



The Outlook in Washington Between Now and December

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2017 Legislative Calendar

35 days remain this legislative session to accomplish the following:

- FY 2018 Appropriations
- PILT/Secure Rural Schools
- ~~Budget Resolution~~
- Healthcare Reauthorizations
- FAA Reauthorization
- NFIP Reauthorization
- Hurricane Relief



FY2018 Appropriations

- Continuing Resolution and Debt Ceiling extended through Dec. 8
- Budget Cap Increase?
- Defense Spending Increase?
- Obamacare subsidies?
- DREAMers?



Payments In-Lieu of Taxes

- If Congress does not act, funding for PILT will expire on September 30, 2017.
- PILT funded at **\$465 million for FY 2017.**
- **The President's FY 2018 Budget requested \$397 million—the 10-year average of PILT funding. \$68 million cut compared to FY 2017.**
- **A Continuing Resolution will not fully fund PILT. Continuing resolutions generally provide level funding only.**
- Congress asked the Administration to recalculate PILT amount so that a full funding number can be appropriated.

Secure Rural Schools

- For FY 2015, the SRS program provided \$278 million to over 700 counties, parishes, and boroughs
- **Without SRS, more counties are eligible for PILT, spreading PILT thinner.**
- **H.R. 2340 (Rep. McMorris Rodgers) and S. 1027 (Sen. Hatch)—Two Year SRS Reauthorization**
- Looking for a suitable vehicle to attach SRS

Healthcare Legislation

- Senate Republicans pulled the plug
- Paul, McCain, and Cruz opposed

New GOP health-care bill in jeopardy as Sen. Rand Paul expresses opposition

The Kentucky Republican opposes the revised version of the Cassidy-Graham health-care bill, his spokesman said. Paul was one of two GOP senators — including John McCain — who came out against the earlier form of the legislation, citing concerns about the block granting approach at the core of the bill.

By Sean Sullivan, Paige Winfield Cunningham and Juliet Eilperin • 36 minutes ago

The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

POLITICO

Republicans brace for failure on Obamacare repeal

Skeptical GOP senators have yet to endorse the Graham-Cassidy bill, even after a flurry of 11th hour changes.

By **BURGESS EVERETT** and **JOSH DAWSEY** | 09/25/2017 11:32 AM EDT | Updated 09/25/2017 12:01 PM EDT

Expiring Healthcare Programs

Following Programs Expire on Saturday:

- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program
- Community Health Center funding
- Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH)

Tax Reform

- Next major agenda item
- Congress to unveil tax plan this afternoon
- Offset lower tax rates by eliminating deductions
- State and local tax (SALT) deduction and tax-exempt municipal bonds



FAA Reauthorization

- Extended through December 8
- Debate over privatization
- Need for equipment updates and improvements



Flood Insurance Reauthorization

- Extended to December 8
- House package of bills—increase premiums
- Senate—two competing bills (Crapo/Brown and Kennedy/Menendez)





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