

APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

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House Appropriations Committee Holds Oversight Hearings

While the House isn't expected to vote on any FY27 funding bills this week, the House Appropriations Committee will continue its work through a series of hearings focused on federal agency oversight and budget priorities. On Tuesday, September 15, the Committee will hold simultaneous oversight hearings on the Economy Act and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), examining federal procurement and interagency authorities and the FAA's operations and priorities. The Committee will also hold a budget hearing on Trade and Investment Agencies, giving lawmakers an opportunity to examine funding and priorities for agencies supporting U.S. trade, exports, and international investment.

Senate Funding Bills Remain in Limbo

While the House Appropriations Committee continues to hold FY27 hearings, Senate appropriators have yet to release any fiscal 2027 funding measures, leaving uncertainty over whether lawmakers will unveil bill text before Election Day. The delay reflects ongoing disagreements over how to advance FY27 appropriations, with some Senate Republicans preferring to hold off on releasing bills until Democrats agree to a path forward. The impasse between Chair Susan Collins (R-ME) and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) follows disagreements this summer over the process for advancing the measures. The timing is particularly notable for senators facing competitive reelection races, who could benefit politically from highlighting earmarks included in newly released funding bills, including Collins, who has emphasized her appropriations work and past earmarks on the campaign trail.