

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Continuing Resolution and WRDA
Congress will work this week to pass the underlying vehicle (H.R. 5325) for a 10-week continuing resolution (CR) that would provide $1.067 trillion for the federal government through Dec. 9 after current funding levels expire on Sept. 30, 2016. The Senate will meet today at 3 p.m. to continue its deliberation over the CR, with a cloture vote on the bill currently scheduled for Tuesday at 2:15pm. The proposed CR would include funding to combat the Zika Virus, allocate funding to the flood victims of Louisiana and provide additional funding for the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), among other provisions. Democratic leadership in the House and Senate have indicated that they will not support the measure. Last week, the White House signaled a possible veto of the bill if it were to pass both chambers as it currently stands.

Today the House convenes at noon, but votes are not expected to take place until 6:30 p.m. The House will consider 16 bills under suspension of the rules, including H.R. 5459, the Cyber Preparedness Act of 2016, as amended. On Tuesday and for the remainder of the week, the House is expected to vote on its version of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The Senate passed its version of the WRDA bill earlier this month. 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 is not expected until Tuesday at 2:15 p.m.

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

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Fifteen Years After 9/11: Threats to the Homeland." Witnesses include Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security; James Comey, FBI Director and Nicholas Rasmussen, Director of the National Terrorism Center in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Tuesday, September 27 at 10 a.m.

Senate Judiciary Committee

- Immigration and the National Interest Subcommittee hearing on "Oversight of the Administration's FY2017 Refugee Resettlement Program." Wednesday, September 28 at 10 a.m.

House Financial Services Committee

- Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee hearing on "Examining Legislative Proposals to Address Consumer Access to Mainstream Banking Services.". Tuesday, September 27 at 10 a.m.
- Monetary Policy and Trade Subcommittee hearing on "The Financial Stability Board's Implications for U.S. Growth and Competitiveness." Tuesday, September 27 at 2 p.m.

House Judiciary Committee

- Immigration and Border Security Subcommittee hearing on "New Orleans: How the Crescent City Became a Sanctuary City." Witnesses include Jeff Landry, Attorney General of Louisiana. Tuesday, September 27 at 10 a.m.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

- Information Technology Subcommittee hearing on "Cybersecurity: Ensuring the Integrity of the Ballot Box." Wednesday, September 28 at 2 p.m.

House Small Business Committee

- Investigations, Oversight and Regulations Subcommittee hearing on "Opportunity Rising: the FAA's New Regulatory Framework for Commercial Drone Operations." Tuesday, September 27 at 11 a.m.

Michigan Newsmakers

The Detroit News—September 19th, 2016
Michigan Delegation Backs Missile Site at Fort Custer
The Michigan congressional delegation on Monday sent a letter to the Missile Defense Agency in support of its locating a new missile defense site at Fort Custer in Battle Creek that, when approved by the Pentagon, would protect the East Coast.

Rep. Fred Upton (MI-06)

The Detroit News—September 22nd, 2016
Upton: Roll MPG Rules Back to 'Reasonable' Levels
Michigan's top-ranking congressional Republican called Thursday for federal regulators to roll back a requirement that mandates automakers to achieve a fleetwide average of 54.5 miles-per-gallon for cars and light-duty trucks by 2025.

Sen. Gary Peters

UP Matters—September 22nd, 2016
Peters Introduces the National Historic Vehicle Register Act

U.S. Senator Gary Peters (MI) today introduced legislation to help preserve the legacy of American automobiles and motorcycles and the vital role they play in American culture and history.

Latest Developments

FEMA Announces Funding Awards for FY 2016 Homeland Security National Training Program Continuing Training Grants

Last Friday Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials announced funding awards for the Fiscal Year 2016 Continuing Training Grants program. The Homeland Security National Training Program's Continuing Training Grants provide $11.5 million to selected recipients for the development and delivery of innovative training programs. These programs are national in scope and are designed to support communities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism and natural, man-made and technological hazards. The grants were awarded to the following recipients and their categories: The National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University (economic recovery; $1,506,000); the University of Texas at San Antonio, representing the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium (cybersecurity; $3,105,000); Georgia Tech Research Institute and the International Association of Fire Fighters (hazardous materials; both receive $1 million); and the Center for Rural Development, representing the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (rural preparedness; $5 million). The program attracted applicants from state, local, tribal and territorial governments, along with eligible non-profit organizations to include colleges and universities. This year, 27 applicants competed and FEMA made five awards. For more information on this program and to request FEMA training, click here.

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