National Rail Network.” Tuesday, February 23 at 9:45 a.m.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

- Full committee hearing on the “Interior Budget.” Tuesday, February 23 at 10 a.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Full committee hearing on the "Renewable Fuel Standard." Wednesday, February 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Senate Finance Committee

- Full Committee hearing on the “Opioid Epidemic.” Tuesday, February 23 at 10 a.m.
- Full Committee hearing on the “Zika Virus.” Wednesday, February 24 at 10 a.m.

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

- Full Committee hearing on the "Every Student Succeeds Act Implementation." Witnesses: Gov. Gary Herbert (R-Utah); Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Madison, Wisconsin; Katy Haycock, President of The Education Trust, Washington, D.C.; Delia Pompa, Senior Fellow of Education Policy at the Migration Policy Institute, Washington, D.C; Becky Pringle, Vice President of the National Education Association, Washington, D.C.; David Schuler, Superintendent of Schools for Township High School District #214, Arlington Heights, Ill.; Randi Weingarten, President of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C. Tuesday, February 23 at 10 a.m.
- Full Committee hearing on the "King Nomination." Thursday, February 25 at 2 p.m.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management subcommittee hearing on "Unfunded Mandates Reform. Witnesses: Curtis Bramble, President of the National Conference of State Legislatures and Utah State Senator; Bryan Desloge, First Vice President of the National Association of Counties and Commissioner of Leon County; Fla. Paul Poser, Director of George Mason University's Center for Public Service and former Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the Government Accountability Office; Richard Pierce Jr., Professor of Law at George Washington University Law School. Wednesday, February 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Senate Judiciary Committee

- Full committee hearing on the "Unaccompanied Children Crisis." Witnesses include, Nancy Young, Director of Children and Family Futures, Lake Forest, Calif; David Hart, Assistant Attorney-in-Charge in the Oregon Department of Justice's Civil Enforcement. Tuesday, February 23 at 10 a.m.
- Immigration and National Interest Subcommittee hearing on "High-Skilled Immigration Impact on U.S. Workers." Thursday, February 25 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Special Aging Committee

- Full Committee hearing on the "Opioid Abuse Among Seniors." Wednesday, February 24 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee

- Full Committee hearing on the "VA Budget." Tuesday, February 23 at 10 a.m.

House Appropriations Committee

- Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee hearing on the "OMB Budget." Tuesday, February 23 at 3 p.m.
- Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on the "Commerce Department Budget." Tuesday, February 23 at 4:30 p.m.

- Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee hearing on the “U.S. Forest Service Budget.” Wednesday, February 24 at 9:30 a.m.
- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee on the “Transportation Budget.” Wednesday, February 24 at 2 p.m.

House Education and the Workforce Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Education, Policies, and Priorities." Wednesday, February 24
- Full committee hearing on “K-12 Education.” February 25 at 10 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Health Subcommittee hearing on "HHS Budget Updated." Wednesday, February 24 at 10 a.m.

House Financial Services Committee

- Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises subcommittee hearing on "Financial Reform Regulations." Wednesday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m.
- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on the “Effect of Puerto Rico’s Debt on Bond Markets.” Thursday, February 25 at 10 a.m.
- Housing and Insurance Subcommittee hearing on “International Insurance Market Regulatory Standards Updated.” Thursday, February 25 at 2 p.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies Subcommittee hearing on “Emerging Cyber Threats.” Thursday, February 25 at 2 p.m.

House Natural Resources Committee

- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on the "President’s Environmental Mitigation Regulations." Wednesday, February 24 at 2 p.m.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

- Full Committee hearing on "Zika Virus Mutli-Agency Response." Wednesday, February 24 at 2 p.m.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

- Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee hearing on the “Water Resources Development/Army Corps of Engineers Report Updated.” Wednesday, February 24 at 10 a.m.
- Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee hearing on the “Pipeline Safety Program Reauthorization Updated”. Thursday, February 25 at 10 a.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

Rep. Fred Upton (MI-06)

ABC News—February 10th, 2016

House Backs Bill to Require EPA Notification in Lead Cases

The House on Wednesday approved legislation to clarify the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to notify the public about danger from lead in their drinking water—the first action by Congress to respond to the water crisis in Flint, Michigan.

Rep. John Conyers Jr. (MI-13)

The Hill—February 11th, 2016

House Homes in on Controversial Investor Visa Program

Critics of a controversial investor visa program questioned its effectiveness Thursday even as lawmakers split over reform efforts.

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