

Week of July 16: Trump-Putin summit, Fed Chairman Powell testifies, and State Dept., CFPB & Ex-Im nomination hearings

Outlook for Congress:

Tues July 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endangered species: Senate Environment and Public Works hearing on “The Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018” (9:45 a.m.) • Fed chair: Senate Banking hearing on the Fed’s “Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress” with testimony from Federal Reserve Board Chairman Jerome Powell (10:00 a.m.) • Health costs: Senate HELP hearing on “Eliminating Excess Health Care Spending and Improving Quality and Value for Patients” (10:00 a.m.) • Social media filtering: House Judiciary hearing on “Facebook, Google & Twitter: Examining the Content Filtering Practices” (10:00 a.m.) • Critical minerals: Senate Energy and Natural Resources hearing on the Interior Department’s list of critical minerals for 2018 (10:00 a.m.) • VA accountability: House Veterans’ Affairs hearing on “The VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act: One Year Later” with testimony by Acting Secretary Peter O’Rourke (10:30 a.m.)
Wed July 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged and disabled populations: Senate Special Committee on Aging on supporting economic stability and self-sufficiency as Americans with disabilities and their families age (9:30 a.m.) • Ag cryptocurrency: House Agriculture hearing on “Cryptocurrencies: Oversight of New Assets in the Digital Age” (10:00 a.m.) • Fed chair pt. 2: House Financial Services hearing on “Monetary Policy & the State of the Economy” with testimony by Fed Chair Powell (10:00 a.m.) • State dept. nominations: Senate Foreign Relations nomination hearing for Brian J. Bulatao to be under secretary for management and Denise Natali to be assistant secretary of state for conflict and stabilization operations (10:00 a.m.)
Thurs July 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China IP theft: House Select Intelligence Committee hearing on “China’s Threat to American Government and Private Sector Research and Innovation Leadership” (9:00 a.m.) • Financial nominations: Senate Banking Committee nomination hearing for Kathleen Kraninger to be CFPB director and Kimberly A. Reed to be president of the Ex-Im Bank (10:00 a.m.) • DOE and DOI reorganization: Senate Energy and Natural Resources hearing on “Administration Reorganization and Modernization Proposals for DOE and DOI” (10:00 a.m.)

Outlook for the White House:

- **Monday,** President Trump will meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Helsinki before returning to the US
- **Tuesday,** the president will attend lunch with Vice President Pence
- **Wednesday,** the president will hold a cabinet meeting and have lunch with Secretary of State Pompeo
- **Thursday,** President Trump will host an event entitled “Pledge to the American Worker” and sign an executive order

All committee hearings are full committee hearings unless otherwise noted. Times and dates of hearings and events are subject to change. For a continuously updated list of events please visit the [Daybook](#).
 Sources: [National Journal Daybook](#); The White House; Axios Sneak Peak