

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: FAA Reauthorization, Energy-Water Spending Bill, Comprehensive Energy Bill, NDAA Markup

The Senate will convene at 3 p.m. and vote at 5:30 p.m. on a substitute amendment that would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration through FY 2017, followed by vote to limit debate on the underlying bill, H.R. 636. Later this week the Senate is expected to vote on the FY 2017 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill. The bill would provide $37.5 billion for energy and water activities, an increase of $355 million over FY 16–enacted levels and $261 million over the President's FY 17 budget request. The Senate is also expected to resume consideration of its comprehensive energy bill, S. 2012, the Energy Policy Modernization Act.

The House will convene at 2 p.m. and hold first votes at 6:30 p.m. for eight bills under suspension of the rules. Later this week the House is expected to take up a number of measures related to the Internal Revenue Service, including a bill that would prevent the agency's employees from receiving bonuses until the Treasury Secretary implements a customer service strategy. On Wednesday, the House Armed Services (HASC) Subcommittees will begin marking up their respective sections of the FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Text of the HASC Chairman's NDAA markup is scheduled to be released early this week.

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House Floor: Convenes for legislative business at 2 p.m. First votes are expected at 6:30 p.m.

Senate Appropriations Committee

- Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee markup of the FY2017 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. Tuesday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m.
- Commerce, Justice and Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee markup of proposed legislation making appropriations for FY2017 for Commerce, Justice, Science and related agencies. Tuesday, April 19 at 2:30 p.m.
- Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on the FY2017 budget for the Environmental Protection Agency, witnesses include EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. Wednesday, April 20 at 10 a.m.

- Full committee markup of the FY2017 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act; and the FY2017 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. Thursday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee hearing on cybersecurity and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for FY2017 and the Future Years Defense Program. Tuesday, April 19 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

- Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security Subcommittee hearing on “The State of U.S. Maritime Industry: Stakeholder Perspectives. Wednesday, April 20 at 10 a.m.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

- Public lands, Forest, and Mining Subcommittee hearing on S.1167, the "Owyhee Wilderness Areas Boundary Modifications Act"; S.1423, the "Central Coast Heritage Protection Act"; S.1510, the "Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 2015"; S.1699, the "Oregon Wildlands Act"; S.1777, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho; S.2018, to convey, without consideration, the reversionary interests of the United States in and to certain non-federal land in Glennallen, Alaska; S.2223, the "Black Hills National Cemetery Boundary Expansion Act"; S.2379, the "Udall Park Land Exchange Completion Act of 2015"; and S.2383, the "Utah Test and Training Range Encroachment Prevention and Temporary Closure Act." Thursday, April 21 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Full committee hearing on the FY2017 budget for the Environmental Protection Agency. Tuesday, April 19 at 10 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on “New Approaches and Innovative Technologies to Improve Water Supply.” Wednesday, April 20 at 10 a.m.

Senate Finance Committee

- Full committee hearing on “Oversight of the United States Customs and Border Protection Agency,” witnesses include U.S. Customs and Border Commissioner Gil Kerlikowske. Thursday, April 21 at 2 p.m.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Full committee field hearing on “Examining the Impact of the Opioid Epidemic in Ohio.” Friday, April 21 at 11 a.m., 11100 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio.

Senate Judiciary Committee

- Full committee hearing on the nominations of Inga Bernstein to be U.S. district judge for the District of Massachusetts; Stephanie Gallagher to be U.S. district judge for the District of Maryland; Suzanne Mitchell to be U.S. district judge for the Western District of Oklahoma; Scott Palk to be U.S. district judge for the Western District of Oklahoma; and Ronald Russell to be U.S. district judge for the District of Utah.

House Appropriations Committee

- Full committee markup of the FY2017 Agriculture Appropriations bill, the FY2017 Energy and Water Appropriations bill; and the report on the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocation for FY2017. Tuesday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m.

