

This Week in the Senate: With the House in Recess, Senate Turns to Puerto Rico and Zika Funding

Senate Outlook, Week of June 27, 2016:

Monday,
June 27

- **Senate to vote** on the nomination of Robert F. Rossiter Jr. of Nebraska to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Nebraska

Tuesday,
June 28

- **Senate HELP Committee Hearing** on “Small-Business Health care: Costs and Options”
- **Senate Finance Committee Hearing** on “Examining the Proposed Medicare Part B Drug Demonstration”
- **Senate Foreign Relations Committee Hearing** titled “Global Efforts to Defeat ISIS”
- **Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing** titled “Willful Blindness: Consequences of Agency Efforts to Deemphasize Radical Islam in Combating Terrorism”
- **Senate Homeland Security Committee Hearing** on the nomination of Andrew Mayock to join the OMB as deputy director

Wednesday,
June 29

- **Senate Commerce Committee to Vote** on the bipartisan “American Innovation and Competitiveness Act”
- **Senate HELP Committee Hearing** on “ESSA Implementation: Update from the U.S. Secretary of Education on Proposed Regulations
- **Senate Homeland Security Committee Roundtable** on “Preparing For and Protecting the Nation From Zika”

Also this
week:

- Senate is expected to address the Puerto Rico debt crisis as well as funding for Zika virus prevention efforts

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This Week in the House: Recess Until July 5; Obama to Summit With North American Leaders

House Outlook, Week of June 27, 2016:

*Monday,
June 20*

- House Not in Session until July 5

*Also this
week:*

- The House Select Committee on Benghazi sent questions to President Barack Obama about the 2012 terrorist attack in Libya. The White House refused to answer, calling the questions inappropriate and a partisan attempt to frame the administration as uncooperative

White House Agenda:

- President Obama will be in Washington DC for the first and last part of the week.
- He will make a trip to Ottawa on Wednesday for his final summit with the other North American leaders. To end the summit, he will address a joint session of the Canadian Parliament

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