

September 15, 2025

# Washington This Week

## September 15 – 19, 2025

### Congress

Today, at approximately 6:00 p.m., the Senate is slated to confirm Stephen Miran to serve on the Federal Reserve Board.

The Senate is scheduled to consider nominations throughout the week, including a bloc of 48 sub-cabinet nominees after changing Senate rules last week to expedite the confirmation process.

The House will vote on a “clean” continuing resolution (CR) funding the government through November 20<sup>th</sup>. Currently, the Federal government is facing a shutdown in just 15 days. Democrats have promised to withhold their votes for a clean CR unless they secure a re-authorization of expiring enhanced Obamacare credits first passed via pandemic-related legislation. Democrats are also holding out for other unspecified healthcare reforms in exchange for their votes such as undoing some of the changes made to Medicare under *The One Big Beautiful Bill Act* (OBBBA).

The House will vote on several non-controversial bills related to improving veterans’ healthcare. The House will also vote on energy legislation related to grid stability and a series of bills aimed at reforming criminal justice in Washington, DC.

## ACGA Policy Calls

- On Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m., ACGA will hold a policy call entitled *"Russia-Ukraine, Israel-Gaza: A View from Israeli Intelligence,"* and the registration site may be found [here](#).
- On Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m., ACGA will hold a policy call entitled *"Trump's Healthcare Policy Priorities,"* and the registration site may be found [here](#).

## Selected Events

### Monday

- On Monday at 4:00 p.m., the Brookings Institution will host an event entitled *"What the Trump Administration Legally Can and Can't Do to Implement its Agenda in Public Schools."*

### Tuesday

- On Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m., the House Financial Services Committee will markup [several bills](#) including legislation making changes to deposit insurance.
- On Tuesday at 10:15 a.m., the House Education & Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education & Workforce Development will hold a hearing entitled *"No More Surprises: Reforming College Pricing for Students and Families."*
- On Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Environment will hold a hearing entitled *"From Gridlock to Growth: Permitting Reform Under the Clean Air Act."*
- On Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., the House Ways & Means Subcommittee on Oversight will hold a hearing entitled *"Virtue Signaling vs. Vital Services: Where Tax-Exempt Hospitals are Spending Your Tax Dollars."*
- On Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime & Federal Government Surveillance will hold a hearing entitled *"Unmanned and Unchecked: Confronting the Rising Threat of Malicious Drone Use in America."*

## Wednesday

- On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., the House Oversight & Government Reform Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy & Regulatory Affairs will hold a hearing entitled *"Opening Doors to Opportunity: The Promise of Expanded School Choice and Alternatives to Four-Year College Degrees."*

## Thursday

- On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the House Science, Space & Technology Subcommittee on Energy will hold a hearing entitled *"Igniting America's Energy Future: The Promise and Progress of Fusion Power."*
- On Thursday at 2:00 p.m., the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Communications & Technology will hold a hearing entitled *"Examining Solutions to Expedite Broadband Permitting."*

## Events

### Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- On Monday at 3:00 p.m., the House Veterans' Affairs Committee will hold a hearing entitled *"Advancing VA Care Through Artificial Intelligence."*
- On Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime & Counterterrorism will hold a hearing entitled *"Examining the Harm of AI Chatbots."*
- On Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., the House Oversight & Government Reform Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology & Government Innovation will hold a hearing entitled *"Shaping Tomorrow: The Future of Artificial Intelligence."*
- On Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event entitled *"When AI Feels Human: The Promise and Peril of Digital Empathy."*
- On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence & the Internet will hold a hearing entitled *"AI at a Crossroads: A Nationwide Strategy or Californication?"*

### China

- On Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., the Brookings Institution will host an event entitled *"China's Influence in the Pacific Islands: Overstatement or Underestimation?"*
- On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations & Accountability will hold a hearing entitled *"Invasion of the Homeland: How China is Using Illegal Marijuana to Build a Criminal Network Across America."*

#### Defense

- On Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., the House Oversight & Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Operations will hold a hearing entitled *"A One Year Update on DOD's Struggling Background Check System."*
- On Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) will host an event entitled *"CSIS-DAPA 2025 Conference: Expanding ROK-U.S. Defense Industry Cooperation for Advanced Technology Partnership and Supply Chain Resilience."*

#### Deregulation

- On Tuesday at 10:15 a.m., the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Energy will hold a hearing entitled *"Appliance and Building Policies: Restoring the American Dream of Home Ownership and Consumer Choice."*
- On Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., the House Oversight & Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement will hold a hearing entitled *"From Protection to Persecution: EPA Enforcement Gone Rogue Under the Biden Administration."*
- **On Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Environment will hold a hearing entitled *"From Gridlock to Growth: Permitting Reform Under the Clean Air Act."***
- On Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event entitled *"Should the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding Be Reversed?"*

