

Legislative Summary
from
the Legislative Counsel
Wednesday, October 11, 2017
To: All Interested Interior Offices

Attached for your information is today's Legislative Summary.

In order to keep the Summary as up-to-date as possible, we request that any bureau or office contacted directly regarding hearings or markups notify this office immediately.

New information about scheduled hearings and business meetings appears shaded in yellow. Hearings printed in ***bold italic*** type indicate DOI involvement.

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2017 Congressional Recess Schedule

<i>Senate</i>	<i>Holidays & Special Days</i>	<i>House</i>
State Work Period Oct. 9 – Oct. 13	Columbus Day Oct. 9	
		District Work Week Oct. 16 – Oct. 20
	Veterans Day Nov. 10 (Observed)	
State Work Period Nov. 20 – Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23	District Work Week Nov. 20 – Nov. 24
State Work Period Dec. 18 – Dec. 29	Christmas Day Dec. 25	

Scheduled Floor Action

House

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

On Wednesday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for morning hour and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business.

Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:

- 1) [H.R. 2105](#) - NIST Small Business Cybersecurity Act of 2017, as amended (*Sponsored by Rep. Daniel Webster / Science, Space, and Technology Committee*)
- 2) [H.R. 2763](#) - The Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Improvements Act of 2017, as amended (*Sponsored by Rep. Steve Knight / Small Business Committee / Science, Space, and Technology Committee*)
- 3) [S. 190](#) - Power And Security Systems (PASS) Act (*Sponsored by Sen. Cory Gardner / Energy and Commerce Committee*)
- 4) [S. 920](#) - National Clinical Care Commission Act (*Sponsored by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen / Energy and Commerce Committee*)
- 5) [H.R. 378](#) - Bonuses for Cost-Cutters Act of 2017, as amended (*Sponsored by Rep. Chuck Fleischmann / Oversight and Government Reform Committee*)
- 6) [H.R. 2196](#) - To amend title 5, United States Code, to allow whistleblowers to disclose information to certain recipients. (*Sponsored by Rep. Steve Russell / Oversight and Government Reform Committee*)
- 7) [H.R. 2229](#) - All Circuit Review Act (*Sponsored by Rep. Elijah Cummings / Oversight and Government Reform Committee*)
- 8) [H.R. 2989](#) - Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission Act, as amended (*Sponsored by Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton / Oversight and Government Reform Committee*)
- 9) [H.R. 3031](#) - TSP Modernization Act of 2017, as amended (*Sponsored by Rep. Elijah Cummings / Oversight and Government Reform Committee*)
- 10) [H.R. 3243](#) - FITARA Enhancement Act of 2017 (*Sponsored by Rep. Gerry Connolly / Oversight and Government Reform Committee*)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH AND THE BALANCE OF THE WEEK

On Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for morning hour and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business.

On Friday, the House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. Last votes expected no later than 3:00 p.m.

[S. 585](#) - Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule) (*Sponsored by Sen. Ron Johnson / Oversight and Government Reform Committee / Veterans Affairs Committee*)

Legislation Related to Disaster Supplemental Appropriations

Additional Legislative Items are Possible

Senate

The Senate is in State Work Period this week

Monday, Oct. 16, 4 p.m.

The Senate reconvenes at 4 p.m. and is expected to resume consideration of the nomination of Callista L. Gingrich, of Virginia, to be a U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. At 5:30 p.m., the chamber will vote on confirmation of the Gingrich nomination

Nominations

Callista L. Gingrich, of Virginia, to be a U.S. ambassador to the Holy See

Recent Legislative Activity of Interest

Senate

N/A

House

By Mr. BISHOP of Utah (for himself, Mr. Lamborn, Mr. McClintock, Mr. Gosar, Mr. LaMalfa, and Mr. Westerman):

H.R. 3990. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to reform the Antiquities Act of 1906, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. RADEWAGEN (for herself, Miss Gonzalez-Colon of Puerto Rico, and Mr. Sablan):

H.R. 3993. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to include United States nationals among the eligible employees of an EB-5 commercial enterprise, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Department has been invited to the following hearings:

Wed., Oct 11 Federal Lands Bills

House Natural Resources S/C on Federal Lands (McClintock)

Subcommittee hearing on

***H.R. 219 (Young), Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project Boundary
Correction Act***

H.R. 2630 (Gosar), La Paz County Land Conveyance Act

***H.R. 3373 (Holmes Norton), To amend the District of Columbia Stadium
Act of 1957 to extend for an additional 50 years the lease under which
the government of the District of Columbia uses the ground under and
the parking facilities associated with Robert F. Kennedy Memorial
Stadium***

***H.R. 3607 (McClintock), To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to
establish fees for medical services provided in units of the National Park
System***

10:00 a.m.; Room 1334 Longworth

Hearing Noticed 9.28.17

***Witness: Robert Vogel, Acting Deputy Director for Operations, National Park
Service on H.R. 3373 and H.R. 3607***

(Testimony Received)

