

Week Ahead

Legislative Focus: Funding and Zika
After seven weeks of recess, Congress returns for a September session that will be dominated by a push to pass a funding bill by the end of the fiscal year and determine how to fund efforts to fight Zika.

Today, the Senate will convene at 3 p.m. to consider a procedural measures related to Zika (H.R. 2577), Defense (H.R. 5293) and Military Construction-Veterans Affairs spending bills. The Senate fell several votes short of ending debate on each bill before the recess.

At any time, the Senate could begin consideration of a water resources bill (S. 2848) to fund infrastructure projects in the states. The Senate is also expected to consider bills related to surveillance (S. 1357) and immigration executive actions (S. 534).

Today, the House convenes at 2:00 p.m. to consider 13 bills under suspension of the rules, including a bill (H.R. 4511) authorizing the Library of Congress to record war stories from veterans of conflicts since World War I. On Wednesday, the House is expected to consider a bill (H.R. 5063) that would prohibit settlement agreements involving the U.S. government from requiring the other party to make a donation to a third party. On Thursday and for the remainder of the week, the House will consider a bill (H.R. 2357) to loosen stock listing requirements for small firms and business. The House could also consider a bill (H.R. 5424) to eliminate a Dodd-Frank Act requirement that private equity funds report annually on their investments and be subject to annual audits.

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 Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

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

Senate Special Aging Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Securing America's Retirement Future: Examining the Bipartisan Policy Center's Recommendations to Boost Savings." Wednesday, September 7 at 2:30 p.m.

House Budget Committee

- Full committee hearing on "Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation: Scoring Assumptions and Real-World Implications." Wednesday, September 7 at 10 a.m.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- Energy and Power Subcommittee hearing on "Federal Power Act: Historical Perspectives." Wednesday, September 7 at 10 a.m.

House Homeland Security Committee

- Counterterrorism and Intelligence Subcommittee of House Homeland Security Committee hearing on "State and Local Perspectives on Federal Information Sharing." Thursday, September 8 at 10 a.m.

House Ways and Means Committee

- Health Subcommittee of House Ways and Means Committee hearing on "The Evolution of Quality in Medicare Part A." Wednesday, September 7 at 2 p.m.

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