



Federal Legislative Activities Week of October 26, 2015

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of October 26, 2015, below.

Congressional Hearings and Floor Activity

Monday, October 26th

10:30 AM | House Homeland Security Subcommittee Hearing: Examining Critical Security Measures, Communications, and Response at our Nation's Airports.

Tuesday, October 27th

10 AM | House Education & Workforce Subcommittee Hearing: "Improving Career and Technical Education to Help Students Succeed in the Workforce". Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

10 AM | Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Hearing: An oversight hearing to examine the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement's proposed Stream Protection Rule. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

10 AM | House Agriculture Subcommittee Hearing: "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Breaking the Cycle". Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

Wednesday, October 28th

10 AM | House Budget Committee Hearing: "Restoring Trust for America's Most Vulnerable". Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

10 AM | House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee Hearing: Breaking Down Barriers to Broadband Infrastructure Deployment. Click [here](#) to read the background memo and [here](#) to view the webcast live.

3 PM | House Oversight Subcommittee Hearing: Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Program Consolidation. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

Thursday, October 29th

10 AM | Senate Finance Committee Hearing: To examine welfare and poverty in America. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

10 AM | Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Hearing: To examine mental health and substance use disorders in America, focusing on priorities, challenges, and opportunities. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

Tuesday, October 27th & the Balance of the Week

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

[H.R. 3819](#) - Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2015. This bill reauthorizes federal-aid highway and transit programs for 22 days — through Nov. 20, 2015 — in order to give Congress time to enact a multi-year reauthorization. Authority to spend money from the Highway Trust Fund is also extended

through that date. The current authorization for surface transportation programs expires Oct. 29. The bill also extends for three years, until Dec. 31, 2018, the deadline for railroads to install positive train control systems, and under certain circumstances it allows further extensions of up to 24 months. The current deadline for implementation is Dec. 31, 2015.

Consideration of Legislation Related to the Debt Limit. The House this week expects to consider legislation to raise or suspend the statutory debt limit. Treasury has said it will run out of borrowing authority by Nov. 3 and that a government default is possible unless action is taken. GOP leaders are seeking to develop debt limit legislation that can pass the House.

Vote for New Speaker - On Thursday, with Speaker John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, set to retire, the House expects to vote to elect a new Speaker of the House of Representatives. Rep. Paul D. Ryan, R-Wis., is expected to be nominated for that position by the House Republican Conference on Wednesday.