

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Continuing Resolution and WRDA
Congress remains focused on passing a funding bill (CR) by the end of the fiscal year and determining how to fund efforts to fight Zika. President Obama and Congressional Leadership meet this afternoon to discuss both topics.

Today, the Senate will convene at 3 p.m. to continue consideration of the Water Resources Development Act (S. 2848), a cloture vote on the manager's package is expected at 5:30 p.m. The Senate is considering funding options; including combining a three-month FY 2017 continuing resolution, Zika aid package and FY 2017 Military Construction-VA bill. Speculation exists over whether the Senate will recess after passing any stopgap funding bill, as early as the end of this week.

Today, the House convenes at 2 p.m. to consider 19 bills under suspension of the rules. On Tuesday, the House will consider two bills under suspension including, H.R. 5587, a bill to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education programs through FY 2022. On Wednesday and for the remainder of the week, the House will consider bills including H.R. 5351 which would temporarily prohibit the Department of Defense from transferring any individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay.

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

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

Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee

- Full committee markup on H.R. 2647, "Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015." Tuesday, September 13 at 10 a.m.

Senate Armed Services Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Encryption and Cyber Matters." Tuesday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m.
- Full committee hearing on "Cybersecurity and U.S. National Security." Wednesday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission." Thursday, September 15 at 10 a.m.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on "The State of Health Insurance Markets." Thursday, September 15 at 10 a.m.

House Agriculture Committee

- Nutrition Subcommittee hearing on "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Improving Innovation and Success in Employment and Training Programs." Tuesday, September 13 at 10 a.m.

House Education and the Workforce Committee

- Full committee markup of H.R. 5963, the "Supporting Youth Opportunity and Preventing Delinquency Act of 2016." Wednesday, September 14 at 10 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Energy and Power Subcommittee hearing on "The Department of Energy's Role in Advancing the National, Economic, and Energy Security of the United States." Witnesses include Energy Secretary Moniz. Thursday, September 15 at 10 a.m.

House Financial Services Committee

- Full committee markup of the H.R. 5983, the "Financial CHOICE Act of 2016." Tuesday, September 13 at 10 a.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Full committee markup of pending legislation, including HR 5459, "the Cyber Preparedness Act of 2016." Tuesday, September 13 at 2 p.m.

House Natural Resources Committee

- Federal Lands Subcommittee hearing on H.R.5780, the "Utah Public Lands Initiative Act." Wednesday, September 14 at 10 a.m.

House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Protecting the 2016 Elections from Cyber and Voting Machine Attacks." Tuesday, September 13 at 10 a.m.
- Environment Subcommittee hearing on "A Solution In Search of a Problem: EPA's Methane Regulations." Thursday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

- Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee hearing on "A Review of Recently Completed United States Army Corps of Engineers Chief's Reports." Thursday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m.

House Ways and Means Committee

- Oversight Subcommittee hearing on "Back to School: Review of Tax-Exempt College and University Endowments." Tuesday, September 13 at 10 a.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

Rep. Fred Upton (MI-06)
Detroit Free Press—September 12th, 2016
Rep. Fred Upton Wants NHTSA to Look at Vehicle Hacking
Leaders of a key congressional committee want auto safety regulators to tell them what they are doing to address concerns that vehicle safety may be compromised by hackers who may be able to affect automobiles by tapping into their systems through diagnostic ports and devices.

Latest Developments

Louisiana Governor Testifies Before Congress on Federal Response to Historic Louisiana Floods

Last Friday **Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards** (D-LA), along with several Mayors from the state of Louisiana, testified before a House Oversight and Government Reform subcommittee to discuss FEMA's response to the historic flooding taking place in the state. Gov. Edwards praised FEMA on its response efforts to the flooding thus far, but communicated that more action from Congress and the federal government is needed to effectively aid the victims in their recovery from the flooding caused by the severe unnamed storm that hit the state last month. Specifically, Gov. Edwards asked that FEMA explore ways to expedite the process of delivering and installing manufactured housing units to the flood victims whose homes had been damaged and destroyed by the floods. Gov. Edwards also asked that Congress support a supplemental appropriation of $2 billion of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to allow for additional public investments in housing, economic development and resilient infrastructure. Finally, the Governor called on Congress to clear the $724 million backlog of Federal Highway Administration emergency relief funding to ensure that Louisiana can effectively manage the rebuilding of infrastructure devastated by the flood. To view a video of Gov. Edwards' testimony, click here.

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