



## Federal Legislative Activities - Week of March 2, 2015

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Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of March 2, 2015, below.

### **Congressional Hearings and Floor Activity**

#### **Monday, March 2nd**

No Congressional Hearings Scheduled.

#### **Tuesday, March 3rd**

9:00 | Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Hearing: President's FY16 proposed budget request for the Department of Commerce and the Department of Transportation.

9:00 | Senate Finance Hearing: Fairness in taxation.

9:30 | The House will meet for legislative business - these bills may also be considered later in the week:

[H.R. 749](#) – Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015, Rules Committee Print (Subject to a Rule) (Sponsored by Rep. Bill Shuster / Transportation and Infrastructure Committee)

9:30 | House T&I Committee Hearing: Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization: Enabling a 21st Century Aviation System. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

10:00 | House Judiciary Committee will meet to begin the 2-day markup of the following:

[H.R. 1147](#) the Legal Workforce Act. This bill would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make mandatory and permanent requirements relating to use of an electronic employment eligibility verification system, and for other purposes.

[H.R. 1149](#) the Protection of Children Act of 2015. This bill would amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to provide for the expedited removal of unaccompanied alien children who are not victims of a severe form of trafficking in persons and who do not have a fear of returning to their country of nationality or last habitual residence, and for other purposes.

[H.R. 1148](#) the Michael Davis Jr. in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act. This bill would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve immigration law enforcement within the interior of the United States, and for other purposes.

1:00 | House Appropriations Committee Hearing: Budget Hearing - Installations, Environment, Energy and BRAC. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

1:00 | House Appropriations Committee Hearing: Budget Hearing - United States Forest Service. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

2:00 | House Appropriations – Department of Agriculture Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

2:30 | Senate Armed Services Hearing: Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program.

### **Wednesday, March 4th**

9:30 | Senate Environment and Public Works Hearing: President's FY16 proposed budget request the Environmental Protection Agency.

9:30 | House Appropriations Committee Hearing: Budget Hearing - Department of Veterans Affairs. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

10:00 | Senate Appropriations Hearing: FY16 Department of the Interior.

10:00 | Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Hearing: MAP-21 Reauthorization - Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

10:00 | House Appropriations Committee Hearing: Budget Hearing - Department of Education

10:30 | Senate Budget Hearing: Wasteful duplication in the Federal government.

11:00 | House Small Business Committee Hearing: Building an Opportunity Economy: State of Small Business and Entrepreneurship. The hearing will examine the health and vibrancy of the American economy, particularly as it pertains to the creation, sustainability, and future growth of small businesses. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

### **Thursday, March 5th**

9:00 | House Natural Resources Committee Hearing: Oversight Hearing on "Examining the Department of the Interior's Spending Priorities and the President's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Proposal." Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

9:00 | House Appropriations Committee Hearing: Budget Hearing - National Park Service. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

9:15 | House Agriculture Committee Hearing: To review the definition of "Waters of the United States" proposed rule and its impact on rural America. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

10:00 | House Energy and Commerce Committee Business Meeting: Examining the 340B Drug Pricing Program. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

10:00 | Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Hearing: America's health information technology (IT) transformation, focusing on translating the promise of electronic health records into better care.