

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Continuing Resolution
Congress will continue working on a deal to fund the government past September 30th that may include funding to combat the spread of the Zika virus. While no agreement has yet been reached, a procedural vote is set for early Monday evening on the vehicle for the continuing resolution, H.R. 5325. It is also possible that the Senate may vote on S. 3136, the Improving Child Nutrition Integrity and Access Act, early this week.

Today, the House convenes at 2 p.m., but no votes are expected until Tuesday. On Tuesday, the House will consider 35 bills under suspension of the rules, including H.R. 670, the Special Needs Trust Fairness and Medicaid Improvement Act and H.R. 5963, the Supporting Youth Opportunity and Preventing Delinquency Act. Later in the week, the House is also expected to consider H.R. 3438 on executive branch rules, as well as 14 more suspensions.

The House may also vote on its version of the Water Resources Development Act, which the Senate passed last week. The House version does not contain assistance for Flint, Michigan, or make other changes to water infrastructure programs.

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 are not expected until Tuesday expected at 6:30 p.m.

Senate Appropriations Committee

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on the Food and Drug Administration's role in the generic drug marketplace. Wednesday, September 21 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- Fisheries, Water and Wildlife Subcommittee hearing on proposed revisions to the Fish and Wildlife Service mitigation policy. Wednesday, September 21 at 2:30 p.m.

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee

- Full committee markup on markup of various legislation, including the "Career and Technical Education Act of 2016." Wednesday, September 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "Combating the Opioid Epidemic: A Review of Anti-Abuse Efforts by Federal Authorities and Private Insurers." Wednesday, September 21 at 10 a.m.

House Budget Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Restoring the Trust for Families and Working-Age Americans," focusing on the fiscal and policy challenges inherent in the nation's health, retirement, and economic security programs. Wednesday, September 21 at 10 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Full committee markup of various legislation, including H.R.2566, the "Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act of 2016"; the "Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2016"; H.R.1877, the "Mental Health First Aid Act of 2015"; H.R.2713, the "Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2015"; and H.R.3537, the "Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2015." Tuesday, September 20 at 5 p.m., 2322 Rayburn Building. The hearings will continue on Wednesday, September 20 at 10 a.m.
- Communications and Technology Subcommittee hearing on "Modernizing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act." Thursday, September 22 at 11 a.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Stopping the Next Attack: How to Keep Our City Streets from Becoming the Battleground." Wednesday, September 21 at 10 a.m.

House Education and the Workforce Committee

- Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Subcommittee hearing on "Supplanting the Law and Local Education Authority Through Regulatory Fiat." Wednesday, September 21 at 10 a.m.
- Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions Subcommittee hearing on "Discussion Draft to Modernize Multiemployer Pensions." Thursday, September 22 at 10 a.m.

House Natural Resources Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Oversight Hearing on the Impacts of the Obama CEQ's (Council on Environmental Quality) Final Guidance for GHG (Greenhouse Gases) Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change." Wednesday, September 21 at 10 a.m.
- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "The Status of the Federal Government's Management of Wolves." Wednesday, September 21 at 2 p.m.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

- Full committee hearing on "An Examination of FEMA's Limited Role in Local Land Use Development Decisions." Wednesday, September 21 at 10 a.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

Rep. Dan Benishek (MI-01)

UP Matters—September 14th, 2016

VA Accountability Bill Passes House

The House of Representatives passed H.R. 5620, the VA Accountability First and Appeals Modernization Act by a vote of 310-116.

Rep. Tim Walberg (MI-07)

The Hill—September 15th, 2016

House Passes Bill to Keep Agencies from Promoting Proposed Rules

Legislation to keep agencies from tweeting about proposed rules sailed through the House Wednesday evening.

Sen. Gary Peters

The Detroit News—September 15th, 2016

U.S. Senate Approves $9.4B bill containing Flint Aid

The U.S. Senate overwhelmingly approved legislation Thursday that would provide emergency funding to help fix the drinking water infrastructure in Flint and other communities with contaminated systems.

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