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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the Senate is in session.
- This week, the Senate will continue confirmation hearings for President-elect Trump's cabinet selections. Republicans have scheduled hearings for the following nominees this week: Betsy DeVos, nominee for secretary of education; Ryan Zinke, nominee for secretary of interior; Gov. Nikki Haley, nominee for U.N. ambassador; Rep. Tom Price (R-GA), nominee for secretary of health and human services; Scott Pruitt, nominee for Environmental Protection Agency administrator; Wilbur Ross, nominee for secretary of commerce; Steve Mnuchin, nominee for secretary of treasury; and Rick Perry, nominee for secretary of energy.
- This week, the Senate is expected to take up [H.R. 72](#), the GAO Access and Oversight Act of 2017, legislation aimed at strengthening government oversight and transparency. This legislation previously passed the House.
- On Thursday, the California State Society will host its presidential inaugural luncheon, "[A Celebration of California Culture](#)."
- On Friday, Donald J. Trump and Mike Pence will be sworn in as the next president and vice president of the U.S.

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Tuesday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Ryan Zinke to be interior secretary.
- On Tuesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Betsy DeVos to be education secretary.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Wilbur Ross to be commerce secretary.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) to be health and human services secretary.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Scott Pruitt to be administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Gov. Nikki Haley to be U.N. ambassador.
- On Thursday, the Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management Subcommittee of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Improving Small Business Input on Federal Regulations: Ideas for Congress and a New Administration."
- On Thursday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Rick Perry to be energy secretary.
- On Thursday, the Senate Finance Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Steven Mnuchin to be treasury secretary.

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