

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: FY 2017 Budget Request Release

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 Rebecca Ebinger as judge for the southern district of Iowa. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has indicated the Senate will continue consideration of S. 2012, the Energy Policy Modernization Act, after the bill fell short of the 60 votes needed for cloture last week. On Wednesday, the Senate is expected to vote on H.R. 757, which would authorize the President to apply sanctions to individuals, foreign governments and financial institutions involved in prohibited transactions with North Korea.

House Floor: The House will reconvene tomorrow at 2 p.m. to consider 12 bills under suspension of the rules, including H.R. 677, which makes the annual cost of living adjustment for veterans' service-connected disability compensation permanent. Votes have been postponed until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. On Wednesday, the House will debate H.R. 3293, which limits National Science Foundation grants. For the remainder of the week, the House will consider H.R. 3442, which requires the Treasury Secretary to appear before Congress in advance of the government reaching the debt limit, and H.R. 2017, which requires the Food and Drug Administration to modify its rules on nutrition information restaurants must provide to customers.

President's FY17 Budget: On Tuesday, the President will release his budget proposal for FY 17.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Full committee hearing on the "National Commission on the Future of the United States Army." Thursday, February 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Full committee hearing titled "Federal-State Fish/Wildlife Management Interactions." Tuesday, February 9 at 2:30 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on the "The Importance of Enacting a New Water Resources Development Act" Wednesday, February 10 at 10 a.m.

Senate Finance Committee

- Full committee hearing on the “The President’s FY2017 Budget.” Thursday, February 11 at 10 a.m.

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

- Full committee Markup on pending legislation, including the "Preventing Superbugs and Protecting Patients Act"; and legislation on improving health information technology. Tuesday, February 9 at 10 a.m.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on pending legislation. Wednesday, February 10 at 10 a.m.

Senate Judiciary Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Crime-Related Mental Health Issues." Wednesday, February 10 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee markup of S.247, the "Expatriate Terrorist Act"; S.483, the "Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2015"; and S.524, the "Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2015." Thursday, February 11 at 10 a.m.

House Agriculture Committee

- Full committee hearing on the impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency's actions on the rural economy. Thursday, February 11 at 10 a.m.

House Armed Services Committee

- Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee hearing on "Recommendations from the National Commission on the Future of the Army." Wednesday, February 10 at 2 p.m.
- Readiness Subcommittee hearing on "Department of the Air Force 2017 Budget Request and Readiness." Thursday, February 11 at 8 a.m.

House Education and the Workforce Committee

- Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Subcommittee hearing on "Next Steps for K-12 Education: Implementing the Promise to Restore State and Local Control." Wednesday, February 10.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Health Subcommittee hearing on "Examining Medicaid and CHIP's Federal Medical Assistance Percentage." Wednesday, February 10 at 10 a.m.
- Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing on “Outbreaks, Attacks, and Accidents: Combating Biological Threats.” Wednesday, February 10 at 9 a.m.

House Financial Services Committee

- Housing and Insurance subcommittee hearing on "The Future of Housing in America: Examining the Health of the Federal Housing Administration." Thursday, February 11 at 9:30 a.m.

House Foreign Affairs Committee

- Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations subcommittee hearing on “The Global Zika Epidemic: Emerging in the Americas.” Wednesday, February 10 at 1:15 p.m.
- Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade Subcommittee hearing on "After San Bernardino: The Future of ISIS-Inspired Attacks." Wednesday, February 10 at 2 p.m.

House Judiciary Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Is the Investor Visa Program an Underperforming Asset?" Thursday, February 11 at 10:15 a.m.

House Natural Resources Committee

- Water, Power and Oceans Subcommittee hearing on "The Costly Impacts of Predation and Conflicting Federal Statutes on Native and Endangered Fish Species." Wednesday, February 10 at 10 a.m.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

- Government Operations Subcommittee of House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and National Security Subcommittee hearing on "The President's Waiver of Restrictions on the Visa Waiver Program." Wednesday, February 10 at 2 p.m.

House Small Business Committee

- Agriculture, Energy and Trade Subcommittee hearing on "Export Control Reform: Challenges for Small Business? (Part I)." Wednesday, February 10 at 10 a.m.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Review of Air Traffic Control Reform Proposals." Wednesday, February at 10 a.m.

House Veterans’ Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for FY2017." Wednesday, February at 10 a.m.

House Ways and Means Committee

- Full committee hearing on the Health and Human Services Department's FY2017 budget. Wednesday, February 10 at 2 p.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

Rep. Fred Upton (MI-06)

MLive—February 4th, 2016

Flint Water Crisis Prompts EPA Reform Bill from Upton, Kildee

In the wake of the Flint water crisis, Congressman Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph and Congressman Dan Kildee, D-Flint, today introduced a bill to speed public notification when concentrations of lead in drinking water are above federal requirements.

Rep. Tim Walberg (MI-07)

WTVB—February 2nd, 2016

Walberg Introduces Legislation on Human Trafficking

Michigan 7th District Congressman Tim Walberg on Monday introduced a measure titled, "The Enhancing Detection of Human Trafficking Act."

Rep. Candice Miller (MI-10)

The Detroit News—February 2nd, 2016

Editorial: Miller: 'No' to Nuclear Waste Near Lake Huron

The United States and Canada have long shared an appreciation for the vital role the Great Lakes play in our economic and cultural lives and history—and a commitment to preserve and protect the Lakes for generations to come.

Sen. Gary Peters

UP Matters—February 2nd, 2016

Sen. Peters Applauds Passage of Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015

U.S. Senator Gary Peters Tuesday applauded the passage of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015, which authorizes the design and construction of a new Coast Guard heavy icebreaker vessel to enhance icebreaking capabilities on the Great Lakes.

ABC 10—February 3rd, 2016

Peters Co-sponsors Home Health Care Legislation

U.S. Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) today announced he has cosponsored the Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act, bipartisan legislation that would expand access to home health care for Medicare beneficiaries.

Latest Developments

Army Commission Briefs Governors on Final Report

On Friday, Council of Governors Co-Chairs **Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad** and **Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy** hosted a call for all governors to receive a briefing from the National Commission on the Future of the Army (Commission). On Jan. 28, the Commission released its final report to Congress and the Administration after a yearlong study of Army force structure requirements across active and reserve

components, including the Army National Guard. The Commission's findings included recommendations to retain four Guard Apache helicopter battalions and better leverage the Guard to meet Army mission requirements. During the call, Gen. Carter Ham (ret.) and Tom Lamont, chair and vice chair of the Commission, respectively, answered governors' questions about cost offsets related to certain recommendations in the report and the Commission's recent engagements with the Army and Congress.

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