



Federal Legislative Activities Week of October 19, 2015

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of October 19, 2015, below.

Congressional Hearings and Floor Activity

Tuesday, October 20th

12 PM | The House will meet for legislative business to consider the following under suspension of the rules:

[H.R. 3493](#) – Securing the Cities Act of 2015 – Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Securing the Cities program to enhance the ability of the United States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological materials that pose a high risk to homeland security in high-risk urban areas, and for other purposes. The bill authorizes no new funding for these activities.

[H.R. 1315](#) - Requires the President's annual budget submission to Congress to provide an estimate of the pro rata cost to individuals who file an income tax return of any projected deficit for the fiscal year.

Wednesday, October 21st

10 AM | House Education and Workforce Subcommittee Hearing: “Protecting America’s Workers: Reviewing Mine Safety Policies with Stakeholders”. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

10 AM | House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Hearing: “Abandoned Mines in the United States and Opportunities for Good Samaritan Cleanups”. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

10 AM | House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade Hearing: “Examining Ways to Improve Vehicle and Roadway Safety. The Subcommittee will consider a legislative staff discussion draft that includes multiple proposals intended to improve motor vehicle safety processes and practices among auto manufacturers, and prepare the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the next generation of vehicles and innovation in the auto industry.

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[S. 1362](#) – PACE Innovation Act of 2015 – Amends section 1115A(d)(1) of the SSA to add section 1934 to the waiver authority, authorizing the Department of Health and Human services to waive applicable general and Medicaid requirements in order to conduct demonstration projects that involve PACE. S. 1362 as modified clarifies that within the Secretary’s statutory authority to waive certain requirements, the Secretary cannot waive the requirement to offer “all items and services covered” under Medicare and Medicaid without limitation to PACE program enrollees. Further, under S. 1362 as modified, the Secretary cannot waive certain Medicaid requirements that pertain to enrollment and disenrollment from PACE programs.

[H.R. 692](#) – Default Prevention Act – Allows the U.S. Treasury to continue to borrow once the statutory debt limit is reached – but only to pay the principal and interest on both government debt held by the public and on obligations to the Social Security trust fund to allow Social Security payments to be made. Under the measure, the Treasury could not borrow above the federal debt limit for any other purpose; all other government activities would have to be funded by general revenues as they are received.

[H.R. 10](#) –Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Reauthorization (SOAR) Act - reauthorizes for five years, through FY 2021, the SOAR program, under which federal funding is provided to eligible students in Washington, D.C., to allow them to attend private schools, and it modifies the program to provide for greater student participation and to mandate greater accountability by the private schools that participate in the program.

2 PM | House Financial Services Subcommittee Hearing: “The Future of Housing in America: Federal Housing Reforms that Create Housing Opportunity”

Thursday, October 22nd

10 AM | House Science, Space, and Technology Committee Hearing: “EPAs 2015 Ozone Standard: Concerns Over Science and Implementation”. Click [here](#) for an information packet, summary and bill text. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

10 AM | House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Markup: Full Committee Markup of Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015 – authorizes funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

10 AM | House Financial Services Committee Hearing: “The Future of Housing in America: 50 Years of HUD and its impact on Federal Housing Policy”

2 PM | House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee Hearing: “EPAs CO2 Regulations for New and Existing Power Plants: Legal Perspectives”. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

Friday, October 23th

9 AM | House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee Hearing: Reviewing the Accuracy of Medicaid and Exchange Eligibility Determinations. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

Thursday, October 22nd & Friday, October 23rd

9 AM | The House will meet for legislative business to consider the following:

[H.R. 1937](#) – National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2015 - The bill classifies domestic mining operations for strategic and critical minerals on federal lands as "infrastructure projects" in order to take advantage of a 2012 presidential order to federal agencies that streamlines the permitting process for infrastructure projects. It also requires federal agencies to expedite the environmental review process for such mining operations and limits judicial reviews for mining permits. Bill sponsors say the measure will help reduce U.S. dependence on foreign imports of certain important minerals and create jobs, while opponents argue that it amounts to a giveaway to the mining industry and will do little to speed up U.S. mineral production.

H.R. (Bill number TBD) – Restoring Americans’ Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act - Repeals key elements of the 2010 health care overhaul — including the individual and employer mandates, the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB), and the medical device and "Cadillac" taxes. It also blocks for one year federal funding for Planned Parenthood. It would reduce deficits by a total of \$78.9 billion over the 10-year period, reducing revenues by \$199.3 billion while reducing direct spending by \$278.2 billion.