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**Federal Legislative Activities Week of November 11, 2013**

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of November 11, 2013 below.

**Tuesday, November 12**

Hearing: Payroll Fraud: Targeting Bad Actors Hurting Workers and Businesses | 2:30 PM | Senate Health Education, Labor and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety.

Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:

- [S. 252](#) - PREEMIE Reauthorization Act, as amended. This bill reauthorizes through FY 2018 funding for federal research and educational activities related to preterm birth, and authorizes additional funding through FY 2018 for the National Institutes of Health to support the sanctuary system for chimpanzees that have been retired from federal research.
- [S. 330](#) - HIV Organ Policy Equity Act. This legislation would provide for research on whether the donation and transplant of organs from one HIV-positive individual to another should be allowed.
- [S. 893](#) - Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013. This legislation would provide a 1.5% increase for veterans disability compensation benefits in 2014. Cost-of-living adjustments in veterans benefits, like Social Security benefits, are based on the Consumer Price Index. Unlike Social Security benefit increases, however, veterans' benefit increases rely on Congress to pass legislation authorizing the increase every year.
- [H.Res. 196](#) - Supporting the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the right to counsel. This legislation expresses support for strategies to improve the criminal justice system to ensure that indigent defendants in all felony cases are adequately represented by counsel and urges states to work to ensure that indigent defendants in all felony cases are adequately represented.

**Wednesday, November 13**

Reform Hearing: ObamaCare Implementation: The Rollout of HealthCare.gov | 9:30 AM | House Committee on Oversight and Government

The House will meet at 10 AM for morning hour and noon for legislative business.

- [H.R. 982](#) - Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act. The bill is intended to help protect against potential fraud by individuals who seek to make injury claims against multiple trusts.

Committee Hearing: Programs for Veteran Entrepreneurs | 9:30 AM | Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship 10:00 AM House Committee on Financial Services Hearing: Hearing entitled “The Future of Terrorism Insurance: Fostering Private Market Innovation to Limit Taxpayer Exposure”

Budget-Conference-Committee Meeting | 10 AM | Committee On The Budget. Before the conferees’ discussion, Congressional Budget Office director Doug Elmendorf will brief the conferees on Congressional Budget Office’s budget and economic outlook, and answer questions. This meeting will be open to the public.

Hearing: Challenges and Opportunities in the 5 GHz Spectrum Band | 2 PM | House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Hearing: The Role of Manufacturing Hubs in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovation Economy | 2:30 PM | Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

### **Thursday, November 14**

Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:

- [H.R. 2655](#) – Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act. This legislation would modify federal rules governing civil lawsuits to require federal courts to impose sanctions on parties that violate the existing prohibition on the filing of frivolous lawsuits, and to require that such sanctions include monetary penalties to cover the other party's attorney's fees and other costs.

### **Friday, November 15**

On Friday, the House will meet at 9 AM. for legislative business. Last votes expected no later than 3 PM.

Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:

- [H.R. 3350](#) - Keep Your Health Plan Act of 2013. This legislation allows health insurance companies in the individual market to continue to offer for sale in 2014 those health policies that were in effect as of Jan. 1, 2013, even if they don't meet minimum coverage requirements set by the 2010 health care overhaul.