#### Education

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- On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a hearing entitled *"The State of K-12 Education."*

#### Energy

- **On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the House Science, Space & Technology Subcommittee on Energy will hold a hearing entitled *"Igniting America's Energy Future: The Promise and Progress of Fusion Power."***

#### FEMA/Disaster Preparedness

- On Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., the House Oversight & Government Reform Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency will hold a hearing entitled *"Playing God with the Weather – A Disastrous Forecast."*
- On Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., the House Administration Subcommittee on Elections will hold a hearing entitled *"Maintaining Election Operations in the Face of Natural Disasters."*
- On Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., the Brookings Institution will host an event entitled *"Safe, Healthy, and Resilient Homes."*

#### Financial Services

- **On Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m., the House Financial Services Committee will markup [several bills](#) including legislation making changes to deposit insurance.**
- On Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., the House Small Business Committee will hold a hearing entitled *"Pathway to Capital: The Role of SBA Lending in Supporting Main Street America."*

- On Thursday at 9:15 a.m., the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) will host a roundtable to discuss trade-through prohibitions in the National Market System stock and listed options markets.
- On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) Investor Advisory Committee will hold a meeting to discuss reconsideration of the eligibility criteria and regulatory treatment of foreign private issuers. The committee also will discuss a potential recommendation regarding retail investor access to private market assets.
- On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event entitled "*Investment Heroes: Tracking US Capital Investment in a Changing Economy.*"
- On Thursday at 2:30 p.m., the Brookings Institution will host an event entitled "*The Importance of Credible Government Economic Data to Business.*"

#### Foreign Affairs

- On Monday at 10:00 a.m., the Brookings Institution will host an event entitled "*The State of Democracy: Global Insights from Africa.*"
- On Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., the Atlantic Council will host an event entitled "*What to Watch in Moldova's Parliamentary Elections.*"
- On Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe will hold hearings to examine the conspiracy theories, antisemitism, and democratic decline.
- On Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event entitled "*Georgia's Authoritarian Nightmare: A Conversation with Tina Bokuchava.*"
- On Thursday at 9:15 a.m., the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) will host an event entitled "*The Growing U.S.-Netherlands Innovation Partnership: How Local Innovation Ecosystems Play a Global Role.*"

#### Healthcare

- On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., the Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a hearing entitled "*Restoring Trust Through Radical Transparency: Reviewing Recent Events at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Implications for Children's Health.*"

- On Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., the Senate Special Committee on Aging will hold a hearing entitled *"Prescription for Trouble: Drug Safety, Supply Chains, and the Risk to Aging Americans."*

#### Immigration

- On Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Border Security & Immigration will hold a hearing entitled *"Another Biden Blunder: Missing Unaccompanied Alien Children and Criminal Sponsors."*

#### LATAM

- On Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., the Atlantic Council will host an event entitled *"Implications of Middle East Security Trends for Latin America and the Caribbean."*

#### National Security

- On Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Management & Technology will hold a hearing entitled *"Surveying the Threat of Agroterrorism: Perspectives on Food, Agriculture, and Veterinary Defense."*
- On Wednesday at 2:30 p.m., the Atlantic Council will host an event entitled *"Road to FIFA 2026: Strengthening Homeland Resilience Ahead of the World Cup."*

#### Russia/Ukraine

- On Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., the Atlantic Council will host an event entitled *"How the Russian Orthodox Church Supports the Kremlin's War Against Ukraine."*

#### Tax

- **On Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., the House Ways & Means Subcommittee on Oversight will hold a hearing entitled *"Virtue Signaling vs. Vital Services: Where Tax-Exempt Hospitals are Spending Your Tax Dollars."***

#### Technology/Telecommunications

- **On Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime & Federal Government Surveillance will hold a hearing entitled *"Unmanned and Unchecked: Confronting the Rising Threat of Malicious Drone Use in America."***

- On Tuesday at 7:15 p.m., the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) will host an event entitled *"Launch: Commission on U.S. Cyber Force Generation."*
- On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) will host an event entitled *"Innovating Global Logistics in Uncertain Times featuring UPS CEO Carol Tomé - Betting on America."*
- On Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., the House Small Business Committee will hold a hearing entitled *"Streaming Success: Small Businesses in the Age of Digital Influence."*
- **On Thursday at 2:00 p.m., the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Communications & Technology will hold a hearing entitled *"Examining Solutions to Expedite Broadband Permitting."***

#### U.S. Politics

- On Monday at 12:00 p.m., the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event entitled *"Improving Government Performance: An Insider's View of What It Will Take."*
- On Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold an oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- On Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will host an event entitled *"Presidential Greatness and the Fragility of Judicial Supremacy."*
- On Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., the House Judiciary Committee will hold an oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- On Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the House Oversight & Government Reform Committee will hold a hearing entitled *"Oversight of the District of Columbia."*

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