

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Energy-Water Spending Bill, NDAA Markup, Opioid Bills
The Senate will convene at 3 p.m., voting to invoke cloture on a substitute amendment on the FY 2017 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill at 5:30 p.m. 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. Senate Armed Services subcommittees will begin marking up their respective sections of the FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), beginning with a closed markup in the Airland Subcommittee at 2:30 p.m.

The House will meet Tuesday at 2 p.m. for legislative action on several measures under suspension of the rules. Votes are postponed until 6:30 p.m. Various opioid bills will be considered throughout the week, including H.R. 5046, which would establish two Justice Department grant programs to help combat opioid abuse, as well as a motion to conference with members of the Senate on a similar bill (S. 524).

Senate Floor: Convenes for legislative business at 3 p.m. First votes expected at 5:30 p.m.

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

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Airland Subcommittee markup of the provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of S.2814, the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY2017." Tuesday, May 9 at 2:30 p.m.
- Seapower Subcommittee markup of the provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of S.2814, the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY2017." Tuesday, May 10 at 9:30 a.m.
- Personnel Subcommittee markup of the provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of S.2814, the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY2017." Tuesday, May 10 at 11 a.m.
- Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee markup of the provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of S.2814, the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY2017." Tuesday, May 10 at 2 p.m.

- Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee markup of the provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of S.2814, the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY2017." Tuesday, May 10 at 3:30 p.m.
- Strategic Forces Subcommittee markup of the provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of S.2814, the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY2017." Tuesday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m.
- Full committee markup of S.2814, the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY2017." May 11-13 at 9:30 a.m.

House Appropriations Committee

- Defense Subcommittee markup of the FY2017 Defense Appropriations bill. Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Health Subcommittee hearing on "Healthcare Solutions: Increasing Patient Choice and Plan Innovation." Wednesday, May 11 at 10 a.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Border and Maritime Security Subcommittee field hearing on "Life on the Border: Examining Border Security through the Eyes of Local Residents and Law Enforcement." Monday, May 9 at 1 p.m., Sahuarita, Arizona.

House Natural Resources Committee

- Federal Lands Subcommittee hearing on H.R.3565, the "California Coastal National Monument Expansion Act"; H.R.3839, the "Black Hills National Cemetery Boundary Expansion Act"; H.R.4233, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands; and H.R.5132, to adjust the eastern boundary of the Whychus-Deschutes Wilderness Study Area in the State of Oregon to facilitate fire prevention and response activities to protect adjacent private property. Thursday, May 12 at 10 a.m.
- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "Local and State Perspectives on BLM's (Bureau of Land Management) Draft Planning 2. Rule." Thursday, May 12 at 2 p.m.

House Rules Committee

- Full committee business meeting to formulate a rule on H.R.4641, to provide for the establishment of an inter-agency task force to review, modify and update best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication; and H.R.5046, the "Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act of 2016." Tuesday, May 10 at 5 p.m.

House Ways and Means Committee

- Health Subcommittee hearing on "Implementation of the Medicare Access & CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015." Wednesday, May 11 at 2 p.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

Rep. Candice Miller (MI-10)
Detroit Free Press—April 28th, 2016
Miller: Shut Down Straits Pipeline if it Poses Risk
U.S. Rep. Candice Miller introduced legislation Wednesday calling for a comprehensive study of a pair of 63-year-old oil and natural gas pipelines at the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac, and requiring their shutdown if the pipelines are found to pose a significant risk.

Sen. Gary Peters
The News Herald—May 2nd, 2016
Vehicle Innovation Act passes Senate, Awaits Approval in House
Legislation to promote investment in the future of the automotive industry is more than halfway to becoming law after passage in the Senate for the Vehicle Innovation Act.

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