

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Defense Appropriations, FAA and Opioids
The Senate will convene at 4 p.m. today to resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 5293, the 2017 Defense Appropriations bill, with votes expected Tuesday. It will then turn to the FAA extension, which is expected to pass the House tonight. The 14 month extension must be enacted before the current extension expires on July 15. The Senate may also take up a military construction, veteran affairs and Zika package, H.R. 2577. Finally, the Senate is expected to vote on the House-passed opioid conference report, S. 524, though no vote has been scheduled.

The House will meet at 4 p.m. today to resume consideration of 23 bills, including the FAA extension and H.R. 4768, a measure that would limit Chevron deference in legal challenges to federal agency action. On Tuesday the House begins consideration of its Interior-Environment appropriations measure, H.R. 5538. For the remainder of the week the House will consider several measures including those related to Iran (H.R. 5631, H.R. 5119 and H.R. 4992).

After this week, Congress will be in recess until September 6.

Senate Floor: Convenes for legislative business at 4 p.m. First votes are expected around noon tomorrow.

House Floor: Convenes for legislative business at 4 p.m. First votes are expected at 6:30 p.m.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Full committee hearing on "National Security Cyber and Encryption Challenges." Tuesday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on “"Cybersecurity and U.S. National Security." Thursday, July 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

- Full committee hearing on "How Will the FCC's Proposed Privacy Regulations Affect Consumers and Competition?" Tuesday, July 2 10 a.m.

- Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security Subcommittee hearing on "Intermodal and Interdependent: The FAST Act, the Economy, and Our Nation's Transportation System." Tuesday, July 12 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

- Full committee hearing on S.3018, the "Securing Energy Infrastructure Act," and to examine protections designed to guard against energy disruptions. Tuesday, July 12 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Finance Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015: Ensuring Successful Implementation of Physician Payment Reforms." Wednesday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

Senate Foreign Relations

- Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues Subcommittee hearing on "Zika in the Western Hemisphere: Risks and Response." Wednesday, July 13 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

- Full committee hearing on "ESSA Implementation: Perspectives from Stakeholders on Proposed Regulations." Thursday, July 14 at 10 a.m.

House Appropriations Committee

- Full committee markup of the FY2017 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill. Wednesday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Communications and Technology Subcommittee hearing on oversight of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Tuesday, July 12 at 10:15 a.m.
- Environment and the Economy Subcommittee hearing on "Oversight of Superfund or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Implementation." Wednesday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies Subcommittee hearing on "The Value of DHS's Vulnerability Assessments in Protecting Our Nation's Critical Infrastructure." Tuesday, July 12 at 10 a.m.

House Ways and Means Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Rising Health Insurance Premiums Under the Affordable Care Act." Tuesday, July 12 at 10 a.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

Rep. Fred Upton (MI-06)
The Detroit News—July 8th, 2016
Anti-Opioid Abuse Bill Backed by Upton Clears House
The U.S. House approved Friday an agreement between itself and the U.S. Senate on bipartisan legislation intended to reduce the amount of national opioid and heroin abuse.

Latest Developments

House Passes Opioid Conference Report

On Friday the House passed, 407-5, a compromise plan addressing prescription opioid and heroin abuse. The legislation addresses the opioid and heroin crisis in a number of ways, including expanding access to the overdose antidote naloxone, funding drug courts, and incentivizing states to adopt comprehensive substance abuse plans and bolster their prescription drug monitoring programs. Democrats criticized the bill because it did not include $920 million in new state grants for opioid addiction treatment, but Republicans have maintained that the bill will be fully funded through the appropriations process. The legislation is expected to pass the Senate this week and be signed into law by the President.

House Lists Conferees for FY 2017 NDAA Negotiations

Last Friday the House of Representatives voted on a motion to go to conference on the FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), and announced the lawmakers who will take part in a conference committee to reconcile differences between the House and Senate version of the bill. The House named 31 members from the House Armed Services Committee as conferees (18 Republicans, 13 Democrats). Conferees from 13 separate House committees were also named to negotiate certain provisions of the bill that overlap with their jurisdictions. The Senate is expected to vote to go to conference with the House and list conferees sometime this week.

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