

# This Week in the House: Super Tuesday Looms Large, Votes on Medicaid Legislation

## Outlook: U.S. House of Representatives, Week of Feb 29, 2016

Monday,  
Feb 29

- **Expected Vote:** Resolution to call on Iran to assist with the case of Robert Levinson, a retired FBI agent who disappeared in 2007

Tuesday,  
March 1

- **Energy & Commerce Health Hearing:** “Examining the Financing and Delivery of Long-Term Care in the U.S.”
- **E&C Energy Hearing:** “Legislative Hearing to Examine Pipeline Safety Authorization”
- **Appropriations Committee Budget Hearing:** Department of Energy, with Secy. of Energy Ernest Moniz
- **Natural Resources Committee Hearing:** “Oversight Hearing on the president’s FY2017 budget proposal with DOI Secy. Sally Jewell”
- **Judiciary Committee Hearing:** “The Encryption Tightrope: Balancing Americans’ Security and Privacy”

Wednesday,  
March 2

- **Expected Votes:** Legislation to remove terminated providers from Medicaid and CHIP
- **E&C Oversight Hearing:** “Examining the U.S. Public Health Response to the Zika Virus”
- **E&C Hearing:** “The Fiscal Year 2017 DOE Budget,” with Secy. Ernest Moniz
- **E&C Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives Hearing:** “Bioethics and Fetal Tissue”
- **Appropriations Committee Budget Hearings:** DOE, DOI, House of Representatives, TSA, FAA
- **Natural Resource Committee Hearing:** How Obama’s budget request affects energy and mineral leasing

Thursday,  
March 3

- **Expected Votes:** legislation to exempt the brick making industry from having to comply with Clean Air Act for air pollutant emission standards
- **E&C Oversight Hearing:** “Examining the U.S. Public Health Response to the Zika Virus”
- **E&C Hearing:** “The Fiscal Year 2017 DOE Budget,” with Secy. Ernest Moniz
- **Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives Hearing:** “Bioethics and Fetal Tissue”

Also this  
week:

- On (Super) Tuesday, thirteen states will hold primary presidential contests

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# This Week in the Senate: Drug Abuse Bill to Hit the Floor, Debates Over SCOTUS and Energy Bill Rage On

## Outlook: U.S. Senate, Week of Feb 29, 2016

*Monday,  
Feb 29*

- **Cloture Vote on CARA** (Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016), which is legislation to address the opioid epidemic
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*Tuesday,  
March 1*

- **Finance Committee Hearing:** “The Multiemployer Pension Plan System: Recent Reforms and Current Challenges”
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*Wednesday,  
March 2*

- **Commerce Committee Hearing:** “Oversight of the FCC,” with all five members of the FCC
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*Thursday,  
March 3*

- **Energy & Natural Resources Committee Hearing:** “Examining the DOE’s budget request for FY2017”
  - **Banking Committee Hearing:** “Regulatory Reforms to Improve Equity Market Structure”
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week:*

- On (Super) Tuesday, thirteen states will hold primary presidential contests
- Most contentious issue in the Senate remains the debate over replacing Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia
- Negotiations over the Senate’s energy bill and budget deal will continue

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# This Week in the White House: President to Continue Work on SCOTUS Nominee, Make a Series of Public Appearances

## Outlook: The White House, Week of Feb 29, 2016

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- Monday, Feb 29**
- The president will award the Medal of Honor to Edward Byers, a Navy SEAL who used his body to shield an American hostage during his rescue in Afghanistan in 2012
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- Tuesday, March 1**
- The president will meet with Sens. McConnell and Grassley and others from the Judiciary Committee to talk about moving forward with a SCOTUS nominee
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- Wednesday, March 2**
- The president will salute the national champion University of Alabama football team
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- Thursday, March 3**
- President Obama will travel to Milwaukee, WI to highlight what the White House sees as a success for the ACA; the city recently won the White House's Healthy Communities Challenge
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- Also this week:**
- On (Super) Tuesday, thirteen states will hold primary presidential contests
  - It is not clear when the president will announce a SCOTUS nominee, however it will not be before the president's Tuesday afternoon meeting with Sens. McConnell and Grassley

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