

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Appropriations and Zika
The Senate will convene at 3 p.m. to continue consideration of the $56.3 billion FY 2017 Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) spending bill (H.R. 2578). The chamber will hold up to four cloture votes on gun-related amendments to the CJS bill beginning at 5:30 pm. All four amendments will require 60 votes for approval.

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 2 p.m. for consideration of 22 bills under suspension of the rules. For the remainder of the week the House will consider the FY 2017 Financial Services spending bill (H.R. 5485). The bill includes provisions to block numerous regulations including Dodd-Frank banking requirements and the Federal Communication Commission's net neutrality rule. It also includes H.R. 4768, a measure that would limit Chevron deference in legal challenges to federal agency actions. Additionally, the House is expected to conduct a veto override vote on H.J Res. 88, a resolution that nullifies the Department of Labor's fiduciary duty rule for investment advisors. On Wednesday, House Republicans are expected to unveil their blueprint for repealing and replacing Obamacare.

Finally, House and Senate conferees will continue to work on a compromise measure to deal with the Zika virus. House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy signaled that the House will take up the conference report for a floor vote before the week is out, if it is ready.

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

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

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Full committee hearing on the nominations of multiple individuals; including Lt. Gen. Joseph Lengyel to be General and Chief of the National Guard Bureau. Tuesday, June 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

- Communications, Technology, Innovation and the Internet Subcommittee hearing on FirstNet, focusing on an update on the status of the Public Safety Broadband Network, witnesses include

Jeffrey McLeod, Director of the National Governors Association's Homeland Security and Public Safety Division. Tuesday, June 21 at 10 a.m.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

- Public Lands, Forests and Mining Subcommittee hearing on "The Bureau of Land Management's Planning 2. Initiative." Tuesday, June 21 at 2:30 p.m.
- Full committee hearing on the "Wildfire Budgeting, Response and Forest Management Act of 2016." Thursday, June 23 at 10 a.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee hearing on pathways toward compliance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ground-Level ozone (including S.2882 and S.2072). Wednesday, June 22 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Judiciary Committee

- Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee hearing on "The CREATES Act: Ending Regulatory Abuse, Protecting Consumers, and Ensuring Drug Price Competition." Tuesday, June 21 at 2 p.m.

Senate Special Committee on Aging

- Full committee hearing on ensuring person-centered care for individuals with serious illness. Thursday, June 23 at 11 a.m.

House Agriculture Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Evaluating Effectiveness and Outcomes in Nutrition Education." Wednesday, June 22 at 10 a.m.

House Appropriations Committee

- Full committee markup of the FY2017 Homeland Security bill; and Report on the Revised Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocation for FY2017. Wednesday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m.

House Armed Services Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Military Cyber Operations." Wednesday, June 22 at 10 a.m.

House Budget Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Congressional Budgeting: Making Budget Enforcement More Effective." Wednesday, June 22 at 10 a.m.

House Education and the Workforce Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Next Steps in K-12 Education: Examining Recent Efforts to Implement the Every Student Succeeds Act" witnesses include Education Secretary, John King, Jr.. Thursday, June 23 at 9 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Energy and Power Subcommittee hearing on "The Renewable Fuel Standard - Implementation Issues." Wednesday, June 22 at 10 a.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications Subcommittee field hearing on "Protecting our Passengers: Perspectives on Securing Surface Transportation in New Jersey and New York." Tuesday, June 21 at 10 a.m., New Jersey City University, 2039 Kennedy Boulevard, Hepburn Hall, Room 202, Jersey City, N.J.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

- Information Technology Subcommittee field hearing on "Federal Efforts to Improve Cybersecurity." Monday, June 20 at 9:30 a.m., States Courthouse, 219 Dearborn St., Courtroom 2525, Chicago, IL.

House Small Business Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Damaging Repercussions: DOL's Overtime Rule, Small Employers, and their Employees." Thursday, June 23 at 10 a.m.

House Veterans Affairs Committee

- Health Subcommittee field hearing on "Access and Accountability: Examining Obstacles to High Quality Patient Care in Louisiana." Monday, June 20 at 4 p.m., Pineville City Council Chambers, Pineville City Hall, 910 Main St., Pineville, LA.

Michigan Newsmakers

Sen. Gary Peters

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Congress Passes Bill with Great Lakes Pipeline Measures

The U.S. Senate has granted final passage to a pipeline safety bill that will increase standards for pipelines in and around the Great Lakes and require more detailed plans for responding to potential oil spills in areas with heavy ice cover, like those seen in recent winters around Michigan.

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