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The Week in Washington D.C. – March 18, 2013

Congress is expected to act on a Continuing Resolution (CR) this week that will keep federal operations afloat through September 30, 2013, FY 2013. The current CR expires on March 27 and Congress is set to adjourn for two weeks this Friday. Below you will find a listing of federal legislative activities that, in addition to movement on the CR, the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of March 18, 2013.

House Hearings

Monday, March 18, 2013

[H Con Res 25](#) . *Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023.* | Committee on Rules | 5:00 EST
The measure calls for a balanced budget by FY 2023, entirely by reducing spending \$4.6 trillion over the next 10 years — including by repealing the 2010 health care overhaul law; reducing spending on Medicare, Medicaid and other health programs; requiring federal employees to contribute more towards their pensions; and changing other mandatory programs such as food stamps. The measure's \$4.6 billion (including the repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul law, which the Budget Committee estimates would save \$1.8 trillion over 10 years) in cuts would be in addition to the multi-year sequester ordered on March 1, which is estimated to save a total of \$1.2 trillion. The budget, however, assumes that defense will no longer be cut by sequester and that non-defense programs will have to absorb all the future discretionary cuts. Watch this hearing [live](#).

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Tax Reform and Tax Provisions Affecting State and Local Governments | Committee on Ways and Means | 10:00 EST. The hearing will consider Federal tax provisions that affect State and local governments, and how those provisions should be viewed in the context of comprehensive tax reform. Read subject matter summary [here](#).

Top Management Challenges at the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Oversight Hearing | Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies | 10:00 EST.

Sequestration Oversight: Understanding the Administration's Decisions on Spending Cuts and Furloughs | Committee on Oversight and Government Reform | 1:30 EST.

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Focusing on People: A Review of VA's Plans for Employee Training, Accountability, and Workload Management to Improve Disability Claims Processing | Committee on Veterans Affairs | 10:00 EST.

Children's Mental Health Oversight Hearing | Appropriations - Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies | 10:00 EST.

The mission of the government of the County of San Bernardino is to satisfy its customers by providing service that promotes the health, safety, well being, and quality of life of its residents according to the County Charter, general laws, and the will of the people it serves.

Thursday, March 20, 2013

Oversight Hearing on “America’s Mineral Resources: Creating Mining and Manufacturing Jobs and Securing America” and Legislative Hearing on [H.R. 1063](#), [H.R. 687](#), [H.R. 761](#), [H.R. 767](#), [H.R. 957](#) and [H.R. 981](#) | Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee | 10:00 EST.

Oversight Hearing Federal Transit Administration | Appropriations - Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies| 10:00 EST. View live webcast [here](#).

Friday, March 22, 2013

No votes are expected Friday. At the close of business this week, the House will adjourn for a two-week recess until Tuesday, April 9.

SENATE HEARINGS

Monday, March 18, 2013

[HR 933](#), Senate Amendment to Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act. The bill would fund government operations through Sept. 30, the remainder of FY 2013; the current continuing resolution financing the government expires March 27. Unlike the bill as passed by the House, which funds most of the government through a CR but includes full, detailed Defense and Military Construction-VA appropriations measures, the Senate version is expected to include three other full, detailed spending bills: Agriculture, C-J-S and Homeland Security. All the funding provided by the measure will be subject to the across-the-board sequestration ordered on March 1, which cuts a total of \$85 billion from government spending for FY 2013, including \$43 billion from defense, and will reduce regular FY 2013 appropriations to \$984 billion. Once the measure is passed, House leadership will have to decide whether to vote on the Senate’s version of the CR or work to amend it further. For NACo’s spending level summaries, please click [here](#).

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Keeping the Commitment to Rural Counties | Committee on Energy and Natural Resources |10:00 EST. Hearings to examine the options and challenges related to possible reauthorization and reform of two payment programs for local governments, focusing on the recently expired "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act" and the "Payment in Lieu of Taxes".
View the live webcast [here](#).

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*Water Resources Development Act of 2013 | Committee on Environment and Public Works |10:00 EST. Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled the *Water Resources Development Act of 2013*.*

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