House Armed Services Committee

- Military Personnel Subcommittee markup of H.R. 4909, the “National Defense Authorization Act for FY2017.” Wednesday, April 20 at 11:30 a.m.
- Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee markup of H.R. 4909, the “National Defense Authorization Act for FY2017.” Wednesday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m.
- Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee markup of H.R. 4909, the “National Defense Authorization Act for FY2017.” Wednesday, April 20 at 3 p.m.
- Readiness Subcommittee markup of H.R. 4909, the “National Defense Authorization Act for FY2017.” Thursday, April 21 at 9:30 a.m.
- Emerging Threats Subcommittee markup of H.R. 4909, the “National Defense Authorization Act for FY2017.” Thursday, April 21 at 11 a.m.
- Strategic Forces Subcommittee markup of H.R. 4909, the “National Defense Authorization Act for FY2017.” Thursday, April 21 at 12 p.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Communications and Technology Subcommittee markup of H.R.4889, the "Kelsey Smith Act of 2016"; H.R.4167, the "Kari's Law Act of 2015"; H.R.4884, the "Controlling the Unchecked and Reckless Ballooning of the Lifeline Fund Act"; H.R.4111, the "Rural Health Care Connectivity Act of 2015"; H.R.4190, the "Spectrum Challenge Prize Act of 2015"; H.R.3998, the "Securing Access to Networks in Disasters (SANDY) Act"; and H.R.2031, the "Anti-Swatting Act of 2015." Monday, April 18 at 5 p.m.
- Energy and Power Subcommittee hearing on the “FY2017 Nuclear Regulatory Commission Budget.” Wednesday, April 20 at 10 a.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Transportation Subcommittee hearing on “Pipelines: Securing the Veins of the American Economy.” Tuesday, April 19 at 2 p.m.

House Natural Resources Committee

- Full committee hearing on “Recent Changes to Endangered Species Critical Habitat Designation and Implementation,” witnesses include U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director, Dan Ashe. Tuesday, April 19 at 10 a.m.
- Energy and Minerals Subcommittee hearing on H.R. 3881, the “Cooperative Management of Mineral Rights Act of 2015.” Tuesday, April 19 at 2 p.m.
- Water, Power and Oceans Subcommittee hearing on H.R.1869, the "Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act of 2015"; H.R.2993, the "Water Recycling Acceleration Act of 2015"; H.R.4582, the "Save Our Salmon (SOS) Act." Wednesday, April 20 at 10 a.m.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

- Interior Subcommittee hearing on “Barriers to Endangered Species Act Delisting, Part 1.” Wednesday, April 20 at 2 p.m.
- Interior Subcommittee hearing on “Barriers to Endangered Species Act Delisting, Part 2.” Thursday, April 21 at 9 a.m.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

- Full committee markup of pending legislation, including H.R.4937, the "Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2016." Wednesday, April 20 at 10 a.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

Sen. Debbie Stabenow

MLive—April 12th, 2016

Michigan’s U.S. Senators Request More Funding to Investigate Campus Sexual Assault

With sexual violence on college campuses in the spotlight, Michigan’s two U.S. senators are among a group of lawmakers urging congress to better fund the federal office tasked with investigating how universities respond to such crimes.

Sen. Gary Peters

UP Matters—April 12th, 2016

Peters Joins Colleagues in Introducing Bill to Improve Inclusion in STEM Fields

U.S. Senator Gary Peters (MI) today announced that he joined his colleagues in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Opportunities Act, legislation that would improve inclusion of women, minorities, and people with disabilities in STEM careers.

Latest Developments

FHFA Announces Delinquent Borrower Program

The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) has announced a new program permitting Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to forgive certain borrowers’ outstanding mortgage principal to help them stay in their homes. The one-time Principal Reduction Modification program aims to help seriously delinquent borrowers, whose loans are owned or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, avoid foreclosure. The program also addresses negative equity remaining from the financial crisis. Borrowers who are eligible for

the program will receive a solicitation letter no later than October 2016, which contains the terms for modification.

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