

This week in the Senate: Republicans prepare stopgap funding measure, expected to vote on ECHO Act

Senate outlook, week of November 27, 2016:

*Tuesday,
Nov 29*

- The Senate Armed Services Committee holds a hearing titled “Department of Defense actions concerning voluntary education programs.”

*Wednesday,
Nov 30*

- The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee holds a hearing titled, “The Dawn of Artificial Intelligence.”
- The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs holds a hearing titled, “Initial Observations of the New Leadership at the U.S. Border Patrol.”

*Also this
week:*

- **Congress has until Friday, December 9th to pass a measure to fund the government.** A short-term continuing resolution extending the deadline until March 2017 is likely to be passed either late this week or early next week.
- **The Senate is expected to vote on the ECHO Act**, a bill which would require the Department of Health and Human Services to study the use of “technology-enabled collaborative learning” in health systems across the country.

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Sources: Alex Rogers and Daniel Newhauser, “Outlook: A test for Pelosi as spending endgame nears,” National Journal, November 27, 2016.

This week in the House: House Democrats hold leadership elections, 21st Century Cures Act to see a vote

House outlook, week of November 27, 2016:

Wednesday,
Nov 30

- House Democrats are slated to pick their leaders for the next Congress in secret-ballot closed-door leadership elections.
- The 21st Century Cures Act, a medical innovation bill, is expected to be put to a vote.
- The House Natural Resources Committee subcommittee on federal lands holds a hearing to consider a bill from Rep. Doug LaMalfa that would streamline the process for certain outdoor recreation permits on federal lands.

Thursday,
Dec 1

- The House Armed Services Committee's oversight and investigations subcommittee holds a hearing titled, "Force Management Levels in Iraq and Afghanistan."

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This week President Obama will stay in the DC area

White House outlook, week of November 27, 2016:

*Tuesday,
Nov 29*

- President Obama will visit wounded service members at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.
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*Thursday,
Dec 1*

- President Obama will preside for the last time over the National Christmas Tree Lighting.
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*Friday,
Dec 2*

- President Obama will welcome UN Secretary General-designate Antonio Guterres to the White House.

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