

# House and Senate in Recess; President Prepares for Supreme Court Nomination, Meets with ASEAN Members

## Outlook: The White House

Feb  
16

The President speaks with members of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) at a summit focusing on the recent escalation of territorial disputes in the South China Sea.

Feb  
18

President Obama holds an event at the White House to honor the Chicago Blackhawks for their 2015 Stanley Cup win.

**Also this week:** In light of the recent death of Supreme Court Judge Antonin Scalia, the President will prepare a list of nomination candidates in order to prepare a nomination for the Senate to consider when it returns from recess next week.

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## Congress in Recess: Senate Returns February 22, House Returns February 23

- Upon its return, the Senate is expected to vote on the nomination of Robert Califf to be commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.
- The House is expected to pass a budget following its recess, thanks to the blueprint put together last fall after an agreement between the White House and Congress.

*\*This schedule was updated on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. It is not exhaustive and is subject to change*

*Sources: National Journal Daybook, Feb 16, 2016; Jon Reid, "Congress Brief: Week in Review & What's Ahead" Morning Consult, February 14, 2016; Evan Perez, Kevin Liptak, Ted Barrett, Manu Raju, and Ariane de Vogue, "Inside Obama's Process for Replacing Antonin Scalia," CNN, February 16, 2016; Darlene Superville, "Obama to Wrap ASEAN Summit with Southeast Asian Leaders," February 16, 2016.*