

Congressional Schedule:

The House and Senate are in recess until September 5, 2017

News:

Senate Moves Some Nominations Before Summer Recess

Before leaving Washington for their delayed August recess, the Senate confirmed a dozen or so Trump Administration nominees last Wednesday for various positions, including two nominees for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); however, no Interior nominees approved earlier that day by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee were confirmed. Interior nominees voted out of ENR Committee but ultimately not confirmed included Brenda Burman for Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation and Susan Combs for Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell set another vote on nominations for September 5 when the Senate comes back to Washington after their summer recess. Congress will return after Labor Day to a myriad of major must-pass issues, including funding the government past September 30 and raising the debt ceiling to keep the government solvent.