



Federal Legislative Activities Week of May 16, 2016

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of May 16, 2016, below. The Senate plans to spend much of the week considering legislation that combines the T-HUD and MilCon-VA appropriations bills.

Congressional Hearings and Floor Activity

Monday, May 16th

2 PM | House will meet for legislative business to consider:

[H.R. 3832](#) - Stolen Identity Refund Fraud Prevention Act of 2016, as amended. This bill requires the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to take numerous actions to combat tax-related identity theft and fraudulent tax refunds, including by creating a centralized office to help taxpayers who are victims of identity theft, requiring the IRS to use Treasury's improper payments database to verify eligibility for tax refunds and studying the feasibility of allowing taxpayers who have been the victim of identity theft to block the electronic filing of their tax returns.

[H.R. 4743](#) - National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act of 2016, as amended. This bill formally authorizes the Homeland Security Department (DHS) to work with the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium to support efforts addressing cybersecurity risks and incidents, including terrorism and acts of terrorism. Specifically, the measure permits DHS, in conjunction with the consortium, to train state and local first-responders for preparing and responding to cybersecurity incidents; provide technical assistance for preparing and responding to cybersecurity incidents; conduct cybersecurity training and simulation exercises with state and local governments; develop cybersecurity information-sharing programs; and help incorporate cybersecurity risk and incident prevention and response into existing emergency plans.

[H.R. 4407](#) - Counterterrorism Advisory Board Act of 2016, as amended. This bill establishes in statute the existing Counterterrorism Advisory Board within the Homeland Security Department to coordinate and integrate the department's intelligence, activities and policies related to the counterterrorism.

Tuesday, May 17th & the Balance of the Week

Tuesday, May 17th

10 AM | Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing: To examine National Foster Care Month, focusing on supporting youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems.

10 AM | House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Hearing: A Review of Recently Completed United States Army Corps of Engineers Chief's Reports

10 AM | House Education & Workforce Committee Hearing: "Helping Students Succeed by Strengthening the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act". Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

10:30 AM | House Appropriations Committee Mark Up: Full Committee Markup - FY 2017 Defense Bill, Legislative Branch Bill, and Revised Report on the Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations

4 PM | Senate Appropriations Agriculture Subcommittee Hearing: To mark up an original bill entitled, "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017".

Democrat Motion to Instruct Conferees on [S. 524](#) - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to convene a Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force to develop: (1) best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication, and (2) a strategy for disseminating such best practices.

- [H.R. 4909](#) - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. The bill authorizes \$602.2 billion for discretionary defense spending in FY 2017, equal to the president's request, including \$543.4 billion for the Pentagon's base, non-war budget that is subject to spending caps.
- [H.R. 4974](#) - Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017. The bill provides for a total of \$81.6 billion in discretionary spending subject to spending caps for FY 2017 to fund military construction projects and programs of the Veterans Affairs Department, \$1.8 billion (2%) more than the FY 2016 level but \$1.2 billion below the administration's request.
- H.R. (TBD) - Zika Response Appropriations Act, 2016. The House expects to consider legislation providing supplemental funding to combat the Zika virus, which is spread primarily by mosquitoes and has been associated with serious birth defects in infants whose mothers were infected during pregnancy. The World Health Organization has described the outbreak as a global public health emergency.

Wednesday, May 18th

10 AM | Senate HELP Committee Hearing: to examine the Every Student Succeeds Act implementation, focusing on perspectives from education stakeholders.

10 AM | House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee Mark Up: Subcommittee Markup - FY 2017 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill

11:30 AM | House THUD Appropriations Subcommittee Mark Up: FY 2017 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

Thursday, May 19th

10:30 AM | Senate Appropriations Committee Mark Up: Business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017", and an original bill entitled, "Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017".

Friday, May 20th

No hearings scheduled.