

Crowded Legislative Calendar for the Rest of the 2015

A Busy Three Months

- House and Senate scheduled to be in session
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Oct 1: Start of fiscal year 2016

Oct 29: Funding for many programs funded by Highway Trust Fund expire

Oct 29: Planned departure date for Speaker John Boehner

Nov 3: Deadline for Congress to raise the nation's borrowing limit

Nov. 20: If Congress passes the proposed highway funding patch the patch would expire on the 20th

Dec 11: Short-term continuing resolution spending bill expires

November

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Where Things Stand

Highway Trust Fund: The Highway Trust Fund is set to expire on October 29th. Over the summer the Senate passed a multiyear highway bill (the DRIVE Act), while the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee starts markups on Thursday October 22nd on a 6-year \$325B bill. On October 23rd the House unveiled an extension of the bill for three weeks to prevent a funding shutdown. The House could vote on the bill this week.

Speaker's Race: John Boehner's last day as speaker is October 29th. Many lawmakers believe Paul Ryan is the best option to unite the House Republican majority. Last week Ryan received support from the Republican Study Committee, a supermajority of the Freedom Caucus, and others. Still Ryan's win is not guaranteed as Rep. Daniel Webster remains in the race and some Tea Party groups oppose Ryan as Speaker.

Debt Ceiling: November 3rd is the deadline for Congress to raise the debt ceiling to avoid default. Some Republicans in the House and Senate oppose increasing the debt limit without significant spending cuts. The White House revealed on October 23rd that the President would veto any bill with spending cuts. The pressure of this decision falls heavily on either Boehner or his successor.

Appropriations: The fiscal 2016 continuing resolution spending bill expires on December 11th. Congress must pass the remaining six House bills and all the Senate bills to fund the government for FY 2016.