

Week of July 17: Appropriations markups, nomination hearings and “Made in America” week at the White House

Outlook for Congress:

Tuesday

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- **House Republicans** will release their FY2018 budget, with increases in defense spending and decreases in mandatory spending
 - **Senate Finance Committee** hearing on “Comprehensive Tax Reform: Prospects and Challenges” (9:00 AM)
 - **House Agriculture Subcommittee** hearing on “The Next Farm Bill: Pathways to Success for SNAP Households” (10:00 AM)
 - **Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Development Committee** nomination hearings for multiple HUD positions, assistant Commerce secretary for global markets and assistant Treasury secretary for financial institutions (10:00 AM)
 - **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** nomination hearings for the ambassador to the Holy See and coordinator for counterterrorism (10:00 AM)
 - **Senate Finance Committee** nomination hearings for David Kautter to be assistant Treasury secretary for tax policy (11:00 AM)

Wednesday

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- **House Agriculture Committee** hearing on “The State of Infrastructure in Rural America” (10:00 AM)
 - **Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee** nomination hearings for Ajit Pai, Jessica Rosenworcel and Brendan Carr to be members of the Federal Communications Commission (10:00 AM)
 - **House Appropriations Committee** markup of the FY2018 State and Foreign Operations bill and the Labor, HHS and Education bill (10:00 AM)
 - **House Financial Services Subcommittee** hearing on “Restricting North Korea’s Access to Finance” (2:00 PM)

Thursday

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- **Senate Judiciary Committee** markup to vote on the nomination of Christopher Wray to be FBI director as well as nominations for a district judge, an assistant attorney general and a US attorney (9:30 AM)
 - **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** nomination hearings for the US representative to NATO and ambassadors to Canada and the UK (9:30 AM)
 - **Senate Appropriations Committee** markup of the FY2018 Energy, Water Development and Related Agencies bill and the FY2018 Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies bill (10:30 AM)

Outlook for the White House:

- **Monday**, the President will be kicking off “Made in America Week,” the first week of a 3-week series
- **In the afternoon**, he will tour American made products on the south lawn, including a tractor, boat and cherry picker
- **Wednesday**, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and Gary Cohn will hold bilateral trade talks with Chinese officials