Wed., Oct 11 Committee Markup

House Natural Resources Committee (Bishop)

Committee markup of

***H.R. 3990 (Bishop), National Monument Creation and Protection Act;
and***

***H.Res. 555 (Grijalva), A resolution of inquiry requesting the President
and directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit, respectively,
certain documents and other information to the House of Representatives
relating to the executive order on the review of designations under the
Antiquities Act.***

4:00 p.m.; Room 1334 Longworth

No Request for DOI witness

Wed., Oct 11 Federal Paperwork Reduction

House Small Business Committee (Chabot)

Full Committee oversight hearing on Evaluating the Paperwork Reduction Act Part II: Are Burdens Being Reduced?

11:00 a.m.; Room 2360 Rayburn

Invitation Received 9.27.17

***Witness: Steve Guertin, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
(Testimony Received)***

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Thurs., Oct 12 Water Bills

House Natural Resources S/C on Water, Power and Oceans (Lamborn)

Subcommittee hearing on

***H.R. 3144 (McMorris Rodgers), To provide for operations of the
Federal Columbia River Power System pursuant to a certain operation
plan for a specified period of time***

H.R. 3916 (Calvert), Federally Integrated Species Health (FISH) Act

10:00 a.m.; Room 1334 Longworth

***Witness: Alan Mikkelsen, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation
Statement for the Record, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
(Testimony Received)***

Hearings of Interest:

Wed., Oct 11 Highways and Transit Infrastructure

House Transportation and Infrastructure S/C on Highways and Transit (Graves)

Subcommittee oversight hearing on Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America:
Highways and Transit Stakeholders' Perspectives

10:00 a.m.; Room 2167 Rayburn
No request for DOI witness

Wed., Oct 11 GPO Reform (Part IV)

House Administration Committee (Harper)

Full Committee oversight hearing on Transforming GPO for the 21st Century and Beyond:
Part 4 – Federal Depository Library Program

10:30 a.m.; Room 1310 Longworth
No request for DOI witness

Wed., Oct 11 OCS Energy Revenue Distribution

House Natural Resources S/C on Energy and Mineral Resources (Gosar)

Subcommittee hearing on

H.R. __, Accessing Strategic Resources Offshore (ASTRO) Act

2:00 p.m.; Room 1334 Longworth
No request for DOI witness

Wed., Oct 11 Security Clearance Investigations

House Oversight and Government Reform S/C on Government Operations (Meadows)

Subcommittee oversight hearing on Security Clearance Investigation Challenges and
Reforms

2:00 p.m.; Room 2154 Rayburn
No request for DOI witness

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Thurs., Oct 12 First Responder Communications

House Homeland Security S/C on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications (Donovan)

Subcommittee oversight hearing on Assessing First Responder Communications

10:00 a.m.; Room HVC0210, U.S. Capitol

No request for DOI witness

Thurs., Oct 12 Cross Border Data Flow Policies

House Energy and Commerce S/C on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection (Latta)

Subcommittee oversight hearing on 21st Century Trade Barriers: Protectionist Cross Border Data Flow Policies Impact on U.S. Jobs

10:15 a.m.; Room 2322 Rayburn

No request for DOI witness

Fri., Oct 13 Expanding Broadband Infrastructure in N.H.

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (Thune)

Full Committee oversight field hearing on Expanding Broadband Infrastructure in the Granite State

10:00 a.m.; Centennial Hall Alumni Center, 229 Main St., Keene, N.H.

No request for DOI witness

Fri., Oct 13 Onshore Energy Policy

House Natural Resources S/C on Energy and Mineral Resources (Gosar)

Subcommittee oversight hearing on Onshore Energy Policy and discussion draft "H.R. , To achieve domestic energy independence by empowering States to manage the development and production of oil and gas on available Federal land, and for other purposes." (the ONSHORE act)

9:00 a.m.; Room 1324 Longworth

No request for DOI witness

Status of DOI Testimony
April 25, 2018

Bureau/Preparer	Witness	Committee	Subject/Bill Number/Sponsor	OCL Attorney	Date of Hearing	Date OCL Notified	Due to OMB	Bureau Notified	Date Due to OCL	Date Rec'd in OCL
NPS	TBD	H-NR	Federal Lands Bills	Barkin	10.11.17	9.28.17	--	NPS	10.10.17	10.6.17
BOR	Mikkelsen	H-NR s/c	HR 3144	Mahan	10.12.17	9.28.17	--	BOR	10.5.17	10.4.17
FWS	Guertin	H-SB	Paperwork Reduction Act	Maione	10.11.17	9.27.17	--	FWS	10.5.17	10.4.17
FWS	SFTR	H-NR	HR 3916	Maione	10.12.17	9.28.17	--	FWS	10.5.17	10.4.17